

**JULY 2003**

**ENJOY JULY 4TH IN  
WONDERFUL DELRAY BEACH**

The Fourth of July in Delray Beach promises to be one of the best ever! The celebration is sponsored by the City through the Parks & Recreation Department in partnership with the Downtown Joint Venture of Delray Beach. The Parks & Recreation staff is responsible for managing the various events that take place on July 4<sup>th</sup> and the Joint Venture arranges for the fireworks, vendors, helps obtain sponsors and the media's support and coverage. The events planned for this year's Fourth of July festivities are as follows:

A sand sculpting contest, arranged for by the Joint Venture, will be held on the beach located across from the Marriott Hotel from approximately 8:00 a.m. until noon. Buzz the Sandman will offer a free professional sandcastle demonstration. Kites will fly high as Dennis Poulin will show off his imaginative kites at 9:00 a.m.

Veterans Park, located on the west side of the Atlantic Avenue Bridge at the intracoastal, will be the scene of our annual Patriotic Bike & Scooter Parade. Participants will decorate their bikes and scooters at 3:00 p.m. and the parade will begin at 4:00 p.m. progressing from Veterans Park down Atlantic to A1A. The bikes and scooters judged to be the most colorful will win prizes.

A free concert and live entertainment, provided by WEAT-Sunny 104.3 FM, will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Atlantic Pavilion on A1A. A number of vendors, as well as the Marriott and restaurants along Ocean Boulevard, will be set up along the boulevard selling food and beverages beginning at 5:00 p.m.

At 8:30 p.m., as everyone gathers on the beach, the first salute will rocket off the fireworks barge alerting all that the pyrotechnics show will start in thirty-minutes.

At 8:45 p.m., a Red, White & Blue Star Shell will blaze in the sky letting you know show time is in fifteen minutes and to tune your radios to 104.3 FM for the fireworks-music simulcast.

At 9:00 p.m., the fabulous fireworks display begins with rockets and flares rising up from the fireworks barge off shore. The City of Delray Beach and The Downtown Joint Venture share in the cost of the show that exceeds \$70,000.00. The fireworks are designed and operated by Grucci, one of America's foremost pyrotechnics companies. Come and join the fun at the fabulous Fourth of July in Delray Beach!

**NEW LIBRARY/COURTHOUSE  
GARAGE UNDERWAY**

The City Commission took a big step toward building the new Library on West Atlantic, including a large three story garage to be shared with the County Courthouse, by approving a tripartite and interlocal agreement between the City, the CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency), and the Delray Beach Public Library Association, Inc. The agreement calls for the CRA to convey to the City the new Library site just east of the County Courthouse. The City will own the site, the Library building, and the Library parking site. The Library will lease the new Library site for 99 years with an option to purchase after 20 years.

In turn, the City of Delray Beach will convey to the CRA the old Library site on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, off Atlantic Avenue. The City and the CRA shall have the old site appraised and all proceeds up to the appraised value of the new site will go to the CRA and proceeds above that amount up to the appraised value of land and buildings constituting the current (old) Library site will go to the City. The old site will be redeveloped to stimulate new business in the Downtown District.

The new Library development is still in the beginning stages of the architectural and landscaping approval process. The adjacent garage, however, is just about ready to go into the construction phase. The new parking garage, immediately east of the County Courthouse, across SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, will be a three story structure with parking spaces for total of 534 vehicles including adjacent surface parking. To accommodate the Library and Courthouse expansion, this project was made possible through an agreement involving the Board of County Commissioners, the City of Delray Beach, the CRA and the Delray Beach Public Library Association, Inc. The County Courthouse expansion of its facilities will occupy the existing surface parking area behind (south side) of the building.

