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TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: March 7th, 2008

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation News – February 2008

Black History Night – The North Shore Park and Youth Center celebrated the first day of Black History with their 3rd Annual Black History night on Friday February 1st, 2008. With music by James Brown, Barry White, Marvin Gaye, and Michael Jackson, after-school program participants from the North Shore Park and Youth Center, Flamingo Park, and Scott Rakow Youth Center put on an amazing show with dances and skits about great black leaders.

FRPA Annual Southeast Region Education Meeting - On Thursday, February 7, 2008 North Shore Park and Youth Center hosted the FRPA (Florida Recreation and Park Association) Annual Southeast Region Education Meeting. 150 Parks and Recreation professionals from Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties were on hand at the meeting and participated in several educational workshops and trainings.

Promote a Healthy Heart – On Wednesday, February 13, 2008 after school members in grades 2-6 from Muss Park and the Scott Rakow Youth Center participated in a variety of activities that helped "Promote a Healthy Heart". Children participated in a basketball skills challenge, went through an obstacle course and learned about the positive outcomes of a cardio vascular workout. Participants were able to taste a variety of fruits and vegetables, play a combo game of volleyball and soccer, or jump rope and learned that 30 minutes of physical activity a day helps improve their overall health.

Senior Scenes Went To Key West - The North Shore Park and Youth Center's Senior Scenes program went on a day cruise and traveled through the "Conch Republic" on Saturday, February 23, 2008. The Senior Scenes program is a group of 140 seniors who participate in weekly programs at the North Shore Park and Youth Center.

Traveling Soccer Team Won the Championship - The City of Miami Beach Boys under 13 Traveling Soccer team won the championship of the Dade Youth Soccer League on Sunday, February 24th, 2008, defeating Miami Strike Force by a score of 2-0. The win on Sunday marks the second straight year that the Miami Beach team wins the Dade League Championship, having won the title last year as an Under-12 team. In May, the team will be traveling to Orlando, FL to compete in the Memorial Day Shootout at the Disney Wide World of Sports Complex, competing against the top soccer teams from around the U.S.

Bowling Fun for the Family – On Thursday, February 28, 2008 the Scott Rakow Youth Center, hosted a night of "Bowling Fun for the Family". Attendees enjoyed a complimentary game of bowling, along with snacks and refreshments from 6:30-8:30 pm. All children were welcome to try their luck in our "Lightning Strike Round," where they could win a mystery prize pack.

Upcoming Events:

***Rock the Night* Classic Rock Music Concert-** March 28, 2008 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Scott Rakow Youth Center,

***Spring Eggstravaganza* - Saturday**, April 5th, 2008 on the lawn at North Shore Park from 10 am – 12:30 pm. Children 10 years and younger are invited to participate in the annual egg hunt.

Should you have additional questions, please contact Kevin Smith at (305) 673-7730.

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