

MARCH 2002

SCHOOL RELOCATION AGREEMENT APPROVED

The City Commission approved an agreement with the Palm Beach County School Board allowing the City to transfer to the School Board 43 acres of land for the relocation of Atlantic High School. The agreement calls for the School Board to build the high school on the new site and pay the City \$3,392,000 in saved construction costs (this may later be adjusted) and \$8,070,000 for a total of \$11,462,000. The old site will be available for a middle school if demographics warrant it. As part of the agreement, the City receives the right to obtain up to 15 acres on the original site for a soccer complex.

Staff was authorized to proceed with the acquisition of 19.653 acres of land from Continental Homes of Florida, Inc. in the amount of \$6,390,000. The Commission also authorized staff to proceed with the appraisal of 37 parcels in the Breezy Ridge Estates properties so this land can also be purchased by the City for the new school site. Breezy Ridge residents may remain in their homes after the transfer of the land to the City subject to lease provisions with the School Board. The agreement calls for the City to transfer the land to the School Board by December 1, 2002.

FIRE-RESCUE CONDUCTS TRAINING SESSIONS

The Fire Department's Training and Safety Division has conducted a variety of training sessions in recent months to better prepare personnel to respond to specific emergencies.

Special Operations personnel who specialize in hazardous materials were trained in the use of new Biological Field Test Equipment. The test can determine in 15 minutes, with a 90% accuracy rate, whether an unknown substance is Anthrax or some other biological hazard.

All rescue personnel participated in fire training to practice new countywide guidelines for high-rise emergencies. The training scenario involved a fire in a 15th floor condominium.

Fire-Rescue and Ocean Rescue personnel also participated in emergency training scenarios to clarify procedures during joint responses at the beach. The City's new radio system allows for common communications between the two departments and the training session provided an opportunity to familiarize all personnel with these capabilities.

DIRECT PAYMENT NOW AVAILABLE

The City is now offering a **Direct Payment** option for paying utility bills. City residents now have the option of having their checking or savings account debited each month for the amount of their utility bill. Customers will continue to receive the usual monthly postcard so they will know the amount to be deducted from the account. The bill will carry the following statement: **BANK DRAFT – DO NOT PAY.**

City of Delray Beach residents interested in participating in **Direct Payment** of utility bills must complete an authorization form and return it along with a voided check or a voided deposit slip. Upon return of the form, it should take approximately two months for this to go into effect.

For more information, or to request an authorization form, please call Barbara Schooler at 243-7119.

EASTER BONNET STROLL

Some good old fashion fun is planned for Easter Sunday at Old School Square. The Annual Easter Bonnet Stroll will take place Sunday, March 31st, from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Put on your best Easter clothes and bonnets, bring your favorite dressed up PET and join the fun. There will be a jelly bean contest and refreshments will be served. Prizes will be given for the best-dressed couples, teens, children, individuals, old fashion outfits, and of course, best bonnets. There will be even awards for the best dressed pets! **For more information, call Carolyn Zimmerman at 276-1715.**

BODY SCULPTING CLASS

A new exercise program is starting at Veterans Park Community Center. Laura D'Addio, Certified Fitness Instructor and Personal Trainer will be teaching Body Sculpting on Tuesday nights at 5:30 p.m. for one hour. It is a total strength and toning class without the cardiovascular exercise. Each muscle group is targeted by specific exercises with the use of resistance tubing and hand held weights. Also included are exercises to increase your flexibility and specific exercises to improve balance. Students are encouraged to bring their own weights, hand towels and water. The new class is scheduled to start March 12th. Cost for six classes is \$60. **For more information, call Veterans Park at 243-7350.**



WHAT IS STORMWATER AND WHERE DOES IT GO?

Storm water is rainwater that washes through our property and streets, taking with it any debris that may be in its path. This mixture of rain, debris, oil and waste is known as "runoff". In the past, municipalities, as well as other public and private agencies, worked to get storm water off the roads as quickly as possible to avoid flooding. Today these same agencies are working to not only reduce and often eliminate flooding, but to prevent pollution by the elements picked up by runoff.

When you pass a storm inlet, do you know where the water goes? Do you think it is channeled to a treatment plant the way sewage is? Think again! Up north, there may still be some existing combined sewer systems, where both sewage and storm water are channeled to the local sewage treatment plant. Here in Florida, we do not have combined systems. In fact, in most areas of the Country inflow and infiltration (I/I) studies are done to find groundwater and rainwater leaks in sanitary sewer systems and repair any damage. Sewage treatment costs money, and treating large amounts of added storm water would be very expensive. South Florida is surrounded by water bodies such as the Intracoastal Waterway, lakes and the Atlantic Ocean, and that is exactly where most storm water runoff goes.

The next time you pass an inlet, remember that it most likely discharges into a body of water that may be near where you live, swim or fish! Do not add to the pollution problem by pouring anything down the storm drain, and remember that the drain is for storm water only! The City's storm water assessment program is working for all of us and will enable our future generations to enjoy cleaner water.

LOCATION CHANGED FOR COMMISSION MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Delray Beach City Commission to be held on **Tuesday, March 5, 2002** will be relocated to the **Pompey Park Recreation Center**, 1101 N.W. 2nd Street. The Regular Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and Public Hearings at 7:00 p.m.

