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Margate's Main Event for City's 50th Anniversary is Announced

Attention Fall Festival Fairgoers, Chili Cook-Off Contestants and Vendors!

Margate, FL, September 26, 2005 – The Margate City Commission is proud to announce the Sixth-Annual Fall Festival, hosted by the Margate Parks and Recreation Department. The Fall Festival is set for Saturday October 29, 2005 from Noon - 11 p.m. on Margate Boulevard. Free parking will be located at the Coco Plaza on the corner of Banks Road and Coconut Creek Parkway. A shuttle service will provide transportation to the event site.

The Drifters will headline the Festival and the event will include a petting zoo, hay rides, a pumpkin-carving contest (bring a pre-carved pumpkin), a scarecrow-building contest, costume contests for all ages including a family/group category, games, arts and crafts, food concessions, beer and beverages concessions, a carnival fairway and a haunted house hosted by the Police Department and Fire Explorers.

Tickets for rides will be sold in sheets of 20 tickets for \$10.00 during the discounted presale beginning today and will be available for purchase on the day of the festival for \$20. To purchase tickets, visit Parks and Recreation at 6199 N.W. 10th Street in Margate. Some of the festivities are completely free of charge, so make plans to come out and enjoy!

In addition, registration for Chili Cook-Off Contestants begins today and lasts through October 28, 2005. You must register to participate. Enter your favorite family recipe, earn a prize, and be named a winner!

Interested craft artists and food vendors can sell their products by renting space at the festival. Accommodations include a 6' x 2 ½' table and two folding chairs. The cost is \$100 for craft artists and \$300 for food vendors.

This year the annual Fall Festival will be held on Margate Boulevard as an old-fashion street fair, in honor of the city's fiftieth anniversary. Celebrations scheduled since May have and commemorated the city on its golden anniversary. The Fall Festival is the last large-scale event held in honor of this milestone.

For more information regarding this event please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 954-972-6458.

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