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City of Miami Celebrates the Grand Opening of the new Melreese Country Club

Miami - Mayor Manny Diaz will join Commissioner Angel Gonzalez, District 1, and other city administrators and members of the public to celebrate the grand opening of the new **Melreese Country Club** on **October 7th, 2009** at **12.30pm**. Located at 1802 NW 37 Avenue, the Country Club boasts a clubhouse, bar, courtyard, covered terraces, pro-shop and locker rooms.

Since the October 8, 2008 ground breaking, the City of Miami built a facility under LEED Silver specifications developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) through the design of architect Leo A Daly and construction by TRAN Construction, Inc. Funded through the Miami Sports & Exhibition Authority and Sunshine Sate Government Financing Commission the facility's 17,500 square feet footprint was built at the construction cost of \$4,026,462 .

Residents will be able to add the Melreese Country Club to their list of special event venues with a banquet room overlooking the golf course and two outdoor pavilion areas including a courtyard. Golf patrons will be able to purchase a membership which will allow them to store their golf equipment in the locker room and enjoy the perks of being a member of a golf country club. Once the second phase of the project is completed customers will also have access to two tennis courts being built adjacent to the facility.

Also on Thursday, October 7th Commissioner Gonzalez will be unveiling the plans for a new Melreese Golf Training Center to be built adjacent to the existing practice range and clubhouse. The 5,400 square feet facility will accommodate The First Tee youth outreach program. The facility will bring the opportunity for more children in Miami to be exposed to the sport of golf and get involved in educational programs held in the facility which will have covered bays that include computer aided swing analysis and a golf simulator system. Work is scheduled to begin on the Golf Academy in the Spring of 2010 at the estimated cost of \$1,760,000.

Who: Mayor Manny Diaz, Commissioner Angel Gonzalez and City of Miami Administration

When: October 7, 2009 at 12:30pm

Where: Melreese Country Club, 1802 NW 37 Avenue, Miami, FL 33125

What: Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening of the newly built Melreese Country Club and Banquet Facility. Unveiling of the new Melreese Golf Training Center plans scheduled to break ground Spring 2010.

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