

# News for Neighborhoods



CITY OF DELRAY BEACH - JULY 2006



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

## CITY OF DELRAY BEACH SCHEDULES PUBLIC MEETINGS TO DETERMINE STATUS OF HISTORIC DISTRICTS DEVELOPMENT

The City Commission, at its March 6, 2006 meeting, first discussed the implementation of a six-month moratorium of any new development proposals within the five designated historic districts in Delray Beach. A number of residents within those districts and interested parties promoting historic preservation expressed concerns about the potential demolition and new construction in the historic districts that would result in projects out of scale and proportion with neighboring homes. A six month moratorium was approved on April 18, 2006.

Applications pertaining to new development can continue to be processed during the moratorium if they are additions not exceeding fifty-percent of the existing structures total square footage. New construction may not exceed 2,000 square feet.

The City and the CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency) have been working with a consulting team from REG Architects of West Palm Beach, gathering information and doing research on the City's five historic districts. Public meetings on each of the districts are scheduled as follows:

**Monday, July 10th**  
Discussion of the West Settlers District  
Delray Beach Tennis Center Club House  
Second floor 6:00 pm

**Wednesday, July 12th**  
Discussion of Marina and Nassau Districts  
Northern Trust Bank Upstairs conference room  
6:00 pm

**Thursday, July 13th**  
Discussion of Del Ida and Osshad Districts  
Old School Square Gymnasium 6:00 pm

**Monday, July 24th**  
Follow-up for West Settlers District

Delray Beach Tennis Center Clubhouse  
Second floor 6:00 pm

**Wednesday, July 26th**  
Follow-up for Marina and Nassau Districts  
Northern Trust Bank  
Second floor conference room 6:00 pm

**Thursday, July 27th**  
Follow-up for Del Ida and Osshad Districts  
Old School Square Gymnasium 6:00 pm



**Thursday, August 31, 2006**  
Presentation: Final Report / All Five Districts  
City Commission Chambers  
City Hall 7:00 – 9:00 pm

For more information, please contact Planning & Zoning Department at (561) 243-7040 or e-mail [pzmail@mydelraybeach.com](mailto:pzmail@mydelraybeach.com)

## DELRAY BEACH EMERGENCY 1700 AM RADIO GOES ON THE AIR

When hurricanes threaten this area of South Florida, the City of Delray Beach Emergency Operation Center will be activated as usual, but this year and additional tool has been added to our emergency arsenal: Delray Beach Emergency 1700 AM Radio. Located in the Emergency Operations Center at the Delray Beach Fire-Rescue headquarters station on Atlantic Avenue, Emergency 1700 AM Radio will communicate important information to residents and businesses during the emergency and help our community recover in the aftermath. Whenever the Emergency Operations Center is activated to deal with any critical situation, Delray Beach Emergency 1700 AM Radio will broadcast pertinent information live.

Emergency 1700 AM Radio will also be used as a resource for local notices with recorded messages every day. This month of July, the City of Delray Beach will begin broadcasting local information regarding City meetings, road closures, construction updates, special events and Parks & Recreation activities daily on Delray Beach Emergency 1700 AM Radio. One of the half-hour segments will include information in Spanish and Creole as well as English.

For more information or to send brief notices regarding your neighborhood or home owners association to be aired on Emergency 1700 AM Radio, please call (561) 243-7009 or e-mail [Ladizinsky@mydelraybeach.com](mailto:Ladizinsky@mydelraybeach.com).



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## Delray Beach Calendar of Events & Activities

### July – August 2006

July 11

City Commission Meeting  
City Hall Commission  
Chambers 6:00 pm

July 22

Family Fun Program  
Morikami Japanese Museum  
And Gardens  
Origami & Wind Chimes  
Info: (561) 495-0233

July 25

City Commission Meeting  
City Hall Commission  
Chambers 6:00 pm

July 28

Old School Square  
Free Friday Night Flicks  
"Last Holiday"

Outdoor Pavilion 8:30 pm  
Info: (561) 243-7922 ext. 310

July 29

Sandoway House Nature  
Center  
Nature Walk 10:00 am  
142 South Ocean Blvd.  
Info: (561) 274-7263

August 1

City Commission Meeting  
City Hall Commission  
Chambers 6:00 pm

August 1

Delray Art League Opening  
Summer Celebration  
City Hall Gallery  
100 NW 1st Ave.  
Info: (561) 243-0958

August 12

ROOTS Cultural Festival  
Old School Square  
Heritage Parade 4:00 pm  
Gospel on the Square 6:00 pm  
Celebration of Family,  
Community & Culture

August 12

Bon Festival Morikami  
Traditional Japanese Holiday  
Performance Dancing and  
Fireworks  
From 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
Morikami Museum &  
Gardens

Info: (561) 495-0233

City Website:

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## TRI-RAIL OFFERS NEW AND IMPROVED SCHEDULE WITH MORE TRAINS, MORE OFTEN

Tri-Rail is better than ever with more trains, more often. A new and improved schedule provides 10 additional trains Monday through Friday, plus more service on the weekends. Now, there is less waiting time between trains and reduced travel times to get riders where they want to go faster.

