



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DRIVE REDESIGN PROJECT - PHASE I BEAUTIFICATION & INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT COMPLETE

The City of Delray Beach has recently completed the first phase of its beautification and infrastructure improvement project along Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive (MLK), also known as NW/NE 2nd Street, which extends from I-95 to the Intracoastal Waterway. This important community project was developed following the improvements to SW/NW 5th Avenue at the request of local residents to commemorate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and to provide for needed streetscape and community improvements. Phase I of the project, between Swinton Avenue and NW 12th Avenue, included:

- Installation of landscaping (i.e., curbed planter areas with small trees, palms, shrubs, grasses, and groundcovers) along the MLK rights-of-way
- Installation of low volume irrigation to support landscaped/planted areas
- Installation of lighting for small trees and palms
- Construction of new sidewalks and/or repair of existing sidewalks, where necessary
- Installation of decorative paver crosswalks
- Installation of stone inlays commemorating and featuring quotes by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Development of two (2) pocket parks, featuring landscaping, seating, paver plaza space, and interpretive graphic displays
- Installation of decorative columns and street lighting



*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
commemorative stone inlay*



Newly developed pocket park on MLK Drive

In addition, the MLK project expanded the City's green and sustainable initiatives by continuing its water reclamation project (a federally regulated best practice of recycling water or "water reuse") to provide irrigation to the project's new landscape beautification elements as well as to provide reuse water to Pompey Park (1101 NW 2nd Street) and approximately 37 residences for landscaping and irrigation purposes. By utilizing reclaimed water, instead of potable (drinking) water, each residence/customer has the opportunity to lower their water bills since this type of water is much cheaper than potable water and the customer is not required to pay a wastewater (sewer) charge for the amount of reclaimed water utilized. **Converting Pompey Park's irrigation to reclaimed water is expected to save the City approximately \$35,000 annually in water charges.**

To date, the total cost for the MLK Beautification Project – Phase I is approximately \$1.6 million. Funding was provided by the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (\$568,005), a grant from Palm Beach County (\$100,000), the City's 2004 and 2005 voter approved Bond funding for Recreational and Cultural Projects, the City's General Fund and the City's Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund.

Phase II of this project has not been approved for funding at this time and is proposed to include decorative street lighting, connection to a passive park on the Intracoastal, landscaping and sidewalk improvements.

For more information on this important community project, please contact the Environmental Services Department at (561) 243-7322.



PROJECTS, UPDATES & REMINDERS

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Worthing Park Redesign Construction Project - Construction has begun on the redesign of Worthing Park, 150 East Atlantic Avenue. This park, which has been temporarily closed, will be reconfigured to include wider, paver brick walkways, lighting, landscaping, irrigation and site amenities (i.e., park furniture, bike racks, water fountain, etc.). The project's total cost (\$212,535) will be funded by the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (\$100,000) and private funding contributions (\$112,535). The project is expected to be completed by December 2011.

City Receives \$22,352 FDOT Highway Safety Program Grant - The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has awarded their **Highway Safety Program Grant in the amount of \$22,352** to the City's Police Department. This grant award will be used to support the City's DUI Enforcement Program and continue the Police Department's driver and road safety activities. The City was originally awarded this grant in 2009 for a period of three years (this is the final year in which the City will receive funding). The award will partially fund one (1) existing police officer position (including salary, benefits and overtime) for DUI related activities, thus providing a savings to the City's General Fund. The City will contribute \$58,521 as the required match. For additional information regarding this grant award and/or for more information on the City's DUI Enforcement activities, please contact Sergeant Nicole Guerriero at (561) 243-7841 or by E-mail at guerriero@mydelraybeach.com.

Christmas Tree Recycling Program - Residents & businesses are encouraged to participate in the City's free Christmas Tree Recycling Program after the holiday season. This green and sustainable program grinds all Christmas Trees into mulch that will be used in gardens and parks within Delray Beach and Palm Beach County. To participate, those that DO NOT currently maintain "vegetation" collection services may drop trees off between December 26th and January 22nd at Barwick Park, 735 Barwick Road, Orchard View Park, 4060 Old Germantown Road and Knowles Park, 1001 South Federal Highway. Single family residences and business locations that DO maintain weekly "vegetation" collection service may place Christmas trees curbside on regularly scheduled vegetation pick-up days. *Before recycling, remove all tinsel, lights, ornaments, decorations and stands.* Mulch is offered at no cost to Palm Beach County residents at the North County landfill, 6554 North Jog Road, West Palm Beach, Monday - Saturday, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. For more information on the City's Christmas Tree Recycling Program, please call Jennifer Buce, Litter Prevention Coordinator, at (561) 243-7138 or E-mail buce@mydelraybeach.com.

First Night® 2012 New Year's Eve Celebration - Ring in the New Year at First Night® 2012 on Saturday, December 31, 2011, in Downtown Delray Beach. From 4:00 pm until midnight, this non-alcoholic celebration will feature entertainment and festivities for the entire family. First Night® Buttons, which will serve as official admittance to all First Night® activities and venues, will be sold for \$10 beginning Thursday, December 1st at the City's Famous 100 Ft Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Buttons will also be available at the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce, Delray Beach City Hall, Delray Beach Public Library, Delray News & Tobacco and Old School Square. Buttons purchased after December 30th will be sold for \$15. For information, call (561) 279-1380 or visit www.downtowndelraybeach.com.

Celebrate the Holidays & Save Water at the Same Time - The City of Delray Beach, in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) WaterSense Program, encourages everyone to conserve water during the holiday season by following a few simple tips: 1) Fix leaks in your home; 2) Thaw frozen turkeys in the fridge rather than under running tap water; 3) Rinse vegetables in a sink or bowl with water; 4) Scrape dishes before putting them in the dishwasher rather than pre-rinsing; 5) Ensure the dishwasher is full before running; 6) If you don't have a dishwasher, fill the sink with soapy water rather than running the tap as you wash the dishes. **For more tips on how you can make a difference and conserve water, visit www.epa.gov/watersense.** "WaterSense for Kids", a special section dedicated to educating children about water conservation, can be found on the home page.