



# **Live Fresh Shower Truck Pilot Program**

**City of Delray Beach | Neighborhood and Community Services**

**City Commission/Delray Beach Interfaith Committee**

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# Live Fresh Pilot Program

- City Commission approves (12/4/2018) Live Fresh Shower Truck to operate six-month pilot program at St. Matthews Episcopal Church.
- Interfaith Committee committed to fund and manage pilot program.
- NCS and PD to monitor the pilot program for impacts on adjacent neighborhoods.
- Report findings to City Commission on the pilot program for final recommendation.



# Location Map – 404 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

Home  
Owned by  
St. Matthews  
Church



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# ● ● ● Interfaith Committee for Social Services

The Interfaith Committee is comprised of local churches and synagogues with a purpose to help people who are homeless.

The Interfaith Committee:

- Operates the Live Fresh Truck (including funding)
- Distributes hygiene kits and fresh clothing to clients.
- Provides mail service.
- Assists in helping to secure employment.
- Provides social services that were previously being provided by the Caring Kitchen.



# Live Fresh Operation

- The Truck operates on Fridays between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
- Approximately 12-15 clients shower each Friday.
- The Interfaith Committee vets and registers all clients taking showers.
- A client is assigned for neighborhood clean-up after every session both on site and surrounding area.
- The Interfaith Committee manages the laundry service for towels.



# Observations and Impacts

NCS and PD have monitored the pilot program for its impact and have found:

- No increase in crime rates.
- No complaints from surrounding neighborhoods.
- No Increase in foot traffic.
- No increase in trash (1 isolated case was noted a block away)

**Four clients have obtained jobs after taking showers!**

# ●●● Recommendations

1. Staff recommends the City Commission support the Live Fresh Shower Truck to operate until such time it's determined the Shower Truck impacts the neighborhood negatively. At this point, the City Commission can require the Truck to cease its operation and be removed.
2. If supported, the Interfaith Committee should work with Development Services to address any planning issues.



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