

## DECEMBER 2001 ALL-AMERICA CITY HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES



Delray Beach is the patriotic place to be this holiday season! The public is invited to experience and enjoy our famous 100 foot tree.

Walk inside the patriotic tree to visit Santa and see the animated displays. The tree lighting ceremony takes place on November 24th with live entertainment beginning at 6 p.m. and Santa's arrival and Tree Lighting at 7 p.m. Buttons will be on sale for First Night® 02-Delray's Family New Year's Eve Celebration.

Here's the schedule of holiday events:

- 12/6- Art & Jazz on the Avenue, 6-11pm.
- 12/7- Boat Parade, 6:30 pm.
- 12/8- Kid's Day at the Tree, 10am-4pm.
- 12/8- Holiday Parade, 6pm.
- 12/15- Breakfast with Santa, 8 & 10 am.
- 12/31- First Night®02- Bring the entire family to venues at various downtown

### ELDER READY TASK FORCE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

How would you like to help make Delray Beach an "Elder Friendly" place to live! The City Commission and Police Officer Skip Brown are in the process of creating a "Committee On Aging" made up of representatives from a cross section of the community. The Committee will be responsible for completing the Elder Ready Report Card, which is an assessment of our city's readiness to better accommodate our senior citizens and their way of life.

The 15-member Elder Ready Task Force Committee will explore issues such as housing, transportation, sidewalks, lighting, bus stops, restaurants and local businesses. The goal is to define ways to help our senior citizens maintain their dignity, security and independence.

**If you are interested or have further questions, please call Karen Schell, Executive Assistant in the City Clerk's Office at 243-7056.**

### CALLING ALL CHEFS!

The Delray Affair Committee is looking for recipes to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Delray Affair. If you have one or two of your favorite recipes you would like to share, call JoAnn Peart at 276-8968.



### GRANTS APPROVED FOR FIVE NEW HOMES



Five Delray Beach families will be getting new homes thanks in part to City Commission approval of grant subsidies under the **Delray Beach Renaissance Program**.

The five potential homebuyers are required to attend a homebuyer's seminar. The seminar includes training and information on financial planning, credit and borrowing, budgeting, fair housing issues, mortgage and closing costs and a comprehensive glossary of real estate terms. The homebuyers are required to maintain ownership of the home for a specified period according to the amount of the grant.

All five grants are for new construction and bring the total to 130 homeownership assistance grants provided under the City Renaissance Program to date.

The City Commission also approved two housing rehabilitation grant awards which will be used to bring the homes to minimum code requirements by repairing the roof, electric and plumbing systems and correcting other code violations.

**For more information on Delray Beach housing programs, call Kenneth Thomas, Community Development**

### DELRAY SHORES/SUDAN ACTION PLAN APPROVED

The Delray Shores/Sudan subdivision received commission approval to go forward with improvements outlined in their Neighborhood Action plan.

The action plan resulted from a process that began a year ago when neighborhood volunteers and City staff developed a task team to address residents' concerns and make improvements to the neighborhoods to help increase the quality of life and property values. The committee prepared a list of these concerns broken down into five areas: crime and safety; community facilities; housing and code enforcement; landscape and beautification; streets, sidewalks and drainage.

The task team has proposed improvements with an estimated cost of \$492,068. These improvements will be phased over a three-year period. Proposed improvements in Phase I include sidewalk improvements, mail boxes and entry signs in both neighborhoods, and traffic calming measures, a tot lot and street trees in Sudan. Funding for the improvements will come from neighborhood grants.

### HELP STOP POINTLESS PERSONAL POLLUTION

Storm water pollution is categorized into two groups: point source and non-point source. Point source pollution comes from industrial businesses and sewage treatment facilities, and is monitored by government permit. Non-point source pollution is contributed by homes, businesses and farms. Non-point source pollution is important to us since we are the cause, and **we can stop it!**

This "Pointless Personal Pollution" is caused by many of our day-to-day activities, and is washed into the state's waters by irrigation and rain runoff. Pet and livestock wastes, sewer and septic overflows, uncontrolled construction activities and garbage not cleaned up around dumpsters are a few examples of how these pollutants can contaminate our waterways and groundwater.

Pointless Personal Pollution effects us in many ways. Nutrients from septic tanks, fertilizers and animal wastes cause excessive growth of algae and aquatic weeds. Sewage, litter and garbage reduce oxygen levels in the water, killing aquatic life. Sediments from soil erosion clog fish gills and shellfish filtering systems, suffocating them. Pesticides and heavy metals contaminate water body sediments and kill aquatic life. Pathogens from animal waste and septic tanks contaminate shellfish and lead to the closing of swimming areas.

We can all help to improve our water by following a few simple steps.

- Buy products that are labeled non-toxic, biodegradable, non-phosphorus, or water soluble.
- Do not place yard clippings, branches or other debris on top of the storm drain.
- Dispose of used oils and antifreeze at the local service station.
- Find your roof drains and route the water away from your driveway towards a grassy part of your yard.
- Fertilize with a low nitrogen mix, and don't apply it before the rains - most of it will runoff and the benefit to your lawn will be lost.
- Spray pesticides infrequently, using an eco-friendly substitute.
- Wash your car in the grass, not in your driveway. Soap will act as a safe pesticide for your lawn, but not safe for your canal or lake.
- Never pour anything down an inlet. These systems are intended for rainwater only!

