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



STAY CONNECTED TO THE BPOA ON OUR FACEBOOK GROUP

The BPOA encourages our members to stay connected and to give us your suggestions and feedback to help us work to achieve our mission! Please visit our website at bpoa-drb.com.

On our website you can learn the history of the BPOA, view a list of our accomplishments, review the City's Beach Area Master Plan, see our Board priorities, pay your dues and more!

Our Facebook page has been created as another source for BPOA members to stay informed.



We also have a new Facebook Group for BPOA Members only! In this closed group we post time sensitive updates of things going on in our area. Please share your thoughts, concerns and suggestions for Board review.

Look for the BPOA Logo to join the Facebook Page or scan this QR Code to join the member's only group!



Thank You, Bob Victorin

BPOA President from 2010 to 2023

In late 2023, Bob Victorin made the decision to step down as the BPOA President after 14 years of service and accomplishments. Bob's decision was personal as well as for the benefit of the BPOA. He felt it was time to bring along other dedicated BPOA Trustees and give them the opportunity to lead our efforts. Today, Bob remains on the Board of Trustees and assists where his knowledge and experience can help the most.

During Bob's tenure, he oversaw and directed major BPOA efforts that have changed the Barrier Island for the better. To paraphrase Bob's own words, it has been the BPOA Board of Trustees and the many contributions by the BPOA membership that have led to a record of achievements. None of this would have been possible without the close working relationships with City Staff and the City Commissioners. Bob, being a modest man, would never take credit for the good work of all those that surrounded him during his Presidency, but his steady hand and uncommon interpersonal skills facilitated these many community contributions.

During the BPOA General Membership Meeting of March 27, 2024, there was an opportunity to acknowledge a portion of Bob's accomplishments and to present him with a gift that already graces a wall



Trustee Scott Porten presents Ernie DeBlasi's painting of Delray Beach's Dunes to Bob Victorin

in his home. The artist, Ernie DeBlasi, and co-owner of Cafe Luna Rosa, has known Bob for many years and this personal touch has imbued

special significance.

Prior to the gift presentation, we had two guest speakers recognize Bob. The first was Public Works Director Missie Barletto. Missie and Bob have worked closely over the years to bring about major and lasting improvements to the Barrier Island. The Beach Area Master Plan, initiated by the BPOA, was approved by the City Commission in 2010 and led to the following highlights as summarized below by Missie.

(see Bob Victorin, page 2)

Serving residents of the beachfront since 1967

(Bob Victorin, cont. from p. 1)

These signature accomplishments are only a small portion of the body of community work carried out under Bob's Presidency, but they are lasting in their prominence and impact:

■ **PAVILION** In 2014, the Pavilion was rebuilt and now stands in place of its 1929 predecessor and anchors the beach for all to see and enjoy. The Pavilion and its companion gazebos, south and north, were designed by the BPOA Vice President Bob Currie. Bob Currie donated his professional skills and time to bringing the Pavilion design up to Cat 3 hurricane resistance while retaining the charm and grace of the original. BPOA members rallied to the call and contributed over \$60,000 to help defray the City outlay for the Pavilion cost.



■ **PROMENADE** As a companion element of the BPOA's Beach Master Plan, the east sidewalk of A1A along the entire municipal beach was rebuilt in 2018 to be wider and landscaped to blend with the dune system. The parking meters were replaced with kiosks. New benches were installed, irrigation was installed, and showers and chilled drinking fountains were added. Again, Bob Currie volunteered his time and skill to provide the basic design. Phase 2 of the promenade construction was soon finished and included turtle friendly lighting, enhanced landscaping and installation of post and rope pedestrian deterrents along the entire municipal beach and along the 36 entrances to the beach.

■ **DUNE PROTECTION** The BPOA under Bob's guidance has strongly advocated active and scientifically sound management of our dunes and its vegetation to protect our sandy beach and to provide a first line of defense to destructive storms. Our dunes have grown and strengthened and as of 2020 have become an integral component of the Delray Beach Comprehensive Plan under the Coastal Management

element. Elevating the dunes and their care to the long-term objectives of the City have ensured their health and beauty for generations to come.



