

# Revitalizing Your Downtown Night & Day through Tourism

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# What do Downtowns have that Tourists want?



#### **TOURISM STRATEGIES**

- 1. Develop a **Outstanding Downtown** that will is positioned as a unique and sociable city which will enhance, strengthen and establish new event opportunities
- 2. Generate **excitement among the business community** that fosters a more collaborative working relationship thru the combination of community events and marketing; Integration of **merchant specific calls-to-action** through marketing
- 3. Development of strategy and implementation of tactics to begin **engaging social media fan base as a** social media platform **promotional tool targeting** specific geographic and demographic audiences



# **TOURISM STRATEGY #1**

# Developing an Outstanding Downtown











DO NOT BLOCK



# Great Restaurants & Sociable Night Life

# **Art Districts**













# **Downtown Accommodations**





# Parks & Recreation Activities

- Parks and Recreation Events
- Teen Central
- Beach Events
- Golf Club
- Bicycle Trails
- Bed Race
- Turkey Trot
- Kids Fest
- Walks and 5K Runs
- Senior Games
- Tennis Center Events





# Lifestyle Celebrations

- Restaurant Events
- Art and Craft Shows
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration
- Holiday Activities
- Hot Air Balloon Festival
- Harvest Fest
- Film Festival
- Concerts in the Park
- Block Parties





# Culture

- Center for The Arts
- Morikami Japanese Museum
- Delray Beach Playhouse
- Art Walk
- Gallery District
- Orchid Society
- Library Events
- Milagro Center
- Delray Art League
- First Night





# Entertainment Venues – Sociable Spaces











# History

- Old School Reuse
- Native Florida Showcase
- Art Deco Walking Tours
- Garden Tours
- Historic Walk/Bike Tours
- Historic Society Archives
- Heritage Month
- Historic House Tours
- Sandoway House
- S.D. Spady Heritage Museum









# **Ethnic Diversity**

- Roots Cultural Festival
- Cinco de Mayo Fiesta
- St. Patrick's Day
- Irish Festival
- Columbus Day Fest
- Haitian Flag Day
- Caribbean Festival
- Soul Festival
- Multi Cultural Festival





# **Retail Shopping**









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# **Things Visitors Take For Granted**





### Place Making - Security & Crime; Traffic & Parking; Clean & Safe

- Facilitation of "Downtown Maintenance Master Plan" with City
- Hospitality Resource Institute and Panel
- Downtown Security Plan
- Plan for alley cleanup "You've got a Great Backside" Program
- Facilitation of lamp post banners and twinkle light maintenance
- Pedestrian Wayfinding System
- Development of employee parking plans







# Treat a Downtown As Your Home AUTHORITY Delray Beach, Florida





CURRENT DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (D.D.A.) BOUNDARY



## **Tourism Strategy #2**

### Generate Excitement Among Business Community



### **Stiletto Race**

- Local Merchant Driven
- Local Charity Partner
- "Small but Mighty" Event
- Merchant Collaboration
- Local Artists Involved
- Marketing/Promoting
- Estimated Impressions to Reach 350,000





### 100ft. Christmas Tree, Parade, First Night

- **Traditional Event**
- 5 Weeks Long
- Promote as Shopping Destination during ever
- Local and National drav
- Family & Pet Friendly
- **Over 8 Million Digital** Impressions



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#### Join us for

The holiday season! There's no place like Delray to spend the holidays! Check out what's going on all month long!

#### December 1st - 31st



Boynton Beach & Delray Beach Holiday Boat Parade 6 pm & Free Friday Night Concert at Old School Square Pavilion 7:30 pm

Kids Day at the Tree 10 am to 4 pm; Delray Beach Holiday Parade 6:00 pm theme: "Celebrate the Centennial"

Free Friday Night Concert at Old School Square Pavilion 7:30 pm

Breakfast with Santa at the Marriott seating at 8, 9 am, 10 am & 11 am

Menorah Lighting Sundown at Old School Square Pavilion

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First Night 2012 Celebration 4 pm to midnight



Visit http://www.downtowndelraybeach.com/ to learn more HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



### **Savor The Avenue**

- Local Media Partner
- Economic Development
   Event
- 18 Local Restaurants
- Local and National Attendance
- Cross Promotional
- Local Charity
- Enhanced communication with public services (PD, City, Waste Management)
- Over 225,000 Digital Impressions



# **Twilight Festival**

- Large Unique Event
- National and International Draw
- Embraces the Merchant Community for involvement
- Strong Attendee Following
- Multi Day Event
- Showcases the entire Downtown – Night And Day
- Digital Impressions of over 150,000



**1st Annual Delray Beach Twilight Festival** Friday - Sunday, March 9 - 11, 2012

"Like" us to learn more!

