

# News for Neighborhoods



CITY OF DELRAY BEACH - May 2010



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## CITY'S PLANNING AND ZONING GUIDES FUTURE GROWTH

The Planning and Zoning Department's primary responsibility is that of guiding and directing the City's future growth while ensuring the preservation of its unique attributes. Through the application of land use principles, the Planning and Zoning Department is committed to maintaining the vision of the City and providing exceptional service to all residents and visitors alike. The department's responsibilities include: Comprehensive Planning, Land Development Processing, Historic Preservation, Mapping and Graphics, Coastal Projects, Redevelopment Plans, and Support Services for Citizens and City Departments.

The **Comprehensive Plan** is the City's growth management document. It describes how the community looks today and how it is expected to look in the future. The Comprehensive Plan includes plans for land use, transportation, housing, recreating, conservation, capital improvements, governmental coordination, infrastructure, and coastal management. Planning and Zoning is responsible for monitoring long-term planning activities, including capital improvements and the policies which govern the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan.

The **Land Development Function** is the most visible of the department's activities. This function involves individual site development from project conception through Board approval. Department staff assist the Planning and Zoning Board, Site Plan Review and Appearance Board, and Historic Preservation Board, all of which are responsible for the review of both current and future development activity. Staff support is also provided on planning related items to several other Advisory Boards such as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), Downtown Development Authority (DDA), Pineapple Grove Main Street (PGMS), West Atlantic Avenue Redevelopment Coalition (WARC), and the Public Arts Advisory Board (PAAB).

The **Historic Preservation Function** serves to not only administer improvements and development within the City's five locally designated historic districts and thirty individually designated historic sites, but also to coordinate other historic preservation related activities. This function reviews tax exemption applications afforded to historic properties



*Del-Ida Park historic district marker funded by State Grant*

and variances to certain code requirements relative to how the requirements might impact or detract from the site's historic character. Other recent and/or ongoing activities and projects include: historic site surveying of designated properties, revising the Delray Beach Historic

Preservation Design Guidelines, obtaining grants like those recently awarded for ten State Historic Markers installed within the five historic districts (2009), obtaining the designation of Delray Beach as a *Preserve America Community* by the White House (2008), coordinating with many local agencies on historic preservation related initiatives and a variety of community outreach activities.

The **Mapping and Graphic Function** is responsible for maintaining and updating the Base Map Component of the City's Digital Base Map System. This component is comprised of such details as street rights-of-way, street names, property lot lines, waterways and the official City limits.

**Coastal Projects Function** includes administration of a dune revegetation program, sea turtle monitoring program and beach renourishment projects. Assistance in other coastal matters such as coastal construction line issues, speed zone within the intracoastal and coastal lighting issues are also included.

The **Redevelopment Plan Function** includes the preparation and implementation of various redevelopment plans for areas identified within the City's Comprehensive Plan as "Redevelopment Areas". These areas are generally characterized by older structures, vacant lots, inappropriate mixes of land uses and substantial infrastructure. The Redevelopment Plans provide the framework and future direction for those areas.

The **Support Services Function** provides citizens and City departments with the information on land use issues, development regulations, historic preservation, population data, history and various planning and development activities in the City.

For more information, contact the Planning and Zoning Department at (561) 243-7040.

## Events & Activities MAY / JUNE 2010

### May 6

Art and Jazz on the Avenue  
Downtown Delray Beach  
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM  
Info: (561) 279-1380

### May 7

2010 Chick-fil-A Leadercast  
Hosted by the  
City of Delray Beach  
6500 Congress Ave  
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM  
Info: (561) 243-7127

### May 8

Fire-Rescue Open House  
Station 1, 501 W Atlantic Ave  
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Info: (561) 243-7400

### May 11

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

### May 25

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

### May 31

Memorial Day Holiday  
City Hall Closed

### June 1

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

## CITIZEN SERVICE REQUESTS

Phone: (561) 243-7012

Online: [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com)

To report a problem, ask a question,  
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Delray Beach Police Department

### CRIME TIPS NUMBER

Phone: (561) 243-7839



To report information on a crime that has already  
occurred. Crime tips may be reported anonymously.