These simple steps will go a long way to help keep our canals, lakes and ground water clean.

## LEASED LOT WILL PROVIDE BEACH PARKING SPACES



The City has entered into an agreement with the Presbyterian Church to lease its parking lot on Gleason Street to provide more public parking on the beach side, east of the Intracoastal.

Commissioners approved funds in the amount of \$30,501 to reconfigure and resurface the lot to bring it up to current City standards. The lot will be utilized by the Church and will also be available for public parking when not used by the Church. Work will begin as soon as possible to be ready for the upcoming season.

## SEWER REHABILITATION CONTRACT APPROVED

Insituform Technologies, Inc. was awarded a \$758,382 contract for trenchless sanitary sewer rehabilitation of 17,112 feet of gravity sewer lines.

The City's inflow and infiltration program began using trenchless sanitary sewer rehabilitation about ten years ago as an economical method of repairing older gravity sewer lines. As pipes age the joints become weak allowing groundwater to leak into the sewers resulting in higher costs for sewage treatment. The trenchless rehabilitation process involves lining older pipes with a cured in place liner that seals the pipe while retaining the same structural integrity of the original host pipe. The method not only reduces or eliminates inflow and infiltration, it also prolongs the life span of the pipe. As an added benefit, the process eliminates the need to destroy roads in order to repair the pipes and saves the cost of restoration and reconstruction.

The three specific areas identified for rehabilitation are the neighborhood surrounding the Delray Beach Marina, the neighborhood north of Veterans Park, the Delray Shores systems.

## SANTA'S CALLING



Do you want Santa, Mrs. Claus, or an elf to make your child's holiday one to remember? From December 17th through the 19th, Santa and his helper will be calling directly from the North Pole to surprise your children. Registration forms are available at the Community Center. Just fill out the form and return it by December 14, 2001. Calls will be placed from 6-8:00 P.M.



## PERFORMANCE IN THE PARK

The Parks and Recreation Department will present **Carlos Manuel Santana** in concert on Sunday, **December 2nd at 4:00 P.M.** in the Veterans Park gazebo.

Carlos Manuel Santa has been singing all his life, from Havana, Cuba where he started, continuing to New York City's Carnegie Hall. Now he can be heard throughout Florida performing in recitals and concerts. His preference for the Continental Repertoire made him a favorite at the most chic Italian Supper Clubs. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and picnics and enjoy this accomplished performer.

## CONTRACT AWARDED FOR CLAY COURT RESURFACING

Commissioners approved a \$51,300 contract to resurface six clay courts at the Delray Beach Tennis Center. The vendor will laser grade the courts to proper slope for drainage and construct a uniform wearing surface to remove all depressions such as those created by scuff marks, water runoff or wear created on both sides of the line. The work will be completed by the end of November in preparation for upcoming tournaments.

These are the last six courts needing to be resurfaced. The City will start a systematic resurfacing program to ensure all the clay courts are maintained in excel-

## DESIGN BEGINS FOR SWINTON BEAUTIFICATION

A. Grant Thornbrough & Associates was awarded a \$16,500 contract for professional design services for the second phase of the Swinton Avenue beautification project. The improvements will include decorative period street lights, paver bricks at intersections and banners on street light poles. The area on Swinton Avenue is between South 2nd and North 4th Streets.



## DISCOVER THE LIBRARY

*Here are some of the events coming to the Delray Beach Public Library in December:*

Dec. 2-**Book Signing & Symposium of Excellence** featuring Sandy Simon, author of "A Stroke of Genius: Messages of Hope & Healing From a Stroke Survivor" followed by a panel discussion. 2:00-4:30 p.m.

Dec. 4-**Author's Series:** "Color for Body and Soul" presented by Naomi Ebba Donner. 2:00 p.m.

Dec.5- **Craft Club**, "Learn Napkin Holiday Decorations" presented by Irene Nichols. 10:00 a.m.-noon.

Dec.6-**Lunch with Liz**, "Practical Ways to Live Longer & Grow Younger" based on insights of Dr. Deepak Chopra. 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Dec.7-**Great Books Discussion Group** begins weekly. 10:00 a.m.-noon.

Dec.11-**"Reclaiming Special Days & Seasons"** presented by Karyn Rosenberg. 2:00 p.m.

Dec. 11-**Evening Book Group**, "The Samurai's Garden" by Gail Tsukiyama. 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 12-**"How to Create Friendly Florida Landscape"**. 2:00 p.m.

Dec. 12-**"Organizing Family Photos"**, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 13-**Current Events Group** with Richard Handel. Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday through April.

Dec. 13-**Book Discussion Group**, "The Changing Role of Women", "The Life and Works of Gertrude Stein". This new group meets the 2nd Thursday at 2:00 p.m.

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