

# HOMETOWN CONNECTION

A NEWSLETTER FOR RESIDENTS OF DELRAY BEACH

## HOMETOWN HEROES



Sanitation Officers Randy Krick, Tard McCoy and Eugene Bethea and Litter Prevention Specialist Jennifer Buce used their contacts and know-how to help a resident clean up her abandoned lot.

## CITY EMPLOYEES GO THE EXTRA MILE TO HELP RESIDENT KEEP PROPERTY SAFE

The house had been in Carolyn Gholston's family for more than 60 years. It had survived generations of children running through it, but couldn't survive Hurricane Wilma, which left it battered and unusable.

"I was born in that house, Mrs. Gholston said. "I was sorry to see it go."

Thinking she could clear the lot and help the city, Mrs. Gholston and her niece Chevette Gadson, donated the home for use in a Fire-Rescue training exercise.

But what she hadn't figured out was how to remove the tons of debris left behind when the home was finally demolished.

To hire a private contractor would have cost at least \$10,000 and that would have been tough.

Faced with the challenges of getting the property cleaned up and safe, Mrs. Gholston turned to Sanitation Officer Tard McCoy and to Litter Prevention Specialist Jennifer Buce.

"She asked if there was anything we could do to help," says McCoy, who has worked for the city for 12 years. "We just rode by and said 'we can take care of it.'" Taking care of it meant enlisting the

help of Sanitation Officer Randy Krick, who worked with a local hauling company to have hauling fees waived.

And taking care of it also meant McCoy and Sanitation Officer Eugene Bethea volunteering to work two Saturdays to clean up the property using a back hoe and a front-end loader they borrowed from another department.

By the time they were done, McCoy and Bethea had loaded up a dozen large containers of debris and the lot had been cleared.

McCoy says that working with the machinery and clearing the lot wasn't part of his job or of any of the others who helped the resident save thousands of dollars in labor costs. But none of those involved minded one bit.

"As long as a person is in need," McCoy says, "we're willing to help."

Krick, who has been with the city for six years, says that the team members are representative of many city employees.

"We take pride in our work," he said. "It's not just a job. People are our job."

Mrs. Gholston can't thank the city employees enough.

"I am very grateful to them and to the fire department too," she said. "They helped us quite a bit."

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## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

### CITY COMMISSION WORKS TO FUND KEY CAPITAL PROJECTS

Responding to increases in land and building costs, the city is considering additional funding for several projects approved by voters in 2004 and for a new fire station to replace one damaged in Hurricane Wilma.

While the projects will be funded by a revenue bond, backed by utility taxes, taxpayers will see little if any increase in their tax bills, because the debt service for the capital projects will replace debt service on bonds that are being retired.

Faced with a potential list of \$40 million in capital projects – including some not funded by a \$24 million bond issue approved by voters in 2004 – the City Commission is continuing to hammer out proposed compromises.

Final approval of project financing probably will not be reached until after a special Legislative session on property tax reform later this month.

To better understand how the funding works, it might help to draw an analogy to financing of home improvements.

Let's say a homeowner's \$1,000 a month mortgage was paid off. The homeowner could then take out another loan for a room addition and pay it off by continuing to make \$1,000 monthly payments.

The same principle is being applied to the city's financing of several capital projects.

Financing options to be considered will include much-needed enhancements to Pompey Park and completion of the Seacrest Soccer Complex – with a building smaller than originally planned – and enhancements to Miller Field.

In order to reduce the list of \$40 million in capital improvements by as much as 40 percent, City Commissioners deferred construction of the Delray Beach Family Recreation and Fitness Center, which will be built in the future.

At the same time, the city is monitoring the Legislature and looking for ways to reduce costs while maintaining quality services.



Improvements to Pompey Park, approved by voters, will continue.

## EXPERIENCE HELPS CITY PREPARE FOR STORMS

They have been through Hurricane Frances and were ready when Hurricane Jeanne came roaring through right on the first storm's heels.

They were there when Wilma snapped utility poles and left significant portions of Delray Beach in the dark for what seemed like forever.

And they will be there again, should the weather throw its fury at the coast of Florida.

