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50th Anniversary Grand Finale Rescheduled

Margate, FL November 22, 2005 – The City of Margate planned for months for the grand finale celebration during its fiftieth anniversary year in 2005. When Hurricane Wilma struck on October 23, 2005 the Fall Festival and Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration originally scheduled for October 28-30th had to be postponed. The City has since rescheduled the Old-Fashion Street fair and Carnival as the Winter Festival and is now announcing the new event dates as December 16-18th 2005.

“The fall theme will change to a winter theme and we will still have 50th Anniversary memorabilia for sale and on display,” said Parks and Recreation Supervisor Michael Jones. Almost all of the activities originally planned were able to be rescheduled. There will be real carnival rides, street vendors, hay rides and pony rides, 11 hours of live music on Saturday, arts and crafts, food vendors and *The Drifters* on Friday night at 9 PM. Winter favorites like Florida-style snow and Santa Claus will be added to the line up.

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! Event hours include: Friday 6-11 PM, Saturday 12- 11 PM and Sunday 12-5 PM.

Due to the Festival prepare for road closures on the weekend of the event. At 4:00 PM Friday, December 16, 2005 through 6:00 PM Sunday, December 18, 2005, Margate Boulevard will be closed from N.W. 58 Avenue east to State Road 7, including all entrances and exits north and south of Margate Boulevard within this area. Effective 11:00 AM Saturday December 17, 2005 through 6:00 PM on Sunday, December 18, 2005, Margate Boulevard will be closed from the eastern edge of the median in front of 5850 Margate Boulevard (Coral Plaza Retirement Center) east to State Road 7.

Celebrations scheduled since May 2005 have commemorated the City on its golden anniversary. The Winter Festival is the last large-scale event held in honor of the City’s fiftieth anniversary.

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

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