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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor David Dermer and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager 
DATE: April 5, 2007
SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation News

The sound of sneakers squeaking on the court means it's that time of the year again for the Parks and Recreation's annual basketball league for children ranging in ages 7 to 13 years old. The program began in late February and runs through the first week of May 2007, Monday through Thursday from 5:15 p.m. to 9:00p.m. The City of Miami Beach basketball programs promotes physical fitness in a safe, structured and enjoyable environment.

March 15, 2007- Fourteen members from the Seahawks Swim Team recently qualified to participate in the Florida Gold Coast Speedo Junior Olympics held at the Coral Springs Aquatic Complex. The Seahawks Swim Team at the Scott Rakow Youth Center focuses on teaching children endurance, team work and swimming techniques in order to prepare them for competition. Participants Alexander Reid, Andres Reyes- Capo, and Marcos Macarena placed high enough to qualify for the upcoming All Star Championships.

March 16, 2007- The North Shore Park Teen Club recently hosted a dance to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Approximately 418 juniors and Teens danced the night away dressed in green and white to show their St.Patty's spirit while dancing to the latest Latin, hip-hop, and R& B hits provided by the Hip- Hop Workshop. Besides the fact children came out and had a blast, little did they know the money spent on pizza, soda, and entrance fees went to a great cause. The North Shore Teen Club raised \$1,500, all of which will be donated to Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society.

March 24, 2007- The Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department hosted the Flamingo Park 3rd Annual Spring Duathlon. Participants ranging from 9 to 62 years of age enjoyed a morning of challenging physical fitness which consisted of a one mile track run, half-mile swim followed by another one mile run to the finish. All of the well conditioned athletes completed the course including 9 year old Isabella Reyes- Capo.

April 2, 2007 - The City of Miami Beach's second annual Bicycle Safety Camp, a weekly camp structured to teach children basic bicycling knowledge needed to safely and confidently ride a bike is being held at the North Shore Youth Center from April 2-6, 2007, from 9a.m. to 5p.m. The bicycle safety camp combines classroom discussions and activities with on-bike skills practice sessions along with several fun and exciting field trips to bike paths in the local area. The camp curriculum was developed by the Florida Traffic and Bicycle Safety Education Program.

April 5, 2007- The North Shore Park After-School program will be hosting a day full of excitement beginning with the Punt, Pass and Kick competition followed by the game show event Jeopardy, as part of the fun and exciting recreational programs scheduled for the spring

break week. This particular day is structured for the children not only to use their physical strengths, but to flex their brain muscles as well. At the end of the day, the children will have experienced a balanced dosage of physical and mental fun.

Upcoming Events for April: (see Attached Calendar)

April 7, 2007: Spring Extravaganza at North Shore Park 10:00 am-12:30pm

April 13, 2007: Movie in the Park @ Flamingo Park 8p.m.

April 18, 2007: 2nd Annual Relay for Life Fun Fair @ SRYC 2:30 p.m. - 5:30p.m.

April 20, 2007: Earth Day Celebration @ North Shore park 6-9p.m.

April 27, 2007: Pet Fashion Show @ NSPYC 7-8:30p.m. also the Spring Fest @ Flamingo Park Track 6-9p.m.

April 28, 2007: Walking Tall Circus @ NSPYC 2-3p.m. and also Arts in the Park "La Boheme" at the North Shore Open Space @6p.m

Ongoing events for the month of April

Every Tuesday: Hula Hoop Fun @ Flamingo Pool Promenade between 6-7 p.m.

Every Thursday: Story time @ Flamingo Pool Promenade between 6 – 7p.m.

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

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

April



sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
1	2 North Shore Club Teens go White Water Rafting Spring Camps Begin	3 Hula Hoop Fun @ Flamingo Pool Promenade 6-7 pm	4	5 Storytime @ Flamingo Pool Promenade 6-7 pm	6 Spring Camps End	7 Spring Eggstrovaganza @ North Shore Park 10 am-12:30 pm
8	9	10 Hula Hoop Fun @ Flamingo Pool Promenade 6-7 pm	11	12 Storytime @ Flamingo Pool Promenade 6-7 pm	13 Movie in the Park @ Flamingo Park 8pm	14
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22	23	24 Hula Hoop Fun @ Flamingo Pool Promenade 6-7 pm	25	26 Storytime @ Flamingo Pool Promenade 6-7 pm	27 Pet Fashion Show @ NSP 7-8:30 pm Spring Fest @ Flamingo Park Track 6-9 pm	28 Walking Tall Circus @ North Shore Park 2-3 pm Arts in the Park '1a Bohème' @ North Shore Open Space 6pm
29	30					

