

**DECEMBER 2002
HATS OFF TO DELRAY!**

This holiday season in Delray Beach will be filled with parades, carousels, trains, carriage rides, ice skating, a 100' decorated tree, the world's largest pop-up book and capped off with **Hats Off to Delray Beach**, the First Night@2003 New Year's Eve Celebration.



Here's the schedule of holiday events:
11/30- Tree lighting Ceremony. Live entertainment begins at 6 p.m. with Santa's arrival. Tree lighting is at 7 p.m.
12/6—Boat Parade. 6:30 p.m.
12/12—Art & Jazz on the Ave., 6-11 p.m.
12/14—Kid's Day at the Tree, 10am-4pm.
12/14—Holiday Parade, 6 p.m.
12/15- Breakfast with Santa, 8 & 10 a.m.
12/31—First Night@2003- Bring the entire family to venues at various downtown locations. Admission buttons are \$5.

HOLIDAY SKATING RINK

Ice skating enthusiasts won't have to travel North to get a chance to glide on the ice this winter. Throughout the holiday season Old School Square will have an ice skating rink set up next to the 100' Christmas Tree. The 30'x60' skating rink is made of a material called "Super-Glide" which actually increases speed and endurance. All figure skating can be performed on this surface! The skating will be offered in 30 minute sessions. The hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 4-9 p.m., Saturday, noon-10 p.m., Sunday, noon-9 p.m. Special holiday hours December 23rd-January 5th, noon-10 p.m. You can either bring your own skates and the cost is \$3 for 30 minutes or if you rent skates the cost is \$4 for 30 minutes.



**CARRIAGE RIDES
ALONG THE AVENUE**

Visitors to downtown Delray Beach are going to be able to travel the Avenue in style in a horse drawn carriage. There will be two carriages with "draft style" horses at two locations. One starting point is at Old School Square and the second starting point is at the Delray Beach Marriott. The route takes you through Pineapple Grove and up and down Atlantic Avenue. Rides last about 25 minutes and the cost is \$40 per ride. The hours are 6-11:00 p.m., 7 days a week.



**NEW AERIAL ENGINE ADDED
TO FIRE-RESCUE FLEET**

Delray Beach Fire-Rescue has put a new aerial platform engine into service. The 2002 Pierce Sky-Arm engine is equipped with a 100-foot ladder and an 18-foot extension. The extension ladder is an articulating boom which will allow rescuers to maneuver into tight areas (such as the courtyards found in new construction) that were previously difficult to access from conventional fire apparatus. Rescuers will be able to ride up on the aerial platform to access the extension ladder rather than having to climb up from the ground.

The newest addition to Fire-Rescue's family of vehicles cost about \$779,000 fully equipped. It has 85 feet of ground ladders, 600 feet of supply hose, and a powerful pump that is capable of generating 1500 gallons of water per minute. The apparatus went into service on November 1st and has already been out on a number of calls. It is assigned to Station 5 on Germantown Road but will be available to respond to any calls when needed. Currently, there are only two of these engines in the state of Florida.

**FUNDS APPROVED TO DEVELOP
RECLAIMED WATER PLAN**

The City Commission approved a \$129,236 contract with Mathews Consulting, Inc. for the preparation of a Citywide Reclaimed Water Master Plan. This project is included in the current year capital program to provide a document that will become the basis for implementing a phased reclaimed water irrigation utility system to serve the City. It is being prepared in concert with the reclaimed water expansion project at the South Central Wastewater Treatment & Disposal Board facility as well as a similar master plan for Boynton Beach.

The project scope includes data compilation and analysis to determine potential customers and associated flows, master plan development, route analysis and hydraulic modeling of the proposed transmission and distribution systems, a project phasing plan and associated construction cost estimates and a model reclaimed water ordinance to establish administrative procedures and connection requirements.

