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CITY OF DELRAY BEACH — JUNE 2004



Mayor Jeff Perlman, Community Improvement Director, Lula Butler and Planning & Zoning Director, Paul Dorling, lead the Delray Beach contingent to the Transforming Local Government Conference in Reno, Nevada.

DELRAY BEACH IS A THREE-PEAT SELECTION FOR TENTH ANNUAL TRANSFORMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE

For the third year in a row, Delray Beach has been selected by the Innovation Groups to make a presentation at the 10th Annual Transforming Local Government Conference being held in Reno, Nevada, June 10th through June 12, 2004. Mayor Jeff Perlman, Planning and Zoning Director, Paul Dorling and Lula Butler, Community Improvement Director will lead the City contingent who will represent various aspects of the success and approaches to community issues Delray Beach has had over the past decade.

City staffers to attend and support in the presentations are: CRA Director Diane Colonna, Education Coordinator, Janet Meeks, Police Department Captains Bob Musco and Craig Hartmann, Human Resources Director, Harry Hamilton and Senior Redevelopment Specialist, Ron Hoggard. The Greater Chamber of Commerce of Delray Beach and Joint Venture, led by Chamber President, Bill Wood, Assistant City Manager Bob Barcinski, Joint Venture Director, Marjorie Ferrer and Rita Ellis, Chair of the DDA will focus on the development, special events and economic impact a revived Downtown Delray Beach has had on the City.

The Transforming Local Government conferences are sponsored by the Innovation Groups which began these meetings in 1994. The IG committed to creating a forum where local governments could share innovative techniques and ideas that would promote the evolutionary way municipalities serve their communities. Innovation Groups is a non-profit organization providing support services and networking opportunities to local government. This year's conference in Reno will be attended by over 600 delegates from villages, towns, cities and counties from every corner of the nation. All will share their experiences and learn from each other the ways and means that a municipal government can overcome barriers to progress in their business sector and how to benefit the total community. There will be a special emphasis on today's challenges to education at the elementary and high school levels.

Delray Beach has participated in many such conventions and forums which speaks to the dedication of recent City Hall administrations, the unselfish efforts of the business sector and the proactive character of all Delray Beach residents.

The result is a charming and celebrated "Village By The Sea" that continues to grow with an eye toward inclusion, maintaining its unique character and providing a safe and beautiful place where families can realize their dreams.

For more information, please call Tawanna Collins, Innovation Groups, (813) 622-8484.

F.A.U. STUDY OF SOUTH FLORIDA SPOTLIGHTS DELRAY BEACH AS A MODEL CITY

The Cantanese Center for Urban & Environmental Solutions at Florida Atlantic University published the results of a survey of the social, economic, environmental and rapid growth issues that are common to the South Florida region. The wide ranging study, under the direction of James Murley, director of the Center, took nearly two years to complete. For the entire text of the report, go to www.soflo.org. The study was funded by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

FAU study singled out the City of Delray Beach as a model and example of managed growth, revitalization, renewal and development.

Quoting from the study: "Delray Beach sees itself as a 'dynamic, evolving community which is constantly energized by the rich diversity of its people and their determined efforts to shape a promising future for themselves, their children, their neighbors and their City.'" Delray Beach was recognized as an All-America City in 1993 and again in 2001 by the National Civic League wherein the awards are based on the city's ability to identify and resolve critical issues through citizen participation and the collaboration of the business community. Major factors in overturning a desolate downtown into a dynamic and beautiful central business district were the creation of a Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) with its own taxing district constantly re-investing in City development and projects, a partnership with the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce and its marketing arm, Joint Venture, to stimulate business via special events, and the City's outreach to all sectors of the community and its residents. Over the past 12 years, Atlantic Avenue in downtown Delray Beach has become a shopping, gourmet dining and entertainment destination for all of South Florida and beyond. The beaches of Delray Beach, recently re-nourished, are among the best in the country and have been designated "Blue Wave" beaches denoting the cleanliness of the water, the beach and the facilities. The Florida League of Cities has nominated Delray Beach for their "City of Excellence Award" with the winner to be announced on June 26, 2004 at their conference in Orlando. City officials realize that there is still much to do and much to live up to. The continuing challenge is to include all sectors of the community in the progress and prosperity of Delray Beach.

Reminders For Hurricane Season



Hurricane season stretches from June through November and Floridians must be alert to what promises to be a busy period of tropical storms.

- ☆ Residents should be prepared to take care of themselves for up to 72 hours.
- ☆ Canned foods, bottled water, and batteries for radios and flashlights are basic for survival.
- ☆ Residents east of Federal Highway should check with local Fire-Rescue or Police Departments for community evacuation plans.
- ☆ Have a household disaster plan.
- ☆ Be sure trees and shrubs are trimmed and clear rain gutters and downspouts of debris.



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THE COUNCIL'S CORNER FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL

Hello Delray Beach Residents!

We are 17 volunteers appointed by the City Commission to serve on the newly-formed Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC), dedicated to helping you improve the streets and neighborhoods where you live. Yes, our City Commissioners are so intent that residents enjoy quality, safe, stable neighborhoods that they have ordained the NAC to serve as a liaison between residents motivated to upgrade the condition of their neighborhoods and city government that approves improvement programs to help you do it.

The idea is to communicate with us when liveability issues affect your neighborhood.

Here's how to reach us: The city is divided into six zones; each member on the NAC represents one of them. Through City Hall, you can discover the zone you live in then identify members on the NAC who represent your zone by calling Janet Meeks, education coordinator, at 243-7231.

We plan to offer educational clinics on landscaping and beautification, neighborhood pot luck parties with association presidents to share ideas and solve problems, and a dedicated newsletter to communicate with you. Most exciting, motivated neighbors from an unstable or transitional community can apply for improvement project grants with the city through the NAC.

We meet on the third Monday of the month at 5:30 sharp in the City Hall Conference Room. You are welcome to attend and listen or speak during the time slot for the public. Please visit the NAC Web page, which will be up for you soon with information about our mission, meetings and projects. We look forward to helping you make your neighborhood a great place to live.

--Karen Lustgarten
MyDelrayBeach.com



Members of your Neighborhood Advisory Council

DELRAY BEACH BOY SCOUT ADVANCES TOWARD EAGLE SCOUT STATUS BY PAINTING SENIOR CITIZEN'S HOME

Taking a cue from the "Paint Up Delray" campaigns conducted by the City of Delray Beach annually, John Marrah, a local Boy Scout volunteered to organize and paint one home in order to complete a requirement for becoming an Eagle Scout. Marrah, 14, is a member of Boy Scout troop 390, affiliated with the Chapel of Saint Andrew. The Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project also requires extensive documentation of the planning, organizing and completion of the project.

Lula Butler, Community Improvement Director who coordinates "Paint Up Delray" every year, was most enthusiastic about Marrah's project and arranged for Sherwin Williams to generously donate paint and supplies. Seventeen young volunteers recruited by Marrah came from the Boy Scouts, the Delray Beach Youth Council, and fellow students from Saint Andrews School.

The home selected belongs to native Delray Beach residents Mr. and Mrs. Brailford at 345 NW 3rd Avenue in Delray Beach. They actually built on that property some 40 years ago.

Any local students from the 8th grade and up who would like to become a member of the Delray Beach Youth Council or anyone who may be interested in volunteering in the "Paint Up Delray" effort, please call Lula Butler at City Hall, (561) 243-7203. To contact the Boy Scouts, call the Gulf Stream Council at (561) 694-8585.



*Potential Eagle Scout, John Marrah,
does his good deed*

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