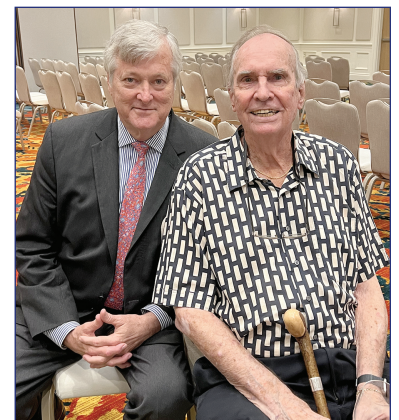
These accomplishments have led to the City's beach being awarded the first Blue Flag status on the East Coast of the United States, an international recognition of high regard. To quote Missie: "Bob, your proactive involvement of beach management has been nothing short of exemplary."



Following Missie's testimonial, Jeff Perlman, former Mayor and Commissioner of high regard spoke to the audience about Bob's record of accomplishment, but also his personal characteristics that allowed him to be highly effective in his role of BPOA President and community advocate. To quote Jeff: "Bob's style of leadership has been immensely effective. He is fact-based, kind, respectful and courteous. In a word, Bob Victorin is a gentleman."

In summary, all of the residents of the Barrier Island have been very fortunate to have Bob Victorin lead the BPOA for 14 years with tireless effort in working to maintain and enhance the quality of life we have all come to appreciate and value.

Thank you Bob for all you have done and for all we have to enjoy for many years to come!



Mayor Tom Carney
& Bob Victorin

A Message From The President

For many of us who reside on the Barrier Island, our thoughts this time of year turn to car shipments and summer plans. This is also true for several of us on our Board, including me. Nevertheless, the work of the BPOA continues nonstop throughout the dog days of summer. Our efforts to enhance and preserve the character of our Barrier Island are year-round.



*Hal Stern, BPOA
Board President*

Your Board of Trustees is comprised of 13 dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to achieve this goal. Most of them are full-time residents in Delray Beach, but regardless of where we are, we meet monthly year-round to work on your behalf.

As the oldest citizens' action committee in Delray Beach—now in its 57th year—the BPOA continues to:

- Closely monitor the actions of contractors throughout the Barrier Island whose activities negatively impact the quality of life in our neighborhoods, while prodding the City to enforce current ordinances and regulations that affect these issues
- Work with the City and interested groups to enhance residents' and visitors' beach experience
- Work with City departments to improve public spaces throughout the Barrier Island not on the beach

As I mentioned in my opening remarks at our spring meeting, the enduring success of any community, including organizations such as ours, is totally dependent on the efforts of volunteers. Since I was elected President, your Board has added three new Trustees and recruited several neighbors to work with us on priority projects. We also established three new Standing Committees—Beach, Public Safety and Membership—to work with the Board to ensure that the BPOA successfully fulfills its mission to our members.

I invite you to join us in our work by sharing your concerns to us, volunteering in our community and encouraging your neighbors to join the BPOA and support our mission. We live and work in a very special place, and we need your ongoing help to keep it that way.

Have a great summer and see you at our winter meeting.



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Stranded Sailboat

Tayana, the 41-foot sailboat found washed ashore just south of the Colony Hotel Beach Club in Delray Beach, on December 15, has been approved for removal, by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). Once the project is run through FWC's finance process, it will be put out for bids and a purchase order will be issued. The FWC estimates this process could take up to four months to complete. The City of Delray Beach will provide more information as it becomes available.

Beach Renourishment 2024

Good News! Beach Renourishment Now Planned for 2025/2026

Current plans call for the Army Corps of Engineers to replenish the Delray Beaches with off shore sand deposits in late 2025 into early 2026.

