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

Your Board of BPOA Directors would like to welcome those of you back from summer vacations away as the start of another exciting season in Delray Beach has begun. We appreciate your continued support of BPOA and your suggestions and input throughout the year.

BPOA DATES OF INTEREST

**Candidates Forum at
Opal Grand Resort**
Feb. 11, 5:30-7:00PM

Municipal Election
March 10

**Membership Meeting
at Opal Grand Resort**
March 31

MEMBERSHIP

"Enhancing Our Village By the Sea"

MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

We would like to remind our members that a notice regarding your membership dues has recently been mailed out. Please renew to ensure that your membership remains active and in good standing.

Payment Options:

We offer several options to make the dues payment process as convenient as possible:

- By Check: Make your check payable to BPOA and mail it to 455 NE 5th Ave, #D-272, Delray Beach, FL 33483
- Online: Visit our website at www.bpoa-drb.com to pay by PayPal
- Via Zelle: Send your payment to BPOA, Inc. at admin@bpoa-drb.com

From the President

The weather up north has turned cold and many of our neighbors are returning to our Village by the Sea.



*Hal Stern, BPOA
Board President*

Our returning neighbors will find our town as vibrant as when they left in the spring. Building on the barrier island continues at a quick pace, the Florida Department of Transportation has almost completed repaving work on A1A, FPL is in the middle of undergrounding power lines, and our Department of Public Works is rebuilding the pavilion.

At the same time, your Board of Directors has been meeting throughout the summer months to continue addressing the quality of life issues our members are focused on. Over the last several years, we've been working with the City Attorney to update and strengthen our noise ordinance. The City Commission is deliberating the new ordinance as of this writing and we look forward to its passage. *(more on this on page 6)* Our Board is examining the permitted housing styles approved for the barrier island and looking to protect the historic nature of Atlantic Avenue east of the bridge.

As in years past, the BPOA will be hosting a candidates' forum in February. Our forums have always been considered the most informative in the City. We are also planning our March end of year meeting. We have invited our State Senator to speak to us about developments on the state level that directly impact the quality of life on the barrier island.

As always, we are your collective voice within the City. We look forward to hearing from you with your concerns and questions. Thank you for being members. We hope to see you at our upcoming meetings.

January 2026

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DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thank you to all who attended our December meeting at the Opal Grand Resort. We had a great turnout and very informative presentations by the Delray Beach Police Chief Darrell Hunter and Downtown Development Authority Executive Director Laura Simon.

Chief Hunter reminded everyone to call if they have questions or concerns and not to wait until a future BPOA meeting to bring matters of concern to the Police. Below is some of the information covered:

CRIMES STATISTICS

- In 2025, the barrier island accounted for 3% of the crime that occurs in Delray Beach
- In the past 90 days there have been 4 crimes in total. Two residential burglaries and two auto burglaries
- Looking at the overall 3-year average, crime in the barrier island is down 60%
- Historically, aggravated assault/battery, residential burglary, auto burglary and auto theft are the highest
- Looking at the 3-year average:
 - Sexual offenses average 1 incident, YTD there have been 2, resulting in a 100% increase
 - Aggravated assault/battery averages 5 incidents, YTD there have been 2 resulting in a 60% decrease
 - Residential burglary averages 6.5 incidents, YTD there have been 2 resulting in a 69% decrease
 - Auto burglary averages 27.5 incidents, YTD there have been 11 resulting in a 60% decrease
 - Auto theft averages 12 incidents, YTD there have been 3 resulting in a 75% decrease



Lt. Gary Ferreri, BPOA Vice Pres.
Kelli Freeman, Chief Darrell Hunter

CURRENT BARRIER ISLAND CAMERA PROGRAM FUNDING INITIATIVE

- Delray Beach PD submitted a state appropriations request to enhance barrier island technology and was rewarded \$525,000 for camera technology upgrades
- These funds will extend the existing coverage onto East Atlantic Avenue (ICW bridge to A1A) plus two blocks south on A1A and one block north by adding an additional 11 5-lens cameras.
- Estimated completion: June 2026

Laura Simon reviewed the Mission of the Downtown Development Authority and the areas the organization focuses along the barrier island. Of particular interest to our members is Safety Ambassadors and Beachkeepers.

