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From Royal Palm Pool to Themed Water Park and Aquatic Facility -- Opening in June

Summer Heats Up Just in Time for Citizens to Cool Down at “Calypso Cove” in Margate

Margate, FL, June, 17 2005 – It was 1965 when Royal Palm Pool, located at 6200 Royal Palm Boulevard, first opened publicly. The main attractions were the trapezoid-shaped pool and a high dive. It was a welcome relief to summer heat in Margate. Headlines from that time period reported “400 Showed Up To Cool Off”. This summer residents will see the grand opening of a themed water park, Calypso Cove. The new park, which is situated on the same site as Royal Palm Pool, offers a long list of features.

Bob Dorband, City of Margate Parks and Ground Maintenance Supervisor and Margate resident since 1967, recalls many days at the Royal Palm pool. “We always had a good time...my kids swam there since they were two years old. It was a great community place to go to be with friends and we hope that the new facility will offer the same.”

Funded by state and county grants, construction began on the park in August 2004. The total project cost approximately \$2.7 million. The old pool was demolished and removed so that the new facility could be built on the 3.88 acre site. George McNeill, Director of Parks and Recreation, explained that the grand opening date has been set for June 25, 2005 and provided there are no delays because of inclement weather, the pool will be ready for business. Maria Moresco, Aquatics Coordinator for the pool added, “It’s going to be amazing! We’ve put so much work and thought into making it family-oriented and professional. We are very excited.” In addition, admission on opening day will be free.

Once open, you will be able to partake in both activities for a fee and a variety of other amenities that are complimentary. The water park area is accessible by paying an entry fee. There are three pools including a plunge pool, which you can slide into from either an enclosed or open slide. The zero-depth pool is a beach entry activity pool and has water-spraying animals and palm trees. The deck area will have lawn chairs for sunning and umbrellas to offer relief in the shade. The six-lane lap pool will be the spot for lifeguard training as well as swimming lessons which are scheduled to start on the 27th of June. The complimentary area consists of three pavilions with picnic tables and BBQ

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grills, three half-court basketball courts, and a refurbished and expanded fishing dock. This area also includes two playgrounds, one for small children and one for school-aged children.

The park will also have a concession stand with snacks and refreshments. Movie night, a tradition started in the days of the Royal Palm Pool, will continue at this facility in the near future. In fact, there are already two dates booked in July. An 837 square foot event room will be available to rent for birthday parties or small gatherings. The pavilion and picnic areas will also be available for rent just in time for summer celebrations. So, have a safe summer and we'll see you at the pool! After the grand opening you can reach the staff at the pool by calling **954-974-4566**.

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UPDATE:

Additional Information as of 6/23/05:

Pool Hours

Monday – Friday 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Opening Day is FREE! Fee thereafter will be:

\$4.00 for ages 4 and up

\$1.00 Ages 2 -3

Free for those less than 2 years of age.

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