

# News for Neighborhoods



CITY OF DELRAY BEACH - December 2008



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## MANGROVE PARK PROVIDES NEW INTRACOASTAL ACCESS FOR BOATERS

Mangrove Park is now open for public use, providing boat ramp access to the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway at 1211 S Federal Highway. This most recent public park constructed in the City of Delray Beach will help to alleviate the sometimes crowded boat ramps at Knowles Park. Amenities at Mangrove Park include two boat ramps; staging docks; boat trailer, regular and handicapped parking spaces; benches; a bicycle rack; and restrooms. A large area of the rectangular 4.46 acre park contains seagrass beds and mangrove forest which will remain undisturbed as native wildlife habitat. Manatees, sea turtles and small tooth sawfish will be protected through the preservation of this valuable ecosystem.

The total cost for this park project is approximately \$2.6 million. The Palm Beach County Commission and the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) continue to show their support for the City of Delray Beach through grant funding. Palm Beach County awarded \$1,000,000 in grant money for the project contingent upon a \$1 million City funding match and FIND presented a check to the City in the amount of \$688,420. FIND will also lease this parcel of land to the City for the purpose and use as a public park. Palm Beach County Commissioner Mary McCarty, FIND District Director David Roach and Mayor Rita Ellis were in attendance at the October 28th ribbon cutting ceremony along with Deputy Vice-Mayor Gary Eliopoulos, City Commissioners Fred Fetzer and Mackenson Bernard and City Manager David T. Harden.

For more information on Mangrove Park, please call Parks and Recreation Project Coordinator Alberta Gaum at (561) 243-7136.



## RING IN THE NEW YEAR AT FIRST NIGHT 2009



Ring in the New Year at First Night 2009, a non-alcoholic celebration of entertainment and activities for the entire family. Festivities begin at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, December 31st in Downtown Delray Beach and continue through midnight. First Night buttons allow access to all special events and can be purchased for \$10 in advance and \$15 on December 31st.

For over a decade the Downtown Delray Beach Marketing Cooperative has been hosting First Night, each year more spectacular than the last. Children of all ages will enjoy great entertainment, colorful parades and fun-filled activities. This year's event includes face painting, ballroom dancing, three rock climbing walls, skateboard demonstrations, bounce houses, talented musicians and more. For information call (561) 279-1380 or visit [downtowndelraybeach.com](http://downtowndelraybeach.com).

## DECEMBER 31st STREET CLOSURES (VEHICULAR TRAFFIC)

Atlantic Ave will be closed from SE/NE 7th Ave to Swinton Ave from 2:00 pm until 2:00 am. However, the section of Atlantic Ave between SE/NE 5th Ave and SE/NE 7th Ave will reopen at 10:00 pm. SE 2nd Ave (south of Atlantic Ave) and SE 4th Ave (south of Atlantic Ave) will be closed to the alleyways by 8:00 am. Other side streets will be closed to the alleyways beginning at noon.

The Downtown Roundabout free shuttle bus service will run on a modified route during First Night (see map in First Night 2009 brochure) with service continuing until 1:00 am. The round trip shuttle service will travel on Atlantic Avenue to the beach using a detoured route around street closures with two buses starting at the Tri-Rail station on Congress Avenue and one bus starting at the Delray Beach Public Library. For additional information on the shuttle, call (561) 243-7000.

**EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**  
**DEC. 2008 / JAN. 2009**

**December 7 - 17**

Lite Up Delray  
Citywide Holiday  
Decorating Contest  
Info: (561) 276-1715

**December 12**

Boynton/Delray  
Holiday Boat Parade  
Boynton Inlet to C15 Canal  
6:30 PM  
Info: (561) 742-2206

**December 13**

Kids Day at the Tree  
Old School Square  
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Info: (561) 279-1380  
and  
Holiday Parade  
Atlantic Avenue  
6:00 PM  
Info: (561) 243-7277

**December 15 - 16**

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

**December 20**

Breakfast with Santa  
Delray Beach Marriott  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Info: (561) 279-1380

**December 21**

Hanukkah Begins at Sundown

**December 24 - 25**

Christmas Holiday  
City Hall Closed

**December 26**

Kwanzaa Begins

**December 31**

First Night 2009  
Downtown Delray Beach  
4:00 PM – Midnight  
Info: (561) 279-1380

**January 1**

New Year's Day  
City Hall Closed

**January 6**

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



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To report a problem, ask a question,  
offer a comment or file a complaint.

## NEWLY REBUILT FIRE STATION 4 SET TO OPEN



*Newly rebuilt Fire Station 4*

Fire-Rescue Chief David James proudly announces the reopening of the newly rebuilt Station 4, located at 4321 West Lake Ida Road. The facility is scheduled to be operational in late November and the public is invited to a grand reopening ceremony to be held on December 6th at 9:00 am with station tours until 11:00 am.

Serving the northwest section of Delray Beach, Station 4 was forced to close in June 2007 due to structural damage from Hurricanes Frances, Jeanne and Wilma. While construction was in progress, staff responded to calls from a temporary facility located behind Barwick Road Baptist Church.

The station was demolished and rebuilt to meet current code standards and ordinances. Upgrades include energy efficient appliances, impact resistant windows/doors, backup generator and a confined space rescue training area for the Hazardous Materials Team. The facility utilizes drive-through bays with emergency light activation, a safety feature that benefits both Fire-Rescue personnel and residents.

For more information, please contact Lt. Trisha Dunkelmann at (561) 243-7456.

## HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND SITES ARE INSPIRATION FOR LOCAL ART

The City of Delray Beach has a rich and colorful history that is embodied in its historic architecture. Preserved sites define the period of the City's growth and are expressions of another age. They give character and a sense of permanence to the City that promotes interest in local history and fosters civic pride.

To celebrate the City's historic districts and sites, the Public Art Advisory Board (PAAB) has issued a *Call to Artists*, encouraging students (grades 4 thru 12) who either reside or attend school in the City of Delray Beach to submit artwork reflecting the beauty and history of these timeless landmarks. Four entries will be selected for installation at bus shelters in Downtown Delray Beach and the artists will be recognized at a future City Commission meeting for their contribution to promote Delray Beach's history.

A complete list of designated historic districts and sites can be found at [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com). This information is also available in the "City of Delray Beach Historic Architecture Walking Tour," a free brochure describing the City's historic districts and sites with a walking tour map. Obtain a copy at the Planning & Zoning Department, 100 NW 1st Avenue, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Submittal requirements, criteria and entry forms can be found at [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com) on the home page under **News – Public Art Advisory Board Bus Shelter Student Art Project** or by visiting the Planning & Zoning Department. *Entries are due in the Planning & Zoning Department by end of the business day on January 23, 2009.*

For more information, contact Amy Alvarez, Historic Preservation Planner, at (561) 243-7284 or [alvarez@mydelraybeach.com](mailto:alvarez@mydelraybeach.com).



*Restored 1913 Delray  
Elementary School Building*

## THE GREENMARKET HAS MOVED!

The GreenMarket *in the Park* has relocated to Old School Square Campus just south of the new parking garage on Pineapple Grove Way. The outdoor market features specialty shopping and lively entertainment every Saturday from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm through May 2009. For more information, contact Lori Nolan, GreenMarket General Manager, at (561) 276-7511.



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