



BEACH PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Dedicated to the Preservation and Enhancement of "Our Village by the Sea"



Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, March 25 from 5:30 to 7:30PM for our Spring Membership Social to be held at the Opal Grand Resort on Atlantic Avenue and A1A. All BPOA members are invited to come out to meet and mingle with fellow neighbors and make new friends!

There will be no formal business meeting; however, we are inviting City Department Heads and Elected Officials to mingle with our members.

Lite bites and one free drink to all members will be provided along with a cash bar. And yes, you can pay your dues upon arrival if you have not already done so.

Once again, the Opal Grand Resort will offer complimentary valet parking service to BPOA members attending this meeting. As a reminder, the valets work for gratuities, so it is very much appreciated if we are generous. We suggest tipping the valets either \$2 per person or \$5 per vehicle.

DECEMBER MEETING RECAP

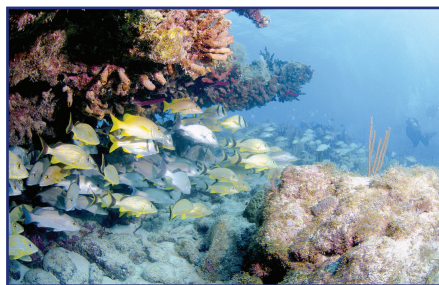
Nearly 100 members attended BPOA's meeting on December 18, at which they were briefed by Delray Beach's newly appointed Fire Chief Ron Martin and Reef Consortium Chairman Jim Chard on current and future plans.

BPOA President Hal Stern opened the meeting by welcoming members, thanking retiring board member Bill Petry for his many years of service, and reading a letter from Mayor Tom Carney responding to changes BPOA had proposed to preserve and protect the island. The Mayor pledged in his letter to maintain a greater police presence on the island and enforce stricter measures to curtail disruptive noise and reduce speeding.

Fire Chief Martin shared his vision and priorities for leading the department. He also answered members' questions, and urged them to contact him directly if they had questions.



Jim Chard followed with a PowerPoint presentation championing coral-reef restoration. Noting that reefs are rapidly disappearing off of the Florida coast and throughout the Caribbean, he would like to see Delray Beach become a leader in this field in restoring them. Another consortium member, Jason Bregman from Singer Studio in Delray Beach, followed up by detailing a process by which corals could not only be rescued but grown on a much larger scale.



If residents would like to know more about the Delray Beach Reef Consortium or wish to get involved, please contact Jim Chard directly at jamesrhard@gmail.com or feel free to call him at 561-756-1377.

Members at the meeting were also able to pay their annual dues by credit card for the first time. We hope you found this new option helpful. Payments through PayPal or by check are also still accepted and your support is greatly appreciated!

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 25 at the Opal Grand Resort. Please mark your calendars to save the date. Additional details will follow as our plans are finalized.

BPOA'S TOP PRIORITIES FOR 2025

During November 2024, Delray Beach Mayor Tom Carney sat down and met with your BPOA's Board of Trustees for an informal discussion of BPOA's current civic priorities. These generally refer to actions or specific cooperation efforts that the BPOA is seeking from City officials or the City Commission to address or otherwise remedy certain problems or issues affecting the quality of life on the Barrier Island. While mostly a Q&A discussion, your Board was able to present and discuss the top ten priorities that we have set for 2025 and beyond – priorities that have been based upon comments and other feedback provided to the BPOA by its members. Mayor Carney spoke to each point and he offered a status update on many of the Board's priorities from the City's perspective.

Please note that the BPOA is a civic association formed to represent Regular Members that are property owners on the Barrier Island, or other members that are Associate Members. Your Board of Directors is an all-volunteer and uncompensated Board, and as a result, we are quite limited in the number of issues and initiatives that we can pursue on behalf of the membership at any one time. For your reference, we have listed below the Top Ten priorities of the BPOA that we are pursuing this year, with some of course, extending into next year. If any member wishes to offer comments concerning these priorities or make suggestions for other priorities, please send an email message to: admin@bpoa-drb.com. Your comments are strongly encouraged.

1. Maintain cleanliness of A1A Corridor and Promenade.



2. Maintain and protect beach and dunes and promote beach renourishment as needed.



3. Promote targeted and island-wide storm water drainage projects to reduce periodic street and property flooding.
4. Pursue an initiative that reduces noise by prohibiting the use of gas-powered blowers and trimmers.
5. Re-evaluate current zoning regulations along East Atlantic Avenue concerning future uses, scale, architecture, setbacks, and historical character.
6. Obtain improved enforcement of construction and post-construction phase regulations concerning lot coverage, drainage and landscaping.
7. Persuade the City to institute a web-based public safety information platform – an internet-based communication tool for Code Yellow and Code Red messaging (e.g., crime, fire, accidents, closures, weather, emergencies, etc.).
8. Encourage active police boat patrol of Intracoastal Waterway to enforce No Wake and Slow Wake speed limits.
9. Seek visible and regular police presence near the Beach Pavilion, and the barrier island as a whole, to better ensure public safety.
10. Take steps as necessary to further strengthen the BPOA and increase its membership.



