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## **Mayor Flinn Invites Palmetto Bay Residents to Village Celebration Picnic**

***Annual Event, Saturday, March 7, at Coral Reef Park Promises Great Food, Sports and Other Activities, Traditional Picnic Fun***

**PALMETTO BAY, Fla.,** (Feb. 24, 2009) – *In the following message, Palmetto Bay Mayor Eugene Flinn today invites all residents of the Village, their friends, and neighbors to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Palmetto Bay Celebration Picnic, Saturday, March 7, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Coral Reef Park:*

As Mayor, I am proud to announce that the Village of Palmetto Bay will be holding its 7th Annual Celebration Picnic for residents on Saturday, March 7, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Coral Reef Park, located at 7895 S.W. 152 Street (east side). Bring your friends, round up your children, and pack your blankets, and sunscreen for an afternoon of good old-fashioned fun.

As we have done annually since our first year of incorporation in 2002, the Village of Palmetto Bay hosts this signature event as our way of saying “thank you” to all residents. This year’s picnic offers something for everyone – entertainment by local schools, children’s activities, rides, local fire and police demonstrations, and, of course, food – including everyone’s favorite: roasted corn on-the-cob.

Last year, thousands of residents attended and enjoyed a great day at the park. This year’s event is anticipated to be even bigger and better, with performances in the Village’s newly constructed gazebo and a number of traditional community picnic games, such as a hula-hoop contest, tug-o-war, potato sack race, and a bubble-gum blowing contest. It’s a great way to spend your Saturday, and most importantly, a great way to spend time with family, friends and neighbors.

One of the big events this year will be a special game of America’s favorite pastime – you guessed it – baseball. Our local high schools – Palmetto High and Coral Reef High will once again compete for what promises to be an awesome baseball game. The winner of the game will take home the coveted “Mayor’s Cup.” Be at the baseball field across the canal from the picnic at 1 p.m. to cheer on your favorite team!

Additionally, I have to confirm that the rumors are true. Your Mayor will be spending time in a dunk tank at the Celebration Picnic with all proceeds going to “Kristy House,” a local agency that provides a healing environment for child

victims of sexual abuse and their families. This is the same agency that we supported through a toy drive during the recent holiday season, and we are pleased once again to lend our assistance.

One exciting new addition this year is a display by the Village's Historic Preservation Advisory Board. Members of this team will be on hand to share interesting information about the many historic places around town. They're even sponsoring a bus tour during the event of some of these sites, but its first-come first serve – so seek out this booth early and sign up!

With more than 3,000 picnic-goers expected to attend, local businesses are going to benefit greatly through exposure at this huge event, as Community Sponsors. A special thanks to those local companies that have already signed on: Coca Cola Company; The Corradino Group; Corzo, Castella, Carballo, Thompson, Salman, P.A. (C3TS); Eastern Financial Florida Credit Union; Hole-in-the-Wall Sub Company; Pollo Campero; Sunstate Bank; and Waste Services, Inc.

For Community Sponsorship information, please call Josie Bober in our Parks & Recreation department at 305-259-1234.

Be "green" and consider riding your bike to the event this year. But if you must drive, parking will be available in the park's two south parking lots located along SW 152 St. and at St. Richard's Catholic Church just southeast of Coral Reef Park off 152 St. The park's east parking lot will be reserved for police, fire, and picnic vendors. For more information, please call Village Hall at 305-259-1234.

See you at the Picnic!

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*Incorporated in 2002, **The Village of Palmetto Bay** is a vibrant community of 25,000 residents nestled between Biscayne Bay and So. Dixie Highway, about 15 miles south of downtown Miami. The Village is governed by a five-member Council and operates under a Council-Manager form of government. Dubbed "The Village of Parks," Palmetto Bay offers an extensive system of attractive parks, unique recreational opportunities, and bay access. It also is home to several excellent public schools, and a robust commercial corridor along Dixie Highway offering a diverse range of restaurants, markets, and lodging. Specifically, the Village extends from the centerline of SW 136 St., south to the centerline of SW 184 St., expanding west to the centerline of South Dixie Highway (including the center island), and east to Biscayne Bay.*