

News for Neighborhoods



CITY OF DELRAY BEACH - JANUARY 2007



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A 1 A RESTORATION AND REHABILITATION THROUGH DELRAY BEACH TO BEGIN THIS SUMMER



A1A (Ocean Blvd.) wide lanes.

State Road A1A is one of America's most beautiful coastal roads. In South Florida, it is one of the most traveled by residents and visitors to our many beaches as well as tourists taking the scenic route running from Key West to Fernandina Beach, just south of the Georgia border. This July, the resurfacing, restoration and rehabilitation of A1A through the Delray Beach area will begin. The work will extend from Linton Boulevard on the south to George Bush Boulevard in the north. The City water main replacement project, currently underway, should be completed by the end of this month. With that done the Florida Department Of Transportation (DOT) will be clear to proceed with their project along A1A.

Currently, the width of A1A lanes varies from 9 feet to 14 feet along its length. The DOT will standardize the width of both lanes to 11 feet and provide new landscaping along its borders. Work to be done will include new sidewalks on the east side of A1A from Linton Boulevard to Atlantic Dunes Park and new sidewalks installed along the west side of A1A from Casuarina Road to Ingraham Avenue. Some existing sections of sidewalk will be removed for construction, but then replaced. That will be the case for the sidewalks on the west side of A1A from Ingraham Avenue

to Miramar Drive and at various locations along the east side of A1A for new drainage installations. A paved shoulder along the road will accommodate bicyclists. A new sidewalk will be installed on the west side of A1A from the Marriott Hotel to Thomas Street. All installations will comply with ADA requirements. Pedestrian crosswalks will include ramps, high-emphasis striping, and a flashing beacon warning approaching motorists of pedestrian traffic.

Street lights along the public beach will be relocated, but the final decision on the type of illumination and standards to hold the lighting are still being discussed by the DOT and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to ensure sea turtle protection. New mast-arm signals will be installed at Casuarina Road and at East Atlantic Avenue. Mid-block crosswalks will be provided at Atlantic Dunes Park, the Seagate Hotel location, Anchor Park, Ingraham Park, north of Atlantic Avenue and at the north end of the public beach.



A1A narrow lanes.

Work will stop on November 15th, 2007 to accommodate in season visitors and tourism. Construction will begin again in April of 2008. Landscaping will be done after construction is completed in the Summer and Fall of 2008 and the entire project is slated for completion by November 15, 2008.

DELRAY BEACH EMERGENCY RADIO SEEKS SPANISH AND CREOLE TRANSLATORS

Delray Beach Emergency Radio (WQFL416) transmits at 1620 AM, 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. During actual emergencies, Delray Beach Emergency Radio operates live out of the Emergency Operations Center at our Fire-Rescue Headquarters. During non-emergency periods, the City broadcasts public safety and service messages and the Emergency Radio Calendar which repeat throughout the day and night at 1620 AM. The Delray Beach Emergency Radio Calendar is a half-hour information program including Spanish and Creole translations of announcements about meetings, activities and events. We are seeking persons fluent in reading, writing, and speaking to perform on Delray Beach Emergency Radio. To inquire or apply, please call the Public Information Office at (561) 243-7009 or (561) 243-7190.



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**DELRAY BEACH
CALENDAR OF
EVENTS & ACTIVITIES
JANUARY 2007**

January 7

Performance In The Park
Veterans Park 3:00 PM
For Info: (561) 243-7277

January 11

Traditional Japanese Ceramics
and Kiln Sites
Morikami Japanese Museum And
Gardens
For Info: (561) 495-0233

January 12- 13
"Man 1 – Bank 0"

Award Winning Comedy
Crest Theatre at Old School Square
8:00 PM
Info: (561) 243-7922

January 12

First Anniversary Gala
Comedian Bobby Collins
Delray Beach Public Library
7:30 PM Info: (561) 266-9490

January 15-16

Lucie Arnaz Cabaret Series
Crest Theatre / Old School Square
8:00PM
For Info: (561) 243-7922

January 15

Annual Martin Luther King, Jr.
Breakfast / Old School Square
Gymnasium 8:00 AM
Info: (561) 279-8883

January 16

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

January 18

Art & Jazz On The Avenue
And Gallery Stroll
6:00 PM Info: (561) 279-1380

January 19

Dancing In The Dunes Gala
Sandway House & Nature Center
Fund Raiser
Info: (561) 274-7263

January 27 – 31

International Tennis Championships
Delray Beach Stadium
And Tennis Center
Info: (561) 330-6000

City Website:

MyDelrayBeach.com

**LOCAL SOLDIER IN IRAQ
RECEIVES GIFTS FROM HOME**

This past October and November, the local "You Are Not Alone" organization and Forgotten Soldiers, Inc. coordinated a drive to collect and send packages of food, hygiene items and all sorts of requested articles for our troops overseas. Packages totaling thousands of pounds were sent and have been delivered to our service men and women, just in time for the Holidays. Deputy Vice Mayor Fred Fetzer received an e-mail from one of our soldiers in Iraq who happens to be the son of Delray Beach Police Officer Greg Wesner. His message read:

Mr. Fetzer, I just wanted to personally thank you for the care package sent by "Forgotten Soldiers, Inc." is it? I was walking out of my tent a little bit ago to go on a mission. My section chief told me I had a package. When we got back to Camp Arifjan, we opened it up and I took half of the food and personal hygiene items. My buddies took whatever I didn't. I read over all the letters by the school children. Some of those kids really have a sense of humor. Unfortunately, I have no time to e-mail everyone, so if you could tell them I successfully received the package and that we all enjoyed the items sent, it would be greatly appreci-

ated. Once again, thank you for organizing such an organization that helps us troops out. It gets depressing and lonely out here; all there is sand, dust and concrete. We'll take care. Sincerely, PFC Wesner."

Deputy Vice Mayor Fetzer replied:
Dear PFC Wesner,

Ryan, I was so pleased to get your e-mail message saying you received the package that the City of Delray Beach and The Forgotten Soldiers Outreach, Inc., sent to you. . . . I will share your e-mail with Lynelle Sue Chauncey (founder and president of Forgotten Soldiers Outreach) and the City officials of Delray Beach. We are very proud of what you and your fellow soldiers are doing for our country."

Commissioner Brenda Montague and former Commissioner Alberta McCarthy led the effort with members of the "You Are Not Alone" group. The entire City Commission and City employees joined the volunteers in packing and mailing the packages abroad.



Deputy
Vice Mayor
Fred Fetzer

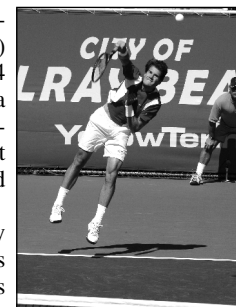
**DELRAY BEACH INTERNATIONAL TENNIS
CHAMPIONSHIPS CELEBRATES 15TH YEAR**

World class tennis won't be all that's happening at the upcoming Delray Beach International Tennis Championships (ITC) which will be played Saturday, Jan. 27 through Sunday, Feb. 4 at the Delray Beach Stadium & Tennis Center. Starting with a tournament-opening "Family Day" on Sunday, Jan. 28 and continuing for the next seven days, the site will be alive with street performers, non-stop musical entertainment, fireworks, and food & drink.

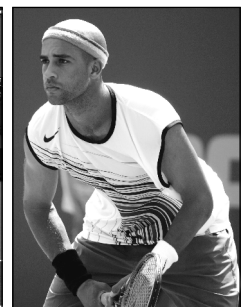
American James Blake, ranked No. 4 in the world, and Tommy Haas, ranked No. 11, are among a group of top-ranked players who will compete in a new round robin format that promises multiple performances by star players and exciting matches throughout the series.

The Delray Beach ITC is a \$416,000 ATP Tour Event and the first of 14 ATP tournaments in the U.S. in 2007. For the last eight years, the event has been held in Delray Beach. For tickets and information, please call (561) 330-6000 or go on-line at www.YellowTennisBall.com. Ticket packages and single session tickets are also available at the Stadium & Tennis Center box office located at 30 NW 1st Avenue, Delray Beach, 33444.

Qualifying matches, which are free to the public, will be played Saturday, Jan. 27 beginning at 10:00 AM. Opening Day's single Sunday session begins at 11:00 AM while all sessions Monday - Friday are scheduled for 11:00 AM and 5:30 PM. The Saturday, Feb. 3 semifinals are at noon and 7:00 PM with the doubles final on Sunday, Feb. 4 at noon and the singles final at 1:30 PM.



Tommy Haas



James Blake

**VETERANS PARK ACTIVITIES
802 NE 1ST STREET**



Check your mate and get on board by joining Veterans Park **Chess Club**. Bring your board and join other Chess enthusiasts on Fridays from noon to 4:00 pm. Annual fees: \$15 (Delray residents) and \$20 (non-residents).

Maybe your future is in the cards. Senior Bridge is played Thursdays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and Sundays from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Become a member of the Veterans Park **Senior Bridge Group** or play as a guest. Annual fees: \$11.50 (residents) and \$17.25 (non-residents). Members pay \$1.00 each time they play. Guest fees: \$2.00 each time.

Apple a day not keeping the doctor away? Try **Tai Chi for Beginners**. Learn natural ways to relieve tension, stress and pains from certified instructor Gary Tong. Classes are held on Mondays from 11:00 am – noon and Saturdays from 10:15 am to 11:15 am. Cost is \$15 per class.

It takes two to tango but singles and couples are invited to **Ballroom Dancing** on Tuesdays from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Rumba, mambo, waltz, fox trot and tango for \$5 (residents) and \$7 (non-residents) per class.

Don't put your best friend in the doghouse. Sign your pet up for **Dog Training Classes**, a six week course held Tuesdays from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Open to all dogs of all ages. Fees: \$160 (residents) and \$180 (non-residents). Requirements apply and registration is required. Call Josh (561) 496-5045 or email josh@topspotcanine.com.

There's music in the air at **Kindermusik**. From birth to age 7, children can experience the magic of music without the pressure to perform. The 15 week program begins January 9th and meets on Tuesdays. Fees: \$225 (residents) and \$240 (non-residents). For locations, times and registration, call Carol Ann at (561) 706-7209.

For information on any of these exciting programs, call Recreations Supervisor III Melissa Kaminiecki (561) 243-7350.

It Starts in Parks!