Meeting with Mayor Tom Carney Regarding Public Safety

BPOA is proud to have very good relationships with our elected officials and city staff and we work constantly to maintain those relationships with open lines of communication. We were honored to accept Mayor Carney's invitation to attend a special meeting with Police Chief Russ Mager, City Manager Terrance Moore and the Mayor to discuss perspectives on prevention and education regarding crime in the Atlantic Avenue Beach area.



Tom Carney
Delray Beach Mayor

While this meeting was somewhat prompted by the incident at the pavilion back in June, the Mayor also made it clear that he intends to have small group meetings with residents and business owners to hear their concerns as they relate to public safety. BPOA Board Members Kelli Freeman (First Vice President and Chair of our Public Safety Committee) and Bob Victorin (Immediate Past President) were pleased to represent the barrier island residents.

During this meeting, attendees shared their concerns and the majority centered around the need for greater police presence and enforcement of noise ordinances. While Chief Mager emphasized the need for police presence was important, he stated that it is also important not to give residents and visitors the perception of a high crime element due to the increased police presence. Chief Mager also reiterated that the barrier island has a very low crime rate and that officers are deployed throughout the City based on where the crime is highest.

City Manager Moore understood the concerns of the residents and business owners in attendance and assured all that the necessary resources would be provided to the Police Department to address our concerns.

The following is an update from Chief Mager after our meeting with the Mayor. The PD has increased police presence in this area in several ways:

- The traffic unit conducted several traffic selectives/enforcement measures to include loud mufflers, loud music, speeding and general traffic enforcement. This enforcement continues intermittently to help address and reduce traffic violations.
- He spoke with the CRA Executive Director Renee Jadusingh regarding redirecting the downtown Clean and Safe Officers east of the intracoastal waterway. This initiative will increase our police presence on the barrier island specifically related to the Atlantic Avenue corridor



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up to A1A. As you are aware the CRA assists in funding the Clean and Safe police officer positions and he felt this was a great opportunity to expand the footprint onto the barrier island.

- The PD also has the Community Outreach Team conducting sweeps along the beach and various identified locations where transient individuals have been identified to frequent. The sweeps are conducted early morning and periodically throughout the day.
- The zone/ patrol officers assigned to the barrier island are conducting various extra patrols, above their normal calls for service, to be more visible and vigilant to crime and suspicious behavior.

BPOA will continue to maintain open lines of communication with the PD through our Public Safety Committee and provide updates as necessary.

Thank you to Mayor Carney for hosting this meeting and including BPOA in this important discussion.

OTHER PROGRAMS TO NOTE RELATED TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Residents are reminded of these important programs offered by the City to assist with crime prevention and safety.

Delray Beach Police Volunteer Patrol

The Police Department is expanding their volunteer patrol program which adds additional eyes and ears within the community to help keep Delray Beach safe. The PD is always looking for energetic volunteers who want to make an impact in their community. BPOA Board Member Guy Tudisco is a Police Volunteer and shares his thoughts on the program.

"Looking back on my almost two years in the program, I can honestly say it has been the most rewarding of the many volunteer program I have been involved in since my retirement and relocation to Delray Beach. It's a great group of more than 30 Volunteer Officers who patrol the many districts in town to ensure that Delray Beach is a welcoming, friendly and safe place for all who live and visit here. Our regular contact with beach goers, retail establishments and restaurants is appreciated by them and provides a sense of security and connection to the DBPD. There is nothing more fun and gratifying than talking to visitors who ask about what our many street fairs have to offer, what restaurants to try and what entertainment to explore. We are all happy to serve the Delray Beach community and look forward to seeing you around town!"



Guy Tudisco

Camera Registry Program

Residents with home surveillance cameras are encouraged to register your cameras with the Delray Beach Police Department through their Fusus Registry System. This registration does not allow the DBPD to access your live video stream. It only enables the department to know a camera is present at your location should an incident occur in your area.

