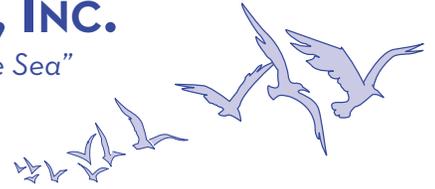


BEACH PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

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

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BPOA NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2019

INTRODUCTION

The BPOA Board of Trustees partners with the City leadership and staff on many issues in an ongoing involvement to serve our members and all residents of the Barrier Island. We regularly forward details of city projects via member e-mail blasts to keep you advised and aware of ongoing conditions and improvements that may impact your way of life. This newsletter is intended to provide updates on a number of current interests.

In the next newsletter, we will include specific topics that the Board is undertaking and also past initiatives in order to provide a history of important Board activities, especially for our many new members. The Board invites your thoughts and questions about issues that we may clarify for you or provide any assistance. Thank you for your support and interest.

Serving Residents of the Barrier Island since 1967

BEACH SAND RENOURISHMENT

Delray Beach is very fortunate to have an attractive beach and a healthy dune system. This was not always the case. Prior to the early-1970's, storms often completely eliminated the beach, damaged Ocean Blvd. and also damaged private properties. Starting in 1973, the city began a program to add sand from the ocean to our shoreline and planted native vegetation to foster growth of a natural dune. This program has been extremely successful in establishing a healthy dune system and maintaining a wide public beach for residents and visitors.

The dune system and wide beach are major factors in both the economic viability of the city as well as major players in the protection against storms for upland properties and infrastructure. As such, the BPOA has over several years provided our members with information on the beach and dune system in the context of long term sustainability issues for the beach area and the city at large.

Our main presentation at our 12/05/2018 general membership meeting dealt with beach renourishment and the dune management system. The presentation was made by Cynthia Fuentes, P.E. and the city's

beach consultant Tara Brenner from APTIM Corp. This presentation dealt with the history and future of the beach sand renourishment program.

Also included in the presentation was material on the Dune Management Program and the future Coastal Habitat Conservation Plan. They reported on the various sand renourishment projects from 1973 through 2014 and the two projects being planned for winter of 2019 and winter of 2020. As part of their presentation, the city and APTIM team showed a series of eye-popping historic photos of storm damage in the pre-Renourishment decades and the great progress made since 1973.



Sea Turtle Nests

Overall, sea turtle nests numbers were lower in our geographic area this year, but the experts at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center say variations are normal. In 2017, Palm Beach County had 26,245 Loggerhead turtle nests, which is more than any other county in Florida. Brevard County had the most Green turtle nests with 25,891, while Palm Beach County had 13,263 Green turtle nests.

For the past 3 years, Delray Beach total nests numbers are:

Year	Total Nests	False Crawls	Total Crawls	Success Rate	Fail Rate	Disorientation Events
2016	264	876	1140	23%	77%	35
2017	304	1022	1326	23%	77%	37
2018	277	689	966	29%	71%	30

While the news is mixed, we should be pleased that a higher percentage of turtles coming onshore successfully nested on our beaches, possibly as a result of better lighting compliance by residents. However, the high rate of false crawls is of concern. A false crawl occurs when a turtle comes onshore but decides not to make a nest at that time. Under natural conditions, the level of false crawls is about 50% and considered normal in turtle nesting habits. Many factors contribute to a turtle’s decision to nest, including noise, lighting, sand temperature, objects that block their way, and more. Sadly, some turtles came onshore to lay eggs and got tangled in beach chairs that were left overnight.

Sea turtles can live 80 years, and females, who begin laying eggs when they are 20 to 30 years old, return to the same beach where they hatched.

There are concerns about future turtle populations, as warmer weather like we had this summer produce mostly female hatchlings. The sex of sea turtles is determined while the eggs are still in the nest and vary in response to environmental factors, including sand temperature.



Skip the Straw Initiative

Every day the U.S. uses 500 million plastic straws, which equates to 1.6 straws per person per day. Plastic straws are one of the biggest trash culprits, and among the top 10 types of trash found during beach cleanups. If straws continue to be used at their current rate, there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish by 2050. In recent months, the detrimental environmental impact of plastic straws has received national attention and nine cities have moved forward on ordinances that either limit their distribution or prohibit their use. Delray Beach is considering introducing an ordinance addressing plastics straws as well, but as a first step is engaging in a education outreach campaign. When in downtown, look for the Skip the Straw decal in the window of participating establishments, and don't be shy to tell your server not to put a straw in your drink. Together, we can change the norm, and reduce the use of single-use plastics.

