

# News for Neighborhoods



CITY OF DELRAY BEACH - December 2007

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**Municipal Golf Course 243-7380**  
*Campo de Golf Municipal*  
*Magazen Golf*

City Website: [MyDelrayBeach.Com](http://MyDelrayBeach.Com)

## DELRAY BEACH RECEIVES MAJOR GRANT FOR RECLAIMED WATER PROJECT

The City of Delray Beach was presented with a grant from the South Florida Water Management District for continuing construction of reclaimed water transmission lines throughout the City. The grant, in the amount of \$619,700.00, is a matching grant for the current construction of approximately 4,300 linear feet of 24-inch water main from Linton Boulevard, south along Homewood Boulevard, west along Germantown Road to Via Verona and then south to the Delaire Country Club.

The City of Delray Beach Environmental Services Department began this water reclamation project over five years ago with the goal of providing Delray Beach residents and businesses with a source of reclaimed water for irrigation purposes. The cost and accessibility to fresh, potable water is becoming an issue in South Florida. Creating a reclaimed water system to irrigate residential and commercial landscapes, City parks, golf courses, sports fields and open public spaces is economically efficient and environmentally correct.

In an effort to reduce the demands on both the surficial aquifer (fresh water approximately 100-200 feet below ground) and the potable water system, increasingly strained by population growth and commercial demands, Delray Beach established new alternative resource goals in the year 2000.

### RECLAIMED WATER SYSTEM

Reclaimed water that is put through advanced treatments of wastewater filtration and disinfection at the South Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility that serves both Delray Beach and Boynton Beach creates a recycled resource for irrigation, ground water recharge and other non-consumptive uses.

The City of Delray Beach developed the Reclaimed Water Master Plan in 2003 that will affect 16 areas with implementation phased over the next five to ten years. The first area where the reclaimed water system was applied to was the Delray Beach Golf Club and more recently reclaimed water transmission mains were installed along Homewood Boulevard from Atlantic Avenue south to Linton Boulevard. The Fairways Community on Homewood Boulevard was the first residential neighborhood to be fully served with reclaimed water. It is interesting to note that during the periods of Phase II and Phase III water restrictions, the residents of Fairways had no such restrictions for watering their properties with reclaimed water.

The Reclaimed Water System construction will continue for several more years until a good many Delray Beach communities have access to the system saving our residents and businesses money and help in saving our most valuable resource: fresh water.

Richard Hasko, Director of Environmental Services, advises "Enduring drought continues to concern several areas of the nation and the quest to maintain sources of fresh water becomes a top priority. The Delray Beach reclaimed water system will be a major factor in the city's ability to irrigate public lands and private property while preserving potable water resources for a growing population."

For more information, please call Victor Majtenyi at Environmental Services: (561) 243-7328.

## DELRAY BEACH PROCLAIMED CITY OF CHARACTER

### CHARACTER COUNTS!

The State of Florida has mandated that Character Education be taught in schools and Palm Beach County School District has adopted the **Character Counts!** curriculum. Character development depends on the efforts of the adults who surround our youths. It therefore falls to us as the members of the greater community to provide a moral and social foundation to help all of our chil-

dren grow into young adults that have character.

On September 18, 2007, Mayor Rita Ellis proclaimed Delray Beach as a City of Character in support of the Palm Beach County School District initiative. Every month we will be providing the Character Trait of the Month in this publication.

For more information, contact Janet Meeks, Education Coordinator, at (561) 243-7231.

*City of Character Trait of the Month: **CARING** (Concern for others, Charity), be kind, be compassionate and show you care, express gratitude, forgive others, help people in need.*



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## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES DEC. 2007 - JAN. 2008

### December 4

Hanukkah Begins

### December 8

Kids Day at the Tree  
Old School Square  
10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Info: (561) 279-1380  
and

### Holiday Parade

Venetian Drive to Tennis Center  
6:00 pm  
Info: (561) 243-7277

### December 11

City Commission Meeting  
Commission Chambers  
City Hall 6:00 PM  
Info: (561) 243-7000

### December 17 - 18

Santa's Calling  
Delray Beach Parks & Recreation  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Info: (561) 243-7277

### December 22

Breakfast with Santa  
Delray Beach Marriott  
8:00 AM  
Info: (561) 279-1380

### December 24 - 25

Christmas Holiday  
City Hall Closed

### December 26

Kwanzaa Begins

### December 28

Friday Night Flicks  
Old School Square  
7:30 pm  
Info: (561) 243-7922

### December 29 - 30

Howard Alan Craft Show  
Delray Beach Tennis Center  
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
Info: (954) 472-3755

### December 31

First Night 2008  
Downtown Delray Beach  
4:00 pm - midnight  
Info: (561) 279-1380

### January 1

News Year's Day  
City Hall Closed

### January 3

City Commission Meeting  
Commission Chambers  
City Hall 6:00 PM  
Info: (561) 243-7000

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## 17TH ANNUAL DELRAY BEACH HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE BRINGS JOY TO LOCAL CHILDREN



*Nikki Dugan with Santas at last year's event*

The Delray Beach Holiday Toy Drive reaches out to the community to share in the true spirit of the season by providing new unwrapped toys or store gift cards for deserving boys or girls (ages 5-16). Drop off sites are located throughout the city and donated items will be accepted until December 17th.