The proposal includes the preparation and permitting of engineering plans for that portion of the reclaimed water transmission/distribution system necessary to provide service to the Municipal Golf Course. This portion of the system will be constructed in conjunction with the green replacement and irrigation system rehabilitation project scheduled for this fiscal year. Mains will remain inactive until the phased reclaimed water expansion at the treatment plant provides sufficient additional capacity to meet the irrigation needs for the golf course.

DRIVING IN A DISASTER

By Assistant Fire Chief John Tomaszewski

After almost every disaster, search and rescue teams find victims who might have survived if they had known whether to stay with or leave their cars. Following are safety tips for drivers in various types of emergencies.

Hurricane...Evacuate Early

Flooding can begin well before a hurricane nears land. Plan to evacuate early, and keep a full tank of gas during the hurricane season. Learn the best evacuation route before a storm forms, and make arrangements with friends or relatives inland to stay with them until the storm has passed. Never attempt to drive during a hurricane or until the all-clear is given after the storm. Flash flooding can occur after a hurricane has passed. Avoid driving on coastal and low lying roads. Storm surge and hurricane caused flooding are erratic and may occur with little or no warning.

Flood...Get Out of the Car

Never attempt to drive through water on a road. Water can be deeper than it appears, and water levels can rise very quickly. Most cars will float dangerously for at least a short while. A car can be buoyed by floodwaters and then swept downstream during a flood. Floodwaters also can erode roadways, and a missing section of road – even a missing bridge – will not be visible with water running over the area. Wade through floodwaters only if the water is not flowing rapidly and only in water no higher than the knees. If a car stalls in floodwater, get out quickly and move to higher ground. The floodwaters may still be rising, and the car could be swept away at any moment.

Tornado...Get Out of the Car

A car is the least safe place to be during a tornado. When a warning is issued, do not try to leave the area by car. If you are in a car, leave it and find shelter in a building. If a tornado approaches and there are no safe structures nearby, lie flat in a ditch or other ground depression with your arms over your head.

Cars should be equipped with supplies which could be useful in any emergency. Depending on location, climate of the area, personal requirements and other variables, the supplies in the kit might include sleeping bag or blanket, booster cables and tools, water, canned fruits and nuts, can opener, first aid kit, flashlight, rain gear, shovel, matches, candles, necessary medication, extra clothes, traction mats or chains.

Listen to radio or television for the latest weather bulletins for the area in which you will drive.



ART LEAGUE'S EXHIBITION SEASON UNDERWAY



The Delray Art League has launched its 38th season of indoor and outdoor exhibitions with *Holiday Showcase 2002* at the Gallery at City Hall. The judged show features 60 pieces rendered in a variety of mediums by 32 artist members of the League. The City Hall exhibit is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. through January 13.

The League's regularly scheduled outdoor exhibitions are also underway at Veterans Park in downtown Delray Beach. Dates for the upcoming shows are November 30 & December 1; January 11 & 12; and January 25 & 26. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For an online schedule of events and additional information about becoming a member visit the League's new web site hosted at www.meloyelo.net or call (561) 496-2243.

PERFORMANCE IN THE PARK

The Art Sares-Connie Atkinson Trombone Big Band will perform on Sunday, January 5th, 4:00 p.m. at the Veterans Park gazebo.

Led by world renowned trombonist Art Sares, and world renowned composer, arranger and bassist Connie Atkinson, the trombone big band is one of the finest bands of its kind. It features 8 trombones and a rhythm section performing the jazz greats in their own unique trombone big band style. They are an instant hit wherever they perform.

The free musical series is presented by the Parks and Recreation Department and *Palm Beach Post*. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and picnics and enjoy these accomplished performers.

