

# News for Neighborhoods



CITY OF DELRAY BEACH - January 2009



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*Campo de Golf Municipal*  
*Magazen Golf*

City Website: [MyDelrayBeach.Com](http://MyDelrayBeach.Com)



*Explore and Enjoy Our Heritage*

## DELRAY BEACH DESIGNATED A PRESERVE AMERICA COMMUNITY

Delray Beach was recently honored when Mrs. Laura Bush, Honorary Chair of the Preserve America initiative, designated the City as one of the nation's newest Preserve America Communities. The City's collaboration with the Delray Beach Historical Society on the Ethel Sterling Williams History Learning Center Project, also known as the "Hunt House," qualified Delray Beach for this prestigious designation. The project, located at 111 North Swinton Avenue, consisted of relocation and renovation of the "Hunt House" to Delray Beach Historical Society property, a bunker addition (for archival protection) and associated site improvements. Delray Beach also has the distinction of being the first designated Preserve America Community in Palm Beach County.

Preserve America is an initiative to encourage and support community efforts to preserve and enjoy America's priceless cultural and natural heritage. The goals of the initiative include a greater shared knowledge about the nation's past, strengthened regional identities and local pride, increased local participation in preserving the country's cultural and natural heritage assets and support for the economic vitality of our communities.

"Preserve America Communities demonstrate that they are committed to preserving America's heritage while ensuring a future filled with opportunities for learning and enjoyment," Mrs. Bush said. "This community designation program, combined with the Preserve America Grant Program, Preserve America Presidential Awards, and other federal support, provides strong incentives for continued preservation of our cultural and natural heritage resources. I commend you for your commitment to preserving an important part of our nation's historic past for visitors, neighbors, and, most importantly, for children."

For more information about the initiative and its programs, visit [www.preserveamerica.gov](http://www.preserveamerica.gov).

## TENNIS ELITE HEADLINE DELRAY BEACH INTERNATIONAL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS



Tommy Haas, Mardy Fish and the Bryan Brothers will compete against other top-ranked players in the 2009 Delray Beach International Tennis Championships (ITC). From February 21st through March 1st, spectators will enjoy exceptional tennis action at the Delray Beach Stadium and Tennis Center, 201 West Atlantic Avenue.

Celebrating its 11th year in Delray Beach and 17th year in South Florida, the Delray Beach ITC features some of the world's best athletes in exciting, action-filled tennis matches. Special events take place off the courts as well with musical entertainment, talented performers and family-oriented activities.

Qualifying matches, which are free to the public, will be played Saturday, February 21st at 10:00 am and Sunday, February 22nd at noon. From Monday through Friday, main draw sessions will be held at 11:00 am and 5:30 pm. Semifinals will be played on Saturday, February 28th at noon and 7:00 pm. Finals are scheduled for Sunday, March 1st, with doubles at noon and singles immediately following at 1:30 pm.

Tickets can be purchased at the Delray Beach Tennis Center box office, 30 NW 1st Avenue, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, by phone (561) 330-6000 and via the website [www.YellowTennisBall.com](http://www.YellowTennisBall.com). Visit any one of these venues for more information.

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### JANUARY 2009

#### January 6

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

#### January 10 -11

Artists in the Park  
Free Outdoor Art Festival  
Veterans Park  
10:00 AM – 4:30 PM  
Info: (561) 443-7797

#### January 11

Oshogatsu New Year's Festival  
Morikami Museum  
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
Info: (561) 495-0233

#### January 19

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
City Hall Closed  
Info: (561) 243-7000

#### January 19 - 24

Palm Beach Poetry Festival  
Old School Square  
Info: (561) 243-7922

#### January 20

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

#### January 27

Annual Citizen's Roundtable  
Old School Square  
7:00 PM  
Info: (561) 243-7190

#### January 29

Art and Jazz on the Avenue  
Downtown Delray Beach  
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM  
Info: (561) 279-1380