This new date for renourishment is a welcome change from last year when we reported plans that called for the municipal beach to be replenished late in 2028 and early 2029. At that time the City was applying for storm damage mitigation. That application was successful and we can happily report that the current plans call for the Army Corps to renourish all of the municipal beach (Casuarina to Beech Street), the Atlantic Dunes beach area, and tapering of the new sand south of Atlantic Dunes in late 2025 into early 2026. The Atlantic dunes replenishment is firm and the extension to the municipal beach is in basic agreement. The earlier date is welcome as our recreational sand beach, between the dunes and the ocean, had narrowed significantly in 2022 but appears to have returned somewhat with the natural ebb and flow of the tides and sand. Keeping the dunes intact is essential to having a large and enjoyable recreational sand beach.

Each year the City conducts surveys of the dunes and beach and our environmental consultant, APTIM

prepares a comprehensive report on renourishment performance each year. By eye-balling the APTIM performance assessments, we estimate that the municipal beach lost about 5% of dune in 2023 to storm and general weather conditions. However, this erosion is well eastward of the 100-foot-wide design goal.



Delray Beach dune erosion located near Laing Street on the North Beach.

Over the years, our municipal dune continues to grow eastward with excellent care and maintenance. The actual method of surveying shows only about a meter of dune erosion as can be seen in the photo.

The shoreline geography of Atlantic Dunes makes it prone to erosion and in both 2022 and 2023 this erosion brought the dune short of the 100-foot design goal by about 25 ft. The goal of tapering the renourishment in this area may reduce the erosion and keep the sand on Delray Beach shores.

Candidates Forum Draws Record Attendance

Nearly 150 members – a record turnout – attended the BPOA's Candidates Forum February 21 to hear contenders vying for office in Delray Beach's 2024 Municipal Elections make their case for votes. All nine mayoral and commissioner hopefuls attended the 90-minute meeting, after which many stayed to meet Association members and answer their questions.

BPOA President Hal Stern presided over the forum, posing questions to the candidates that reflected priority issues of interest or concern to the Association's growing membership. Questions probed candidates' positions on multiple topics, including seawall maintenance, the loss of trees

citywide, a more immediate beach-replenishment program, and the continuing threat to residents' quality of life posed by over-development.

The format of the panel was tightly scripted to allow speakers equal time to express their views. Each speaker was asked to give a brief opening statement, answer three questions scripted by the



Association, and make a closing pitch for their candidacy.

BPOA Trustee Mike Owen served as timekeeper to ensure speakers kept to their allotted times by signaling them when their time was up. His time-sharing prompt allowed members to get a much fuller picture of candidates' positions on a wider range of issues.

The 2024 Candidates Forum was the Association's 14th such gathering. A new feature this year was simulcasting the 90-minute event live on the BPOA's Facebook page for people unable to attend the meeting in person. Several candidates also directed their supporters to the site to view the program.

WE DID IT! “OVERGROWN HOMES” RESTRICTED

After a concerted three-year effort, your BPOA has succeeded with its initiative to reduce the potential size and volume of new homes being built in residential zoning districts on the Barrier Island. On Tuesday, March 5, 2024, the City Commission in Delray Beach unanimously adopted an amendment to the city’s Land Development Regulations (LDRs). This amendment, known as the “Infill Compatibility Ordinance,” put into immediate effect rules that establish maximum floor area ratios for all new homes being built within the R-1, R-L and R-M zoning districts of the Barrier Island. In addition, the amendment also establishes new third floor step-back standards for most three-story homes (and any built higher than 26 feet); and it also requires a horizontal articulation break to be included in vertical sidewalls of new 2- and 3-story homes being built on the BI.

In practical terms, and most significant: this means that the floor area (under roof) of new homes will be limited to the range of between 65% and 75% of lot size (area), dependent upon zoning district. Under the previous rules, and depending on lot size, new homes could potentially be built with enclosed areas of as much as 120% of the lot size. This is a huge win for our members and neighbors that have identified the issue of “overgrown homes” as being the Number One most important concern of our membership over the past four years. This has been especially important to most members and neighbors, as

we experience almost daily and weekly teardowns of existing homes in our neighborhoods, replaced by ever larger and taller new homes.

