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CITY OF DELRAY BEACH - November 2008



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DIGITAL TV TRANSITION AND HOW IT AFFECTS YOU



Currently, many over-the-air stations are broadcasting in both analog and digital TV formats. **After February 17, 2009, full-power TV stations will broadcast only in digital.** The digital TV transition will affect those who watch free over-the-air television (through a rooftop antenna or "rabbit ears"). If you watch over-the-air programs on an analog TV, you must take action before February 17, 2009.

- If all of your TVs are hooked up to cable or satellite, you will continue to receive broadcasting after the switch. Check with your cable or satellite company to be sure.
- **If you have a digital TV, you are ready for the switch.** (If your TV is more than 10 years old it probably is not digital. If it is less than 10 years old, ask the manufacturer if your TV is "analog-only.")
- **If you have an analog-only TV with a roof top antenna or "rabbit ears," you will not be able to watch most TV stations after February 17, 2009 unless you get a "converter box."**
- Converter boxes receive digital signals and convert them into analog format for display on analog TVs. The converter box attaches to your TV and allows your household to continue receiving free broadcasting. With the converter box you can get a better picture and more channels. The antenna you have should work with the box.
- You can buy a converter box at a retail store. The boxes will cost \$40 to \$70.
- Until March 31, 2009 (or while supplies last), households will be eligible to request up to two \$40 coupons from the US Government to be used toward the purchase of up to two converter boxes. (Please note these coupons will expire 90 days after mailing.)

For more information on the digital TV transition, call 1-888-225-5322 or visit www.dtv.gov. For information on converters and coupons, call 1-888-388-2009 or visit www.dtv2009.gov.

CITY CELEBRATES HOLIDAY SEASON WITH CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY



Famous 100 Ft Christmas Tree

With the holidays fast approaching, preparations are underway by the Downtown Marketing Cooperative (DMC) for the Famous 100-Foot Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. On December 4th at 6:00 pm spectators will gather at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Avenue, and witness the illumination of 15,500 glistening bulbs. Sponsored by the Office Depot Foundation, this time-honored tradition signifies the City's official celebration of the holiday season.

One hour prior to the Tree Lighting Ceremony, local students will entertain crowds with holiday music followed by the arrival of Santa. Festivities continue with Art and Jazz on the Avenue (6:00 pm until 10:00 pm), the holiday carousel, outdoor skating and more.

This year marks a new era as the DMC welcomes Florida Power and Light (FPL) as its "green" sponsor. FPL will replace all outdated decorative bulbs with light-emitting diode (LED) lights. These brighter, more durable lights conserve energy and last longer at substantial cost savings. The Office Depot Foundation will provide LED lighting for the Tree's 16 foot star.

Additional information on holiday activities can be found at www.delraybeach.com.

During the event, east Atlantic Avenue will be closed to vehicular traffic from Swinton Avenue to SE 7th Avenue at the Intracoastal.



Remember to Vote on the Palm Beach County Question on the November 4th Ballot – Adoption of this Charter Amendment will ensure that a City's services, powers, functions and authority rest in the hands of that City's residents, not voters countywide, giving cities a greater say in important matters that affect their communities. Consider this issue on the November 4th ballot.

Pd..Pol. Adv. through the provision of in kind services, by the City of Delray Beach on behalf of the Let Us Vote Political Committee, P.O. Box 3286, Palm Beach, FL 33480.

www.letusvote.info

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2008

November 22

Turkey Trot 5K Run & Health Walk
Anchor Park, 340 S Ocean Blvd
7:30 AM
Info: (561) 243-7277

November 22 - 23

Artists in the Park
Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St
10:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Info: (561) 443-7797

November 27 - 28

Thanksgiving Holiday
City Hall Closed

November 28

Friday Night Flicks
Old School Square
7:30 PM
Info: (561) 243-7922

December 2

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

December 4

Famous 100 Foot
Tree Lighting Ceremony
Old School Square
Festivities begin at 5:00 PM
Info: (561) 279-1380

December 4

Art and Jazz on the Avenue
Atlantic Ave
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Info: (561) 279-1380

December 5

DBHS Holiday Party
1926 Bungalow, 3 NE 1st St
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Info: (561) 243-2577

December 9

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

GreenMarket in the Park

Worthing Park, 150 E Atlantic Ave
Saturdays, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Info: (561) 276-7511

MyDelrayBeach.com



**CITIZEN
SERVICE REQUESTS**

Phone: (561) 243-7012

Online: www.mydelraybeach.com

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

**PROJECT HOLIDAY DELIVERS TRUE SPIRIT
OF THE SEASON TO OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY**



The City of Delray Beach and “You Are Not Alone” together with the Church of the Palms Congregational kick off the 3rd Annual *Project Holiday*. Beginning October 22nd, *Project Holiday* will collect and ship needed items to deployed military members in time for the holiday season. Donations will be accepted through November 21st.

“You Are Not Alone” (YANA) is a local group sponsored by the City of Delray Beach that provides encouragement and emotional support to family members and friends of our soldiers. The Church of the Palms Congregational, 1960 N Swinton Avenue, continues its role as an instrumental participant in this worthy effort by collecting items for our troops.

A complete list of needed items can be found at www.mydelraybeach.com. The entire community is urged to contribute at the following drop box locations:

- Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave
- Delray Beach Tennis Center - 201 W Atlantic Ave
- Delray Beach Community Center - 50 NW 1st Ave
- Delray Beach Municipal Golf Course – 2200 Highland Ave
- Veterans Park - 802 NE 1st St
- Greater Delray Chamber of Commerce – 64 A SE 5th Ave
- Pompey Park and Pool - 1101 NW 2nd St
- Delray Beach Public Library – 100 W Atlantic Ave
- “505” Teen Center - 505 SE 5th Ave

Monetary donations to cover postage costs and to purchase calling cards are also appreciated. Send a check or money order made payable to *Project Holiday* to: City of Delray Beach, c/o Delores Rangel, 100 NW 1st Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444.

If you are a City resident with a family member serving overseas and would like a package sent to them or wish to volunteer with packing items, contact Delores Rangel at (561) 243-7010. Additional information on *Project Holiday* is available on the City’s website, www.mydelraybeach.com.

**TOY DRIVE BRINGS HOLIDAY CHEER
TO DESERVING CHILDREN**



Share the joy of giving this season by donating to the Delray Beach Holiday Toy Drive. Beginning November 24th, new unwrapped toys and store gift cards will be collected for deserving boys and girls ages 5 to 16 years. Drop off sites are located throughout the City and items will be accepted through December 15th.

For the past 18 years, Delray Beach merchants and residents have come together as a community to support this worthy effort. Through their generosity, thousands of children have experienced the caring spirit of the holiday.

Don’t have time to shop? Checks, made payable to the Delray Citizens for Delray Police, are very much appreciated.

If you are interested in donating, contact Officer Jeff Messer at (561) 243-7841 or Jennifer Buce at (561) 243-7138. **PLEASE! NO TOY GUNS.**

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

- All Delray Beach Fire Rescue Stations
- Boston’s on the Beach, 40 S Ocean Blvd
- Chamber of Commerce, 64A SE 5th Ave
- Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave
- Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave
- Delray Beach Police Department, 300 W Atlantic Ave
- Lake Ida Pharmacy, 600 N Congress Ave
- Meisner Electric Inc, 220 NE 1st Ave
- Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave
- Plastring Insurance, 820 N Federal Hwy

The Delray Beach Holiday Toy Drive is sponsored by the Delray Citizens for Delray Police/Kids and Cops Program.

City of Character Trait of the Month: RESPECT

Treat others with respect. Follow the Golden Rule. Be tolerant of differences. Use good manners and respectful language. Be considerate of the feelings of others. Live in a way that does not harm or hurt anyone. Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements.



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