

News for Neighborhoods



CITY OF DELRAY BEACH - April 2009



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CITY OF DELRAY BEACH PROJECTS IDENTIFIED FOR POTENTIAL FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDING

The recently adopted American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) provides funding for a wide variety of programs. At the request of the Florida League of Cities, the City of Delray Beach prepared a list of "shovel ready" projects that could be bid within 120 days for potential funding from the federal economic stimulus package. Delray Beach presented this list to the Florida League of Cities at the end of December 2008. The Florida League of Cities then submitted their consolidated list to the National League of Cities. The City of Delray Beach also provided its stimulus project list to the Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization and to staff from the local offices of Senators Martinez and Nelson and Congressmen Hastings, Klein, and Wexler.

The City's initial list of "shovel ready" projects contains twenty-seven (27) projects totaling over \$28 million. This list will be revised to apply for additional projects and funding that will benefit the community.

The City will be monitoring funding opportunities from the economic stimulus legislation in order to apply for eligible projects. The City recently created a "Grant Team," consisting of staff members from various City departments to research, identify and apply for funds that may be available and directly benefit the City of Delray Beach.

Stimulus Funding is expected to be distributed through three (3) methods:

- Competitive/Discretionary Grants
- Existing Federal Agency Formula Programs (i.e., Housing and Urban Development)
- State Agency Distribution (i.e., Metropolitan Planning Organization, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, South Florida Water Management District)

To view the City's list of projects for potential stimulus funding, visit www.mydelraybeach.com and select **Economic Stimulus Bill - City of Delray Beach Proposed Infrastructure Projects**. This list will be revised as updates occur.

For more information, contact the City of Delray Beach at (561) 243-7190.

SISTER CITIES OF DELRAY BEACH, INC. TWILIGHT SAFARI DINNER



Sister Cities of Delray Beach, Inc. invites you to its 8th Annual Twilight Safari Dinner on Friday, April 17, 2009 at the Palm Beach Zoo, 1031 Summit Boulevard, West Palm Beach, from 6:30 pm - 10:30 pm.

The dinner – *Night With The Big Cats* - promises to be a festive evening of exotic food, live animal demonstrations, modeled African fashions, raffled prizes and authentic musical entertainment. The evening's events will culminate with a "wildebeest roast" at the Tropics Café. To truly enjoy this cultural experience, guests are encouraged to dress in African-inspired clothing or safari attire.

Tickets for this fun and exciting event are \$75 per person. Proceeds will go toward building and sustaining a *Sister Schools* program between Delray Beach's Sister City – Moshi, Tanzania – and our schools in Delray Beach.

Join us and become a meaningful part of this worthwhile effort with a mission toward promoting peace through mutual respect, cooperation, and understanding – one student, one school at a time. For more information, please contact Donna Beldowicz at (561) 243-7011.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES APRIL 2009

April 7

City Commission Meeting
City Hall Commission Chambers
6:00 PM
Info: (561) 243-7000

April 11

17th Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Seacrest Soccer Complex
Hunt Begins at 8:30 AM
Info: (561) 243-7277

April 11

Easter Bonnet Dog Parade
Delray GreenMarket
Parade Begins at 10:00 AM
Info: (561) 276-7511

April 12

Easter Bonnet Stroll
Old School Square
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Info: (561) 276-1715

April 17

Sandoway Cup Golf Tournament
The Breakers Rees Jones Course
12:00 PM
Info: (561) 274-7263

April 17

Sister Cities of Delray Beach, Inc
Twilight Safari Dinner
Palm Beach Zoo
6:30 PM – 10:30 PM
Info: (561) 243-7011

April 17 - 19

Delray Affair
Downtown Delray Beach
10:00 AM
Info: (561) 278-0424

April 21

City Commission Meeting
City Hall Commission Chambers
6:00 PM
Info: (561) 243-7000

April 25

Circle on the Square
Old School Square
7:00 PM
Info: (561) 243-7922

Delray Beach Police Dept.
CRIME TIPS NUMBER
Phone: (561) 243-7839

To anonymously report information
on a crime that has already occurred.



