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July 4th Hometown Fireworks Celebration on Hollywood Beach
Festivities Begin at 8:00 a.m. with Citizenship Swearing-In Ceremony

HOLLYWOOD, FL –There's no better way to celebrate our nation's 234th birthday than on Hollywood Beach at the annual **Star Spangled Spectacular on Sunday, July 4, 2010**. Sponsored by the City of Hollywood Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts and the Hollywood Community Redevelopment Agency-Beach District, this annual event features entertainment throughout the day and evening at the Hollywood Beach Theatre, plus a dazzling offshore fireworks display beginning at 9:00 p.m.

The celebration of our nation's independence begins at **8:00 a.m.** with a **Citizenship Swearing-In Ceremony** at the Hollywood Beach Theatre at Johnson Street and the Broadwalk. Hollywood Mayor Peter Bober will be the guest speaker at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Naturalization Ceremony as candidates for citizenship take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States.

An afternoon full of entertainment is lined-up at the Beach Theatre starting at **noon** with live music by **CB Pope and the Dixieland All-Stars, Electric Arrow, Xpresso and Eloquence**. **Games and contests begin at 1:00 p.m.** with Johnny Applestack, a Fruit Pie Eating Contest, the Corn Cobbler - a roasted corn eating contest and a Limbo challenge. These fun-filled activities are sponsored by Josh's Organic Garden, Rocco's Pizza, Hollywood Kia and the Hollywood Beach Business Association.

From 3:00 – 4:00 p.m., the Greater Hollywood Jaycees will host the inaugural **Little Miss Firecracker Pageant**. Registration begins at 2:00 p.m. and the contest is open to girls ages 5-9. For more information on the pageant, call the Jaycees at 954.981.4378.



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Fun, dancing and games for the little ones with Games Master DJ Tony Tiru begin at **Charnow Park at Garfield Street** on the Beach at **12:30 p.m. and run through 7:30 p.m.**

There are a few things July 4th revelers need to keep in mind: fireworks, sparklers, glass containers, coolers and alcoholic beverages are prohibited on the beach and will be confiscated. Additionally, the lighting of fireworks or the use of flashlights could cause a distraction to nesting sea turtles.

Intracoastal bridges will maintain their regular schedules throughout the day and early evening, but from 8:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. the following bridges will remain in down position to allow vehicular traffic to exit the beach: Dania Beach Boulevard, Sheridan Street and Hollywood Boulevard.

As a condition of the event permit from the U.S. Coast Guard and for the protection of critical coral reef habitats, spectator boats are not allowed to anchor on or above seagrass, hardbottom or coral and could face fines or criminal penalties for doing so. Boaters must remain at least 1400 feet from the fireworks barge. All boaters are advised to travel at safe speeds and to watch for endangered species including manatees and sea turtles. Any collisions with or injury to sea turtles, manatees or other protected species must be reported to the National Marine Fisheries Service by phone at 727.824.5312 or by email at TAKEREPORT.NMFSSER@NOAA.GOV.

The City of Hollywood will have free shuttle buses departing from Johnson Street and A1A to South Broward High School at 1901 North Federal Highway in Hollywood immediately following the fireworks display. Spectators are encouraged to clear the sand immediately following the display and throw away trash.

For additional information, contact the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts at 954.921.3404.

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