The plastic straw prohibition ordinance is scheduled for first reading before City Commissioners on Jan 15, 2019.

Atlantic Dunes Park to Receive Facelift

Atantic Dunes Pavilion has been rebuilt after a suspicious fire in 2016 destroyed the pavilion. The ribbon cutting ceremony was in September, and now additional improvements to this popular park are planned.

The City of Delray Beach has received \$300,000 in State funding to renovate Atlantic Dunes Park, located at 1605 South Ocean Boulevard just north of Linton Boulevard covers both east and west sides of A1A.

The project will be split into two phases for budget purposes:

- Phase 1 will focus on the design and construction of seawalls and will spruce up the parking lot with new asphalt, striping, and drainage.
- Phase 2 will focus on coastal dune restoration by removing non-native exotic plants and planting native species. Plans also include renovating the bathrooms and building a boardwalk and nature trail.

The park is currently being updated to enhance Americans with Disability Act (ADA) accessibility to the beach. Future additions include educational kiosks about endangered species, the importance of dune maintenance, the Coastal Dune Ecosystem, and Maritime Habitat. Also planned is an installation of an environmentally friendly, barrier free play area.

City Offers 3 Types of Resident Metered Parking Permits

These permits and the documentation needed to confirm your resident status can be found online at www.mydelraybeach.com in the PARKING page:

Annual City Resident Downtown Parking Permit

Cost: \$12 per vehicle plus tax (max 2)

Covers: Daytime only free parking in metered spaces, most city garages and city lots until 6pm, **except Atlantic and A1A.**

Annual Beach Permit Parking

Cost: \$90 plus tax

Covers: Free Parking at all beach area lots except the one on Gleason Street and A1A.

Senior Permit

Cost: \$95 plus tax

Covers: Everything in the Annual Beach Permit plus parking on A1A south of Miramar Street and north of Atlantic Avenue.

Delray Beach Fire Rescue ISO Class 1 Fire Department

Our Fire/Rescue Department has officially been rated by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) as a Class 1 Fire Department effective January 1. The ISO ranks fire departments around the country using a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being the best.

This could mean a reduction in the insurance premiums for some residential and commercial property owners in City of Delray Beach. How your rating impacts your homeowners insurance varies by insurer and is often only one of many factors considered. We suggest you contact your insurance company to see if you qualify. They do not tell you unless you ask.

While saving money is always newsworthy the real success story here is DBFD. Although any fire department that scores over 90% receives the highest ranking, a 1, very few Fire Departments receive this ranking - only 0.71%.

The rating criteria are varied and extremely challenging. A rating of 5 is both the median and the most common rating fire departments receive. Our Fire/Rescue decided they were going to be a 1 and they are. The leadership, dedication and absolute talent that make up this team can only be described as "EXCELLENT."

Special Event: Solar Energy Makes Sense

February 27, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Northern Trust Bank, 770 E Atlantic Ave

Please join us at a special BPOA presentation about solar panels. Learn about cost, payback time, installation requirements, how it can impact your electric bill, and how it will benefit our environment.

Homeowners and businesses thinking of going solar should act in 2019 to take advantage of the federal solar investment tax credit (ITC) before it begins to step down in 2020.

The ITC allows homeowners and businesses to take a 30% percent tax credit for the cost of solar systems on their properties. This is a one-time tax credit that you receive the first year you own your solar system, and there is no cap on the amount.

We hope to see you there!



We Need Your Voice!

IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO, PLEASE RENEW YOUR BPOA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019
AND JOIN US TO CARRY OUT OUR IMPORTANT PROJECTS

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BEACH PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT - DUES \$25 PER YEAR PAYABLE IN JANUARY

NEW MEMBER RENEWAL DATE _____

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Delray Address _____

Apt. No _____ Telephone _____ Florida Resident _____?

Email Address (please print clearly) _____

SUMMER MAIL SHOULD BE SENT TO

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

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