

# News for Neighborhoods



CITY OF DELRAY BEACH - May 2009



## CITY DIRECTORY

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General Information  
(561) 243-7000

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**Citizen Service Requests 243-7012**  
or [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com)  
*Peticiones del Servicio del Ciudadano*  
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**City Manager's Office 243-7010**  
**Mayor and City Commission**  
*Oficina del Administrador de la Ciudad*  
*Biwo Manadjè Vil-la*

**Police Department 243-7888**  
*Departamento de la Policía*  
*Deatmin Polis*

**Fire Department 243-7400**  
*Parque de Bomberos*  
*Deatman pou Dife*

**City Clerk's Office 243-7050**  
*Oficina del Actuario de la Ciudad*  
*Biwo Komi pou Vil-la*

**Utility Billing 243-7100**  
*Cargos de Utilidades*  
*Deatman Bil Dlo/Elektrik*

**Water/Sewer Maint. 243-7312**  
*Mantenimiento del Agua y Alcantarilla*  
*Deatman pou Pwòpte Dlo avèk Egou*

**Animal Control 243-7330**  
*Mando de Animales*  
*Deatman Ki An Chaj Zannimo*

**Jobline 243-6201**  
*Linea de Trabajos*  
*Liy Telefòn pou Jwenn Travay*

**Parks & Recreation 243-7250**  
*Parques y Recreación*  
*Deatman Pak & Rekreyasyon*

**Municipal Golf Course 243-7380**  
*Campo de Golf Municipal*  
*Magazen Golf*

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## NEW CITY COMMISSION

The City of Delray Beach takes great pride in welcoming our newly elected City Commission. Pictured below (*l to r*) are Commissioner Fred Fetzer who begins the second year of his current term and newly elected officials Deputy Vice-Mayor Mackenson Bernard, Mayor Nelson S. "Woodie" McDuffie, Vice-Mayor Gary Eliopoulos and Commissioner Adam Frankel.



Mayor Emeritus Rita Ellis spoke very highly of the incoming City Commission and left them with parting words of advice. In her farewell speech, she said, "Remember who you work for (the Delray Beach community). This is the most important thing you have to remember."

## PUBLIC NOTICE TO WATER SYSTEM CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH



To ensure that the City's drinking water remains safe and compliant with all State and Federal water quality requirements, the City is mandated to implement preventive measures that are safe and approved by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). As a result, the City is preparing for its semi-annual water distribution line disinfection program, which will begin on Monday, May 4, 2009 and continue to Monday, June 1, 2009.

The City's routine maintenance program will include a "system burn," which utilizes free chlorine as the primary disinfectant. During this preventive maintenance activity, water customers may notice an increased chlorine odor and taste in their tap water. **This is a normal occurrence and will cause no adverse health effects.**

**During this time period, customers with special needs should be aware of potential adverse effects on their equipment and systems (e.g., kidney dialysis machines). In addition, tropical fish aquariums and holding tanks for fish and shellfish (i.e., stores and restaurants) should be aware that this temporary change in our disinfection process may be toxic to aquatic**

**life if not properly addressed. Any such side effects will diminish when the City reverts to the normal disinfection method on June 2, 2009. Users are encouraged to contact an appropriate professional for guidance on how to use their equipment during this period.**

The City will also flush fire hydrants during this period as part of the enhanced disinfection procedure. Customers may notice flowing water in streets and swales, localized lower water pressures and a slight discoloration of their tap water. This is a safe and normal occurrence during this process and will cause no adverse health effects. ***If you notice flushing activities in your immediate area, please refrain from using laundry machines until activities have ceased.***

**Please be assured that this is a routine preventive maintenance procedure.** The City's public drinking water remains perfectly safe and compliant with all State and Federal requirements for primary water quality.

If you would like further information on this matter, please call the Public Utilities Department at (561) 243-7312 between 7:00 am and 4:00 pm - Monday through Friday.

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES MAY 2009

### May 2

Cinco de Mayo  
Old School Square  
11:00 AM – 10:00 PM  
Info: (561) 276-3396

### May 5

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

### May 7

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

### May 7

Pineapple Grove Bed Race  
Pineapple Grove Arts District  
Parade 5:30 PM / Race 6:30 PM  
Info: (561) 279-1380

### May 9 - 10

Asian Food Fair & Cultural Show  
Old School Square  
Noon – 10:00 PM  
Info: (561) 389-8844

### May 19

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

### May 19 - 24

Delray Beach Film Festival  
Delray Beach  
Info: (561) 213-5737

### May 25

Memorial Day  
City Hall Closed  
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,  
offer a comment or file a complaint.

