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PRESS RELEASE

Miami Beach, Are You Ready for Some Football?

Friday Night Lights are Back at Flamingo Park's Memorial Field After \$2.4M Renovation

Miami Beach, FL – The home opener for the Miami Beach Senior High School Hi Tides will have more excitement than any regular game – they finally get home field advantage after a season away on the road.

Miami Beach Flamingo Park's Memorial Field, owned and operated by the City of Miami Beach, recently underwent \$2.4 million in repairs and renovations. The kick-off celebration is Friday, September 27, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

The Miami Beach Senior High School marching band and cheerleaders will lead the opening game festivities as City of Miami Beach officials inaugurate the field with the school administration, football team, and hundreds of cheering fans.

"We are very excited for the students, school and the community. School spirit elevates around sports and our team finally has the home crowd to cheer them on," said Miami Beach City Manager Jimmy Morales, a Miami Beach High School alumnus. "With the improvements to the field and amenities, we can, now, continue to make memories here."

The improvements, managed by Miami Beach Capital Improvement Projects Office, include the renovation of the bleacher building, press box, restrooms and concession stand in compliance with ADA standards; the installation of artificial turf and field drainage to accommodate football and soccer games; and a new eight-lane running track surfaced with material that is guaranteed to also withstand bicycles and rollerblades.

Construction for this project began in early June 2013. After four months of arduous work, the field is complete and ready for play. The building is substantially completed with the press box and the track as the remaining items to complete.

Following the ceremony, the Miami Beach Senior High football team will play their home opener vs. North Miami Senior High. Entrance to the event/game is on 12 Street and Michigan Avenue. Five dollars (\$5) admission must be purchased at the gate to attend both events. All proceeds to benefit Miami Beach Senior High School.

Flamingo Park Memorial Field is located at 12 Street and Michigan Avenue, Miami Beach.

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