On behalf of the Trustees of the BPOA, we thank you, our members, for your patience and your faithful support of this initiative over these past three years. Likewise, we are extremely grateful to the unanimous support of our City Commissioners – and to the Development Services Department that exercised great care in crafting the final amendment – to avoid unintended consequences.

Below is shown an example of an “overgrown home,” the adverse effects of which the new amendment will bring about significant reduction and restriction in the future.



Example of massive new Barrier Island home that will be restricted to a smaller size in the future.

WELCOME NEW BPOA TRUSTEES

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



Chip Dickson became a full-time Delray Beach resident in 2018; has owned a property in Delray Beach since 2012, and visited the area periodically since the 1950s. A Wall Street analyst and Strategist, Chip is inspired by his late wife Ellen's dedication and participation in community affairs. She served on the BPOA Board and was Secretary. Chip is involved in other local activities including being on the board of a local charity, Bound for College. He is also a member of Delray's General Retirement Pension Board. He brings many skills and interests that should help our Board.

Lynn Martenstein has led corporate communications and community-outreach efforts for a number of global corporations and national associations, including Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd., United Airlines, the American Red Cross and the American Automobile Association. She currently serves on the boards of the Pan Am 103 Lockerbie Foundation and Cape May Stage in New Jersey, and writes for several publications.

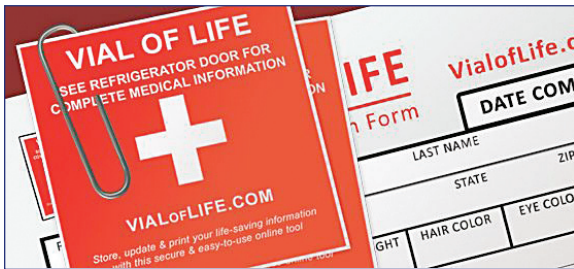


Guy Tudisco - Guy and his wife have been full-time residents of Delray Beach for seven years. Guy came to the BPOA as a recently appointed Trustee to contribute to the group's efforts in providing a safe, vibrant and entertaining village for Delray Beach residents and its many visitors. Guy has worked with Habitat for Humanity and is currently a member of the DBPD Volunteer Police Program.



DELRAY BEACH FIRE RESCUE SAFETY PROGRAMS

Recently, BPOA President Hal Stern and Vice President Kelli Freeman met with members of the Delray Beach Fire Rescue to learn more about programs that can benefit our residents, all of which are free to residents. If you are interested in these programs, please contact Assistant Fire Marshal Joseph Mazzeo who heads up the Community Risk Reduction programs at Mazzeo@mydelraybeach.com, or call (561) 243-7426.



The **Vial of Life** is designed to speak for you when you can't speak for yourself. The vial contains important medical information that can assist Delray Beach Fire-Rescue crews in administering appropriate medical care in the event you or your loved one is incapacitated. This medical information includes Name, Emergency Contact Information, Insurance Information, Allergies, Medications and Medical History.

Once you have filled out the Vial of Life, place a copy in a small plastic bag provided by Delray Beach Fire-Rescue. Place this bag on the front of your refrigerator with the Delray Beach Fire-Rescue magnet. Then place the Delray Beach Fire-Rescue sticker on your front door. This will alert crews to the presence of the Vial of Life. Crews will send one member to retrieve the Vial of Life while the rest of the crew begins administering care. Having this information readily available is an important and easy way to ensure the best possible care for you and your loved ones in the event of an emergency. You can pick up the entire Vial of Life at Fire Rescue headquarters located at 501 W. Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach FL 33444.