For the last several years, a team led by City Manager David Harden and Fire-Rescue Chief Kerry Koen has been staffing the Emergency Operations Center during times of crisis. And that team, made up of veterans with decades of combined experience in disaster planning, will be back in action should the situation call for it.

"We've been working together as a team for many years now," says Koen, who as Fire-Rescue chief, is charged with coordinating the city's emergency efforts in a disaster. "We've practiced it over and over again and we're always looking for ways to improve."

Koen says that over the last few years, the city has taken lessons learned and made adjustments.

"In Frances and Jeanne, we saw what needed to be done," Koen said, adding that priorities are to ensure that emergency crews can get to those in need of help and assist others in being safe and secure in their homes. "After a storm passes, our objective is to make things as normal as possible as quickly as possible."

The city has focused some of its efforts on improving communications with departments and with other agencies, in the event of a disaster, and on making sure it has a "Plan C" for electrical power to operate the Emergency Operations Center.

In the event of a storm, the city will be able to use 10 satellite telephones that will enable Fire-Rescue, police and other city departments to communicate, should regular lines of communication go down. The phones will also make it possible for the city to stay in touch with neighboring communities, as well as the county's emergency management staff, regardless of the weather or power failures.

To ensure there is power to the Emergency Operations Center, the city has two large generators on stand-by that can be trucked in. Should regular back up generators fail, those trucked-in generators will help power up the fire station housing the operations center as well as Delray Beach Emergency Radio at 1620 AM.

In preparation for hurricane season, teams of employees throughout the city have been going over plans and going through drills to make sure everyone is ready.

"We're all going to be here in an emergency," Koen said. "We've prepared to make this city as safe as possible."



*During a storm, city employees staff the Emergency Operations Center at the main fire station and coordinate efforts.*

## MAKE HURRICANE PLANS NOW



Lt. Trisha Dunkelmann has two simple words of advice when it comes to preparing for hurricane season.

"Start now," she says.

Here are some other suggestions Dunkelmann has to help you stay safe in a storm.

- Make sure you have supplies for seven to 10 days without power.
  - Make a plan for your pets now.
  - If you have special needs, register now to be in a special needs shelter.
  - If you live alone, make plans to stay with someone during the storm.
  - Go over the route you will use should you need to evacuate.
  - Have a contact number of someone out of the area who can be called if your family is separated.
  - Show you are prepared in order to minimize your children's fears.
  - If you plan to use a generator, install a carbon monoxide alarm.
  - Make a plan to ensure appliances are turned off when power returns.
  - Test your shutters and generators now.
- Call 243-7400 for more information.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINS FOR MASS CASUALTY INCIDENTS

It might be like a scene out of a movie.

This summer, teams from as many as 20 different agencies – including the Delray Beach Police Department – will converge on Atlantic High School for a drill that will mirror a school shooting incident similar to those that have made headlines in recent years.

The drill is the latest in a series of training exercises that the Delray Beach Police Department has taken part in since the Columbine High School shooting in 1999. It is designed to ensure a quick and effective as possible response.

"We train to be ready for any situation," said Major Craig Hartmann. "We have a response plan in place."

This summer's training will involve the police department's SWAT team. It will also involve road patrol officers who since Columbine have seen a shift in response tactics. It marks the third time in recent years that mass-casualty response training will involve the entire department, not just SWAT.

In the past, arriving road patrol units responding to a mass casualty shooting might have sealed off the perimeter and waited for the SWAT team to arrive. But since Columbine, departments around the country, including the Delray Beach Police Department, have

been taking a different approach.

"Our officers are trained to actively seek out gunfire," Hartmann says.

What that means is that the first four officers responding to a shooting will immediately pursue the gunman to minimize casualties. The SWAT team will continue to respond and will coordinate efforts should the gunman still be active.

This summer's training, says SWAT Commander Lt. Jeff Goldman, will incorporate lessons learned from Columbine as well as other incidents, including the recent shootings at Virginia Tech earlier this year.

"Everyone learns from other incidents," Goldman says.

He said the training this summer, coordinated by the Special Operations Leadership Association that includes departments from throughout Palm Beach County, will be studied to look for ways to improve responses.