CITY PROJECT UPDATES AND REMINDERS



- **City of Delray Beach “Grant Team”** - The City has been actively monitoring funding opportunities from the Federal Economic Stimulus legislation in order to apply for eligible projects that will provide a direct benefit to our community. As a result, the City created a “Grant Team” consisting of staff from various City departments that will research, identify and apply for available funds. To view the City’s list of projects for potential stimulus funding, visit www.mydelraybeach.com and select **Economic Stimulus Bill - City of Delray Beach Proposed Infrastructure Projects** under **News**.
- **FDOT Road Projects** – Road construction on Atlantic Avenue at two (2) locations: Via Flora to McNab & NW/SW 12th Avenue to A1A. Work includes milling, resurfacing, signalization upgrades, sidewalk curb ramp replacement to meet ADA standards, necessary storm water drainage improvements, beautification between SW/NW 12th Avenue and SW/NW 6th Avenue and widening at the intersection of W Atlantic Avenue and Congress Avenue. Daily lane & road closures expected throughout the construction period (detours have been set up to assist motorists). Road construction at both locations expected to be completed Fall/Winter 2009. For more information visit the FDOT website at: www.dot.state.fl.us/publicinformationoffice/construc/district4pio/palmbeach.shtm
- **Budget Task Force Report** - The Budget Task Force has completed its final report on the City of Delray Beach’s Fiscal Year 2007-08 Budget. This report is a review of the FY 2007-08 budget with analysis and recommendations. The report can be viewed at www.mydelraybeach.com by selecting **Finance** under **Departments**. On this page select **For Residents** and click on **Budget Task Force**.
- **Downtown Parking Incentives to Assist with Office Development** – A number of Land Development Regulations (LDR) Amendments have been passed to promote and enhance office development within the City’s Downtown core area. One change reduces the overall parking requirement by eliminating the area calculations for certain spaces (lobbies, restroom facilities, etc) from the parking requirement for business and professional offices. A second change expands the area one block north and south in the Central Business District (CBD) where the parking requirement is 1 space per 300 square feet for all uses (except restaurants, hotels and motels) and a third change provides a further expansion of the area within the CBD where the parking requirement for business and professional offices is 1 space per 300 square feet of net floor area; this area is expanded from NE 2nd Street to George Bush Boulevard on the north, and from SE 2nd Street to SE 10th Street on the south. For a detailed account of these amendments, visit www.mydelraybeach.com and select **Office Parking Incentives** under **News**.



City vehicles such as these are sold on Govdeals.com

CITY UTILIZES COST SAVINGS MEASURE TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS VEHICLES

The City of Delray Beach Fleet Maintenance has initiated a cost effective method to dispose of surplus vehicles which saves taxpayer dollars.

In the past, the City Garage would allocate manpower to transport vehicles to West Palm Beach for auction. This conventional method of disposing of surplus vehicles proved to be both costly and time consuming.

Fleet Maintenance Supervisor Kevin Rumell saw an opportunity to expedite the process for less money by auctioning the vehicles on the government website, www.govdeals.com. The savings have been significant.

“The expense of transporting vehicles to West Palm Beach (approximately \$260 per vehicle) has been eliminated,” states Kevin Rumell. “In addition, we now have the ability to process and dispose of retired vehicles immediately instead of storing them while waiting for an auction date. This results in a savings of hundreds of dollars per vehicle as less repairs are needed to make a vehicle auction ready. Auctioning vehicles through Govdeals.com also reduces depreciation we experienced by waiting. We’re now selling to a virtual nationwide market instead of locally. We’ve sold vehicles to people from Miami to Ohio and are seeing a much higher return on our assets through this venue.”

As the 2009-10 Fiscal Year budget process begins, the City will research new ways to cut costs while maintaining quality service for its residents.

Character Pillar of the Month: **CITIZENSHIP**



Do your share to make your school and community better. Cooperate. Get involved in community affairs. Stay informed. Vote. Be a good neighbor. Obey laws and rules. Respect authority. Protect the environment.



CITIZEN SERVICE REQUESTS

Phone: (561) 243-7012

Online: www.mydelraybeach.com

To report a problem, ask a question,
offer a comment or file a complaint.