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County Transfers Parks to Miami Lakes

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Miami Lakes, Florida- The Town of Miami Lakes has much to celebrate this week. In addition to the certification of the mitigation election results, which effectively ended future payments to Miami Dade County, the Town has formally received the conveyance of eighty-nine (89) park parcels with an estimated forty-eight (48) playgrounds and two (2) community centers. The Board of County Commissioners voted at its June 30, 2009 meeting to approve the parks transfer.

“The turnover of the deeds to all of our parks and community centers is a great accomplishment for the entire Town of Miami Lakes. Coming on the heels of ending the mitigation fee, the parks turnover will formally establish Miami Lakes’ true independence as a municipality,” said Mayor Michael A. Pizzi, Jr.

The highly anticipated transfer comes after years of Miami Lakes wanting to receive the deeds after the County ceased funding the Miami Lakes Special Tax District.

“We’ve worked long and hard to get control of our parks and I’m proud that our Council helped to get it done; it’s a win-win situation for the residents,” stated Councilman Nick Perdomo.

The overall benefits and value of the transfer of the parks are endless as parks help to “create communities”. The Town, having complete ownership of the park system, will now have ability to secure funds from federal, state, and local park development grant programs for future park development. Furthermore, Miami Lakes will be able to implement its own rules and regulations and enact policies and procedures to enhance services, improve operations, and maximize usage of the parks for its residents.

Parks and Recreation Director Tony Lopez was thrilled upon hearing the good news. He stated that future parks planning efforts can now be viewed from a holistic, interconnected approach that encompasses all of the unique features that the Miami Lakes parks system has to offer. He added that it is statistically proven that there is a proximate value and benefit of having well-maintained parks in proximity to homes, resulting in a positive effect on real estate property values.

“After ten years of trying, it’s great that Miami Lakes’ residents now have full control over the neighborhood tot lots, parks and community centers. This great day has been a long time coming,” said Mayor Pizzi.

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About the Town of Miami Lakes:

The Town of Miami Lakes incorporated on December 5, 2000 and is one of thirty-five municipalities in Miami-Dade County, Florida. Miami Lakes is home to approximately 27,300 residents and encompasses about 6.8 square miles. Our boundaries are NW 170th Street and the Palmetto Expressway (826) to the north, NW 138th Street to the south, NW 57th Avenue (Red Road) to the east, and Interstate 75 to the west. More information on the Town and its government can be found at www.miamilakes-fl.gov or by calling 305-364-6100.