DDA Programs for Downtown Cleanliness and Safety

DOWNTOWN SAFETY AMBASSADORS



- Deal with Nuisance Issues
- Assist Downtown Businesses
- Provide Safe Walks to Downtown Employees and Visitors
- Support Delray Beach Police

BEACHKEEPERS



- 7 Days A Week Litter Pickup
- Volunteers Work 168 Hrs/Week
- Two Blocks North and South of Atlantic Ave
- 3400 Gallons of Litter/Month

Don't miss a beat in Downtown Delray! Sign up for business updates like events and road closures, plus the DDA Weekend Roundup packed with fun things to do, see, and explore.

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Please Join Us

CANDIDATES' FORUM

February 11th – Opal Grand Resort at A1A and Atlantic Avenue.

Social Hour Meet & Greet: 5:30-6:00 PM | Appetizers & Cash Bar

Forum: 6:00-7:00 PM

Delray Beach Municipal Election is on March 10, 2026 and there are currently two Commission Seats up for election with the following candidates running:

SEAT 2:

Andrea Keiser | Judy Mollica | Frances Delores Rangel

SEAT 4:

Angela Burns (uncontested seat)

- Come meet and mingle with the candidates and your fellow neighbors to discuss issues of importance to the barrier island at one of the most recognized forums of election season.
- If you bring a friend who is a resident of the barrier island to the meeting and they join as a new member, both you and your guest will receive a complimentary drink ticket.
- We encourage all members to take advantage of this opportunity to grow our community and enjoy the event together.

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. May we suggest tipping the valets either \$2 per person or \$5 per vehicle.

Know Before You Go In the Water

As residents return, snowbirds descend and families gather for holidays, many head for Delray Beach's celebrated beaches.

Many visit two of the island's award-winning beaches: Delray Municipal Park off Atlantic Ave. and Atlantic Dunes Park just north of Linton Blvd. Both have lifeguard stations, EMT-trained lifeguards, rescue equipment and informational billboards.

Both also fly safety flags to alert beach-goers to surf conditions. "The first thing people should do when they go to the beach is to take a look at the flags and signage at the lifeguard station and talk to a guard if they have any questions about what they mean," suggests Justin Cattan, a five-year lifeguard in Delray Beach.

Different colored flags have different meanings:

- A Green flag signals a low hazard. The surf is calm and it is safe to swim
- A Yellow flag indicates a medium hazard. The surf and currents are moderate
- A Single Red flag conveys a high hazard. The surf and currents are high, and swimming is not recommended
- Double red flags signal very dangerous conditions and surf and the water is closed to the public
- A Red and yellow flag communicates that a beach is a recommended swimming area manned by lifeguards
- A Purple flag means that dangerous stinging marine life has been spotted
- A Red-and-white-quartered flag calls for an emergency evacuation

Signs posted at both beach entrances as well as at the lifeguard stations provide additional information about the flags' meaning. Their color codes are universally used throughout the U.S.

BEACH WARNING FLAGS

BANDERAS DE ADVERTENCIA EN LA PLAYA



Water Closed to Public

Agua Cerrada al Publico



High Hazard

High Surf and/or Strong Currents
Peligro Alto, Resaca Alta y/o Corrientes Fuertes



Medium Hazard

Moderate Surf and/or Currents
Peligro Medio, Resaca Moderada y/o Corrientes Fuertes



Low Hazard

Calm Conditions, Exercise Caution
Peligro Bajo, Condiciones Calmas, Tenga Cuidado



Stinging Marine Life

Man o' War, Jellyfish, Stingrays
Animal Marino que causa picaduras Fragua Portuguesa, Medusas, Rayas

Barrier Island Projects Update

At our monthly BPOA Board meetings, we are pleased to have Public Works Director Missie Barletto join us to provide updates on City projects that affect the barrier island. The following is a recap of various projects:

BEACH RENOURISHMENT - Beach Renourishment is on track for Winter 2025/2026 renourishment. The beach, which has been battered by storms and severely narrowed over recent months will be restored to its full width. Additionally, the southern end of the beach also will be receiving additional sand, and tapering, in order to prolong the protection of the beach width at the southern end. The US Army Corps of Engineers has awarded the project to the lowest bidder, Great Lakes Dredge & Dock, which is the same contractor that performed the 2020 storm repair renourishment. The groundbreaking for the renourishment is currently set for Monday, December 8 at 1:30 p.m. The project must be substantially complete prior to the beginning of the next marine turtle nesting season on March 1, 2026.