Downtown Safety Ambassadors

They will work directly with the Police Department and Clean and Safe team to monitor areas within the Downtown with an aim of deterring criminal activity or disruptive street behavior while addressing quality of life issues such as homelessness, panhandling, loitering, disturbances in front of businesses, and assisting the Police Department with any issues as needed such as traffic accidents. In addition, the Ambassadors will work closely with the Downtown business owners and employees to share information and educate the community on how to effectively handle panhandling situations or other related needs.



**DELRAY BEACH
DOWNTOWN SAFETY AMBASSADORS**
Keeping Downtown Safe and Friendly

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- Nuisance issues
- Supporting Police

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Delray Beach Residents

Delray Beach Police Department is partnering with residents in an effort to help keep your neighborhoods safe. DBPD has recently acquired FUSUS, a Real-Time Crime Center software that works to help better secure Delray Beach. A key feature of this program is the ability for residents to register their home surveillance systems. In the event of an emergency in your area, DBPD will send you correspondence asking you to review your surveillance video. Registering your camera does not allow DBPD to access your live video stream or even see it. Registration only enables investigators to know a camera is present at your location and easily request video evidence via email should an incident occur.

Questions? Please contact the Criminal Intelligence Unit at PDCIU@mydelraybeach.com

HOW TO REGISTER

SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT THE WEB ADDRESS BELOW



<https://connectdelraybeach.org/>

NOTE:

Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email. It will ask if you would like to purchase a "Core" device, which is a piece of hardware for live streaming. DBPD is not encouraging residents to purchase this device as we are only using it for commercial application.

CHECK OUT DELRAY BEACH'S NEW APPS!



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Beach Renourishment 2025/2026

The US Army Corps of Engineers is still tracking for a storm repair beach nourishment project in the winter of 2025/2026 (anticipated to occur between the 2025 and 2026 sea turtle nesting seasons, in the window of October 31, 2025 and February 28, 2026).

They are the lead for the project and are currently working with other regulatory partners to ensure that all permits are in place. There is a newly listed species of concern, the queen conch, and there's still some uncertainty as to how they will be managed (if they are encountered) in the project area. The Army Corps storm repair project will fund ~450,000 cubic yards of sand and the City and our funding partners (Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Palm Beach County) will be covering the remaining 1,300,000 cubic yards of sand for a full permitted template beach nourishment project.



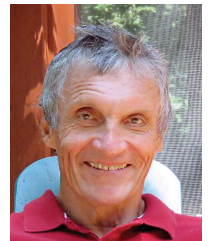
OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

We would like to recognize the following outgoing Board Members of your BPOA.



Anne Bright ended her long term role as a member of the BPOA Board as of 12/24. Anne was a loyal contributor and rarely missed a meeting. She contributed strongly to board discussions supporting the mission of BPOA. Her input dealt with city commission topics though her main interest was responding to neighborhood topics geared to improving the quality of life in serving the members and residents living on the Barrier Island. Thank you Anne for your valuable service.

Bill Petry has been a tireless and dedicated board member for more than a decade. For most of his tenure, Bill has been the “go-to” for handling BPOA’s financial activities including managing membership and newsletter production. Bill’s passion is the beach and the dunes and for years Bill headed up our efforts to maintain and improve both. If you’re wondering why Bill has resigned, it is because he has taken on the chairmanship of a large civic/environmental association in New Hampshire where he has spent countless summers. We wish Bill much success in his new role and thank him for his years of service to BPOA.



Please Welcome Our New Board Members

The BPOA would like to officially welcome two new Trustees to our Board to help us further our mission!



During the February BPOA board meeting, two of our members, Patty Jones and Charles Phillips, were unanimously voted to join the Board.

Patty said “I love the opportunity to make a difference in my community with the local non-profits. I am excited to be on the BPOA Board and advocate for interests and concerns that directly affect our neighborhood.”

Charles shared “that BPOA Candidate’s Forum 2022 was my first introduction to Delray Beach community topics and the BPOA, which of course are so important for our future. I immediately knew that I wanted to get involved where my varied background in banking, software and managing car dealerships could add value. This is my third season in Delray and I look forward to many more.”

We look forward to working with Patty and Charles and welcome them to our Board!



Dogs on the Beach

One concern we hear often from our members is about dogs on the beach. Although dogs are not permitted on the municipal beach, the City has found it difficult to address the issue. During our meetings with city officials, BPOA has brought this issue up multiple times which helped to prompt the Civic Citation Program that was developed.

On October 1, 2024, the City launched a Civil Citation Program to encourage residents and visitors to follow local ordinances that help keep our city clean, safe, and enjoyable. This program focuses on educating the community and providing warnings before issuing fines for minor violations.

