

# News for Neighborhoods



CITY OF DELRAY BEACH - December 2009



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## CITY PROMOTES WATER CONSERVATION WITH NEW WATER RATES & RECLAIMED WATER PROJECTS

### *New Water Rates/Water Conservation*

The City Commission recently held Public Hearings and approved new water, irrigation & reuse rates. **The new rates took effect on October 20, 2009 and will more equitably distribute the costs among customers with high volume users paying more and low volume users getting rewarded (or paying less on a monthly basis) for conserving.** As part of the revised rate structure, the first 3,000 gallons of water use will be included in the base charge. The proposed "inverted rate structure" is expected to be "**revenue neutral**" with no revenue increases anticipated for the City's Water & Sewer Fund as a result of the new rates.

The City has begun to more aggressively promote water conservation and offer ideas on reducing water usage. These efforts include articles and tips in the City's newsletters, additional press releases and media coverage, participation in the EPA's WaterSense Program and development of a water fee rate calculator to assist residents in estimating their monthly water fees.

For more information on the new utility rates and the fee rate calculator, visit [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com) and select *Residential Garbage Collection Rates and Water, Irrigation & Reuse Rates under News*.

### *Barrier Island Reclaimed Water System Project*

The City has completed a major reclaimed water project on the barrier island which is designed to deliver "reuse" water to the east side of the Intracoastal Waterway. This project is one of many identified in the City's overall Reclaimed Water Master Plan.

Completion of this important project will enable barrier island residents to use reclaimed water from the regional wastewater reclamation facility for irrigation purposes rather than using treated drinking water. This reduces the City's dependence on pumping additional drinking ("potable") water to support "non-consumptive" uses (i.e., irrigation, etc.).

The project, which included the installation of a reclaimed water transmission and distribution system from Atlantic Avenue to Beach Drive, was funded through a matching grant with the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD). The affected streets are planned to be resurfaced in November/December 2009. The City will begin connecting customers to the system in early 2010.

### *Future Expansion of Reclaimed Water System Project*

The Environmental Services Department (ESD) has started the process to design the next phase of the reclaimed water project, which will extend the recently completed system to George Bush Boulevard. A construction start date has not yet been determined.

For additional information on the City's new water rates and/or the reclaimed water projects (including information on connections), please contact the Environmental Services Department at (561) 243-7322.

### **DELRAY BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES NEW WEB PAGE**



The Delray Beach Police Department has recently launched its new web page on the City's website, [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com). To view information on crime data, emergency notifications and volunteer programs, select *Police* under *Departments* on the home page. For emergencies, dial 911. For non-emergencies, call (561) 243-7800.

## Events & Activities December 2009/January 2010

### December 8

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

### December 11

Hanukkah Begins at Sundown

### December 11

Boynton/Delray Holiday  
Boat Parade  
Boynton Beach Inlet to  
C15 Canal  
6:30 PM  
Info: (561) 742-6246

### December 12

Kids Day at the Tree  
Old School Square  
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Info: (561) 279-1280

### December 12

Delray Beach Holiday Parade  
Atlantic Avenue  
4:00 PM  
Info: (561) 243-7277

### December 14 & 15

Santa's Calling  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Info: (561) 243-7277

### December 19

Breakfast with Santa  
Delray Beach Marriott  
8:00 AM, 9:00 AM & 10:00 AM  
Info: (561) 279-1380

### December 24 & 25

Christmas Holiday  
City Hall Closed

### December 26

Kwanzaa Begins

### December 31

First Night® 2010  
Downtown Delray Beach  
4:00 PM – Midnight  
Info: (561) 279-1380

### January 1

New Year's Day  
City Hall Closed

### January 5

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



## PROJECTS, UPDATES & REMINDERS



**Federal Economic Stimulus Grant Funding & City of Delray Beach "Grant Team"** – The City has been awarded federal economic stimulus funding for the following formula allocated grant(s):

- **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) (Department of Energy)** – in the amount of \$638,500 to support a Sustainability Officer and programs and/or projects that will achieve greater energy efficiency and lower energy usage (i.e., retrofit City facilities with programmable thermostats, motion detectors and energy efficient T-8 lighting, install solar to Fire-Rescue Headquarters in an effort to take facility off the "grid," replace all outdoor lighting fixtures and wiring at Pompey Park athletic fields).

For more information on other stimulus grant opportunities, visit [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com) and select *Economic Stimulus Bill - City of Delray Beach Proposed Awards & Allocations* under *News*.

**Non-Stimulus Grant Funding Awarded** – The City has also been awarded non-stimulus funding for the following grants:

- **Two Highway Safety Program Grants (Florida Department of Transportation)** – The first grant, in the amount of \$87,058, will be applied toward a DUI Enforcement Project and will support a portion of one DUI officer's position (salary), one DUI vehicle and related equipment. The second grant, in the amount of \$48,800, will fund an Aggressive Driving Prevention Program.
- **Justice Assistance Grant (Department of Justice)** – in the amount of \$70,375 to support the Atlantic Community High School Criminal Justice Academy, which provides students the opportunity to learn about police work through classroom instruction and law enforcement activities.
- **Target Law Enforcement Grant Program** – in the amount of \$2,000 to support the "Carver Kids of Character" Youth Program, which offers enrichment activities to underprivileged youth.
- **Bulletproof Vest Partnership (Bureau of Justice Assistance)** – in the amount of \$2,170 to fund the purchase of bulletproof vests for Delray Beach Police Officers.

**Smart Cards** – The *Smart Card* is a new parking payment option that enables beach customers to pay for parking without using coins at any of the City's "Pay-N-Display" meters or single-head meters in the beach area. *Smart Cards* are available for purchase in the Utility Billing Department at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Avenue (Mon-Fri, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm). Customers will also be able to "add" money to their *Smart Card* in various denominations at select multi-space meters and/or the Visitors Center at the SW corner of Atlantic Avenue and Ocean Boulevard. Additional information, including instructions on how to pay for parking using the *Smart Card*, can be found at [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com) under *Media Releases* or by contacting the City's Parking Management Division at (561) 243-7196.

**Green Task Force** – The City's Green Task Force, comprised of seven regular and two alternate members, held its first meeting on November 2, 2009. Under the direction of the City's Sustainability Officer, the Green Task Force will provide recommendations to the City Commission regarding strategies for improving the environmental sustainability of the community as well as to identify and promote environmental conservation practices, including recycling and water & energy conservation. The Green Task Force meets the first Monday of the month at 6:00 pm in the Environmental Services Administration Building, 434 South Swinton Avenue. All meetings are open to the public.

**Old School Square Park** – Construction on the new Old School Square Park began on September 2, 2009. This two (2) acre park – located east of Old School Square campus – is currently on schedule to be completed in early December, 2009. Underground utilities are complete and landscaping & irrigation improvements are under construction. Upon final completion, the park will include beautiful landscaped areas, walking and resting/open areas, decorative lighting features, public art, benches, trash receptacles, bike racks and carousel play structures. The Old School Square Park will contribute to the City's efforts to maintain a vibrant and successful downtown while contributing to its "green" and sustainable efforts. The project is being funded from a voter-approved Bond Issue and a Florida Community Trust grant. In addition, the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency has contributed funding toward the purchase of the property. The total project construction has an estimated cost of \$677,122.

Delray Beach Police Department  
**CRIME TIPS NUMBER**  
Phone: (561) 243-7839



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