The construction of the new garage is slated to begin this July, 2003, and to be completed by February, 2004. This parking facility will primarily serve the proposed expansion of the County Courthouse with the Library assigned 170 spaces. On weekends and during special events, such as the ATP Tennis Championships and The Delray Affair, parking will be available to the public at large. **For more information, please call Scott Pape at City Hall, (561) 243-7321 or David Lowe at the County, (561) 233-0281.**

**HOMEFRONT SECURITY  
VOLUNTEER WINS AWARD**

Volunteer Captain **Robert Banquer** of the Delray Beach Police Department was recognized by the Area Agency On Aging with the **2003 Prime Time Award** for the category of the **Florida Power and Light Company Community Service Award.**

After the tragedy of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, Robert Banquer, a combat veteran of World War II, stepped forward to help create the most publicized and appreciated volunteer group ever established in Delray Beach. Volunteer Captain Banquer is responsible for training the Home Front Security volunteers in what to look for and how to patrol governmental buildings, facilities, and other public areas to help deter any acts of terrorism that would threaten the safety of the community. The Department regards these Home Front Security volunteers as "a lot of extra eyes" on watch for the City. Because of Bob Banquer's involvement and direction, Delray Beach is able to take a lead role in the challenges these difficult times present on a local level.

**NEW FEE SCHEDULE FOR  
POMPEY PARK POOL**

Beginning Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, youngsters under the age of 17 can apply for an annual Rec-ID Card and for a fee of \$5.00 they will have entry to municipal pools for a full year. The Parks and Recreation Department will be accepting applications, Mondays through Fridays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center, 50 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Adult and family swim passes are also available for 20 swims on an annual basis.

These rates apply immediately to Pompey Park Pool and in the near future to the Delray Swim Club pool located at 2750 Jaeger Drive in the Laver Tennis Complex off Lindell Boulevard.

**Delray Beach Municipal Pool Fees**

The rate schedule is as follows:

	Per Session	20 Swim Pass	Annual Pass
Adult	\$2.00	\$30.00	\$60.00
Child under 17 yrs. (Rec-ID)			\$5.00
Family	\$5.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
Groups	\$1.00 per person		
Swim Lessons (12 scheduled sessions)	\$25.00		
Pool Rental (3 hour minimum)*	\$75.00		

\*Additional \$25.00 per hour after minimum

Pompey Park Pool is open Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Fridays, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, noon -5:00 p.m.

Delray Swim Club, opening July 4, 2003, will operate Wednesdays through Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. **For more information, please call Rich Connell, (561) 243-7253.**



## OFFICE DEPOT SUPPORTS SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Office Depot, in partnership with America's Second Harvest, the nation's largest hunger-relief organization, collected packaged and canned foods earlier this month from residents and delivered the food donations to the Daily Bread Food Bank. School is out and so many children who depend on school-based lunch programs for their mid-day meal won't have that advantage during the summer months. Food donations usually pour in during the fall and winter holidays, but summer is the critical time. About 50% of the children in the County elementary schools received free or reduced cost lunches this year.

Office Depot employees and City officials also volunteered to serve children lunch at St. Mathew's Episcopal Church. "Summer is a tough season for a lot of these kids without the support of the school lunch programs. This is a wonderful way to make sure they get some healthy nourishment on a regular basis," said Commissioner Jon Levinson who was a server.

The Summer Free Lunch program, is open to any child under 18 years old living in Palm Beach County. **Parents may find the locations of the nearest site by calling (561) 383-1130.**

## PARKS & RECREATION OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to visit Delray Beach Parks and Recreation to meet the staff, and learn all about the programs, facilities, events and more that are available to you. The Open House will take place on Saturday, July 19th from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Community Center, 50 N.W. 1st Avenue. Take a guided tour of some of the parks and facilities throughout the city. Children will have a chance to play games with the Out of School Program Staff while parents enjoy their visit. Also on hand will be the Delray Beach Police and Fire-Rescue Departments teaching children and parents about proper bicycle safety and car seat safety. Lunch will be provided by the Delray Rocks Youth Football Program.

