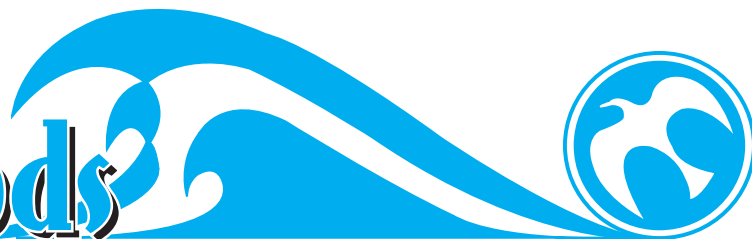


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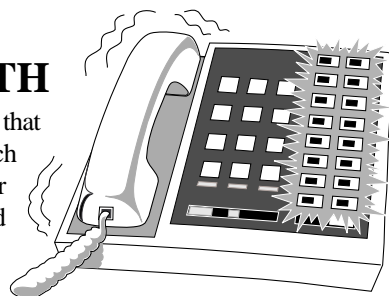
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CODE RED ALERT SYSTEM TO BE ACTIVATED NEXT MONTH

The City of Delray Beach has installed a telephone alert system that can warn residents and businesses of an emergency situation such as the arrival of hurricanes, evacuation notices and shelter information or any other impending emergency. The Code Red System can reach 50,000 phones in one hour. Code Red will send you a message of about :20 to :30 seconds in length. If you cannot be reached and have a message service, it will leave that notice on the message service. In order to receive emergency notification from the Code Red system, you must register your preferred phone number (home phone, cell phone, out of City or out of State) including your street address with the City of Delray Beach or access the Code Red application through the City's web-site: mydelraybeach.com and click on "emergency notification." That will get you directly to the Code Red home-page that holds the phone registration application. All information is held in the strictest confidence by Code Red and the City. If you do not have access to a home computer, please send a letter including your phone information to **City Hall, 100 NW 1st Avenue, Delray Beach, FL, 33444** to the attention of Amanda Solomon, Telecommunications Manager. If you DO NOT want to be listed on the Code Red Emergency data base, **please e-mail Solomona@ci.delray-beach.fl.us** or mail us a letter stating your declining this offer. This Code Red Alert System will be used only in the most serious emergencies under the supervision of the Delray Beach Police Department.



WILLIAMS, DAVENPORT, CLIJSTERS AND HENNIN-HARDENNE EXPECTED TO COMPETE IN THE FED CUP QUARTER FINALS IN DELRAY BEACH

Some of the world's top ranked women tennis professionals will compete in the Fed Cup Quarter Finals, Saturday, April 23rd and Sunday, April 24th as the United States take on Belgium for Fed Cup honors. The Fed Cup is the women's equivalent of the Davis Cup; those quarter finals between the U.S. and Sweden were played in Delray Beach last year. Serena Williams and Lindsay Davenport for the U.S.A. will take on top pros Kim Clijsters and Justine Hennin-Hardenne for Belgium. Clijsters just defeated Davenport at Indian Wells and will prove to be tough opponent. For Delray Beach, it means national and international attention and a weekend of visitors from just about everywhere. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call (1-888) 334-8782.



Lindsay Davenport



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Delray Beach Calendar of Events & Activities

April - May 2005

April 10th

Palm Beach Post
Performance In The Park
The Klezmer Company
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Veteran's Park

April 19th

City Commission Workshop
6:00 pm City Hall

April 22nd & 23rd

Women's Fed Cup Tennis
Delray Beach Stadium
& Tennis Center

April 29th

Free Friday Night Flicks
8:00 pm
Old School Square Outdoor Pavilion

April 30th

Delray Beach
Green Market At Worthing Park
On Atlantic Avenue
8:00 am – 1:00 pm

May 3rd

Regular City Commission Meeting
6:00 pm
(Subject to change)
City Hall

May 7th

Cinco De Mayo Festival
Old School Square Grounds
11:00 am – 10:00 pm

May 10th

City Commission Workshop
6:00 pm
(Subject to change)
City Hall

May 12th

Art & Jazz On The Avenue
Open House for restaurants,
art galleries and boutiques on
Atlantic Avenue and
Pineapple Grove Way
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
(Portions of East Atlantic Avenue
and Pineapple Grove closed
to vehicular traffic)

MyDelrayBeach.com

OPEN YOUR HEART...OPEN YOUR CLOSET

Delray Beach's Annual Community Clothing Drive begins May 1st at area drop-off locations and runs through May 31st. Delray Beach has a reputation for taking care of its own and this charity campaign benefits our local community agencies and families. The Delray Times, Adelphia Cable, Sunny 104.3, The City of Delray Beach, and The Delray Beach Joint Venture sponsor this program.

