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The City of Delray Beach, the Delray Beach Historical Society and Spady Cultural Heritage Museum are Celebrating Delray's Birthday!

October 11th, 2020 marks the 109th anniversary of Delray Beach's incorporation. In honor of this important date, City groups are joining forces to celebrate Delray's history and heritage with the "Longest, Linear, Outdoor History Exhibit in the World," titled "Delray Memories." It will feature images going back to the 1800's to present date— all submitted by the community.

This unique outdoor exhibit launches October 23rd and will circle the one-acre campus located at 3 NE 1st Street in Delray Beach. It will be built by the Delray Beach Historical Society board members, staff and other volunteers and be displayed through mid December. The public is invited to send in their images digitally, or they can drop off photographs to the Delray Beach Historical Society or Spady Cultural Heritage Museum to be scanned for the project. Captions are required for all submitted images.

John Miller, president of the Delray Beach Historical Society says, "With our limited capacity to share Delray's history indoors, we thought engaging the community to share their favorite Delray memories in honor of our town's birthday would be a great way to bring people together in a fun, safe environment. We are hoping to exhibit at least 1,000 photos that will collectively represent Delray's unique spirit and the stories of people's lives in Delray Beach."

Executive Director Winnie Edwards adds, "We're most excited to get multiple generations involved. We're blessed to not only be surrounded by our wise elders, many in their 90's who were grew up here, but with younger families making Delray Beach their home. We'll be able to see Delray memories through the ages. We're hoping too that this exhibit will bring some levity and joy to the community during a very challenging time for so many."

The City of Delray Beach will also be planning additional exciting ways for the community to wish Delray Beach a happy birthday including a call-in phone line.

What you need to know:

- **The City of Delray Beach, the Delray Beach Historical Society and Spady Cultural Heritage Museum present, “Delray Memories,” an outdoor exhibit built by the community to celebrate Delray’s Birthday this October.**
- **The outdoor exhibit opens to the public October 23rd and is free. The location is the Delray Beach Historical Society’s campus at 3 NE 1st Street, downtown Delray Beach.**
- **We invite the whole community to be a part of making history! The public is encouraged to send in their favorite photos of family, good times, challenging times, important milestones or any imagery to celebrate Delray Beach, with a caption, to Info@DelrayBeachHistory.org**
- **With over 1,000 linear feet to work with, we are counting on the community to come together to build the “longest, linear, outdoor history exhibit in the world.”**
- **The history of Delray Beach’s incorporation is attached in a separate document.**

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The Delray Beach Historical Society is a vibrant center for community life whose focus is to bring together families and multiple generations to share in a series of fun-filled and contemporary themed programs and events, which showcase the colorful stories of Delray’s past.

Three buildings encompass the Delray Beach Historical Society campus. The historic Cason Cottage was built in 1924 is named after Dr. J.R. Cason, Sr., the town’s first physician. Visitors enjoy workshops, lectures and summer camp here. The 1926 Florida Bungalow provides space for exhibits on local Florida history. The Hunt House is an original 1908 Florida farmhouse, which was dedicated and named the Ethel Sterling Williams Archive and History Learning Center in 2009. This state-of-the-art and award-winning center houses the City’s archives and is open for local research, archive donations and exhibits.

The Delray Beach Historical Society’s Educational Heritage Gardens is a one-acre “living museum,” for the study of Delray Beach History, pioneer ecosystems and sustainability. Opens Winter 2020.

Spady Cultural Heritage Museum is dedicated to discovering, collecting and sharing the African-American history and heritage of Palm Beach County. Located in the former home of the late Solomon D. Spady, the most prominent African American educator and community leader in Delray Beach from 1922 to 1957, the museum opened in July 2001 and is the only Black History Museum & Cultural Center of its kind in Palm Beach County.