Beginning November 1, 2024, formal civil citations were to be issued for continued or repeated

violations. Fines may apply, depending on the severity of the infraction. The Civil Citation Program allows the community to address these issues responsibly while avoiding criminal charges.

Civil citations are non-criminal notices issued for minor violations of local rules, dogs on the beach, littering, trash and recycling issues, and excessive noise disturbances.

By enforcing these ordinances through civil citations, Delray Beach aims to maintain the high quality of life that makes our city a great place to live and visit. For more information about the program and specific regulations, contact the Code Enforcement Division at (561) 243-7203 option 2 or (561) 573-8963 (weekends).

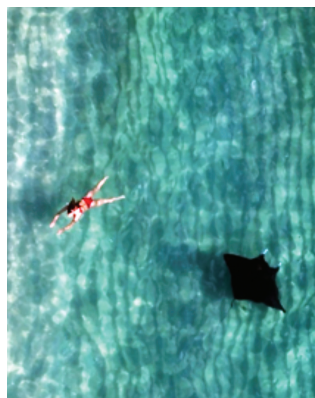
View from Above – Delray Drone Shots

Delray attracts lots of people wanting to spend time on the beach by the Atlantic Ocean. On most warm sunny days, the parking spots along A1A are full just after breakfast to late afternoon.

Kevin Modica (48) is a lifelong resident of the area. Besides being an avid fisherman, he flies a drone and posts @delraydroneshots on Instagram. They provide “A bird’s eye view of Delray Beach and surrounding areas.” He is out with his drone almost every day and often twice. In late January he posted, “All of this off a 2 mile stretch of coastline in my hometown of Delray Beach.”

This effort started about five years ago. His followers number almost 10,000 and they are given a different perspective on what is just offshore in Delray Beach. To date, his posts number almost 1,000 and they usually include text and background music.

Flying his drone up to 400 feet, recent Instagrams include an overhead shot of the Seagate Beach Club, manta rays, a big tortoise, hammer head sharks,



manatees, dolphins, surf action, sunrises, sunsets, and fun in the ocean. He also has posts on the wreck of the S.S. Inchulva, which sunk about 150 feet off the south end of Delray Beach in 1903.

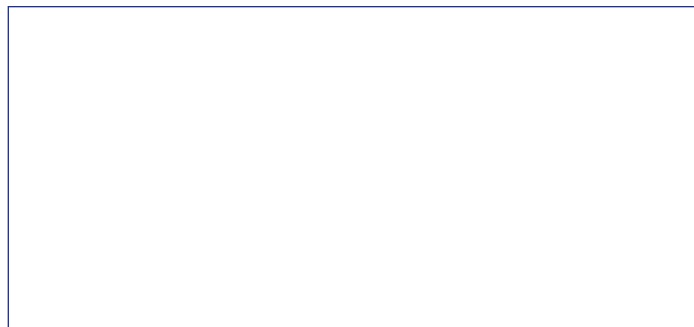
Flying the drone started as a hobby and may become a business for Kevin. Until then, he works

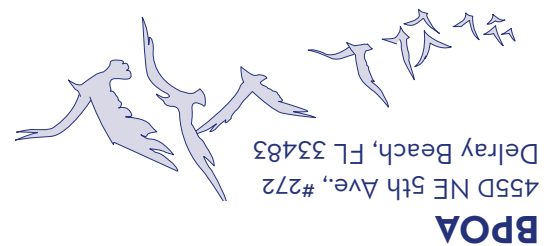
at Captain Clay and Sons Seafood Market in Delray Beach and maintains his passion for fishing. The most popular fish at the store is Yellow Tail Snapper and he recommends freshwater fishing for Peacock Bass, which is native to the Amazon.

Kevin is a licensed drone operator and abides by local and FAA drone regulations. That includes the 400-foot limit on how high the drone can be flown. When people see him with his drone along A1A and ask him about what he has seen, according to him they seem most surprised that sharks are often swimming within 20 feet of shore. The sharks he sees the most are Bull Sharks, Hammer Heads and Black Tip Sharks.

As a lifelong resident he notices constant changes in the shoreline and believes it was permanently changed by Hurricane Wilma. Since Wilma, periods of heavy onshore winds and storms erode the beach and can create big troughs close to shore that result in good fishing. He hopes more artificial reefs are put in place in the future.

See what he posts on Instagram @delraydroneshots and get another perspective on Delray Beach.





We Need Your Voice!

IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER OR WISH TO RENEW, PLEASE JOIN FOR THE
COMING 2025 SEASON AND HELP US CARRY OUT OUR IMPORTANT PROJECTS.

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BEACH PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT - DUES \$50 PER YEAR

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