Supported by the Fiscal 2025 Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, the project represents a collaborative commitment to preserving and protecting Florida's coastline. A groundbreaking ceremony is planned for mid-December, and the project is expected to be completed in early 2026.

The beach nourishment effort will replenish eroded areas, restore recreational spaces, and reinforce the city's natural defenses against storms and rising sea levels. Beyond its environmental benefits, the project is expected to enhance tourism, expand public recreation opportunities, and support long-term sustainability.

"Delray Beach is proud to be taking this important step toward protecting our coastline and ensuring the future vitality of our community," said City Manager Terrence Moore. "This project reflects the strength of our partnerships at every level of government and our shared commitment to a resilient Delray Beach."

The City's beach nourishment project exemplifies Delray Beach's proactive approach to coastal management and collaboration with state, county, and federal partners to safeguard the community for generations to come.

FDOT ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS - Signalization work and Concrete sidewalk work is complete. Paving work has begun.

FPL UNDERGROUNDING ON N. OCEAN BLVD. - A group of residents on North Ocean Boulevard have contracted with FPL to underground utilities adjacent to their properties. Work crews have been in the area for a couple of weeks with one lane of Ocean Blvd. blocked during the project. We do not have a proposed completion date to share.

BEACH ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS, SHOWERS AND FOUNTAINS REPLACEMENT - Benches are being added that will help to block sand from shower drains and all showers and fountains have been replaced.

PAVILION REBUILD - Currently, the pavilion is being dismantled for storage while support structures are replaced. During reconstruction all hardware will be replaced with 316 stainless components. This project is expected to be complete in February 2026.

DUNE MANAGEMENT - Management of the dune ecosystem includes a number of activities, including dune trimming, invasive exotic species removal, strand zone planting, fertilization, limited irrigation, and replanting. In addition to various outside ecological training and efforts, the City undertakes dune management activities annually in May and September to minimize adverse effects on the dune system. The last dune trimming event was completed September 19, 2025.

SEA TURTLE MONITORING - Marine turtle nesting season ended on October 31. The City had a total of 366 marine turtle nests this season.

BLUE FLAG - While beach sand replacement efforts are being accomplished, the Blue Flag will be lowered as required by the award committee. Once the project is complete the flag will be raised again.

REEF RESTORATION - The City has completed the \$40,000 funding transfer to The Reef Institute to support their relocation and to establish 100 juvenile corals specifically reserved for future out planting in Delray Beach waters. The Reef Institute has now finished their relocation and is preparing to scale up coral husbandry and monitoring efforts from their new facility.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEACH RENOURISHMENT

One of Delray Beach's (City) main attractions and most important resources is its beach. In 2025, the City received a Blue Flag Award for the second year in a row. The award is an "...international designation for meeting a series of stringent environmental, educational, safety, and accessibility criteria." The beach area covered is between Casuarina north to Laing Street.

Maintaining this attractive beach and helping make it an award-winning one requires beach renourishment, which the City has done for over 50 years. The first one was a major project done in 1973 requiring 1.4 million cubic yards of sand. It was a success and created a much wider beach, which was much more attractive to beach goers and better at protecting A1A.

The population of potential beach goers has increased substantially since 1970. Then, Florida's population ranked 15th in the United States with 6.8 million people and Delray Beach was home to 19,366. Florida's currently third most populous state with almost 24 million and Delray Beach is now home to over 70,000. The population of potential beach goers also includes visitors of more than 3 million recently.

Starting in December, a new renourishment project commences with 1.3 million cubic yards of sand used. The sand is sourced from just offshore where it accumulates from storms and other forces of erosion. The project is expected to be completed by the end of March 2026 and cost about \$19.2 million with \$3.7 million from the City. The rest will be paid by the Federal Government (\$12.3 million), State (\$6.1 million), and the County \$2.5 million).

Before 1973, the City's beach maintenance efforts were less successful. A1A experienced regular damage, and the public beach was almost nonexistent at times.



Hurricane Cleo over-washed and damaged highway A1A at the north end of Delray's public beach, 1964. Delray Beach Historical Society Archives

Those unsuccessful measures include using rock rubble and interlocking concrete revetment. Some of the worst erosion occurred in 1964 during Hurricane Cleo.