## PROJECTS, UPDATES & REMINDERS



**U.S. Census** - In March 2010, more than 130 million addresses received a 2010 Census form by mail or hand delivery. The 2010 Census will document the changes since the last decennial census in 2000. Because census data affect how more than \$400 billion in federal funding is distributed to tribal, state and local governments, the census also will frame the future of our country and our community for the next 10 years. The 2010 Census is easy, safe and important. The Census asks only ten questions and answers cannot be shared with anyone. The collected data is used to reapportion seats in Congress and ensure proper district representation in state and local governments. As of April 6, 2010, Delray Beach had a 53% mail participation rate. Your response to the Census is important! Replying by mail helps reduce costs of door-to-door Census takers for homes that do not respond. Updates to the Delray Beach Census participation rate can be found on the City's website, [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com). For more information about the 2010 Census, visit [www.2010census.gov](http://www.2010census.gov) with information in multiple languages including Haitian Creole.

**"Go Green" Projects** - The City of Delray Beach is continuing its efforts to "Go Green" through educating our Staff and community and implementing innovative sustainable projects and programs that meet the "double bottom line" - social impact and fiscal impact. Some of these important activities include: establishing metrics for Water, Reclaimed Water, Electricity & Solid Waste/Recycling, Green House Gas Inventory, Sustainability Assessment, City PILOT Recycling Program and Land Development changes. In addition, the Green Implementation Advancement Board (formerly the Green Task Force) has been instrumental in assisting with this effort. The GIAB meets the first Monday of each month. For more information on the City's "Go Green" efforts and/or to view the upcoming GIAB Agenda, visit [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com) and select *Green Implementation Advancement Board* under *Boards and Committees*.

**City of Delray Beach Homeowners' Association Survey** - This month, Homeowners' Association (HOA) representatives will receive a phone call from Community Improvement's Neighborhood Services Division asking for a few moments of their time to participate in a survey. This survey will help shape future workshops, presentations and support needs for our neighborhoods. If you are an HOA representative and did not receive a call, please contact the Neighborhood Services Division at (561) 243-7629.

**City Seeks Community Support for Google Fiber Project** - Google recently issued a Request for Information (RFI) for their *Fiber for Communities Project*. Google will select a limited number of locations to install an ultra-high speed broadband network with fiber cabling directly to homes. One of the objectives of their system is to discover what types of new applications can be developed with this type of high speed network. Google will fund the installation of the project and offer Internet access at market rates. Google will also open up their network to other providers. The City responded to the RFI and now needs to gauge the level of support in the community. If you are interested in supporting this potential project and/or would like more information, visit [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com) and select *City Seeks Community Support for Google Fiber Project* or call (561) 243-7190.

## YEAR-ROUND WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) initiated *Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Conservation Measures* on March 15, 2010. City of Delray Beach residents and businesses may opt to water three (3) days per week, replacing the previous two (2) day per week watering restriction:

- *Residents and businesses with an ODD-NUMBERED street address may water lawns and landscapes on Mondays, Wednesdays and/or Saturdays, only before 10:00 am or after 4:00 pm.*
- *Residents and businesses with an EVEN-NUMBERED street address, no street address or those that irrigate both even and odd addresses within the same zones, which may include multi-family units and homeowners associations, may water lawns and landscapes on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and/or Sundays, only before 10:00 am or after 4:00 pm.*

Water irrigation will not be allowed on any day between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. Irrigation using reclaimed water, rain harvesting systems and various low-volume methods - such as micro-irrigation, container watering and hand watering with a hose and automatic shut-off nozzle - may be conducted at any time. Additional watering days are provided following the installation of new lawns and landscaping for up to ninety (90) days. The new water restrictions apply to all water from traditional sources, including water from public utilities, private wells, canals, ponds & lakes.

**Failure to observe Conservation Measures could result in fines starting at \$100.**

## WATER SURCHARGE REMOVED BUT CONSERVATION STILL IMPORTANT

With the change in South Florida Water Management District's Conservation Measures described above, the City will no longer apply a surcharge for water usage in excess of 15,000 gallons per month. *Although three (3) day-a-week watering is now allowed, two (2) day-a-week irrigation is often more than enough for South Florida lawns and landscapes, which typically require only three-quarters to an inch of water per week.*

For information, visit [www.savewaterfl.com](http://www.savewaterfl.com) and [www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov).