

JANUARY 2003

**CITY RECOUPS NEARLY
\$3 MILLION IN BOND
REFUNDING ISSUES**

In the 1990's the City of Delray Beach issued several General and Utility Tax bond issues to finance projects that initiated and promoted the growth and development of the city. These bonds, acquired at a very favorable rate of interest at the time, helped retire old debts and allowed Delray Beach to pursue an ambitious schedule of improvements including Atlantic Avenue, fire stations, recreation improvements, storm drainage, streets, and many of the cultural facilities that residents enjoy today.

Standard & Poors, one of the nation's leading bond market rating agencies, recently upgraded these Delray Beach bonds because of the City's superior financial management, the application of funds towards real improvements throughout the community, and maintaining a fiscal position in the market place that gained the respect of banking and investment institutions.

The City has closed on the refunding and retirement of those bonds which resulted in savings on interest debt of nearly \$1,900,000. What this means to the citizens of Delray Beach is a bright outlook for future projects such as the renovation of the Delray Beach Golf Club up to PGA standards. The City's ability to borrow against such an exemplary record bodes well for the continuing growth and enhancement of the quality of life in Delray Beach for many years to come.

In addition, \$1,100,000 was returned to the City for capital projects due to the restructuring of required debt service reserves.

Joe Safford, Finance Director, and Becky O'Connor, Treasurer, represented the City in concert with other bond financial advisors, attorneys, and bond underwriters.

For more detailed information, please contact: Ivan Ladizinsky, Public Information Officer, City of Delray Beach, Delray Beach City Hall at (561) 243-7009.



**14TH ANNUAL
SENIOR GAMES**
February 7-14, 2003

Various locations
throughout
Delray Beach

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

Annual Town Hall Meeting
Tuesday, January 28, 2003
7:00 P.M.
Crest Theatre
Old School Square



**SIGHTSEEING
CRUISE**

The Parks & Recreation Department is offering a 3 hour cruise on the World Famous Original Jungle Queen Riverboat on **Saturday, January 18th**. As you cruise the waterways you will see downtown Fort Lauderdale, plush waterfront homes, a bit of the Everglades and more. The boat will stop at the Jungle Queen Indian Village where you will see rare trees and foliage, macaws and rare birds, an alligator exhibit and Seminole Indians on a beautiful tropical island. Cost of the trip is \$25 which includes the bus ride and boat admission. The bus will depart from Veterans Park at 9:00 a.m. and return at 3:00 p.m. **For more information, call (561) 243-7350.**

**FLOWER FESTIVAL
AT VETERANS PARK**

Toussaint L'Ouverture High School for Arts and Social Justice (TLHS) in collaboration with Delray Beach Joint Venture and the Poinciana Garden Club will hold a Flower Festival at Veterans Park from **January 23-March 3, 2003**. Delray Beach mural artist Sharon Koskoff will coordinate and transform 28 paintings by TLHS students and faculty into a wall of living "flowers." Each flower will be sponsored by a local company in support of the Flower Festival, and each will be accompanied by a poem written by a student of faculty members at the innovative charter high school.



The opening ceremony and awards ceremony will be held on Thursday, January 23rd during Art & Jazz on the Avenue. The event will culminate in a huge plant sale on the last day, Monday, March 3rd.

Sponsorships of Flowers are available. **To become a Flower Sponsor or to volunteer, Call TLHS at (561) 243-3136 or Marjorie Ferrer at (561) 278-0555.**

**MEDIA PROFESSIONAL FILLS
NEW POST OF PUBLIC
INFORMATION OFFICER**

Ivan Ladizinsky, a veteran of radio and television at both the network and major market levels, has been named Public Information Officer for the City of Delray Beach by City Manager, David Harden. Ladizinsky most recently used his contacts at ABC News to feature the Delray Beach Police Department's Home Front Security project on Nightline with Ted Koppel. He will be responsible for communicating with the media in South Florida on all issues regarding City Hall as well as all activities sponsored by the City.

Nancy King, Publications Editor, and the press contact for many years, will continue to generate all internal communications for the staff and employees of City Hall as the Staff Assistant Publications Editor working out of the Human Resources Department.

"Working for a municipality is quite different than private enterprise." Ladizinsky noted.

"There's a lot to learn, but I've never worked in a more accommodating and pleasant environment."

Mr. Ladizinsky can be reached by calling (561) 243-7009 or by e-mail at ladizinsky@ci.delray-beach.fl.us.

**DATE SET FOR THE NEXT
NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMIT**

The City of Delray Beach, has set the date for the third annual Neighborhood Summit as Saturday, February 22nd of the New Year. The event, open to all residents of Delray Beach and surrounding areas, presents a series of workshops focusing on issues that affect everyday life in the City. The Neighborhood Summit has been hailed as an effective way to disseminate useful information to citizens in the Delray Beach area.

The Summit will be held at Old School Square from 8:00am to 12:noon. A nominal registration fee of \$10.00 includes a full breakfast. Topics and guest speakers are now being formulated and the final agenda will be announced next month. It is suggested that interested persons register early to insure participation.

For information on how to make a reservation, contact Winston Hudson at Delray Beach City Hall, (561) 243 - 7246.



