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CITY OF DELRAY BEACH - September 2008



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EDUCATION PROGRAMS SUPPORT HIGH ACHIEVEMENT OF DELRAY SCHOOLS



(l to r) Contest winners Stine Jean, Faith Kroma, Rosa Barbosa, Honoria Aguirre and Paul Todd with Mayor Ellis

The success of educational institutions and their students depends on many factors, one of which is community involvement. The City is proud that Delray Beach schools excelled in the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) for 2007-08, earning high marks in Reading, Math, Writing and Science.

Six local schools received **A** ratings this year including the first time for three of the schools: Carver Middle School, Orchard View and Plumosa Elementary schools. The three remaining **A** schools, Banyan Creek Elementary, Morikami Park Elementary and S.D. Spady Elementary, have achieved this top score for at least the last five years. Village Academy and Pine Grove Elementary School earned **B** scores while Atlantic Community High School maintained a **C** rating for two consecutive years.

The City of Delray Beach collaborates with various organizations and agencies on many projects to ensure its students reap the benefits of quality education throughout the year. *New Innovations*, an academic component of Parks and Recreation's summer camp, helps students reduce summer reading loss and sharpen FCAT testing skills.

Also this summer, with the support of the City and the Delray Beach Public Library, over 4,000 children participated in special literacy programs. For the third consecutive year, a grant from Jarden Consumer Solutions provided funding for these reading programs.

As part of the Mayor's Literacy Initiative *Delray Beach Get Caught Reading!*, children from the Boys and Girls Club as well as other youth groups came to the library each week for interactive storytelling. The library also provided twelve outreach literacy programs on the campus of Carver Middle School that enhanced the school's summer reading program. Children were given numerous books to take home and both the Boys and Girls Club and Carver Middle School each received 350 books to help build their on-site libraries.

This year's program also featured the *Just Read Delray* Bookmark Contest. On July 31st, the library held a special event to celebrate the success of the *Delray Beach Get Caught Reading!* summer literacy program and recognize the contest winners for their creative bookmark designs. Mayor Rita Ellis, an avid reader who promotes the importance of literacy in the community, presented the awards.

For more information, please contact City of Delray Beach Education Coordinator Janet Meeks at (561) 243-7231.

FIRE-RESCUE OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, Sept. 20th, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm • Station 5, 4000 Old Germantown Road

Meet Firefighters, tour Fire-Rescue vehicles and receive free health screenings!

Bring your family to a fun-filled event that everyone will enjoy.

For more information, call (561) 243-7400.



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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES SEPTEMBER 2008

September 1
Labor Day
City Hall Closed

September 1
Labor Day Police Challenge
A1A and Atlantic Ave
Noon
Info: (561) 441-2400

September 3
City Commission Meeting
City Hall Commission Chambers
6:00 PM
Info: (561) 243-7000

September 6
Spady Living Heritage Day
Spady Museum
10:00 AM – 10:00 PM
Info: 279-8883

September 11
National Patriot's Day
Remembrance Ceremony
Old School Square
9:00 AM
Info: (561) 243-7456

September 16
City Commission Meeting
City Hall Commission Chambers
6:00 PM
Info: (561) 243-7000

September 20
Fire-Rescue Open House
Station 5
4000 Old Germantown Rd
10:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Info: (561) 243-7400

September 20
Florida Coastal Cleanup
Sandoway House Nature Center
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Info: (561) 243-7138

September 27
Greater Delray Beach Chamber
of Commerce Luminary Gala
Delray Beach Marriott
7:00 PM
Info: (561) 279-1380



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Online: www.mydelraybeach.com

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

RESIDENTS ACADEMY BEGINS OCTOBER 2, 2008



The City is accepting applications for the fall session of the very popular and widely recognized Residents Academy which familiarizes the public with City government, its functions and responsibilities. The Academy will meet Thursday evenings for six weeks from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at City Hall, 100 NW 1st Avenue, beginning October 2, 2008.

Eligible applicants for the program must be residents of the City of Delray Beach and 18 years of age or older. There is no charge for the program and the Academy asks only for a commitment to complete the scheduled sessions.

By the end of the semester, graduates will have an increased understanding of the operations and services of all City departments that impact our quality of life.

Applications are available at the City Hall reception desk or can be downloaded from the City's website, www.mydelraybeach.com. Space is limited so sign up early. For more information, please call Janet Meeks, (561) 243-7231.

SENIOR CITIZENS MEAL PROGRAM AT POMPEY PARK

The City of Delray Beach has partnered with Mae Volen Senior Center to provide a delicious, well balanced meal to the elder population every Monday through Friday, 12:00 pm, at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd Street.

Senior citizens age 60 years of age and older are invited to dine in a welcoming, social environment. There is no charge for the meal (although donations are greatly appreciated) and meal reservation is easy.

Meals must be reserved by noon at least one day in advance either by phone or at the site. To reserve a meal or for more information, please call (561) 243-7155.

For those in need of transportation, Mae Volen Senior Center will provide free, door to door car service. To schedule transportation, contact Mae Volen Senior Center at (561) 395-8920 extension 1228 or 1229. All calls for transportation must be made before 3:00 pm on the previous working day.



(l to r) Mae Volen staff members Senior Dining Site Manager Annie Holliday and Mealsite Program Coordinator Barbara Chancey with volunteer Edmonia Parker

DELRAY BEACH WINS PRESTIGIOUS DIGITAL GOVERNANCE AWARD



(l) Charles Furment, Technical Multimedia Specialist, accepted award from Granicus CEO Tom Spengler at 2008 Granicus User Conference

The City of Delray Beach Information Technology (IT) Division recently won 2nd place in the *Digital Governance Award for Excellence in Disseminating Government Information*. Delray Beach distinguished itself in this category using webcasting technology as a critical, cost-efficient vehicle for distributing public information. The City of Delray Beach uses the Granicus application to provide video streaming of City Commission meetings (live and archived) via the City's website. Audio from the City's Emergency Radio Station, 1620 AM, is also streamed on the City's website through Granicus, and Granicus facilitates the live audio broadcast of City Commission meetings on 1620 AM.

"The IT Division is honored to receive the 2nd place award," says Chief Information Officer Guy Buzzelli. "We competed among much larger and very competitive jurisdictions. I am proud of our IT staff and especially Charles Furment who has done an outstanding job utilizing the Granicus technology."