"We dissect everything," he said.

Thanks to the training, Hartmann and Goldman say, Delray Beach police officers have a response plan in place should a mass casualty incident occur. "We're ready if we need to be," Goldman said.



*Delray Beach Police Department officers train for mass-casualty events.*

# FAMILY'S DREAM OF OWNING A HOME FINALLY COMES TRUE

Things were really tight for Lifaite and Lourdie Acelouis and their family in their two-bedroom apartment in Southwest Delray Beach.

With five children, ages 2 to 9 living in the small home, there was little room to move around.

But since April, the Acelouises and their children have plenty of room - and they're no longer paying rent.

Instead the Acelouises are owners of a four-bedroom home they were able to purchase thanks to the Delray Beach Community Land Trust.

"We thank God for this house," says Lourdie Acelouis, who works assisting older residents. "We really needed this."

Now with the extra space, the couple's young daughter has a room of her own and there's plenty of space for the boys to each have their own bed.

"This is our first house," says Lifaite Acelouis. "It means a lot to everybody."

Because they were able to get the house through the Community Land Trust, a non-profit organization funded in part by the city of Delray Beach and the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency, the Acelouises paid just \$130,000 for the house that normally would sell for almost double that.

The difference, however, is that while most families own both the house and the property, the Acelouises own only the home. The land continues to remain with the trust, so that the home can remain affordable.

Since the first resident, Venice Cobb moved into the first Community Land Trust



Lifaite and Lourdie Acelouis and their five children moved into the new home in April, with help from the Delray Beach Community Land Trust.

home last fall, six more families have been able to benefit from the organization's efforts to help qualified residents find affordable housing.

One of those homes went to Sharon Josey, whose Carver Square home was actually sinking into the ground. Thanks to the Community Land Trust, Josey was able to purchase a four-bedroom home for just \$180,000. And the new home is in the perfect location - right next door to her elderly mother's home.

"The Community Land Trust is providing opportunities for people who work in Delray Beach to live in Delray Beach," says Joe Gray, the executive director of the Community Land Trust. "It's improving the lives of individuals and at the same time allowing us to improve blighted neighborhoods."

Gray said that in addition to the seven homes already occupied, there are nine others that are currently under construction and should be occupied soon. Another 26 homes are also in the works.

At the same time, he said, demand continues to grow as more people find out about the project. There are more than 150 families working toward qualifying for the program.

Gray says for many of those moving into brand new homes, there is a great sense of pride in ownership and in some cases, there is a renewed pride among residents in surrounding homes.

"Our goal isn't just to build houses, it's to build neighborhoods," he said. "It's making a huge difference."



Attorney David Schmidt helps the Acelouises with the closing on the home.

## RESIDENTS LEARN ABOUT THE CITY DURING CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAYS

Want to learn more about city government and how it works?

If so, then you'll want to make sure to visit City Hall on the first Wednesday of each month between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. and stop by the table set up in the lobby as part of Customer Appreciation Days.

Customer Appreciation Day is a project coordinated by the city's SPIRIT Ideas Committee, which provides recommendations to improve customer service and communication to residents.

"Customer Appreciation Day is our way of not only letting our residents know we appreciate them, but also to connect with them, provide

them with more insightful information about the functions of that

particular department, and to answer any questions they may have," says Jo Weaver, Chair of the Ideas Committee.

As part of Customer Appreciation Day, a table is set up in the lobby of City Hall and staffed by members of a particular department. Some departments, however, are going an extra mile and will be setting up displays in other locations throughout the city. The city's Recreation Department, for example, will set up displays at several facilities on Thursday, July 5.

"We look forward to providing this educational opportunity to our residents." Weaver said.



Senior Planner Estelio Breto meets with visitors during Planning and Zoning's Customer Appreciation Day on May 2.

### CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAYS SCHEDULE

- **June 6** - City Attorney's Office
- **July 5** - Parks & Recreation
- **Aug. 1** - Environmental Services
- **Sept. 5** - Finance Department
- **Oct. 1-5** - National Customer Service Week
- **Nov. 7** - City Manager's Office and Public Information Office
- **Dec. 5** - Community Improvement
- **Jan. 2, 2008** - Fire Department
- **Feb. 6, 2008** - Police Department

## CITY, RESIDENTS, DO THEIR PART TO CONSERVE WATER IN PHASE III RESTRICTIONS

With water in short supply and phase III water restrictions in place, Delray Beach residents – and city crews – are doing their part to help conserve a precious resource.

The use of city water dropped by about 20 percent in the first two weeks of May to an average of 16.4 million gallons per day, compared to 20.2 million gallons in May of 2006. And that was before the South Florida Water Management District imposed Phase III restrictions, which limit lawn watering to one day a week.

In April, with Phase I and Phase II restrictions in effect, the use of city water fell from 20.8 million gallons per day to 17.3 million gallons.

"It appears that the residents of Delray Beach understand and take seriously the need to conserve water," said Richard Hasko, the city's director of Environmental Services. "We appreciate the fact that they're doing that."

Hasko said that not only are residents reducing their use of drinking water for irrigation, but it also appears that they are reducing consumption inside the home, since the amount of water being sent to the sewage treatment plant has diminished significantly as well.

The city of Delray Beach is doing its part to conserve, especially when it comes to irrigation, according to Parks Superintendent Tim Simmons.

Simmons said that the city crews have been cutting the grass in parks and at city facilities less frequently so that it can be more tolerant of the drought conditions. At the same time, crews have been checking on irrigation systems, including close to 25,000 sprinkler heads, to ensure they are running efficiently.

With restrictions, Simmons said, some of the city's high usage facilities have been cut back. At Miller Field, for example, the city used about a million gallons a month. Now that number is closer to 130,000 gallons.



Chad Carlson of the city's parks maintenance department checks out sprinkler heads to make sure they are functioning efficiently.

## CONSERVING A V

# SAVING WATER THROUGH DELRAY BEACH STEPS UP EFFORTS

The statistics tell the story.

According to recent studies, somewhere between 50 and 60 percent of the water we consume is used for irrigation.

Is it any wonder then that when the resource becomes scarce, the first place regulators turn in their conservation efforts is to lawn watering restrictions?

But as the demands for water in South Florida grow, more and more communities are turning to reclaimed water – wastewater that is treated and sanitized – for irrigation.

In 2003, Delray Beach began implementing a master plan for the use of reclaimed water and in the past two years has made great strides in replacing ground water irrigation with reclaimed water.

"Given the fact that water is a finite resource that's weather dependent, it's essential that we look for alternatives," said Richard Hasko, Delray Beach's director of Environmental Services. "Using reclaimed water for irrigation is one of the least expensive alternatives."

In the past two years, the city has been providing reclaimed water from the South Central Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility to some of the highest water users in the area.

Last year, the city began using reclaimed water at the Delray Beach Municipal Golf Course and this year brought the Hamlet Golf Course online. Another big water user, Atlantic High School, will be using reclaimed water by the end of the summer.

Together those three projects account for an estimated 1.3 million gallons of water per day – water that is not being taken from the drinking supply. Additional water savings will come next summer when Delaire Country Club, in the Southwest section of the city, begins using reclaimed water on its golf course.

That project alone will account for a savings of 1.2 million gallons of drinking water per day, according to Hasko.

Two years from now, the city is hoping to provide reclaimed water for irrigation for homes on the east side of the Intracoastal Waterway, which would account for a savings of close to another 1 million gallons per day.

To understand the full value of using reclaimed water, you first have to look at where the water used for irrigation is coming from and then look at where water from sewage treatment plants is going.

Regardless of whether water for irrigation is coming from wells or from



## RECLAIMED WATER

Every gallon of reclaimed water that is not being pumped into the drinking water supply. Here are the big water users in the city and how much water they use or will be using.

**Delray Beach Municipal Golf Course**  
500,000 gallons per day

**The Hamlet Golf Course**  
700,000 gallons per day

**Atlantic High School**  
Summer 2007 ~ 1.2 million gallons per day

**Delaire Country Club**  
2008 ~ 1.2 million gallons per day



The South Central Regional Wastewater Reclamation facility is expanding its reclaimed water plant so it will be able to produce 10 million gallons of reclaimed water per day.

