



## CITY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS PROMOTE WATER CONSERVATION

The City of Delray Beach recently celebrated Florida City Government Month by expanding its award winning civics educational curriculum – “*Connecting with our Schools - Civics Education in Delray Beach: Outstanding Educational Programs to Raise Civic Awareness for Students of All Ages*” - to include a new program that teaches middle school students about the importance of water conservation. This new program included presentations on the City’s drinking water operations and water conservation efforts as well as a field trip to the City’s Water Treatment Facility and the South Central Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Following the field trip, students were encouraged to write articles educating the public on the importance of water conservation. Articles by two Carver Middle School students appear below and remind us that water conservation is everyone’s responsibility.

### **Vern Renzette, 6th Grade**

*Water Conservation. Two simple words, but they might not be easy to understand. Water conservation is the cutting down of water usage. There are many goals of water conservation, but three are Sustainability, Energy and Habitational. These three points ensure water for the future, water energy and less destruction (such as clams). On average, a person in Florida uses an estimated 100 gallons of water per day! Without water, we or anything else will disappear.*

*There are many things you can do to conserve water. First of all, check around your house for leaks in faucets or pipes. Take shorter showers. Did you know that cutting your shower time by 5 minutes saves an estimated 10-20 gallons of water. Also, by keeping bottled water in the fridge or turning off the faucet when brushing your teeth, you can save over 100 gallons of water per month! Water - use it wisely.*

### **Maranda Hiney, 6th Grade**

*The life cycle of water is important and if we don’t save it, we will have problems and trouble living without it. There are some things I would like to share, like where our drinking water comes from and where the water goes after it is used or consumed. Our drinking water comes from the earth, and the water gets cleaned by filters, machines and chlorine. The story of drinking water begins thousands of years ago. The first people to people to treat/clarify drinking water were the Egyptians as early as 1500 BC.*

*There are some facts you should know about how you can save water. First, don’t overwater your lawn - plant smart, water when it is not hot, use timers for your sprinklers and cut your grass to a three inch height. Use mulch to keep your plants moist and a broom or leaf blower to clean your driveway, not water. If you have a pool, buy a new water saving filter and fix pool leaks. Take shorter showers, use bath water for watering plants and don’t let water run just to change its temperature! Save the earth, save water, save lives!*

To learn more about water conservation, visit [www.savewaterfl.com](http://www.savewaterfl.com).

## DELRAY BEACH INTERNATIONAL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Andy Roddick** and **Ivan Lendl** will be in town to participate in the Delray Beach International Tennis Championships (ITC) February 24th – March 4th at the Delray Beach Tennis Center. Roddick, the 2003 US Open champion, will highlight the ITC’s ATP World Tour event’s 32-player draw. Top 20 **John Isner** has also signed on to play in the 20th annual event, and the 2009 and 2010 ITC doubles champion and world No.1-ranked **Bryan Brothers** are also returning to Delray Beach.

Tennis Hall of Famer Lendl will be the headliner in the 8-player ATP Champions Tour event that includes fellow Grand Slam champions **Michael Chang**, **Mats Wilander** and **Pat Cash**.

The Delray Beach ITC will continue to offer *Senior Days* “Buy-One-Get-One-Free” reserved or box seats (February 27th, February 29th & March 1st day sessions) and the *Food Drive* (February 27th & 28th day sessions) – donate 8 non-perishable food items and receive one (1) free grandstand ticket for that day.

A family favorite, *Kidz Day*, will be held on Saturday, March 3rd. From Noon to 1:30 pm, children will be delighted with games & activities, a bounce house, sand art and more. Up to two (2) children, 12 years of age and younger, will receive free grandstand seating for the day matches with one paid adult.

While attending the tennis tournament, spectators are encouraged to visit Downtown Delray Beach and experience South Florida’s best restaurants, cafes, boutiques and art galleries.