Now in its 17th year, over 2,000 children experience the joy of the holiday through the generosity of Delray Beach residents and merchants.

Don't have time to shop? Checks, made payable to the Delray Citizens for Delray Police, are very much appreciated.

If you are interested in donating toys (**PLEASE! NO TOY GUNS**) or your time, please contact Officer Jeff Messer at 243-7841 or Jennifer Buce at 243-7138.

### Drop-off Locations:

- All Delray Beach Fire Rescue Stations
- Chamber of Commerce, 64A S.E. 5th Ave.
- Boston's on the Beach, 40 S. Ocean Blvd.
- Delray Beach Police Department, 300 W. Atlantic Ave.
- Delray Camera, 186 N.E. 2nd Ave.
- Plastridge Insurance, 820 N. Federal Hwy.
- Who's Restaurant & Lounge, 3035 S. Federal Hwy.
- Meisner Electric Inc, 220 N.E. 1st Ave.
- Delray Beach Community Center, 50 N.W. 1st Ave.
- Bru's Room, 35 N.E. 2nd Ave.
- Sande's Restaurant, 1717 N. Federal Hwy.
- Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave
- Lake Ida Pharmacy, 600 N. Congress Ave.

*The Delray Beach Holiday Toy Drive is sponsored by the Delray Citizens for Delray Police Kids and Cops.*

## STUDENTS PRESIDE OVER LOCAL GOVERNMENT

As they passed through the doors of City Hall, students from Plumosa Elementary School exchanged academia for government during *Students in Government Day*, a program designed to educate the younger residents of Delray Beach on the challenges and responsibilities associated with local government and city management. Celebrating this event during Florida City Government Week (October 21-27, 2007), Delray Beach joined the Florida League of Cities and its member cities in recognizing the importance of municipal government and its impact on the lives of all Florida citizens.

Based on responses from a four question essay, twenty-three fifth graders from Plumosa Elementary School were selected to assume the roles of city and elected officials. Department assignments were determined by the student's interest in career goals. Boys and girls partnered with staff members to practice leadership skills and experience firsthand the daily operations of various city departments and divisions.

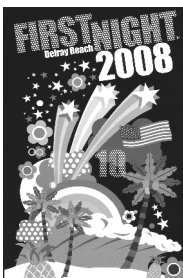
As part of the curriculum, participating city officials accompanied their protégés to lunch at the Delray Beach Golf Club. In attendance were several Plumosa Elementary School administrators and teachers including Principal Mrs. Pricilla Maloney. Keynote speaker, Mayor Rita Ellis, presented each student with a Certificate of Recognition.

The students expressed their appreciation for the valuable lessons learned during *Students in Government Day*. "A very special thanks to each department for allowing us a personal glance at the City of Delray Beach in action. We have learned many wonderful lessons today. Sincerely, Plumosa Students"

*Photos taken by Brian Welch, student Public Information Officer, during Students in Government Day*



*City Manager David Harden and Student City Manager Lindsey Mezidor (l) with Mayor Rita Ellis and Student Mayor R'Keria Philpart (r)*



*First Night 2008*

## FIRST NIGHT® 2008 CELEBRATES TENTH ANNIVERSARY

Delray Beach will bring in the New Year with its traditional First Night event, a community, non-alcoholic celebration that the entire family can enjoy. Festivities begin at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 31st in Downtown Delray Beach, and the fun doesn't end until the clock chimes midnight. First Night Buttons serve as admittance to all activities and will be sold for \$10 beginning the night of the Famous 100 Foot Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on November 29th (\$15 if purchased on December 31st).

The Downtown Delray Beach Marketing Cooperative hosts this family-oriented party to ring in the New Year with crafts, games, parades, food, musical entertainment, children's activities and much more. The night promises to be chock-full of surprises on this tenth anniversary of First Night, so plan to arrive early and join in the celebration.

### NOTIFICATION OF STREET CLOSURES – DECEMBER 31, 2007

- ◆ Atlantic Ave will be closed from SE/NE 5th Ave to SE/NE 7th Ave from 4:00 pm until 10:00 pm
- ◆ Atlantic Ave will be closed from SE/NE 5th Ave to Swinton Ave from 2:00 pm until 2:00 am
- ◆ The side streets off Atlantic Ave will be closed to the alleyways from noon until 2:00 am

For more information, call (561) 279-1380 ext. 3 or visit [DowntownDelrayBeach.com](http://DowntownDelrayBeach.com).