Tri-Rail passengers have the option of choosing from 10 additional weekday trains since the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority recently increased its operations from 30 to 40 trains per day. The additional service is made possible due to the completion of all but approximately two miles of remaining double track at the New River Bridge. The SFRTA hopes to add more Tri-Rail trains during the summer, as additional locomotives and diesel multiple units are put into service.

As part of the new schedule, some additional southbound trains will operate on 20-minute headways in the morning, and some northbound trains will operate on 20-minute headways in the afternoon. The time it takes to travel between Mangonia Park, the northernmost Tri-Rail stop, and the Miami International Airport Station, the southernmost Tri-Rail stop, has been reduced by

nine minutes to one hour and 50 minutes.

The Tri-Rail weekend schedule will also be improved, with Saturday

and Sunday trains operating on two-hour headways. There will be 16 trains on Saturday, and 14 trains on Sunday, an increase of two trains per day, to fill in the gap in the middle of the service day.

The \$333.8 million final phase of the Double Track Corridor Improvement Program, Segment 5 Project, was funded by the Federal Transit Administration, the Florida Department of Transportation, as well as Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties.

For additional information on the new and improved schedule or to learn how you can get to work for just \$60 a month, call 1-800-TRI-RAIL (874-7245) or log onto [www.tri-rail.com](http://www.tri-rail.com)



## DELRAY BEACH ROOTS FESTIVAL SCHEDULES EVENTS OVER THE NEXT 4 WEEKS

This is the 29th year that Ms. Elizabeth Wesley, founder and leader of this unique community event, has inspired and organized Delray's African American community to celebrate their history and heritage that played a large part in the growth of all of Delray Beach. Ms. Wesley's cause has always been unity and in that spirit, the ROOTS Festival is everyone's festival.

Events and activities include:

### July 13th & 14th (Thursday & Friday)

Youth Basketball Tournament  
Pompey Park 6:00 pm on July 13th

### July 22nd (Saturday)

Academic Olympics – Full Day  
Pompey Park Civic Center 9:00 am

### July 24th (Monday)

A Covenant with Black America  
Delray Beach City Commission  
Chambers  
City Hall 6:00 pm

### August 4th, 5th, 6th

#### (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)

Adult Basketball Tournament

Pompey Park

6:00 pm on Aug. 4th

9:00 am on Aug. 5th, 6th

### August 5th (Saturday)

Family Fun Day at Pompey

Pompey Park 4:00 pm

Youth on Parade /

Prince and Princess Coronation



### August 12th (Saturday)

Old School Square 4:00 pm

Heritage Parade / Festival on the Square

Gospel on the Square 6:00 pm

For more information, please contact Marc Gunn, Executive Director of the Roots Cultural Festival, Inc. at 400 W. Atlantic Avenue or call (718) 473-4075 and (561) 278-1013.

## AIR POTATOS INVADE PARTS OF DELRAY BEACH DESTROYING NATIVE PLANTS AND TREES

Never heard of an Air Potato? The Air Potato is an invasive plant that spreads quickly and grows at an alarming rate with tendrils sprouting out of its bulb (potato like) and engulfing local vegetation and climbing up trees to block out the sunlight. Lygodium, otherwise known as "Old World Climbing Fern" is another exotic that kills native trees

The City of Delray Beach Park Maintenance Division has entered into an Interlocal Agreement with the Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management to help eradicate these invasive tubers and other exotic plants. Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management is providing a Public Land Grant of \$14, 860.00 to the City as a 50/50 matching fund project.

Barwick Park has had the most serious infestation of the Air Potato menace and Boy Scout Troop 301 of the Gulfstream Council District joined with Delray Beach Parks & Maintenance Superintendent, Tim Simmons, to dig up the destructive bulbs in Barwick Park on Saturday, June 10th.

Property owners who believe they have a problem with the Air Potato, Kudzu or any exotic plant that is overtaking their plants and trees should contact the Invasive Vine Strike Force at the Department of Environmental Resources Management for Palm Beach County, 3323 Belvedere Rd.,

Bldg. 502, West Palm Beach, FL 33406 or call (561) 233-2400. For more information, please call Tim Simmons, (561) 243-7260.