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## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Finale and Winter Fest Celebration Starts TODAY!

Margate, FL December 16, 2005 – The City of Margate planned for months for its grand finale celebration during its fiftieth anniversary year in 2005. When Hurricane Wilma struck on October 23, the “Fall Festival and Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration” originally scheduled for October 28-30 had to be postponed. The City rescheduled the entire Old-Fashion Street Fair and Carnival, now named Winter Fest, for December 16, 17, and 18, 2005.

Nearly all of the originally scheduled events will take place as planned. The headline band, *The Drifters*, was also rescheduled and will perform at 9 pm on Friday December 16. The celebration will continue through the entire weekend starting Friday at 6-11 PM, continuing Saturday 12-11 PM and finishing up on Sunday from 12-5 PM.

The event will take place on Margate Boulevard near U.S. 441. Free parking will be available and a free shuttle will run all day Saturday from Coco Plaza, located on the corner of Banks Road and Coconut Creek Parkway in Margate.

There will be carnival rides, street vendors, hay rides and pony rides, 11 hours of live music on Saturday, arts and crafts, food vendors and winter favorites like Florida-style snow and Santa Claus.

Carnival ride tickets will be sold for \$1 each in sheets of 20, but most of the festivities are completely free of charge, so make plans to come out and enjoy!

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

For more event information, call Parks and Recreation at 954-972-6458.

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