561-889-4916 delraybeachtwilight.com







# Mother's Day & Gallery Walks

- Retail Events
- Encourage Sociability/Hospitality
- Day time and Nighttime Shopping Event
- Cross Promotional



# **Marketing & Promotions**

- Know your downtown business mix
- Engage businesses and customers
- Develop downtown brand
- Create marketing strategy
- Drive awareness and business



We're just what you need.™







# How does a Downtown let tourists know what it has to offer?



# How We Communicate:

- National, Regional & Local advertising
- Websites
- Social Media
- Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Visit Florida
- State Welcome Center Signage & Guidebooks
- Hosting Travel Writers
- Hotel Concierge Books
- Arts & Culture Publications
- Historic Publications
- Public Wayfinding System
- Local Visitor Information Center









# **TOURISM STRATEGY #3**

# **Social Media**





Do you love The Office Delray as much celebrating Oktober Fest - and they're of Certificate! "Like" them on Facebook, th most about The Office! Only one winne http://www.facebook.com/theofficedel Build a page that encourages engagement and drives traffic – has resulted in a living community of individuals who share a passion for Delray Beach on Facebook

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utiful day in Delray - great day to walk along the beach! Enjoy!





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Delray Beach, Florida

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#### **Merchant Participation with Results**



During this period, your fan count increased by **110 fans**, a **19% increase** compared to last month. Your fan count rose approximately **3.3** fans per day, and increased the most on **May 22nd** (by **8**). On average, your page's content reached **279** unique individuals daily. Your daily reach was highest on **May 22nd**. Of your total reach, **0%** is attributed to ads and sponsored stories.



- Create the conversation
- Strengthen customer loyalty
- Increase customer base
- Engage the business/merchants
- Drive awareness leading to sales

#### CHECK OUT OUR WALL to find out how you can win one of these fantastic prizes from local merchants! The Office Café of Life \$50 Gift Certificate \$25 Gift Certificate towards a Massage OFFICE Cacace Fine Art Studio Puttn' Around \$25 Gift Certificate towards a Painting Lesson **4 Free Games** Vic & Angelo's \$50 gift certificate



#### **6-Month Facebook DDA Marketing Review**

25-34

35-44

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#### Delray Beach Downtown Development Authority



During this period, your fan count increased by **3,094 fans**, a **71% increase** compared to 184 days ago. Your fan count rose approximately **16.8** fans per day, and increased the most on **May 18th** (by **68**). On average, your page's content reached **24,227** unique individuals daily. Your daily reach was highest on **February 13th**. Of your total reach, **94%** is attributed to ads

and sponsored stories.



### Social Advertising

#### Downtown Delray Beach



There's something for everyone in Downtown Delray! Night or Day, We're lust What You Need!

Terra Malone Spero likes Delray Beach Downtown Development Authority.

This ad targets 581,660 users:

- who live in the United States.
- who live within 25 miles of Delray Beach. FL
- age 21 and older
- who are not already connected to Delray Beach Downtown Development Authority

Suggested Bid: \$1.74 - 3.32 USD

#### Delray Beach Downtown...



"Like" our page if you Love Delray Beach! Stay updated on everything Downtown!

### 14,430,937 Impressions 11,899 Clicks

The DDA also drove awareness to nearly 21,000 people to vote for Delray Beach as the most fun small town for the Rand McNally contest. This promoted post also resulted in nearly 70 interactions and shares.



Over 100 unique ads were run over the course of this campaign, with a focus on merchants, driving traffic downtown and engaging local visitors and community members.



# **Downtowns Celebrate**





# - and have FUN!







# **Special Thanks!**





# **Questions & Answers**

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