Drop off locations are:

City Hall (100 NW 1st Ave),
The Trouser Shop, (439 E. Atlantic Ave)
Vince Canning Shoes (335 E. Atlantic Ave)
Delray Beach Public Library (29 SE. 4th Ave)
Chamber of Commerce (64 A SE 5th Ave)
Jersey Mike's Subs, (455 C NE 5th Ave)

Parks and Recreation Community Centers,
Hand's Stationers (325 E. Atlantic Ave)
Pompey Park, (1101 NW 2nd Ave)
Haitian American Community Council,
(208 SE 2nd ST)
Village Foundation (141 SW 12th Ave)

For Information, Contact The Joint Venture 279-1380 ext. 17

WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT NEARING COMPLETION IN DELRAY BEACH

In 1998, the City of Delray Beach began a water main replacement project that was slated to take 20 years to install new and larger conduits for the delivery of potable (fresh) water throughout the City. At a groundbreaking ceremony held Monday morning, February 28th, on SW 12th Avenue, work began on the replacement of old (most older than 50 years) 2 inch mains with new 8 inch pipe. This particular project extends on SW 12 Avenue from SW 4th Street and on SW 2nd Street, on SW 11th Avenue from Atlantic Avenue to SW 4th Street and on SW 3rd Street from SW 13th Avenue to SW 10th Avenue.

Nearly 70% of the original water main replacement project has been completed in just 7 years and the engineering division of the Environmental Services Department plans to complete the entire system ahead of schedule. All areas to be upgraded are east of I-95 and north of Linton Boulevard which includes the oldest part of the City.

The replacement of old water mains with new is an ongoing process maintaining the infrastructure of Delray Beach to serve the City's needs for decades to come. There are also safety considerations as the Fire-Rescue Department will be able to depend on quantities of water at required pressure when needed in fire emergencies.

For more information, please contact Randal Krejcarek, City Engineer, (561) 243-7322.



DELRAY YOUTH VOCATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL CONTINUES TO SAVE YOUNGSTERS AT RISK AT A NEW LOCATION

A little over three years ago, Delray Beach Police Officer Johnny Pun and Community Service Officer Fred Glass founded a vocational training center at Borton Volvo, offering at risk youth a chance to learn a trade as auto mechanics and turn their hopelessness into a chance at a productive life. With the help of Loren Sheffer, former owner of Borton Volvo (now head of Sheffer Properties) and founding board member, the Delray Youth Vocational Charter School was born.

Officer Pun and Fred Glass had been working on the idea since 1998 and in 2002 the first class of 25 young men and women came off the streets to take a new path. 58% of these individuals had been adjudicated as delinquents; 28% dropped out of their previous schools and showed no interest in returning to school; 48% withdrew from their former schools to enroll at the Delray Youth Vocational Center. None were solicited. They came by hearing about it or recommended by former teachers. 20% were simply kicked out of the public school system. These were youngsters with significant behavioral problems, many with police records.

The results of the Vocational Centers efforts are impressive. Of the class of 2004, 100% improved their reading skills by a minimum of two grade levels. 100% demonstrated the minimum skills necessary to work in the automotive industry. 100% were successful in obtaining employment. 90% remained arrest free. From the class of 2003, 64% are currently employed, 27% obtained their GED (high school diploma) and 82% remained out of institutions.

Today, the Delray Beach Youth Vocational Center moves into a new location at 601 North Congress Avenue and by the Fall of this year and intends to expand to 100 students. The program is free for 16 to 21 year old individuals with the opportunity to acquire a GED and get assistance in job placement; all for free. Besides the automotive repair training that has been the foundation of the schools approach up to now, plans are in the works to expand the program to include the culinary arts (cooking, baking, kitchen management) and other trades. The Delray Youth Vocational Charter School, a 501C3 non-profit, depends on contributions, grants and fund raising. The State of Florida provides some of the funding, but that represents less than 30% of what is required.

The young men and women in the program give back to the City by taking part in the CERT program; Citizen Emergency Response Team under the supervision of the Fire-Rescue Department.

The hard work and dedication of the Delray Youth Vocational Center, its instructors, the board members and the steadfast efforts of Officer Johnny Pun and Fred Glass benefit the entire City of Delray Beach by diminishing crime, saving tax payer dollars and giving dozens of young people a real chance at life.

Members of the Delray Youth Enrichment Development Center, Inc. (non-profit corporate entity) are:

Loren Sheffer, Chair, Debbie Jarvis, Vice President and Secretary, Fred Glass, Johnny Pun, Patricia Powell, Rick David, Lt. B. Hal Knabb, Sharon Walthew, directors and Kathleen Schoenberg, board attorney.

For more information, please contact Lt. Hal Knabb at (561) 243-7422.

