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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor David Dermer and
Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager

DATE: November 18, 2005

SUBJECT: Biscayne House of Refuge Plaque Rededication

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You are cordially invited to attend the plaque rededication ceremony honoring the historic Biscayne House of Refuge Tuesday, November 29, 2005, 10:30 a.m., 72nd Street & Collins Avenue. Constructed in 1876, the Biscayne House was one of five United States Life Saving Service stations along Florida's east coast. Its crews scoured the shore line after fierce Atlantic Ocean storms to rescue stranded mariners.

In 1915, as Miami Beach became an incorporated city, the Life Saving Service became the U.S. Coast Guard. The Coast Guard manned the station until it was destroyed by the great hurricane of 1926.

In 1941, the property was conveyed to the City of Miami Beach for use as a public park. In exchange, the Coast Guard received land along what is today's MacArthur Causeway to establish its Miami-area base.

Please mark your calendar for these other Parks & Recreation Department holiday events:

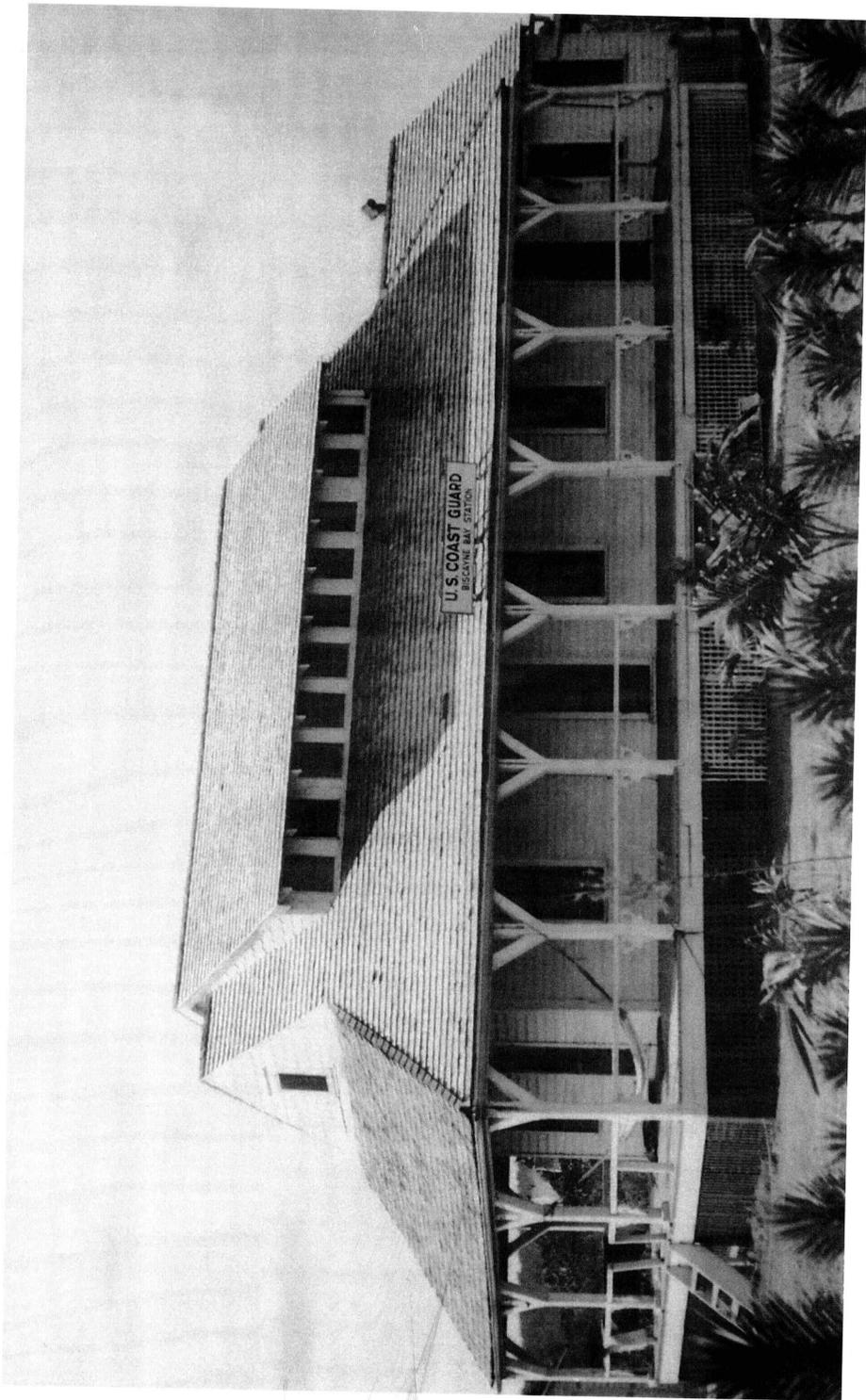
- Holiday Fun Day, Sunday, December 4, 2005, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., North Shore Youth Center
- Holiday Extravaganza, Wednesday, December 14, 2005, 7:00 p.m., 21st Street Recreation Center
- Christmas Play, Friday, December 16, 2005, 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., North Shore Youth Center
- Holiday Dance, Saturday, December 17, 2005, 7:00 p.m., 21st Street Recreation Center
- New Year's Teen & Adult Skate, Friday, December 30, 2005, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Scott Rakow Youth Center
- New Year's Dance, Friday, December 30, 2005, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., North Shore Youth Center

You are cordially invited to visit our facilities and experience firsthand the recreational programs that offer something for every member of the family.

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

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Attachment

- C: Robert C. Middaugh, Assistant City Manager
- Kevin Smith, Parks & Recreation Director
- Julio Magrisso, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director



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*Join the City of Miami Beach & the
United States Coast Guard
in a Rededication Ceremony
in Honor of the Biscayne House of Refuge.
The House of Refuge was constructed
in 1876 through an executive order from
President Ulysses S. Grant to save
survivors of shipwrecks from the
perils of the desolate shore.*

Rededication Ceremony
72nd & Collins Avenue, MB
November 29, 2005 @ 10:30 a.m.
Municipal Parking available across the street.