Also, on Tuesday, March 5th, the City Clerk will hold a demonstration of the new voting equipment in the lobby of the Pompey Park Recreation Center from 5:30-6:30 p.m. This equipment will be used in the March 12th Municipal Election. **For more information, call Barbara Garito, City Clerk, at 243-7050.**

BOY SCOUTS DONATE COMPUTER TO SISTER CITY

A local Boy Scout troop was recognized by the Delray Beach City Commission for a community service project that will benefit the City's Sister City in Moshi, Tanzania, East Africa.

Boy Scout Troop 340, Gulf Stream Council, Osceola District, rebuilt a broken computer from donated parts and gave it to the Moshi City Library. The computer was presented to the Delray Beach Sister Cities Committee as part of a Sister Cities on-going project of assisting the library with books, book shelves and computers. For their effort, the Boy Scouts will earn their Computer and Citizenship of the World merit badges. Three area women who traveled to Tanzania this month to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro delivered the computer to City officials in Moshi.

The computer that went to Tanzania is the second system the Troop has gotten up and running. The first computer was given to a local child who needed a computer for school work. Scoutmaster Russ Mawson says the Troop plans to continue rebuilding computers as part of an on-going learning activity and community service project.

The Delray Beach City Commission presented awards to the Boy Scouts, and designated the three women traveling to Tanzania, **Alice Lee, Beverly Hosokawa** and **Katrina Kacandes**, as Friendship Ambassadors to Moshi, Tanzania, East Africa.

POLICE HONOR VOLUNTEERS

Congratulations to **Shirley and Charlie Jacobs** on being selected **Co-Volunteers of the Month** for December. In addition to spearheading efforts to help the Caring Kitchen in Delray Beach with food for their clientele, they started a program to collect food for the animals of these people. They placed boxes at different locations throughout the city to collect the food for the pets. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs' personal initiative demonstrates how valuable our volunteers are to the community. Way to go!

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SECRET GARDEN TOUR

There is nothing quite so soothing as a visit to a garden. On Saturday, March 16th, you can climb on board a trolley for a tour of six privately owned gardens in Delray Beach. A continental breakfast will be served at the first stop. An added bonus will be an inside tour of one of the homes. The tour will end with a luncheon.

Cost saving tips will be provided by a Master Gardener with the Palm Beach County Extension Office who will show ways to design and maintain a yard that uses less water, fertilizer, pesticide and labor.

Trolley pickup is 8:45 a.m. at the South County Courthouse on 200 West Atlantic Avenue, in the back parking lot. Tickets are \$30. Reservations must be made by March 9th. **For more information, call Carolyn Zimmerman at 276-1715.**

REMEMBER TO VOTE!

Municipal Election

March 12, 2002

Polls open
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



LEARN CPR FREE

What would you do if someone you love suffered a heart attack? Would you be able to help? The life-saving techniques of CPR are simple to learn and will prepare you for cardiac emergencies that can happen anytime, anywhere to anyone.

The American Heart Association and the Florida College of Emergency Physicians urge you to be ready. Free CPR classes will be offered on Saturday, April 13th at the Florida Atlantic University Gymnasium, 777 West Glades Road in Boca Raton. Classes start every ½ hour from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Here is a wonderful opportunity for you to invest just two hours and learn CPR! **For more information, call 367-4483.**

DISCOVER THE LIBRARY

Here are some of the events coming to the Delray Beach Public Library in March.

Mar.4-Seminar: "How To Find The Love of Your Life After 50". 2 p.m.

Mar.5-Seminar: "Working From Home: Basics of Running a Home Based Business"- 6:30 p.m. To register, call 266-9490.

Mar. 6-New Craft Club "Weaving" 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Mar.6-Author's Series: "Positive News and the Reporting of It in the Press and on TV". 6:30 p.m.

Mar.7-Lunch with Liz, "The Mind-Body Connection...How Thoughts Create Our Reality" based on insights of Shirley MacLaine. 12-1:30 p.m.

Mar. 11- Seminar "Public Speaking-Fundamentals of Speech Communication." 2:00 p.m.

Mar. 11-Author's Series: "Memories of the Jing Bao & Beyond". 6:30 p.m.

Mar. 12-Healthy Living Series "Fibromyalgia-My Journey to Wellness" presented by Claire Musickant. 2:00 p.m.

Mar. 13-Healthy Living Series "If You Don't Take Care of Your Body-Where Will You Live?". 2:00 p.m.

Mar. 14-New Book Discussion Group: "The Changing Role of Women", The Life and Times of Eudora Welty". 2 p.m.

Mar. 17-Musical Matinee Featuring the Echoes of Erin Trio. 2:00 p.m. Tickets available on the day of the performance. Doors open 1:00 p.m.

Mar. 18-Author's Series: "A Change of Heart". 2:00 p.m.

Mar. 19-Author's Series: "The Secret Life of the Brain". 6:30 p.m.

Mar. 20-Seminar: "It's In the Bag...An Innovative Approach to Hand Bags, Purses, and Neckpieces". 2:00 p.m.

Mar. 20-Healthy Living Series, "What Every Parent Needs to Know About Ritalin, ADD, and Hyperactivity in Children." 6:30 p.m.

Mar. 25-Oprah Book Club: "Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay". 1 p.m.

Mar. 25-Healthy Living Series "How's Your Hearing?" Free Hearing Screening Van presented by HearRX. 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.