#### January 29

World's Largest Pop-Up Book Party  
Old School Square  
7:00 PM  
Info: (561) 243-7231

#### January 30

Friday Night Flicks &  
Kids' Pirate Costume Night  
Old School Square  
Festivities Begin at 6:30 PM  
Info: (561) 243-7922

## ANNUAL CITIZEN'S ROUNDTABLE

### JANUARY 27, 2009 AT OLD SCHOOL SQUARE



The Annual Citizen's Roundtable will be held at Old School Square, 51 North Swinton Avenue, on January 27, 2009 at 7:00 pm. Residents are encouraged to attend and participate in discussions on issues and concerns involving the City of Delray Beach and its local government.

Mayor Rita Ellis will provide opening remarks in the Crest Theatre followed by presentations from Delray Beach Planning and Zoning, the Community Redevelopment Agency and City Manager David T. Harden.

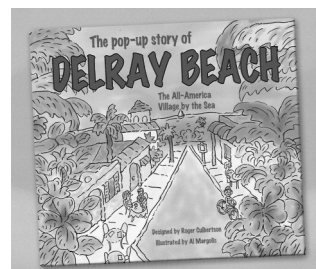
At the conclusion of the presentations, the audience will be invited to adjourn to the Old School Square Gymnasium and join in roundtable discussions facilitated by City officials and staff. The goal is to promote constructive dialogue between the City and the community in an effort to better understand and address the needs of Delray Beach residents.

The Annual Report Edition of Hometown Connection will be distributed at the Citizen's Roundtable which summarizes the City's accomplishments in 2008 and outlines goals for 2009 and beyond.

For more information, contact the Public Information Office at (561) 243-7190.

## PARTY CELEBRATES UNVEILING OF WORLD'S LARGEST POP-UP BOOK

Old School Square and the City of Delray Beach will host a "World's Largest" Pop-Up Book Party in front of the Cornell Museum, 51 North Swinton Avenue, on January 29th at 7:00 pm. The event, held in conjunction with Art & Jazz on the Avenue, celebrates the unveiling of a GIANT version of *The Pop-Up Story of Delray Beach*, a colorful, fact-filled book depicting the City's rich history and culture. The public is invited to be a part of history as book designer and creator Roger Culbertson sets a new Guinness world record for largest pop-up book.



The Cornell Museum will hold special hours from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm during the event. Party festivities include pop-up activities, popcorn and soda pop. Commemorative pens will be given away to the first 200 people.

*The Pop-Up Story of Delray Beach* contains six pop-up spreads illustrating the experiences of residents and visitors to this All-America City Award recipient. The book is available for purchase at various locations throughout the City or online. Proceeds benefit public and private schools in Delray Beach through grants awarded by the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation. For more information, contact City of Delray Beach Education Coordinator Janet Meeks at (561) 243-7231 or visit [www.delraypopupbook.com](http://www.delraypopupbook.com).



## WHERE WERE YOU BORN?

The Zion Study Circle, a diverse group of Delray Beach citizens dedicated to the celebration of our multi-ethnic community, is conducting a one question survey: *Where were you born?* The goal of the survey is to document the origin of all residents and show that the diversity of our citizens enhances the uniqueness of Delray Beach as a City of Harmony. The survey is voluntary and results will be posted on a wall map in the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 West Atlantic Avenue.

If you are interested in participating in the *World of Diversity, City of Harmony Survey*, visit the library or contact Elizabeth Alpert by phone (561) 243-7282 or email [alpert@ci.delray-beach.fl.us](mailto:alpert@ci.delray-beach.fl.us).

**CHARACTER  
COUNTS!**

*Character Pillar of the Month: RESPONSIBILITY*

*Do what you are supposed to do. Persevere, keep on trying! Always do your best. Use self-control. Be self-disciplined. Think before you act - consider the consequences. Be accountable for your choices.*



### CITIZEN SERVICE REQUESTS

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