

# No fire assessment fee hike or rollback rate for Deerfield; \$6.4 million to make up in budget

By Diane Emeott

The City Commission's direction to cut \$6.4 million from the proposed FY 2009-10 budget at a budget workshop on Aug. 31 sent City of Deerfield Beach department heads scrambling on Tuesday morning, Sept. 1.

The directive was to make up \$3 million collected within the city from a proposed fire

assessment fee increase [from \$99 to \$149] which commissioners unanimously nixed. The commission, with the exception of Joe Miller, also made it known they did not want to do a "rollback rate" on property taxes from the current 5.3000 to 5.8901 — for another \$3.4 million.

City Manager Mike Mahaney instructed depart-

ment heads Tuesday morning to come up with 5 percent cuts by noon. At the Tuesday night commission meeting, he reported: "I'm at 4.7 percent right now. If you want to get to 5 percent, we're going to have to look at public safety."

Commissioner Bill Ganz asked where the 5 percent came from. "It should've been crystal clear. I said last night we

could not responsibly do this across the board in each department. It's dangerous and irresponsible for us to do that."

He said because there were acting people in many of the jobs, there was no way to do a true counting. Additionally, the city has always done a bottom line concept rather than line item when it comes to departments. "They [de-

partment heads] and he [the city manager] know more about exactly what they need than we do."

Miller commented: "I thought there was wisdom in doing the rollback rate and the city manager was of that opinion. I don't call that a tax increase. I'd like to have a little money in the bank if there's a hurricane. I thought

that was reasonable and good stewardship. I'm the one who has the business — since I was 24 years old and I'll be 60 — and I haven't had any layoffs."

Budget revisions totaling \$6.4 million will be available to commissioners by Friday, said Mahaney. Public hearings on the budget are scheduled for Sept. 8 and 15.

## West Deerfield residents may have to wait for sound wall

By David Volz

Residents of west Deerfield Beach may have to wait a long time for a Turnpike sound wall.

Todd Drosky, an active member of the West Deerfield Community Alliance, contacted the Florida Turnpike Authority and was told that the results of a noise study had not been compiled at this time. This means a public hearing planned for early September has now been tentatively moved to Oct. 19.

Drosky brought this information to Alliance members at an Aug. 26 meeting. Even if the sound wall is approved, it may take a long time before it is actually built. "The Turnpike Authority said that, due to the declining economy, there may

not be enough money in the Authority budget to start construction on the sound wall until 2017," said Drosky.

Drosky said the hope is to have a sound wall from Atlantic Boulevard in Pompano Beach north to Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach. It would cost about \$1 million per square mile to build it. "This is expensive but necessary to preserve the quality of life for the residents of West Deerfield Beach," said Drosky. "We will continue to monitor the progress made by the Turnpike Authority so that Deerfield Beach is not excluded from a sound wall like we have been in the past."

Also, members of the Alliance discussed their website and

ways to improve it. The website is [www.wdca.info](http://www.wdca.info). The minutes and agenda from meetings will be posted online. Handout information from guest speakers will also go online.

"One of the purposes of the website is to share information among the neighborhoods," said Drosky. "There is no better tool for that than the Internet. We want to provide as much information as possible. People can find out more about the homeowner's associations through our website."

### Our Students Are A+ Achievers!

Your Child Will Learn Valuable Life Skills For Success

✓ Respect

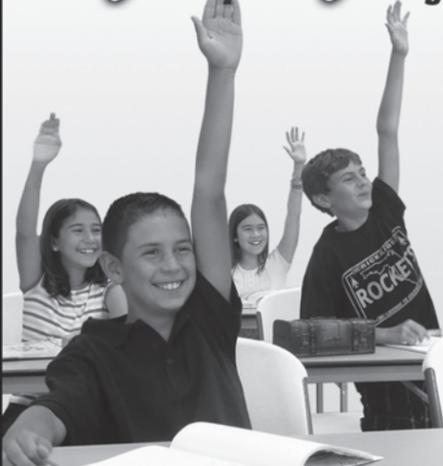
✓ Discipline

✓ Gratitude

✓ Integrity

✓ Goal Setting

for Greatness



**USA** LaVallee's **Black Belt Champions**

[www.usablackbeltchampions.com](http://www.usablackbeltchampions.com)

**954-785-1348**

4754 N. Federal Highway • Lighthouse Point

*Back-to-School SPECIAL*

**FREE 2 WEEK TRIAL PROGRAM**

SAVE \$100 on Fall Registration!

With coupon. Not valid with other offers. Expires 9/30/09

Florida  
Hearing  
Care  
Centers

**FREE**  
Hearing Screen

**Experience our digital hearing aids...**  
*It's Like Music to your Ears!*

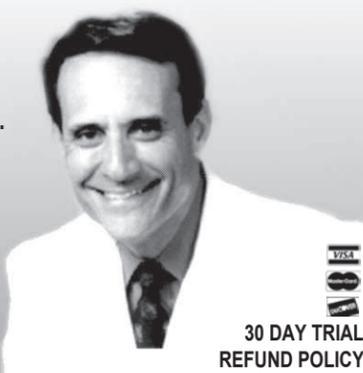
- Custom Ear Molds Made While You Wait • HMO Members Welcome
- Batteries & Service On All Makes & Models
- Minor Repairs On Premises • Second Opinions Welcome
- Starkey Destiny & ZON • Siemens • ReSound • Oticon • Phonak • Widex, Etc.
- All Testing Performed By Our Staff Of ASHA Certified Audiologists
- Specializing In Difficult Cases • Hearing Aids For Every Budget
- 0% Interest For 12 Months With No Down Payment
- Ask About Our FREE BATTERIES FOR LIFE PROGRAM