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.



## CITY PROJECT UPDATES AND REMINDERS



- **City of Delray Beach “Grant Team”** - The newly created “Grant Team,” which is comprised of City Staff from various departments, has been tasked to aggressively research, identify and apply for Federal Economic Stimulus and Non-Stimulus grant funding. The Grant Team is working to ensure that grants are a top priority within the City of Delray Beach. As of April 7, 2009, the City and Delray Beach Housing Authority are eligible for a combined \$1.2 million in funding (see Economic Stimulus update below) and the Grant Team is preparing and submitting applications requesting funds that may exceed \$10 million.
- **Economic Stimulus Federal Funding** – The City is actively seeking eligible funding through the Federal Economic Stimulus Bill that will provide a direct benefit to our community. Updated information is posted on the City’s website, [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com) and can be viewed by selecting **Economic Stimulus Bill - City of Delray Beach Proposed Infrastructure Projects** on the home page. As of April 7, 2009, the City and the Housing Authority are eligible for the following federal stimulus funding amounts:
  - *Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program* - \$289,582: Supports Police Department overtime expenses.
  - *Community Development Block Grant* - \$156,617: Supports community infrastructure improvements in low & moderate income areas.
  - *Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant* - \$638,500: Supports funding for energy efficiency programs (e.g., energy efficiency retrofits, building codes and inspections to promote building energy efficiency and energy efficient traffic signals and street lighting).
  - *Public Housing Capital Funds* - \$393,600: Supports the Delray Beach Housing Authority.
- **Red Light Cameras** - The City has recently requested bids for the installation of Red Light Cameras at various intersections throughout the City. This program will be utilized to reduce red light running, reduce potentially fatal accidents and improve driver safety. Bids are expected to be presented to the City Commission for vendor selection in May 2009. Bid requirements stipulate that the selected vendor will install the camera systems at their expense – the City will not be responsible for purchase and/or installation costs.
- **Reclaimed Water System Expansion** – The City is preparing to install reclaimed water lines to the Barrier Island (Atlantic Avenue north to Beach Drive) to reduce the demand on our potable (drinking) water system. At the April 7th City Commission meeting, the City Commission awarded a contract in the amount of \$518,099 to Intercounty Engineering, Inc. to install the transmission line between the booster station at NE 4th Avenue to the west side of the Intracoastal Waterway. Transmission and distribution pipe construction is expected to begin in April/May 2009 with an expected completion date in mid-August 2009. Customers will begin connecting to the system in the Fall 2009. The remaining areas on the Barrier Island are planned for construction over the next three (3) years, subject to funding availability.



## ATLANTIC AVENUE PROJECTS UPDATE

In December, 2008, contractors for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Four Palm Beach Operations, began two resurfacing projects along Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach from Via Flora to McNab Avenue and from I-95 to A1A, excluding the downtown area. Work on these projects are on schedule with anticipated completion in fall 2009, weather permitting. Projects include repaving and restriping the road as well as traffic signal upgrades, sidewalk improvements and new storm water drainage at various locations. The intersection of Congress and Atlantic Avenue is being widened to improve traffic flow along this busy corridor. Workers are installing new landscaping and completing concrete work between Via Flora and McNab Avenue. Nighttime paving will continue for the next few weeks, weather permitting. East of I-95, workers are completing new storm water drainage and installing irrigation and decorative street lights from NW 12th Avenue to Swinton Avenue.

Project-related work between NE 6th Avenue and A1A is anticipated to begin in May 2009. FDOT and the City of Delray Beach are working with the Beach Property Owner’s Association (BPOA), the Downtown Marketing Cooperative and the Downtown Merchants Association to keep residents and businesses informed about upcoming construction activities, lane closures and detours from A1A to Southbound Federal Highway. Additional information will be provided in upcoming issues of this monthly newsletter as well as City-issued press releases.

For more information on these projects, please contact FDOT Public Information Officer Tish Burgher directly at 954-325-8022 or via email at [tburgher@qca-inc.com](mailto:tburgher@qca-inc.com). For real-time traffic information, call 511 or log on to [www.511southflorida.com](http://www.511southflorida.com).