PLAYGROUNDS CLOSING FOR REPAIRS

The Parks and Recreation Department will be closing both playgrounds at Veterans Park for repairs from **January 27-31, 2003**. The Parks Maintenance Division will be pressure cleaning and sealing the playground equipment as well as resurfacing the ground covering in both the Junior Playground and the Tot Lot. Alternate playgrounds can be used at Leon M. Weekes Environmental Preserve at 2900 Albatross Road, Orchard View Park at 4060 Old Germantown Road, and Pompey Park at 1101 N.W. 2nd Street.

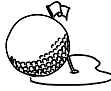
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Parks & Recreation Department is still accepting After School registration for the 2002-2003 school year. Parents or guardians can register their children, ages 5 to 12 years old, at the Community Center Monday-Thursday 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. or Friday 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Birth certificates are required for registration.

The cost is \$24 per month (reduced lunch is \$16 and free lunch is \$8) and each additional sibling is 50% off. A non-refundable application/processing fee of \$10 will be charged for each child. Parents must provide verification of eligibility for free and/or reduced lunch at time of registration to be eligible for reduced rates. The After School Program will be offering tennis lessons, golf lessons, soccer, swimming, Cub Scouts along with home work assistance and more. The Community Center is located at 50 NW 1st Avenue. **For more information, call Tonya Smith, Out of School Director, at (561) 243-7249.**

FREE GOLF CLINIC

Get some great golf tips at the 10th annual Beth Daniel LPGA Clinic. The free clinic will be held Saturday, January 18th, 11:00 a.m. at the driving range, Delray Beach Golf Club, 2200 Highland Avenue. Bleacher seating will be available. **For more information, call 243-7380.**



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

DESIGN AWARDS PRESENTED

The City of Delray Beach **Site Plan Review and Appearance Board** has announced the winners of this year's design awards. The awards were presented at the City Commission meeting on December 3, 2002.

This is the 11th year the Board has presented awards to development teams for exceptional projects completed during the previous fiscal year. The awards are given to those property owners and their design teams whose projects have significantly contributed to the beauty of the community through superior design. The categories consisted of **New Commercial Development, Private Community Facility, Multi-Family Residential Development, Exterior Renovations, New Industrial Development, Wall Signage, and Freestanding Signage**. The following is a complete list of this year's winning projects:

Autobahn Motors (New Commercial Development)

Morton Downey Family Resource Center (Private Community Facility)

Just Tiles and Marble (Co-winner New Industrial Development)

Zenith Commerce Center (Co-winner New Industrial Development)

The Estuary (Co-winner Multi-Family Residential Development)

Ocean Hammock (Co-winner Multi-Family Residential Development)

SOPRA Restaurant (Exterior Renovations)

Longhorn Steak House (Wall Signage)
Delray Bay (Freestanding Signage)

For more information, contact Scott D. Pape, Senior Planner at (561) 243-7321.

RECYCLE

CHRISTMAS TREES

The City is sponsoring a Christmas Tree recycling program. The drop off is located at the City complex just east of Congress Avenue on the south side of Lake Ida Road. Twenty-four hour drop off takes place from **December 26-January 15**.

Trees must be **TINSEL FREE, LIGHT FREE, and ORNAMENT FREE**.

Free pine mulch will be available to the public January 16 and 17 from 8:00 a.m.-noon. **For more information, call Jennifer Buce, Recycling Coordinator at 243-7138.**



STREET EVENT CLOSINGS

Howard Alan Fine Arts Show (Jan. 18 & 19, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.) Atlantic Avenue closed from East Side of NE/SE 6th Avenue to Salina (near beach) Road will close at 4:00 a.m. Jan. 18 and reopen about 8:00 p.m. Jan. 19.

FotoFusion, Jan. 21-25. No road closures.

Art & Jazz on the Avenue (Jan. 23, 6-10 p.m.) Atlantic Avenue will be closed from Swinton to NE/SE 7th. The South side of Atlantic from 7th Avenue to just past the Blue Anchor Pub. NE 2nd Ave. (Pineapple Grove) from Atlantic to NE2nd Street and Railroad Way from Atlantic to NE 1st Street. Public Works advises that road closures for set-up will begin at 4:00 p.m. and will be cleared approximately 11:00 p.m..

DISCOVER THE LIBRARY

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

Jan. 17, 31-**Great Books Discussion**. 10:00 a.m.-noon.

Jan. 13-**Film Noir Series**: "This Gun For Hire". 1:00 p.m.

Jan. 13-**Seminar**: "Unlocking the Secrets of Publishing". 6:00 p.m.

Jan. 14-**Healthy Living Series**: "Women & Heart Disease" 2:00 p.m.

Jan. 14-**Evening Book Group**: "Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress". 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 15-**Seminar**; "Don't Sweat Growing Orchids". 2:00 p.m.

Jan. 16-**Healthy Living Series**: "Acupuncture & Acupressure 101". 2:00 p.m.

Jan. 21-**Current Events Group**. 10:30 a.m.-noon.

Jan. 26-**Salute to America Sunday Musical Matinee** featuring *The Swing Sisters*. 2:00 p.m. Doors open at 1:30 p.m.

Jan. 27-**Afternoon Book Club**: "Balzac and The Little Chinese Seamstress". 1:00 p.m.

Jan. 28-**Healthy living Series**: "Check Your Hearing" screening van. 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Jan. 29-**Healthy Living Series**: "Psychological After Effects Caused by Child Abuse". 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 30-**Seminar**: "Getting Along With Your In-Laws". 10:30 a.m.

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.