## BENEFITS OF RECLAIMED WATER

Benefits of reclaimed water include:

- Conservation of precious water resources
- Cost savings to users
- Exemption from well water regulations
- Increased capacity of wastewater treatment plant
- Healthier grass than well water

# ROUGH RECLAMATION S TO PROVIDE RECLAIMED WATER

water treatment plants, it is drawn primarily from the aquifer that provides most of the area's drinking water or from ponds and lakes that actually charge the aquifer.

Reclaimed water, on the other hand, is actually effluent, treated water that is coming from the South Central Wastewater Reclamation Facility.

By January of 2009 the treated and sanitized water that is not used for irrigation will be injected into a deep well, a process that state regulators say will be more beneficial to the environment.

By using the reclaimed water for irrigation, says Bob Hagel, executive director of the South Central Regional Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Board, communities are essentially meeting two goals.

"When you're using reclaimed water on lawns and golf courses, you're not drawing water out of the aquifer," he says.

In addition, that water will actually percolate through the soil, in a natural filtration process and recharge the aquifer.

The use of reclaimed water, Hagel says, is not new. In fact, some communities have been using it for decades. And over time, studies have shown that it is safe and in fact beneficial for lawns and golf courses because of nutrients it contains.

To meet the growing demand for reclaimed water, Hagel's facility is currently increasing its capacity by 10 million gallons per day and will be seeking another expansion to allow the plant to process 24 million gallons of reclaimed water daily.

Both Hagel and Hasko point out another key benefit to using reclaimed water for many residents and that's cost savings.

Residents east of the Intracoastal, who don't have wells to tap into, must use city water treated for irrigation. That water costs about \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons. The cost of the reclaimed water, on the other hand, is 26 cents per 1,000 gallons.

Along the way will come an overall benefit to the city and to its taxpayers. With less water to treat, the city will

have reduced operating costs and will also have increased capacity, meaning it will be able to meet capacity demands without having to go through a costly expansion.

"Reclaimed water is the most cost-effective alternative water resource to develop," Hasko says.



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By increasing the number of homes and businesses that use reclaimed water for irrigation, Delray Beach will be able to reduce daily volume and add capacity to provide more drinking water.

## RESIDENTS OF FAIRWAYS USE RECLAIMED WATER FOR IRRIGATION

While the vast majority of homeowners in South Florida are limited to watering their lawns just once a week, as a result of water restrictions, residents of one Delray Beach neighborhood are discovering one of the benefits of using reclaimed water for irrigation.

The Fairways of Delray Beach, a small community of just 46 homes adjacent to the municipal golf course, is the first residential community in the city to hook its central irrigation system up to the city's reclaimed water main.

Since April, residents in The Fairways have been watering their lawns with reclaimed water coming from the South Central Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility.

And while there is a cost of 26 cents per 1,000 gallons, the residents of the community agreed that many factors made participating in the project worthwhile.

"There was a desire on the part of residents to assist in the conservation effort and an increased water supply," said Dwight Schwendman, a former president of the homeowner's association and chair of the irrigation committee.

Schwendman said that prior to converting to reclaimed water, irrigation water was pumped from a community pond. But when residents compared the costs of maintaining the old irrigation, including maintenance and operation of a pump and electricity, they discovered that the cost of the reclaimed water wasn't that much more expensive.

In addition to being used on common areas, the reclaimed water is used on the grounds of each of the 46 homes.

Schwendman said there were some initial concerns about a possible odor but he said those fears have been put aside.

"There's a slight odor but it's not strong enough to create a problem," he said.



Dwight Schwendman of the Fairways of Delray is one of 46 homeowners in the community that are using reclaimed water for irrigation.

## POP-UP BOOK TO TELL THE STORY OF DELRAY BEACH

It will be, without a doubt, a conversation piece, a book that you'll want to have on your coffee table if you're a resident of Delray Beach.

When "The Pop-up Story of Delray Beach – The All-American Village by the Sea" makes its debut several months from now, residents will have the opportunity to take even greater pride in their community and at the same time know that they are helping to get much-needed funding to area schools.

