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LETTER TO COMMISSION

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

FROM: 
Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: February 10, 2010

SUBJECT: Recreation News and Upcoming Events

Black History Night – On Friday, February 5, 2010, over 300 children and adults gathered at North Shore Park Youth Center in celebration and appreciation of the achievements of historic African Americans. Afterschool members from North Shore Park and Scott Rakow Youth Center performed a variety of dances, recited poems and sang songs. A variety of food samples were available for tasting, along with an arts and crafts exhibit.

Visual Arts Program – From February 3rd to March 24th, the City of Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department's Scott Rakow Youth Center Afterschool members in grades 4 – 6 will participate in an eight-week arts series program offered at the Bass Museum by The Arts for Learning Program. All artwork will be displayed at the Botanical Gardens on April 15, 2010.

Lightning Cheerleaders – On Saturday, January 30, 2010, the City of Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department's Lightning Cheerleaders took 1st place at the Florida Cheer and Dance Association's Miami Meltdown Competition at Florida Memorial University in Miami Gardens, Florida. The Lightning Cheerleading squad is comprised of 23 girls in 9th grade and under. The team will be competing at the Spirit Cheer's Sunshine Unlimited Championship at Nova Southeastern University on March 20, 2010.

Mardi Gras Masquerade Carnival – On Friday, January 29, 2010, over 850 youth and adults enjoyed a party at the City of Miami Beach Parks and Recreation's Mardi Gras Masquerade held at Flamingo Park. Children and adults of all ages enjoyed carnival rides, masks, beads, music, arts & crafts, carnival games and face painting.

Nature Walk – On Friday, January 22, 2010, the Scott Rakow Youth Center afterschool members and the North Shore Park Youth Center Nature Club took part in a nature walk and craft project held at the North Shore Open Space Park, put on by the Greenspace Management Division. Members learned important facts on native plants, animal habitats and tracking techniques. They also took a guided tour throughout the park and discovered plants, animals and insects in their natural habitat.

Lucky Strike Lanes – On Saturday, January 9, 2010, the North Shore Margaret M. Swett's Social Club (for developmentally disabled adults) spent a day of bowling at Lucky Strike Lanes on Lincoln Road. Lucky Strike has opened up their hearts and business by not charging the Social Club members for usage of their facility. Since the program's regular home at the Scott Rakow Youth Center closed for renovations, the 25 member Club has, on various occasions, enjoyed bowling and all the amenities that the facility has to offer at no cost.

Please mark your calendar for these other upcoming happenings:

Sweetheart's Dance	February 12, 2010 / 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. North Shore Park & Youth Center
Movie in the Park	February 19, 2010 / 6:30 p.m. Muss Park
6th Annual Spring Duathlon 1 mile run/500 yard swim/1 mile run	Mar. 27, 2010 / 8:00 a.m. Flamingo Park
Spring Surf Camp for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders	March 29-April 2 / 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. South Pointe Park
Beach Bum Camp	March 29-April 2 / 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. South Pointe Park
Spring Camps	March 29-April 2 / 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. All after school centers

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

JMG/HMF/KS/JM/jh
Attachments

c: Hilda M. Fernandez, Assistant City Manager
Kevin Smith, Parks & Recreation Director
Julio Magrisso, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director

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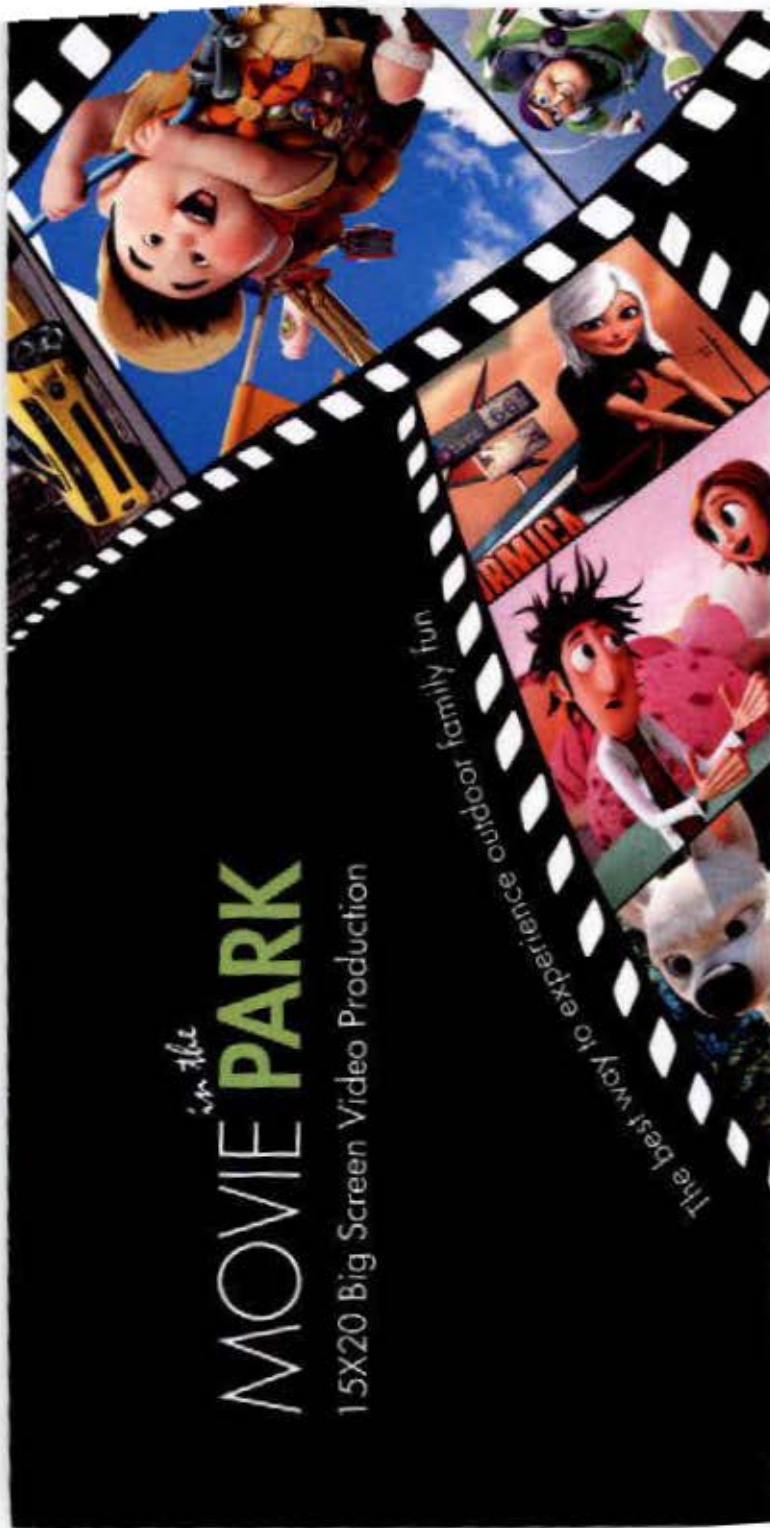
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Muss Park - 4400 Chase Avenue

Friday, February 19, 2010 / 6:30 p.m.

Free Admission! Food available for purchase.

No outside food or beverage permitted. No pets allowed.

For more information, please call 305-673-7765.

Weather Forecast Alert: It's raining meatballs on the beach!

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