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Public Invited To County Celebration

South County Courthouse Will Unveil Public Art and Courthouse Expansion

On Tuesday, December 6 at 5:00 p.m., County Commissioners will officially unveil the County's newest public art project and break ground on building expansion plans for the South County Courthouse at the corner of Atlantic Avenue and S.W. 2nd Avenue in Delray Beach.

The community celebration will feature live jazz performed by members of The Jazz Arts Music Society of Palm Beach and refreshments will be served.

Public Art Highlights

"Delray Progress," named by artists Andrew Reid and Carlos Alves, is Palm Beach County's newest public art installation and features a 3,300 sq. ft. mural (80 gallons of paint), a 14-foot sculptural ceramic pineapple bench, and painted ceramic bench tops and seating areas.

"Delray Progress" celebrates community diversity and depicts stories of past and present. The public art project transforms a previously under-used outdoor seating spot into an artful and welcoming plaza for residents and visitors to the County Courthouse, new Delray Beach Library and Downtown Delray Beach to enjoy.

Courthouse Expansion Highlights

- Additional two-story 75,000 sq. ft. to the south side of the 68,000 sq. ft. existing building
- Double the number of courtrooms from four to eight
- Three additional hearing rooms
- Eight new judge offices / special masters, etc.
- Expanded law library with new veranda overlooking atrium
- Significantly expanded judicial administration and Clerk of the Courts areas.