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

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: June 10, 2011

SUBJECT: Parks & Recreation News and Upcoming Events

This Letter to Commission is provided to update you on activities at our Parks and Recreation Department.

Summer Registration - Summer registration is in full swing. To date, approximately 1,800 registrations have been entered for day camps and specialty camps. We will provide you with final statistics on a subsequent LTC after the summer program is complete.

Playtime Graduation - On May 26th and May 27th, the North Shore Park and Youth Center and Flamingo Park Playtime Classes of 2011 graduated. Three and four year-olds walked down the aisle to receive their very first diploma. The children performed and sang songs they learned during the school year. Parents, families and friends were present for the graduation as they celebrated with food and music.

Special Olympics State Games - On May 14th and 15th, the City of Miami Beach Special Olympics athletes participated in the State Games that were held in Orlando, Florida. Jose Trevino, Brian Crapp and William Lockett brought back a gold medal in soccer skills for their division. Clarice Geller won the silver medal in tennis skills. The City congratulates all the athletes for their hard work and great accomplishments!

Fashion Show - On May 13th, the Parks and Recreation Department hosted their annual Fashion Show at North Shore Park and Youth Center. The event showcased the newest trends and styles of spring and summer. Over 100 people enjoyed performances and commercials created by the City's playtime program participants between the ages of 3 - 4 years old and after school program members in kindergarten through 5th grades.

Movie in the Park - On May 13th, the Parks and Recreation Department hosted their last Movie in the Park before summer begins; this time, at the new-renovated Scott Rakow Youth Center. Over 70 movie goers enjoyed the film "Scooby-Doo! Curse of the Lake Monster" while enjoying free popcorn and making new friends. Look in the Recreation Review for our new series dates beginning again in Fall, 2011.

Senior's Bingo Night - On May 10th, the City of Miami Beach hosted their senior's Bingo Night at the Miami Beach Convention Center, managed by Global Spectrum. Over 350 seniors played Bingo, socialized with friends and enjoyed complimentary combo meals. Members of the Miami Beach City Commission were special guest Bingo callers. A big thank you to them and the Miami Beach Teen Club members who helped serve food and refreshments.

Spring Eggstravaganza – On April 23rd, The City of Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department held its annual “Spring Eggstravaganza” at the North Shore Park and Youth Center. Close to 1,800 participants enjoyed a beautiful day of rides, music, food, eggs and our famous Easter Bunnies. Children ages 10 and under participated in an Egg Hunt, searching for eggs stuffed with candy and surprises. The Miami Beach Soccer team sold food and concessions in order to help fund the team’s upcoming travel plans and tournament in Alabama. In addition, the City’s Greenspace Management team hosted a tree planting ceremony to celebrate Arbor Day, while City of Miami Beach Commissioners were greeting the attendees and passing out free snow cones. Special thanks go out to Costco, Big Brothers and Big Sisters Organization, Miami Dade County Public Library System and the City of Miami Beach Hispanic Affairs Committee for partnering with the City.

Miami Beach U-9 Soccer Team – On April 16th-17th, The City of Miami Beach under-9 Soccer team brought home another championship trophy after winning the Miami Lakes Shootout Tournament. The team, coached by Darren Smith, defeated Real Madrid/Soccer Academy of the Americas 6-3 in the tournament final. The Miami Beach U9 team advanced to the final match with a perfect 3-0 record in group play by defeating Weston FC with a score of 5-0, West Pines United 6-0 and Miramar Fire 7-1. With this team of soccer stars, the future is very bright for our Miami Beach Soccer Team.

FYSA Olympic Development Program State Team – Miami Beach Soccer is proud to announce that 2 players have been selected to the Florida Youth Soccer Association Olympic Development Program state soccer team! The 2 players, Bryan DeFreitas and Alejandro Diaz, will now travel to Tuscaloosa, Alabama on July 8, 2011 for the Region III ODP Training in an attempt to qualify for the United States National Soccer team.

Coming Up...

Please mark your calendar for these other upcoming happenings:

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| Summer 2011 Day Camps & Specialty Camps | Begins June 13, 2011 |
| Loco Luau
(Hawaiian Summer Time Celebration) | June 24, 2011 / 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
North Shore Park & Youth Center |
| 68th Annual Playground Revue
(Miami Beach Goes 80's) | July 14, 2011 / 7:00 p.m.
Fillmore Miami Beach |
| Senior Summer Blast
(Summer Party) | July 26, 2011 / 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Convention Center, Hall D Ballroom |

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

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