**For more information, call Danielle Gallo at (561) 243-7277.**

**PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER  
CITY OF DELRAY BEACH  
100 N.W. FIRST AVENUE  
DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA 33444**

## PATRIOTIC BIKE & SCOOTER PARADE ON THE 4TH!

The popular Patriotic Bike & Scooter Parade, one of the favorite Fourth of July events, is back for the third year. Children will bring their bikes, wagons, and scooters to Veterans Park festooned in red, white, and blue to compete for prizes donated by Target Stores. The youngsters begin decorating their bikes and scooters at 3:00 p.m., judging is at 3:30 p.m. The parade begins at 4:00 p.m. progressing from Veterans Park down Atlantic to A1A.

Bikes and scooters are judged on their creativity in age groups ranging from 3 to 6 years, 7 to 11 years, and 12 and up. Target provides 6 bikes and 6 gift cards as prizes. Applications to enter the Parade competition can be picked up at the Delray Beach Target store on Linton Boulevard; City Hall or at any of the City's summer camp locations; the Chamber of Commerce; or downloaded from the City's Web site at [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com).

Delray Beach neighborhoods also encourage their youngster to show off their patriotic enthusiasm with bike and scooter parades. Lake Ida residents will be celebrating their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fourth of July street parade on the morning of July 4th with bikes, tricycles, wagons, scooters, and even a lawnmower or two. Little children and their older siblings are accompanied by their parents as the parade starts at the Lake and proceeds east on 11<sup>th</sup> Street to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue swinging left onto 12<sup>th</sup> Street. The procession ends back where it started with ice cream for everyone.

## SUMMER CELEBRATION 2003 ON EXHIBIT AT CITY HALL

The Delray Art League is now displaying the works of ten local artists in the City Hall Gallery. Paintings, sketches, photography and sculpture may be viewed Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. until August 11<sup>th</sup>. The Gallery is located inside the main entrance and the reception area as well as in the corridor on the second floor. **For more information, contact Nancy King at (561) 243-7085.**

**If you have received this newsletter in error, please deliver it to the right party and inform us of any change in name and address. Call Winston Hudson at (561) 243-7246.**

## CULTURAL LOOP INITIATES NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY

The Delray Beach Cultural Loop is a project of Pineapple Grove Main Street. It intends to provide an opportunity to showcase the history and culture of Delray Beach in those areas both East and West of Swinton Avenue.

The Cultural Loop route will take residents and visitors alike through 100 years of Delray Beach's heritage. The streets proposed to create the shape of the Loop are: NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (Martin Luther King Drive) and NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (Pineapple Grove Way) and SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, SE and SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets and SW and NW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The idea is to develop a walking trail and riding tours to visit and become aware of the history of the people, commerce, and nature of Delray Beach contained around and near the Cultural Loop.

Members of the Cultural Loop Task Force went door-to-door along the Loop, informing residents, churches and businesses that they are a part of the City's history and continue to play an important part in the story of Delray Beach. The Cultural Loop Committee has provided forms for residents and businesses to use in response to the Cultural Loop project noting their own history as citizens of Delray Beach.

On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2003, there will be an inaugural celebration of the Cultural Loop. **For more information, please call Lori Durante at (561) 706-9420.**

## PILATES MAT CLASS

The Parks and Recreation Department is offering a Pilates Mat Class on Wednesdays from 12-1:00 p.m. at Veterans Park Recreation Center. Shape your body with simple, deep muscle toning techniques and exercises, done on a mat, using Yoga, classical dance and the rehabilitative work of the late Dr. Joseph H. Pilates. Discover the secret of long lean muscles used by dancers, models, and film stars with Certified Instructor Dawn Askins. Cost for the six week course starting July 9th is \$45.00 for Delray Residents and \$50.00 for Non-Residents. Registration for the class is going on now. **For more information please call Jennifer Collins at (561) 243-7350.**

For more information, please visit our Web site at  
[www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com)

*The City shall furnish appropriate auxiliary aids and services where necessary to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in and enjoy the benefits of a service, program, or activity conducted by the City. Contact Doug Randolph, at (561) 243-7127, at least (24) hours prior to the program or activity in order for the City to reasonably accommodate your request.*