Individual session tickets start at \$20 for grandstand seats. Tournament ticket packages are also available. For match schedules, event information and/or tickets, visit [www.YellowTennisBall.com](http://www.YellowTennisBall.com), stop by the Tennis Center Box Office, 30 NW 1st Avenue (Monday-Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm) or call (561) 330-6000.



Andy Roddick



## PROJECTS, UPDATES & REMINDERS

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**City Selects New Fire-Rescue Chief** – The City of Delray Beach is pleased to announce that Danielle Connor has been selected as the new Chief for the City's Fire-Rescue Department. Chief Connor, an 18 year veteran with Delray Beach Fire-Rescue, will replace Chief David James, who resigned in November 2011. Chief Connor, a second generation Firefighter and native Floridian, began her career as a Firefighter with Delray Beach Fire-Rescue in 1993. She has earned Bachelor of Science degrees in Economics and Business Administration from the University of New Haven and is a graduate of the Emergency Services Leadership Institute from the University of Florida/Florida Fire Chiefs Association and the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program. Chief Connor holds a Florida license as a Registered Nurse (RN).

**Newly Renovated Worthing Park** – The City of Delray Beach held a ribbon cutting ceremony on December 22, 2011 to unveil the newly renovated Worthing Park, 150 East Atlantic Avenue. This downtown project redesigned the park to promote activity in this underutilized park, which was first constructed in 1968 and named after long-time City Clerk R.D. Worthing. The new design creates a more passive "recreation-friendly" green space and provides adjacent retail spaces within Worthing Place. During the two (2) month construction project, the existing 4' wide concrete sidewalk system was converted into a new and wider (17') paver brick walkway that creates a plaza-type setting. In addition, the project included new Florida native landscaping, irrigation, pedestrian scale - decorative lighting, public art, rounded planter seat walls and park furniture. An original art sculpture created by local artist William DeBilzan serves as the centerpiece to the park. Total funding for this project - \$275,231 - was provided by the CRA (\$100,000 - construction), private contributions and parks and recreation impact fees (\$112,535 – design and construction) and the City of Delray Beach (\$62,696 - design and construction).

**Disaster Recovery Initiative Program Extended** – The City and Palm Beach County have approved a one-year extension to the Disaster Recovery Initiative (DRI2) Housing Rehabilitation Program, which allocated \$980,000 in grant funding to the City to rehabilitate and upgrade up to twenty-four (24) housing projects for income-eligible residents who suffered damages from Hurricane Wilma. Funding has been provided to the City through Palm Beach County and the State of Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Program. The maximum total cost to rehabilitate a home (\$37,000) is 100% grant funded. At this time, the City has rehabilitated seventeen (17) homes and is in the process of completing six (6) more homes to meet housing and building codes to protect against future loss/damage during a hurricane and/or natural disaster event. To participate in this free program, participants must be located within the City's Community Development Block Target Area and must meet income requirements. For more information, contact Nigel Roberts, Delray Beach Community Improvement's Neighborhood Services Administrator, at (561) 243-7280 or E-mail [robertspn@mydelraybeach.com](mailto:robertspn@mydelraybeach.com).

**Cold Weather Safety Tips** – The City of Delray Beach would like to remind all residents and businesses to stay safe during the cold weather season. Every year fires, injuries and even deaths are caused by space heaters, improperly maintained heating systems and unsafe burning. Follow these safety tips during the cold weather season to keep you, your family and your neighbors safe:

- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from household combustibles
- Do not use heaters in damp places, such as bathrooms
- Inspect cords of space heaters and do not use if cord is frayed or damaged
- Ensure that your home heating system is serviced annually by certified technicians
- If natural gas is used in your house, ensure that you have a functioning Carbon Monoxide detector
- Never use a grill or fire pit inside the house

For more information, contact Captain Curtis Jepsen, Delray Beach Fire-Rescue, at (561) 243-7456 or E-mail [Jepsen@mydelraybeach.com](mailto:Jepsen@mydelraybeach.com).