



DOWNTOWN BOYNTON BEACH COMES ALIVE WITH HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

On December 5, Boynton Beach residents enjoyed a fun-filled day dedicated to family-friendly, holiday entertainment. Festivities began with the City's 39th Annual Holiday Parade, complete with marching bands and cheerleaders, majorettes, and local dance troupes. Santa Claus and his elves joined the merriment, along with playful pirates, and two of America's favorite animated characters, SpongeBob and Dora the Explorer. Parade goers then made their way to Ocean Avenue, to watch the lighting ceremony of Boynton's 50-foot holiday tree, Kwanza and Menorah displays. Brightly gleaming snowflakes added to the area's festive winter wonderland atmosphere. To highlight the evening's activities, Grammy Award winning "Queen of Disco" Gloria Gaynor took the stage, mesmerizing the crowds with her vocal talents and popular musical selections, which kept everyone boogying all night long!

The following weekend, residents gathered at various locations along the Intracoastal Waterway on December 11, to admire the bright lights displayed by more than 50 boats participating in Boynton and Delray Beaches' Annual Holiday Boat Parade. On site at the Boynton Harbor Marina, United States Marines collected new, unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots. During the months of November and December, over 2,000 toys were collected for needy children in Palm Beach County. The CRA thanks everyone who participated in this year's Toys for Tots drive, for their support and kind-heartedness.

We invite you to join the CRA for this year's exciting line-up of upcoming special events; and wish you a happy and prosperous 2010.