"This book is about all the things we love in Delray Beach," says Janet Meeks, the city's education coordinator, who is working with the Education Board and the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce's Education Foundation to make the pop-up book project a reality.

Organizers of the effort are hoping that the pop-up book will raise more than \$300,000 for the Education Foundation with all of the proceeds going to help fund projects in Delray Beach public and private schools.

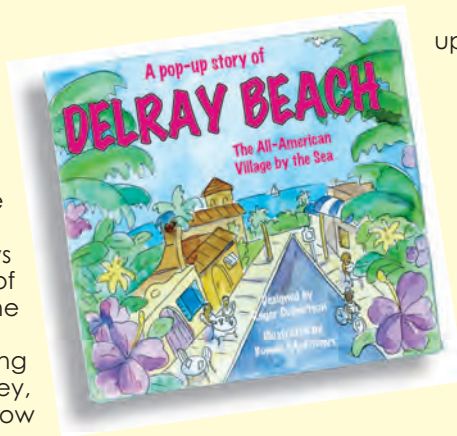
But more importantly the team behind the project is hoping to raise awareness of the needs of the children in the community.

"One of the goals of the city has always been to raise awareness of the importance of literacy," said Dr. Debbie Kaiser, chair of the Delray Beach Education Board.

As team members have gone out seeking sponsorships for the book and raising money, they've also been able to let others know



Book designer Roger Culbertson is joined by Dr. Sandy Tobias (left) Dr. Debbie Kaiser (second from the right), and the city's education coordinator Janet Meeks (right).



about the needs of students in the community.

"When you go out and seek sponsorships, you tell people about what's going on in the schools," Meeks said.

So far, the fund-raising efforts to produce the book have brought in about \$64,000 since January. Dr. Sandy Tobias, a member of Education Board, says the goal is to raise a total of \$76,000.

"No donation is too small or too large," Meeks said.

Once completed, the book will have six pop-up sections, each exploring a different aspect of life in Delray Beach.

"This book will give you an overview of what Delray Beach is all about," she said.

Plans for the book include pop-up pages covering a variety of topics.

They include:

- Cultural Heritage
- History
- Recreation
- Downtown
- Education
- All American Village by the Sea

"This book makes the story of Delray Beach come alive," Meeks said.

For more information about the book or to make a donation, contact Meeks at (561) 243-7231.

## SUMMER CAMP AND OTHER CITY PROGRAMS KEEP YOUNGSTERS BUSY

There's the cookout with fun and games and the DJ playing tunes.

There's an afternoon trip to Boomers in Boca and then there's swim time. There's also roller skating and then a 30-foot water slide and an obstacle course.

And that's just the first week of camp at the city's Pompey Park.

This summer, as they have in years past, more than 360 kids, many of them in the city's Out of School program, will be participating in a summer camp jam packed with activities.

And it's not just camp that will be keeping kids busy this summer.

For the teens, the city's 505 Teen Center and Skate Park will be a place to go during the summer break.

The city also runs a Junior Lifeguard program at the beach and plenty of other activities at the city's aquatics facilities at Pompey

Park and the Delray Swim and Tennis Center.

"We're doing a lot of things this summer to make sure our kids are staying busy and having fun," says Rodger Ribeiro, the city's recreation superintendent.

There's also an important educational element to summer camp, according to Ribeiro.

"Our goal is to help kids with healthy bodies and now healthy minds," he said.

Again this year, many of the youngsters in the city's summer camp will be participating in a fun academic program from the Delray Beach Public Library and New Innovations

that in previous years has led to dramatic improvements in reading and math abilities among those students participating.

But learning will also come during trips and visits from experts who will broaden

the camper's knowledge.

Tonya Smith, who runs the city's Out of School program and the camp, says that most of the youngsters will be going on two trips per week during the nine-week program.

Other days, Smith says, will include visits from representatives of the South Florida Science Museum and Wonderful World Wildlife presentation.

"We try and expose the children to a lot of things they normally wouldn't be exposed to," Smith says. "The parents love it because a lot of times they're not able to take their children to these activities."