JINGLE BELL SCRAMBLE & JUNIOR GOLF CAMP

The Lakeview Golf Club will host an 18 hole scramble for kids, moms & dads, grandparents and all relatives on Saturday, December 28th at 12:30 p.m. **For more information, call (561)498-3229.**

A Holiday Junior Golf Camp will take place at the Delray Beach Golf Club on December 23rd, 24th and 26th from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Learn skills and etiquette. **For more information, call (561) 243-7380, ext. 238.**

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DUEL AT DELRAY II

**Saturday, December 7
7:00 P.M.**

Delray Tennis Stadium



**Super Middleweight
World Championship Title Fight
Kabary "The Egyptian Magician" (19-2)**

vs.

James Lubwama (13-0)

Plus

**Continental Lightweight
World Championship
1 Female Match & 4 Additional Fights**

For Tickets Call:

1-877-877-7677

\$20., \$50., \$75., \$100

BUCKLE UP FLORIDA

Did you know that it is against the law in Florida to drive without a safety belt? If you or your children ride unbuckled, you risk getting a hefty ticket, or even worse, injury or death in a crash. Last Thanksgiving, 36 people died in Florida traffic crashes. From November 23rd to December 1st, law enforcement will be on the lookout for those who are not buckled up. Drive safely this holiday and buckle up your whole family. They will be *thankful* you did. Buckle Up Florida, it's the law.

For more information, visit www.buckleupflorida.com.



YOUTH TENNIS TOURNAMENT COMING TO DELRAY

The City Commission approved an agreement with Players International Management to bring the USTA Boys & Girls' 12's Super National Spring Tennis Championships to our tennis facilities for the next five years. The dates for 2003 will be April 14-20. The event will bring 256 players, age 12 and under, along with relatives and coaches to the City for the tournament. The event will use courts at both of our tennis facilities, so they will remain open to the public during the event.

DISCOVER THE LIBRARY

Here are some of the events coming to the Delray Beach Public Library in December:

Dec. 2-**Anything But Silent:** *Pandora's Box*. Silent films with live piano accompaniment. 1:00 p.m.

Dec. 3 & 17 - **News of the Week.** Current Events discussion group. 10:30 a.m.

Dec. 3- **Authors Series:** *Grandmother's Bedtime Stories*. 2:00 p.m.

Dec. 3 & 10-**Children's Program:** *Americans Girls*. 3:30 p.m.

Dec. 3-**Authors Series:** *Bad Boy Ballmer*. 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 4-**Book Group:** *Understanding the Middle East and Island: A Short History*. 10:30 a.m.

Dec. 4, 12, 18- **Children's Program:** *Science*. 3:30 p.m.

Dec. 4-**Authors Series:** *How to Write the Story of Your Life*. 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 5-**Lunch with Liz@the Library:** *Finding Your Inner Strength*. 12:00 p.m.

Dec. 6, 13, 20-**Great Books Discussion.** 10:00 a.m.

Dec. 9-**Seminar:** *Understanding Deco Architecture in South Florida*. 2:00 p.m.

Dec. 9-**Authors Series:** *Exercising Your Risk Threshold*. 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 10-**Healthy Living Series:** *What's New in Pain Management?* 2:00 p.m.

Dec. 10-**Evening Book Group:** *The Optimist's Daughter*. 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 11- **Exploring the Delray Beach Cultural Loop:** *Old School Square...Your Center of Activity*. 2:00 p.m.

Dec. 11-**Healthy Living Series:** *The Romance of Life: Healing through Breath, Touch & Music*. 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 12-**Seminar:** *Managing & Overcoming Procrastination*. 2:00 p.m.

Dec. 14-**Children's Program:** *American Girls' Tea*.

Dec. 16-**Authors Series:** *Grandma Private Eye*. 2:00 p.m.

Dec. 16-**Seminar:** *The Electronic Age & Sexual Addiction*. 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 18-**Seminar:** *Real Florida Landscaping 101*. 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 19-**Seminar:** *Preserving Family Photos & Memories*. 2:00 p.m.

Dec. 23-**Afternoon Book Group:** *The Optimist's Daughter*. 1:00 p.m.