

Across the Street

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Our city's ongoing commitment to education was a big factor in its receipt of the prestigious All American City award (for the third time!). A new program called "Out of School" offers 5- to 12- year-old students structured and supervised after school activities, including recreational, computer labs, educational programs and homework assistance. Parents/guardians can call 561-243-7250 to register and make arrangements for transportation to and from activity sites.

All our residents should be afforded the rights and respect that we believe in, as Americans. Delray has been asked to become a "Welcome City." Our club member Arlene Ustin, representing several groups, is meeting with the mayor and city commissioners to advance this initiative. Please see her article, on p. 3.

Our city government has taken several important steps to address the problems resulting from addiction and sober homes: Police Chief Jeff Goldman has appointed Ariana Ciancio as Police Community Advocate; the city commissioners have voted to pursue legislation against manufacturers of opioids; and the city commissioners have also passed an ordinance establishing new standards for sober homes:

- There must be at least 660 feet between the group homes, if they are new.
- New sober homes will have to be certified by the Florida Association of Recovery Residences (FARR).
- Existing sober homes will have until April 1, 2018 to become certified.
- Group homes must obey neighborhood parking regulations.

Note: We have a program on Addiction and Home Trafficking, October 10th at Pompey Park. Look for our flyers on upcoming events.