

## APRIL 2002

### DIGNITARIES TO VISIT FROM SISTER CITIES

Delray Beach Sister Cities is preparing to roll out the red carpet for a delegation of visitors from our Sister Cities in Miyazu, Japan and Moshi, Tanzania. The visitors will arrive the last week in April in time for the State of Florida Annual Sister Cities Convention which is being held in Delray Beach at the Marriott Hotel. The special guests will include the mayors of Moshi and Miyazu who will participate in a special celebration to commemorate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of friendship with Miyazu, and a renewal of our commitment to Moshi and Miyazu.

The public is invited to share in the celebration on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Morikami Museum & Japanese Gardens. Dignitaries will be on hand for a ceremony to officially "re-sign" the Friendship Agreement. The event includes a traditional Japanese buffet, entertainment and a tour of the museum and gardens. The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration takes place from 5:30-8:30 p.m. and the cost is \$25 per person. **For more information, call Charlotte Durante at 272-7059.**

### VENUS WILLIAMS COMING TO TENNIS CENTER

The JPMorgan Chase Tennis Challenge, featuring Venus Williams, is going to be held at the Tennis Center on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. This event raises revenues and increases the awareness of The OWL Foundation and its mission to fund programs which address the learning problems of individuals who are experiencing academic failure.

This year's event will feature Venus competing against Alexandra Stevenson in singles plus additional ATP and WTA players to be announced for a second match. **Ticket prices range from \$25 (general admission) to \$300 (box seats) and are available through TicketMaster at (561) 966-3309.**

### TRIP TO THE RACES

Join Delray Beach Parks and Recreation on a trip to the horse races. The trip to Gulfstream Park takes place on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. The \$40 fee includes bus transportation, a Bistro Buffet lunch, admission in the park, a program, and a \$2 betting boucher. The bus leaves Veterans Park at 10:00 a.m. and returns at about 5:00 p.m. This trip always fills up fast so sign up now at Veterans Park Recreation Center. **For more information, call 243-7350.**

### WORKSHOPS ANNOUNCED FOR FOR NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMIT

Plans are in high gear for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Neighborhood Summit. The big day takes place on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Old School Square. The event is structured to provide helpful tips about how to develop the tools and skills needed to revitalize our community. The summit is open to anyone interested in learning about the available resources that will strengthen neighborhoods.

Participants can choose workshops to suit their neighborhood's needs. The following are the topics for the workshops:

- Neighborhood Website
- How to reduce crime in neighborhoods
- Building Stronger neighborhoods
- How to get youth involved
- Getting involved in your neighborhood
- Marketing your neighborhood
- How to get through to City Hall
- Making sure Schools and Students make the grade
- Recycling and Beautifying your neighborhood
- Neighborhood Newsletter

Lunch and a continental breakfast are included in the \$15 registration fee. (\$20 at the door). **For more information, call 243-7280.**

### SCHOOLS SHOWCASED AT FREE EVENT

The Delray Beach Youth Council and Delray Beach Education Board in cooperation with area public and private schools are sponsoring an event to help you learn more about our local schools and programs. The **School Showcase of the Arts** will take place on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. It will be presented as an "Outdoor Fair" at Old School Square's new entertainment pavilion from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The program will provide a forum for our schools to present their accomplishments and unique attributes to the public.

The event is free and will feature school performances showcasing talent in the form of singing, drama, skits, band and choir. The Sandoway House, Old School Square and the Resource Depot will coordinate interactive activities. There will also be sand art, face painting and a bounce house. **For more information, call Janet Meeks at 243-7231.**

### DINNER & GOLF PROGRAM

The Delray Beach Golf Club will launch its summertime Nine & Dine program on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The mixed team event takes place each Friday at 5:00 p.m. The cost for dinner, golf and cart is \$23. **For more information, call 243-7380.**

### DEFIBRILLATOR SAVES TENNIS PLAYER

The quick actions of a Delray Beach Tennis Center employee using one of the City's Automated External Defibrillator's (AED) saved the life of a tennis player. Delray Fire-Rescue responded to the call after the man collapsed while playing tennis. When paramedics arrived on the scene, they learned the 64-year-old victim had been defibrillated successfully by the Tennis Center employee who had responded with the AED that is kept on site.

The employee grabbed the defibrillator and raced to the tennis court after being summoned to help. When he arrived with the AED, the patient was not breathing and did not have a pulse. He applied the AED and it advised to deliver a shock. This was accomplished using the appropriate techniques and soon the patient began to regain consciousness. While Rescue 1 transported the patient to the hospital, the man's condition continued to improve and he was turned over to the emergency room staff in stable condition.

Each year approximately 350,000 Americans die of sudden cardiac death. About one-third of those could be saved using the equipment that resuscitated the victim at the Tennis Center. The Automated External Defibrillator is a device that is bringing life saving defibrillation out of the hospitals and rescue trucks and into the hands of the average citizen. Defibrillation is usually only effective in the first few minutes of cardiac arrest. The AED detects a lethal heart rhythm of the victim, and delivers a life saving jolt of electricity that momentarily stops the quivering heart. The machine will not deliver a shock unless it is necessary, which makes the machine virtually fool-proof. Automated voice prompts, computer chips, and computerized analysis of the victim's condition direct the decision to shock. The AED can increase the survival rate to an astonishing 40-60% with rapid intervention.