*Family Owned Since 1961 • A Private Practice*

269 S. Federal Hwy • Deerfield Beach  
(Next to Walgreens)

[www.floridahearingcare.com](http://www.floridahearingcare.com)

**954-426-2500**



**30 DAY TRIAL REFUND POLICY**

NORMAN DOMB BC-HIS, A.C.A., M.C.A.P. Audioprosthologist, Hearing Aid Specialist

## BEAD & ART

BEAD STORE and STUDIO

One mile north of Sample Rd.  
5034 N. Federal Hwy. Lighthouse Point  
49th & Federal

*Come and express your Creativity*

Pearls • Shells  
Semi-Precious • Coral Vintage  
Swarovski • Silver • Tools & Supplies

Open tables for Beading  
Available for Private Parties  
Finished Artisan Jewelry & Gifts

Mon-Fri 10-6 • Sat 10-5 • Sun 11-5  
*Now Open 7 Days*

**(954) 418-3390**

[www.BeadandArt.com](http://www.BeadandArt.com)

### VEHICLE WRAPS EXPERTS

QUALITY & WARRANTY  
(954) 942-3171

**SPECIAL VAN & SUV**

**\$1990**



[WrapYourCars.com](http://WrapYourCars.com)

**BANNERS, WALL WRAP, DISPLAYS  
SEE-THRU WINDOW SIGNS & MORE**

**WrapYourCars.com**

PROLUX U.S., Inc. 370 E McNab Rd. Pompano Beach, FL 33060



**Pompano Beach**  
NW Corner Federal & Copans  
Across from Pompano Mall  
**954-942-2220**

**Deerfield Beach**  
377 S. Federal Highway  
South at Hillsboro • West Side  
**954-427-4820**

## Your Auto, Truck & Van Center

Nationwide Warranty ... 2,500 Locations






We Honor National Account & Fleet Business      Major Credit Cards Accepted  
Mon - Fri 7:30-6:30 • Sat. 7:30-5

**FLUID FLUSH COMBO SPECIAL**

- LUBE, OIL FILTER (\$24<sup>95</sup> Reg.)
- COOLANT SYSTEM FLUSH (\$89<sup>95</sup> Reg.)
- TRANSMISSION FLUSH (\$129<sup>95</sup> Reg.)

**\$199** A \$60 Savings

Most vehicles. No other discounts apply. Additional charges for shop supplies. 9% or \$27 max. Coupon Expires 9/30/09.

**NEED MORE? SAVE MORE!**

**SAVE** THE "SLIDING SCALE" COUPON

IF YOUR VEHICLE SERVICE TOTALS	YOU WILL RECEIVE FOLLOWING DISCOUNTS
\$50.00-99.99	\$5.00 OFF
\$100.00-149.99	\$10.00 OFF
\$150.00-199.99	\$15.00 OFF
\$200.00-MORE	\$20.00 OFF

Most vehicles. No other discounts apply. Additional charges for shop supplies. 9% or \$27 max. Coupon Expires 9/30/09.

**FREE**

Tire Rotation and 10 Point Safety Check

**NEW LOCATION!**  
2 Lights North of Glades on Dixie  
Boca Raton Tire

**BRAKE SERVICE SAVINGS**

**\$25 OFF** Regular Price

FOR STANDARD BRAKE SERVICE

**\$50 OFF** Regular Price

FOR PREMIUM BRAKE SERVICE

Most vehicles. No other discounts apply. Additional charges for shop supplies. 9% or \$27 max. Coupon Expires 9/30/09.

**LUBE, OIL CHANGE & FILTER**

**\$18<sup>95</sup>**

Most cars, Plus waste oil disposal fee.

Includes: Lubricate chassis, Drain oil and refill with up to five quarts of major brand motor oil, Install a new oil filter, HD30 or 10W30 WT.

Note: Special oil and filter type may result in extra charges. Offer valid with coupon. Coupon Expires 9/30/09.

**6 MONTHS No Interest\***

\$500 Minimum Purchase  
And Minimum Payments Required.

\*FINANCE CHARGES accrue on a promotional balance (which includes the promotional purchase and related fees for optional credit protection) from the transaction date and all accrued FINANCE CHARGES for the entire promotional period will be added to your account if the promotional balance is not paid in full by the end of the promotional period or if you fail to make a required payment on your account when due. Minimum monthly payments of the greater of \$10 or 2.22% of your promotional balance are required plus any minimum payment otherwise due. Making the minimum monthly payment will not pay off your promotional balance in time to avoid FINANCE CHARGES. See below for more details.

With credit approval for qualifying purchases made on the Goodyear Credit Card. APRs up to 26.36%, but if your account has a variable APR, the APR is up to 26.71% as November 1, 2006 and may vary. Minimum Finance Charge \$1.50. The cash advance transaction fee is 3% of amount of advance, with a minimum of \$5.00. See store card agreement for details, including when the default rate applies. Offer is only valid for consumer accounts in good standing and is subject to change without notice. May not be combined with any other credit promotion offer. Only available at participating Retailers.

SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY — PATRONIZE OBSERVER ADVERTISERS. LET THEM KNOW YOU SAW THEIR ADS IN THE OBSERVER.