



News from the Town of Cutler Bay
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Town Kicks Off the Year with Annual Chili Cook Off

CUTLER BAY, FL, January 30, 2017 – The Town of Cutler Bay celebrated its Eighth Annual Chili Day on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at Cutler Ridge Park. As one of the Town’s largest events, Chili Day in Cutler Bay proved to be very successful this year, bringing in over 5,000 event attendees and twenty (20) chefs, including three (3) firehouse chefs.

Chefs arrived to the Park early Saturday morning to compete for trophies and prize money in six (6) categories: cornbread, salsa, chili, chili Fire Department, People’s Choice 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, while the contest judges were privately judging the contestants’ chili, salsa and cornbread samples. Each category was judged on the following criteria; aroma, color, consistency, taste, and aftertaste. Below are the winners of each category:

- Cornbread: Team 305
- Salsa: Team 305
- Chili: Cheyenne Chili Cook Off Team
- Chili Fire Department: Hialeah Fire Department
- People’s Choice: Pink Pig/Hillbilly Chili
- Best Decorated Booth: Trump’s Chili

“This event gets bigger and better every year! The Parks and Recreation Staff did a fantastic job gathering residents and local business for a fun and exciting event. It’s wonderful seeing all the residents have such a wonderful time laughing, dancing and eating. I can’t wait for next year!” stated Mayor Peggy R. Bell.

Vendors in attendance included Sunshine Insurance, Florida Technical College, the Miami Herald, Home Shopper Magazine and the Miami-Dade County Animal Services Department (ASD). The event was very successful for ASD, as three (3) shelter dogs found new homes. Main Stop Grill, Oasis Raspados, Pinders Picks, Mrs. J’s Homemade Cookies, Cutler Bay Hot Sauce, and Flip’s Country Kettle Corn were also in attendance to feed anyone who wanted more than chili, salsa, and cornbread.

Special thanks to event sponsors: Mercedes- Benz of Cutler Bay, Florida City Gas, Ellie Mills State Farm, and TD Bank, who made the activities and entertainment better than ever. Chili Day aprons were provided for all of the chefs as a symbol of appreciation for their





participation. Youth of all ages enjoyed the giant video game bus, bounce house, face painters, and the Miami balloon guy. The Town's favorite local band 'Cutler Stew' rocked the 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.

