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## **Grand Opening of Palmetto Bay's Ludovici Park Set For May 15**

***Gala event at new environmentally-themed park, the Village's fifth park  
to open since 2002, to feature ribbon-cutting, entertainment***

**PALMETTO BAY, Fla.**, (May 5, 2009) – Envision relaxing with your family in a park gazebo surrounded by friends and neighbors, as a warm evening breeze whispers over the mangroves... or sitting on a sea of soft green grass before a majestic amphitheater, alive with the spirit of youthful song...

This dream becomes a reality May 15, as the Village of Palmetto Bay celebrates the grand opening of Ludovici Park, an environmentally themed park located at the site of the new Palmetto Bay Branch Library & Community Room at 17641 Old Cutler Road. Named after long-time residents and proprietors of Palmetto Bay-based Ludovici & Ludovici Attorneys at Law, Ludovici Park is the village's fifth municipal park to open since incorporation in 2002 – and Palmetto Bay's first municipal building to be built from the ground up. Festivities begin at 5 p.m.

The gala event will include a ribbon cutting, live entertainment and appetizers provided by local students, and tours of the Village's new 2,000-square-foot Community Room overlooking Ludovici Park and Biscayne Bay.

"The grand opening of Ludovici Park culminates years of work – and anticipation – among the many dedicated residents and other individuals involved with this major capital project," said Palmetto Bay Mayor Eugene Flinn.

"Now, the 'Village of Parks' has yet another jewel in its crown, a premiere neighborhood park where residents may enjoy walking among natural surroundings, relaxing and enjoying performances at the new amphitheater, or simply kicking back to read a book."

The grand opening event will feature official remarks and a ribbon-cutting by Mayor Flinn and the Village Council, Ludovici family members, and other local dignitaries. Festivities also will include the following performances by area students:

- Robert Morgan Jazz Band
- Counting Days Band, Christ Fellowship Church
- Southwood Middle School Orchestra Quintet
- Coral Reef High School "Divine Voices"

Also at the event, Palmer Trinity School will host a student art exhibit. Additionally, assorted hors d'oeuvres, prepared by the Culinary School of the Robert Morgan Educational Center, will be served.

A separate grand opening for the new 5,000-square-foot library will take place when the new facility is fully furnished and stocked later this summer. The Palmetto Bay Branch Library & Community Center at Ludovici Park was conceived in partnership with the Miami-Dade County Public Library System. The joint venture arose from the need to establish a community library to serve residents of Palmetto Bay.

The new second-story Community Room offers meeting space overlooking a preserved mangrove area and the beautiful Biscayne Bay waters beyond. Additionally, the first-story amphitheater provides space for special performances and serves as an additional outdoor area for lectures, workshops, and children's activities.

The Village of Palmetto Bay contracted the services of Wolfberg-Alvarez and Partners, a renowned architectural firm, to design the one-of-a-kind library building and public space. Additionally, the firm of A2 Group, Inc., provided Construction Management Services at Risk.

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*Incorporated in 2002, **The Village of Palmetto Bay** is a vibrant community of more than 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.*