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September 11th Festivities at 'Funtastic Fridays for Kids' in Downtown Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD, FL – September 4, 2009 – Funtastic Fridays for Kids, Downtown Hollywood's free weekly social event for families at Anniversary Park, will feature special festivities on Friday, September 11th, including appearances by McGruff the Crime Dog, the Hollywood Police Explorers and the Hollywood Fire Department's fire truck.

In keeping with the patriotic tone of the September 11th observance, 8-year-old singing sensation Julia Dale will perform the National Anthem at 6:30 p.m.

Ongoing highlights of the popular, award-winning event series include a bounce house, clowns, face painting, balloon twisting, kids' game shows, karaoke, bingo, and arts and crafts activities from 5 to 9 p.m. every Friday.

Funtastic Fridays for Kids is presented by the City of Hollywood Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)-Downtown District at Anniversary Park, 1945 Hollywood Boulevard (the corner of Hollywood Boulevard and 20th Avenue).

In conjunction with the weekly event, several downtown restaurants offer a free kids' menu meal for children ages 10 and younger from 4 to 7 p.m. on Fridays as part of the Kids Eat Free on Friday program.

Participating restaurants through September 24th are A La Turca (2027 Hollywood Blvd.), Café Italia (2025A Hollywood Blvd.), Dolce Vita (1931 Hollywood Blvd.), Goyo El Pollo (1920 Tyler St.), Huang's Mandarin House (2031 Hollywood Blvd.), La Piazza Pasta Café (1885 Hollywood Blvd.), Los Pinchos (121 N. 20th Ave.), Luce Restaurant (1906 Harrison St.), Orale Mexican Restaurant (2041 Hollywood Blvd.), Sage Café & Oyster Bar (2000 Harrison St.), Spice Resto-Lounge (1934 Hollywood Blvd.), Taverna Yiamas (1948 Hollywood Blvd.) and The Little Bakery (2033 Harrison St.). Each child must be accompanied by at least one adult ordering an entrée from the regular menu.

The first two hours of downtown parking are free in the 20th Avenue Garage (located between Harrison and Van Buren streets) and the 19th Avenue Garage (located between Tyler Street and Polk streets) during the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. Each additional hour is \$1 per hour. For vehicles entering after 10 p.m., there is a \$7 flat rate.

For more information on Funtastic Fridays for Kids or the Kids Eat Free on Friday program, call 954-921-3016 or visit www.downtownhollywood.com.

The Hollywood Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) was created under the authority of Florida's Community Redevelopment Act of 1969. The CRA's mission is to encourage economic development through the use of tax increment financing by funding development, special projects and enhanced services that address areas of community concern. The Downtown District was established in 1979 to promote Hollywood's central business district including Historic Hollywood Boulevard, Young Circle and nearby residential neighborhoods. The Downtown District is approximately 580 acres and extends from 22nd Avenue on the west to generally 17th Avenue on the east, Johnson Street on the north and Washington Street on the south.