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Town Celebrates 9th Annual Chili Day in Cutler Bay

CUTLER BAY, FL
February 1, 2018 – The Town of Cutler Bay celebrated its 9th Annual Chili Day on Saturday, January 27. Over 5,000 attendees converged onto Cutler Ridge Park ready for some good food and fun. Twenty (20) chefs including four (4) firehouse chefs competed for trophies and prize money in six (6) categories: Salsa, Cornbread, Chili, People’s Choice Chili, People’s Choice Salsa and Best Decorated Booth.



While the contest judges were privately judging the contestants’ chili, salsa and cornbread samples, Chili Day attendees were invited to sample all the food they could stomach and were asked to text in their People’s Choice votes for Chili and Salsa. Each category was judged on the following criteria: aroma, color, consistency, taste, and aftertaste.

The competition’s winners were as follows:

- Chili: Bucky’s Sweet Heat
- Salsa: Pig Floyd
- Cornbread: Cutler Ricken Cornbread
- Chili Fire Department: Hialeah Fire Department
- People’s Choice Chili: 3 Jerks
- People’s Choice Salsa: Miami Dade Fire Station #34
- Best Decorated Booth: Junk in the Trunk

“Chili Day is our Town’s first event of the year, and it always draws a big crowd. It gives me great joy to see families and friends enjoying each other’s company. We laugh, dance and most importantly, eat! The Parks and Recreation Department has done a great job coordinating this wonderful event.” stated Mayor Peggy R. Bell.

This year's vendors included Everglades Hot Sauce Co, Girl Scouts, Cutler Bay Community Garden, Air on Demand, Pinder Picks, Miami Dade Animal Services, New Leaf Chiropractic, MD Now, Flips Kettle Corn, Pig Floyd, Fish Shape Towels, Ellie Mills, Rubenstein Family Chiropractic, Miami Coalition Against Breed Specific Legislation, Miami South BMX, Mrs. J Homemade Cookies & More, Native Conch, Gringa Flan, and The Ginger Bread House.

Thank you to this year's event sponsors: Mercedes-Benz of Cutler Bay, TD Bank, Florida City Gas, and the Miami Events Group. With the sponsors help, the Town was able to provide aprons for all the chefs, a video game bus, bounce houses, face painters, and the Miami Balloon Guy. The Town's favorite local band 'Cutler Stew' rocked another Chili Day away using solar power thanks to Cutler Bay Solar Solutions.

For additional information regarding upcoming Special Events please visit the Town's website at www.cutlerbay-fl.gov or contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (305) 238-4166.

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