Delray's oceanfront with no beach, one block south of Atlantic Avenue, 1973. Delray Beach Historical Society Archives.

There have been seven beach renourishments since the first in 1973. The most recent was in 2020 and over a 50-year period, an average of 120,000 cubic yards is added a year.

Timeline for Beach Dredge and Fill Projects (Delray Beach Historical Society)

(sand volumes are approximate due to the use of cubic yards or cubic meters)

1973: First fill project of 1,400,000 cubic yards of sand dredged onto 2.5 miles of beach.

1974: Vegetation planted on the dune to help prevent erosion.

1977: Erosion Control Line update by the State of Florida.

1978: Second fill project of 500,000 cubic yards of sand added, with additional vegetation planted on the dune.

1984: Third dredge and fill project of 994,000 cubic yards of sand.

1992: Fourth fill project added 914,000 cubic yards of sand.

2002: Fifth fill project added 940,000 cubic yards of sand.

2005: Sixth fill project added 191,000 cubic yards of sand.

2013: Seventh fill project added 813,000 cubic yards of sand.

2020: Eighth fill project added 325,000 cubic yards of sand at the south end of the beach.

City Readies Noise Enforcement

After completion of noise studies last year, the City of Delray Beach has earnestly moved forward with an initiative that will significantly improve the City's noise control regulations. Your BPOA Board has been actively engaged in this process, encouraging the City Commission to enact changes to the Chapter 99, Code of Ordinances, Noise Control seeking to set measurable and enforceable numeric noise standards, using the decibel scale, on a city-wide basis.

Since 2022, the BPOA has attended noise-related workshops, and we have written letters of support for this initiative. Of importance to our members and all property owners of the Barrier Island, we have supported the establishment of numerical decibel standards that city enforcement personnel can use to control offensive noise and sounds derived from sound amplification, motor vehicles, landscaping equipment and barking dogs.

At a City Workshop held on November 18, 2025, the City Commission reviewed a draft of a complete re-write of the Chapter 99 noise control regulations.

The proposed draft sets various regulatory standards as related to noise levels and noise sources within residential, commercial and entertainment districts of the city; it includes numeric decibel standards that vary according to district and according to time of day. The draft of these updated regulations was well received by the City Commission. Noteworthy is the provision that enables city police and other enforcement personnel to employ city-supplied and calibrated sound meters to record sound levels derived from offensive sound sources. It also provides specific procedures for the issuance of warnings and citations, including monetary penalties.

Specific sound sources denoted in the proposed rules include amplified sound, motor vehicle noise, barking dogs, and other noise that exceeds the numeric standards. Noise complaints remain a top concern of the BPOA membership and most residents throughout the City. Complaints mainly concern:

(i) motor vehicles (cars, trucks and motorcycles); (ii) powered lawn tools (gas-powered leaf-blowers and trimmers); (iii) barking dogs; and (iv): amplified noise from bars, restaurants and entertainment venues. Your BPOA provided specific comments in this regard at the November 18 workshop.

Fortunately, the Commission directed the staff to advance the draft Noise Ordinance to a First Reading, set for December. Likely, the Commission will vote to enact the new Ordinance following a Second Reading in January 2026. As it stands, police officers and city enforcement personnel will begin enforcement, sometime in 2026. Enforcement emphasis will be directed toward amplified sound, such as within the City's Entertainment District (Atlantic Avenue - Swinton to North 5th Avenue) and otherwise to offensive motor vehicle noise.

Unfortunately, the City Commission decided to exclude recommendations made by the BPOA to prohibit the use of gas-powered leaf blowers and trimmers - devices known to produce excruciating noise when operated within 50 to 100 feet of a residence. City Commissioners felt that this action was premature but left open the opportunity for the BPOA to engage further with City personnel to evaluate the success of other cities' initiatives where gas blowers and trimmers are prohibited within residential zoning districts - cities such as City of Miami Beach and Naples, Florida.

Stay tuned as your BPOA believes that the time has come for our city to phase out the use of gas-powered blowers and trimmers within residential districts, in favor of new, more quiet technology proven to be successful: battery powered blowers and trimmers that are typically 100 times less noise-producing than a comparable gas-powered device.

