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CITY OF DELRAY BEACH - November 2009



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A LETTER FROM MAYOR NELSON S. "WOODIE" MCDUFFIE

One of the most important functions of any local government is to ensure that residents receive the highest level of services possible in difficult economic times as well as in good times.

During the last three months, as we on the City Commission spent hours working with the City staff to prepare our 2009-2010 Budget, we faced several challenges brought on by many of the same conditions you are facing at home or in your businesses.

As property values dropped and investment interest rates remained low, the City's overall revenue fell. At the same time, the cost of providing quality services continued to grow.

Yet our commitment to residents, business owners and employees remained strong. From the beginning we never lost sight of goals that included ensuring essential services remained strong, taxes were kept as low as possible and that those qualities that make Delray Beach a special and outstanding City weren't sacrificed.

While following recommendations of our Budget Task Force and City staff, we studied this budget with a surgical approach to streamlining – looking at removing those pieces that would be missed the least. We examined functions within the City line by line. As a result, we were able to preserve almost all of our services, with a minimum reduction of City jobs. It is these City services that contribute to the economic vitality of our community.

Understanding that many residents are struggling in this economic climate, we put a priority on keeping the tax rate low. Although the rate has increased slightly, the majority of property owners within the City will actually see a reduction in the amount of taxes paid to the City because of falling property values.

In many ways, Delray Beach is the great City it is today because of the vision of City leaders over the years. All of us on the City Commission are stewards of that vision and as we went through the budget process we remained dedicated to cutting wisely to ensure that the things that make Delray Beach special remained.

Thanks to the input from many of our residents, business owners and employees, we remain financially strong and can provide the services that we are all proud of.



To learn more about the approved budget, read *Hometown Connection - Special Budget Edition* online at www.mydelraybeach.com and select *Newsletters* under *City at a Glance*.



Mayor Woodie McDuffie

REVISED PARKING METER FEES & NEW PARKING GARAGE FEES

The City has implemented a number of changes to meet the challenges of the economic times while maintaining quality services for our residents. These include revised meter parking fees and new parking garage fees.

REVISED PARKING FEES (BEACH PARKING LOTS & OCEAN BLVD/A1A)

Meter parking at all beach parking lots and along Ocean Blvd/A1A has been increased to \$1.25 per hour.

Beach parking permits are available for \$85.20 (tax included) and allow parking at any beach parking lot without paying meter fees through September 30, 2010. (Please note fees are not pro-rated.) Parking permits may be purchased at the Utility Billing Department in City Hall, 100 NW 1st Avenue, Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm.

NEW PARKING GARAGE FEES

A new parking fee of \$5.00 will be charged at the Robert Federspiel Parking Garage and at the Old School Square Parking Garage every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening from 5:00 pm until closing. (Special event parking times and rates may vary.) There will be no charge to park in these facilities on other days and evenings.

For more information, please contact Parking Management Specialist Scott Aronson at (561) 243-7196.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2009

November 3

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

November 14

Fire-Rescue Open House
Station 3, 651 Linton Blvd
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Info: (561) 243-7400

November 14 & 15

Artists in the Park
Veterans Park
10:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Info: (561) 732-4945

November 17

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

November 21

Turkey Trot 5K Run &
Health Walk
Anchor Park
7:30 AM
Info: (561) 243-7277

November 26 & 27

Thanksgiving Holiday
City Hall Closed

December 1

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

December 3

Famous 100 Foot Christmas Tree
Lighting Ceremony & Festivities
Old School Square
5:00 PM
Info: (561) 279-1380

December 3

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

December 8

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



PROJECTS, UPDATES & REMINDERS



- **Federal Economic Stimulus Grant Funding & City of Delray Beach “Grant Team”** – In addition to the \$1,360,164 *COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP)* grant funding which supports the cost (i.e., salary & benefits) of six (6) sworn police officers for the next three (3) years, the City has also been awarded federal economic stimulus funding for the following formula allocated grants:
 - The *Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) - Bureau of Justice Assistance* - in the amount of \$289,582 to support the Police Department’s Holiday Robbery Task Force, vehicle purchases and repair/reconfiguration of a driving simulator.
 - The *Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - Housing & Urban Development* - in the amount of \$156,617 to support infrastructure projects within low and/or moderate income areas.

The City recently submitted an application for discretionary/competitive funding in the amount of \$1,330,000 through the *Broadband Technology Opportunities Program - US Department of Commerce Grant*. As part of the \$16 million application submitted by the Palm Beach Broadband (PBB) Initiative, this funding would be applied toward the expansion of the City’s Digital Divide Program, which provides low-income families with refurbished computers, Internet connectivity and computer training.

For information on other stimulus grant opportunities, visit www.mydelraybeach.com and select *Economic Stimulus Bill - City of Delray Beach Proposed Awards & Allocations* under *News*.

- **Palm Beach County Thoroughfare Beautification Grant Program** – The City of Delray Beach was awarded \$200,000 for the US1/Federal Highway Project through grant funding offered by the Florida Department of Transportation, Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful and the Metropolitan Planning Organization. This funding will be used to reduce daily maintenance and costs, and revitalize and beautify the landscape medians along Federal Highway from George Bush Blvd northward to Gulfstream Blvd. Funding will be available in FY 2012/2013. The Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency also received grant funding in the amount \$149,000 for the Gateway Project, a beautification effort in the area of West Atlantic Avenue immediately east of I-95.
- **Barrier Island Reclaimed Water System Project Update** – The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) grant requirements have been met and two of the three contracts have been closed out. Restoration work on the barrier island (Contract 3) is almost complete. A resurfacing project for impacted roadways is scheduled to begin in October/November 2009. Individual customer connections will begin construction in December/January 2010.
- **BPOA Master Plan Charrette** - The City of Delray Beach, the Community Redevelopment Agency, and the Beach Property Owners' Association (BPOA) will sponsor a community charrette to establish a Beach Area Master Plan on Saturday, November 7, 2009, from 9:30 AM until 12:30 PM at the Delray Beach Marriott Hotel, 10 N Ocean Blvd. The overall goal of the Master Plan is to improve and enhance the look and feel of this very important and visible part of Delray Beach. The charrette is open to all residents and members of the business community of Delray Beach. For more information, please email Mary Renaud at mprenaud@bellsouth.net.
- **Curbside Recycling “Green” Update** - The Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County is now accepting additional materials for curbside recycling. Recycle steel cans by placing in blue bins and recycle beverage cartons, tissue boxes, dry food boxes, unwanted mail and school/office paper by placing in yellow bins. For more information, visit www.swa.org.

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CRIME TIPS NUMBER
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