

# News for Neighborhoods



CITY OF DELRAY BEACH - September 2010



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(561) 243-7000

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English-Spanish-Creole

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**City Manager's Office 243-7010**  
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**City Clerk's Office 243-7050**

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**PBC Animal Control 276-1344**

*Mando de Animales*  
*Depatman Ki An Chaj Zannimo*

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*Parques y Recreación*  
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## CITY COMMISSION APPROVES PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE FOR FY 2011

A **proposed** millage rate of \$7.41 per \$1,000 of assessed value was approved by the City Commission at the August 3, 2010 Regular City Commission meeting. Although this proposed rate is approximately 3% higher than the current property tax rate (and would actually result in a tax decrease for most properties in the City), the City Commission has indicated a desire to continue working with the City Manager's Office to reduce this down to a level that is as close as possible to the current Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 rate of 7.19.



To maintain the FY 2010 millage rate, the City will be required to identify additional, significant spending cuts and/or find additional revenues, which may include the development of new revenue sources. Currently, spending proposals for the City's various departments total \$97,302,440, which is an increase of 0.65% or \$624,513 over the adjusted FY 2010 Budget. Projected revenues at the current millage rate (7.19) total \$91,146,290, thus leaving a projected budget gap of \$6,156,150:

City Operating Expenses:	\$ 97,302,440
Projected Revenues:	- 91,146,290
<b>Amount needed to Balance the Budget:</b>	<b>\$ 6,156,150</b>

To attain a balanced Budget without a property tax increase, spending reductions and/or additional revenues will be required. As a result, City Manager David T. Harden has presented several recommendations to the City Commission for consideration, including:

• Changes in City Pension Plans	\$2,000,000
• Fund Capital Projects with City Reserves	1,500,000
• Increase EMS Collections/Other Revenues	251,500
• Freeze/Eliminate Open Positions	213,580
• Eliminate Salary Increases	221,300
• Eliminate Marine Patrol Boat	15,510

To assist with determining which programs and services should be cut to make up the budget gap, the City Commission has requested input from the City's Financial Review Board, City employees and the community. It should be noted that the elimination (or reduction) of some programs and services may affect quality of life issues within the City.

### Upcoming Meetings:

Discussion on the City's proposed millage rate and the FY 2011 Budget will continue until the final Budget is adopted. The City Commission is expected to hold its first Public Hearing to consider a tentative Budget and the millage rate on Monday, September 13th. The second and final Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 21st. Both Public Hearings will begin at 7:00 pm in the Commission Chambers – City Hall. *Public Hearings allow for public comment.*

To view the schedule of all budget-related City Commission Meetings and Workshops, including the proposed Budget and proposed Resolution(s)/Ordinance(s) as they become available, visit the City's website, [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com), and select *FY 2011 Millage Rate and Budget Adoption* or call the Public Information Office at (561) 243-7190.

## Events & Activities SEPTEMBER 2010

### September 4-7

Summer Smash  
Regional Tennis Championships  
Hosted by the City of Delray Beach  
Delray Beach Tennis Center  
Info: (561) 330-6000

### September 3

“Summer Nights in Delray Beach”  
Atlantic Avenue & A1A  
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM  
Info: (561) 279-1380

### September 6

Labor Day Holiday –  
City Hall Closed

### September 6

Annual Labor Day Police Challenge  
Atlantic Avenue & A1A  
Noon – 3:00 PM  
Info: (561) 243-7190

### September 7

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

### September 13

City Commission Special/Workshop  
FY 2011 Budget  
First Public Hearing  
City Hall First Floor  
Conference Room  
Special/Workshop begins at 6:00 PM  
Public Hearing begins at 7:00 PM  
Info: (561) 243-7000

### September 21

City Commission Regular Meeting  
FY 2011 Budget  
Second/Final Public Hearing  
City Hall Commission Chambers  
Regular Meeting begins at 6:00 PM  
Public Hearing begins at 7:00 PM  
Info: (561) 243-7000

### September 25

International Coastal Cleanup  
Sandoway House Nature Center  
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM  
Info: (561) 243-7277



## PROJECTS, UPDATES & REMINDERS



**9/11 Remembrance Ceremony** - Fire-Rescue Chief David C. James, President of the Fire Chiefs Association of Palm Beach County, invites the community to the 2010 September 11th Remembrance Ceremony on Saturday, September 11th, 9:00 am, at Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter, Florida. This ceremony pays tribute to those heroes who gave the ultimate sacrifice on that fateful day in 2001 as they responded to their final call. FDNY Chief (Retired) Dan Daly will present as the keynote speaker. For more information, contact Fire-Rescue Lt. Ed Beardsley at (561) 243-7456.

**Medfly Update** - The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Plant Industry (FDACS/DPI) has reported that as of August 9, 2010, no other signs of the Mediterranean fruit fly have been found in Delray Beach since the initial discovery of one Medfly in the vicinity of Andrews Avenue. If there are no additional findings for three (3) consecutive Medfly life cycles (approximately sixty-two (62) days), the FDACS/DPI will submit a Declaration of Eradication. Residents in the affected areas are reminded that fruit movement is still prohibited under Florida's quarantine rule. For more information, call the FDACS/DPI toll-free helpline at 888-397-1517 or visit [www.fl-dpi.com](http://www.fl-dpi.com).

**International Coastal Cleanup** – Participate in the world's largest one day volunteer cleanup effort during the 25th Annual International Coastal Cleanup that will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2010, at the Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 South Ocean Blvd. Volunteers will collect trash and debris from Delray Beach's shoreline from 8:00 am until 10:00 am. Supplies will be provided and community service hours will be awarded. For more information, contact Danielle Beardsley at (561) 243-7277.

**Crime Prevention Tip: Protect Your Vehicle from Auto Burglary** - The Delray Beach Police Department has reported that auto burglaries are on the rise. Investigations have revealed that during 2010, *over 1/3 of the vehicles burglarized in our City were unlocked*. Help prevent crime by always locking doors, activating car alarms and placing personal belongings in the trunk whenever a vehicle is left unattended. For more information, contact the Delray Beach Police Department at (561) 243-7888.

**City Keeps Watchful Eye on Oil Spill** - City officials continue to monitor the Gulf of Mexico oil spill in an effort to protect our beaches and shoreline. As of August 9, 2010, no signs of the oil spill have appeared on our beaches. Staff members continue to work with Palm Beach County's Deepwater Horizon Planning Task Force, a collaborative effort initiated by Palm Beach County Emergency Management and local partners, to respond to the oil spill should it become a threat. **Anyone finding a tar ball should not touch it! Report tar balls or other evidence of oil on our coastline to Palm Beach County Emergency Operations Center by calling (561) 712-6400.** For additional information on the oil spill and/or the Task Force, visit [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com) and select *City Continues to Monitor Gulf Oil Spill* under *News*.

**“System Burn” Water Disinfection Process** – The City is preparing for its semi-annual water distribution line enhanced disinfection program which will begin on **Tuesday, September 7, 2010, and continue through Wednesday, October 6, 2010**. This maintenance program will include a “system burn” which utilizes free chlorine as the primary disinfectant. 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.** However, customers with special needs should be aware of potential problems with equipment (i.e. kidney dialysis machines). In addition, owners of 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. Users are encouraged to contact an appropriate professional for guidance on how to use their equipment during this period. For more information, please contact the Environmental Services Department - Public Utilities Division at (561) 243-7312 between 7:00 am and 3:30 pm – Monday through Friday.

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.

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