Smith says that when planning programming for camp she likes to make sure that the staff is thinking about what kids like to do and thinking about keeping them occupied.

"When they leave here every day, they're tired," she said. "We keep them busy."

Ribeiro says that the city as a whole benefits from the camp because it is helping lots of children.

"They're here in a safe and secure environment where they're playing and having lots of fun," he said. "And they're learning."



A visit to the Pompey Park pool is one of many activities enjoyed by campers.

# TEAM EFFORT MAKES CITY'S JULY 4TH CELEBRATION POSSIBLE

It is about precision, timing and understanding that one misstep along the way will impact the entire process. This year, as they have in the past, hundreds of city employees representing as many as 10 departments, will have to pull together to ensure that the city's Fourth of July Celebration goes off with out a hitch.

Coordinated by Parks and Recreation Director Joe Weldon, a planning team of more than a dozen works together to ensure that every T is crossed and every I dotted.

After all, there is a lot at stake.

"Hundreds of people have to do their job at the right time or else everything will be off," says Marjorie Ferrer, executive director of the Downtown Marketing Co-operative, which works with the city to ensure the show goes smoothly.

To emphasize her point, Ferrer uses one example.

The massive flood lights that will be turning on right after the magnificent 5,000 shell Grucci fireworks display is completed must be warmed up before they will come on. The city staff member who is responsible for turning on those

lights, Ferrer says, must time it perfectly. "If the lights come on too late, people won't be able to see to exit the beach," she says. "If they come on too early, it can ruin the whole show."

Of course, the precision needed to coordinate the fireworks spectacular with the live radio broadcast from Sunny 104.3 is fairly obvious. But Ferrer says that months of planning help make sure that everything works right – from the streets being closed at the right time to the barge with the fireworks on board clearing the Coast Guard inspection on schedule.

In fact, she says, the first meeting for planning the event started back in January, with the music being selected by February.

Those who help plan the event come from several city departments including Parks and Recreation, Fire-Rescue, Police, Engineering and Public Works. Also involved are the city's parking and education specialists.

Ferrer said there are even some employees who take vacation time so they can help with the wiring.

"The city staff take a lot of pride in this event," she said.



A minimum of 15 people, representing several city departments, plan the city's Fourth of July Celebration.



The Patriotic Bike & Scooter Parade begins at 4 p.m.



The city's fireworks display starts at 9 p.m.

## JULY 4TH SCHEDULE A1A NEAR ATLANTIC AVENUE

8 a.m. - noon  
**Sand Sculpting Contest**

10 a.m.  
**30-foot x 60-foot American Flag Raising Ceremony**

2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
**Free Concert on the Beach**

2 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
**Giant Inflatable Obstacle Course**

4 p.m.  
**Patriotic Bike & Scooter Parade**  
Winners announced at 5 p.m.

4 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
**Food and Beverages**  
Prepared by beach restaurants

5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
**Free Concert on A1A**

8:45 pm.  
**Mayor Rita Ellis Leads Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

9 p.m.  
**Fireworks Begin**  
5,000-shell Grucci display

## EVENTS CALENDAR



**June 23**

**Neighborhood Resource Center**

Open House  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
141 SW 12th Ave  
Call 243-7629

**June 28**

**Art & Jazz on the Avenue**

6 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
Atlantic Avenue  
Call 279-1380, ext. 3

**July 4**

**Fabulous Fourth of July**

8 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Beach area  
Call 279-1380, ext. 3

**July 13**

**Sushi & Stroll Summer Walk**

5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Morikami Museum and  
Japanese Gardens  
Call 495-0233

**July 14**

**Bahamian Cultural Fest**

Celebrating 34th  
anniversary of The  
Bahamas independence  
11 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Old School Square  
Call 272-8837

**July 15-22**

**USTA Boys' 16s and 18s  
National Clay Court  
Championships**

Delray Beach Tennis Center  
Call 330-6000

**July 27**

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Turner and Hooch  
8:30 p.m.  
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\*Permisyon pou Kay

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Information .....243-7052**  
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Jwenn Travay

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Prevansyon Fatra

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Center .....243-7629**  
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PwopteDloav`ek Egou (asw`eewikenn)

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