Child Passenger Seat Safety Program

The Delray Beach Child Passenger Safety Program offers an interactive class for the proper installation of infant and child safety seats. A Child Passenger Safety Seat Tech will assist you in the installation of your car seat. These classes usually last between 30 minutes to one hour. Appointments are available on Wednesdays from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

To register for a class, please contact **Tyeisha Knight**, Public Education Specialist, at (561) 243-7407 or Knightt@mydelraybeach.com. ***This is a great program for grandparents who have young grandkids coming to visit!***



Other programs include: Emergency Notifications - CodeRed, Residential Lock Box, Community Risk Reduction, Fire Safety, Home Safety Survey, Look Before You Lock (Child Safety), Yellow Dot Program and CRP/AED Classes.

To learn about more programs offered by Fire Rescue, please visit:

www.delraybeachfl.gov/government/city-departments/fire-rescue/programs-and-services

DELRAY BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Safety First in Delray Beach

The BPOA would like to offer our sincere appreciation to Delray Beach Police Chief Russ Mager, Asst. Chief Jeffrey Razor and Lt. Gary Ferreri for their very informative presentation at our March membership meeting.



L. to R.: Susan & Steve Haight, Ramona Wenger, Asst. Chief Razor, Chief Mager

We value our open lines of communication with the PD and will continue to provide updates on issues that are important to our residents.

The City of Delray Beach provides sources, tools and opportunities that help make its citizens more informed, engaged, and safer. Tools that help better inform citizens include supporting a website that provides crime data for many of the nation's cities, and a City of Delray Beach website offering a menu of options including news and events.

Helping create a more engaged citizen are opportunities to volunteer and keep the police department better informed.

Information

Current crime statistics are available from CityProtect (<https://cityprotect.com/>), a website allowing you to "Explore crime data..." This national site sources data from local police departments, including the Delray Beach Police Department (DBPD). Crime data appears to be refreshed frequently. The DBPD's website also provides data through "Event Search."

For local information, stay in touch with Delray via the MyDelrayBeach mobile app. It provides access to services and information including:

- News and Events
- Beach Conditions | City of Delray Beach, FL (delraybeachfl.gov)
- Reporting an Issue
- ePlans - Online Permitting
- Traffic Advisories
- Commission and Board Meetings
- Transit and Parking Information
- City Job Listings and Employment Resources
- Parks and Recreation
- Social Media
- Water Bill Online Payment

Engagement and Safety

The DBPD offers a service to enhance home security when home owners are away for extended periods. This requires submitting a "Security Watch" request on the DBPD's website. The requests are reviewed by DBPD personnel. An email will follow with the status of the request. Here is a link to the site's page (Delray Beach Police Department P2C (mydelraybeach.com)).

Homeowners can also help the DBPD themselves by participating in the Department's "Keep Our Community Safe - Camera Registry Program." If a home's cameras are registered and there is an emergency in that neighborhood, the DBPD will ask to review the video. The police do not have access to the videos, just the knowledge of camera locations.

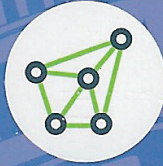
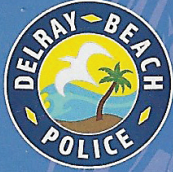
To get more engaged with the DBPD, there is a volunteer police force that maintains an active presence with volunteers expected to put in up to six hours a week. The volunteers wear police uniforms. For those interested in being a volunteer, contact Volunteer Coordinators Martin Tencer or Bernie Zaretsky at (561) 243-7849.



KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

DELRAY BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

CAMERA REGISTRY PROGRAM



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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 IT WORKS

EXAMPLE:

- A burglary occurs in your neighborhood.
- An investigator selects a defined area on the map where the burglary occurred.
- An email message, via FUSUS, is then sent to all "Registered" residents indicating date & time of the incident and any other relevant information. A request will also be made for the resident to review their surveillance video.
- If any suspicious activity is seen, the resident will have the option to send the video or photos to DBPD through a secure link.

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.

