



News from the Town of Cutler Bay
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Town Celebrates 7th Annual Chili Day in Cutler Bay as Great Success!



CUTLER BAY, FL, January 11, 2016 – On Saturday, January 9th, the Town of Cutler Bay celebrated its 7th Annual Chili Day in Cutler Bay.

One of the Town’s largest special events, bringing in over 4500 event attendees and twenty-one (21) chefs ranging from amateur to master chef, Chili Day in Cutler Bay proved to be very successful this year. Not only attracting participants from all over Miami-Dade County but bring families and neighbors together to enjoy the beautiful winter weather here in the sunshine state. Chefs met at Cutler Ridge Park to compete for trophies in five (5) categories: salsa, cornbread, chili, People’s Choice for best chili and best decorated booth.

Chili Day participants were invited to sample all the chili, cornbread and salsa they could stomach and were asked to text in their People’s Choice votes to a hotline where the votes were recorded and then reported back to Parks Staff an hour prior to the end of the event.

- Cornbread: T&W Barbecue
- Salsa: Just Chillin’
- Chili: T&W Barbecue
- Chili Fire Department: Miami Dade Fire Rescue-(Station-34)
- People’s Choice: Hialeah Fire Department
- Best Decorated Booth: Cutler Ricken’ Cornbread





The Town also inaugurated its first Cutler Bay Golf Cart Rodeo which took place at Cutler Ridge Park alongside the Chili Day event. A total of fifteen (15) carts competed in the obstacle course which included tasks such as a three-point turn, driving through a tight lane without hitting balls, swerving in and around cones, etc. Local public school teacher and Town resident Marilyn Horne was the overall 1st place winner of the golf cart rodeo obstacle course.

Carts also competed in Best Themed Cart & Driver, Best Customized Cart and Most Unusual Cart. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards were handed out to the winners of each category. The 1st place trophy for the “Most Unusual Cart” was awarded to Robert Baer. The 1st place trophy for “Best Customized Cart” went to Angel Susini and the 1st place winner for “Best Themed Cart & Driver” went to Christopher Glassmer.



Mayor Peggy Bell was proudly in attendance and adds, “The event drew the largest crowd ever, with the addition of our golf cart contest, along with great music from local band Cutler Stew, and a bounce house. Town Manager Rafael Casals, Parks Director ET, Fred Bobson and Staff really outdid themselves this year! Councilwoman Loyzelle created a golf cart obstacle course that was quite challenging.”

“We added the golf cart event this year to highlight the new law allowing for golf carts on all streets within the town, with the exception of US 1 and the Turnpike. We were able to get this law passed by the State recently with the help of our State representatives, State Senator Bullard, Representatives Fresen and McGhee and our lobbying team. We also registered many carts, gave out information on insurance and most importantly, safety features and laws pertaining to golf cart use. The Chili, salsa and cornbread were all outstanding. It was such a great time for all!” said Mayor Bell.



Residents were able to obtain information right on site of how to register their carts with the Town by visiting the Town of Cutler Bay table. The table also provided great insight and information on current and upcoming projects happening in the Town. AARP and State Farm also had booths set up to provide residents with information on insurance regulations and details. The Town's Public Works Department had a booth setup as well to keep residents informed on the status, timeline and upcoming detour for the Caribbean Blvd. Roadway Improvement Project.

Southern Cars and Cutler Bay Carts were both on hand displaying carts from their fleet and also checking carts and educating residents on how to properly "fit" their carts.

Special thanks to the event sponsors: Mercedes Benz of Cutler Bay, AARP, Southern Cars and Cutler Bay Carts. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers from Cutler Bay High School, AARP and the Miami-Dade Police Explorers.

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) 234-4262.