Delray Fire Rescue purchased the AED used by the Tennis Center employee through a grant from the Florida Department of Health. So far, the Department has purchased over 70 AED's through various grant programs and placed them in governmental, civic and recreational facilities around the city. The Fire Department offers training on the use of the AED and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

**For more information or to schedule an AED presentation for your homeowners association, call Lt. Hal Knabb at 243-7422.**

### ADVISORY BOARD AND COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Citizen participation in local government is essential if we are to maintain the quality of life we enjoy in Delray Beach. Opportunities exist for citizen volunteers to work in harmony with the government by serving on advisory boards. The City's 19 advisory boards and committees are set up to perform specific functions. Members are appointed by the City Commission. Member's terms are consistently expiring so new members are always welcome. Qualifications, terms and meeting dates vary. All positions are voluntary and members are not compensated for their time. However, the individuals who serve on the boards and committees provide an invaluable service to the City. Their advice and expertise on a wide range of topics assist the City Commission in its decision-making process. Applications are being accepted for the following vacancies:

#### BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Three vacancies for a two year term. The Board hears appeals from the decision of the Chief Building Official if there is an alleged error or variances referencing certain chapters of the Land Development Regulations and certain portions of the Municipal Code of Ordinances. Meetings are held the first and third Thursday at 5:30 pm as needed.

#### BOARD OF CONSTRUCTION APPEALS

Five vacancies for an engineer, air conditioning contractor, master electrician, general contractor and real estate agent for a two year term. The Board hears appeals concerning mechanical, building, electric, plumbing codes and unsafe buildings. Meetings are held quarterly on the first Wednesday at 5:00 pm as needed.

#### DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Four vacancies for a three year term. The Board makes recommendations to the City Commission for improving attractiveness and efficient use of the downtown area and to facilitate activities that will benefit the businesses. At least four members shall own land in the downtown area, pay taxes on a leased property, or serve as a director or officer to an owner/lessee who is required to pay taxes. Meetings are held the third Wednesday at noon.

#### PARKING MANAGEMENT BOARD

Two vacancies for a two year term. The Board advises and makes recommendations to the City Commission with respect to parking management policy and related issues. Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday at 5:30.

#### EDUCATION BOARD

Five vacancies for a two year term. The Board advises the City Commission on matters pertaining to education and school facilities. The Board monitors activities of the Palm Beach County School Board; serves as liaison between the school board and City Commission. Meetings are held the first and third Monday at 5:30 pm..

#### NUISANCE ABATEMENT BOARD

Three vacancies for a two year term. The Board hears evidence relating to the existence of public nuisances on premises located in the City; provides additional assistance to control prostitution, illegal drug activity and criminal street gang activity. Meetings are held the first and third Monday as needed at 3:30 pm.

#### PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RELATIONS COMMISSION

Two vacancies for a four year term. The Board oversees the implementation of the collective bargaining rights guaranteed to municipal employees by Florida Statutes and the Florida Constitution. Considers petitions concerning representation of employees, oversees union elections, certifies collective bargaining agents and resolves unfair practice changes. One member should represent the employer. Meetings are held as needed.

**Please feel free to stop by the City Clerk's Office or call Karen Schell at (561) 243-7056 for an application or further information.**

### CAMERA CLUB FEATURED IN CITY HALL

The Delray Camera Club has captured the All-America spirit of Delray Beach in its annual photography exhibition at City Hall. Club members were permitted to use one roll of film to take pictures anywhere in Delray Beach. Judges selected 41 photographs from over 600 prints for the "Delray Beach All-America City" exhibit now on display in the City Hall lobby through April 15th. The second floor exhibit is a selected collection of work over many years of competitions and exhibitions by members of the Delray Camera Club. The Club meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month (September through May) at the South County Civic Center. Visitors are always welcome. **For more information, call 495-5214 or 276-3130.**

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### BOCA STRING QUARTET PERFORMS AT THE LIBRARY

A Spring musical matinee with the Boca String Quartet featuring Li Wei Yin will be held at the Delray Beach Public Library on Sunday, April 14th at 2:00 p.m. Seats are available on a first come, first-served basis. Numbered tickets can be picked up on the day of the performance only. Library doors open at 1:00 p.m. **For more information, call 266-0194.**



### POLICE HONOR VOLUNTEER

Volunteer Sergeant **Leo Freeman** was selected the Police Department's **Volunteer of the Month** for January. During the past nine years Mr. Freeman has faithfully patrolled High Point Section 5 and has been willing to help whenever needed. He has taken responsibility for the paperwork pertaining to the new leased patrol car. He also helps scheduling and training volunteers and shows them the new areas to be patrolled.

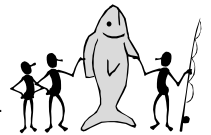


### PERFORMANCE IN THE PARK

The musicians of the **South Florida Brass** will perform on Sunday, April 21st in the Veterans Park Gazebo from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and twilight picnics and enjoy a variety of music from Joplin to Gershwin. The free concert is presented by the Parks & Recreation Department. **For more information, call 243-7277.**

### FAMILY FUN FISHING

The Parks & Recreation Department, in cooperation with the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission is sponsoring a Family Fun Fishing Day, Saturday, April 27th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Lake Ida Park. All ages are welcome to enjoy nature, food and prizes. Learn to fish with your equipment or you can borrow ours. (ing your own). The event is FREE and open to the public. **For more information, call 243-7277.**



*The City shall furnish appropriate auxiliary aids and services where necessary to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in and enjoy the benefits of a service, program, or activity conducted by the City. Contact Doug Randolph, at (561) 243-7127, at least (24) hours prior to the program or activity in order for the City to reasonably accommodate your request.*