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Mr. Christopher Mazzella, Inspector General
Office of the Inspector General
19 West Flagler Street, Suite 220
Miami, Florida 33130

Dear Mr. Mazzella:

Thank you for forwarding a copy of the Inspector General's Draft Report regarding the review of electrical permits and certificates of occupancy obtained to operate Santa's Enchanted Forest at Miami-Dade County's Tropical Park.

The Building Department will work with the Park and Recreation Department to recoup unpaid fees for the years where no CO's were obtained, no electrical permits were pulled and the number of rides were understated. Please forward any information you have as to the number of rides at the event for the years when no electrical permits were obtained and the years when the number of rides were understated. This information will be needed to assess unpaid fees related to electrical permits.

Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,
[Handwritten Signature]

Charles Danger, P.E.
Director

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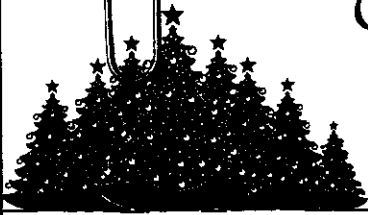
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Vivian Donnell-Rodriguez, Director, Park & Recreation Department
Juliana Salas, P.E., Deputy Director, Building Department
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APPENDIX A

Delivering Excellence Every Day

- ADA Coordination
Agenda Coordination
Animal Services
Art in Public Places
Audit and Management Services
Aviation
Building
Building Code Compliance
Business Development
Capital Improvements Construction Coordination
Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust
Commission on Ethics and Public Trust
Communications
Community Action Agency
Community & Economic Development
Community Relations
Consumer Services
Corrections & Rehabilitation
Cultural Affairs
Elections
Emergency Management
Employee Relations
Empowerment Trust
Enterprise Technology Services
Environmental Resources Management
Fair Employment Practices
Finance
Fire Rescue
General Services Administration
Historic Preservation
Homeless Trust
Housing Agency
Housing Finance Authority
Human Services
Independent Review Panel
International Trade Consortium
Juvenile Assessment Center
Medical Examiner
Metro-Miami Action Plan
Metropolitan Planning Organization
Park and Recreation
Planning and Zoning
Police
Procurement Management
Property Appraiser
Public Library System
Public Works
Safe Neighborhood Parks
Seaport
Solid Waste Management
Strategic Business Management
Team Metro
Transit
Task Force on Urban Economic Revitalization
Vizcaya Museum and Gardens
Water & Sewer

# *Santa's Enchanted Forest*



July 11, 2005

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INSPECTOR GENERAL  
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Dear Inspector General Mazzella:

I have received your draft report dated June 28, 2005 and would like to add one point of clarification. In Section IV of the draft report it is stated that a Deputy Inspector General contacted me upon receiving the gift and I had told him that sending a gift is "something that I do all the time".

I have been President of Santas for 10 years and can say with 100% certainty that nobody from Santas Enchanted Forest and/or myself have ever sent a gift to a County Employee. For this reason I disagree with the above statement. Since I was in a Barber's chair on my cell phone I believe either the Deputy Inspector misunderstood my comments or I misspoke. As your thorough investigation has revealed I have never sent a gift to a County Employee.

Thank you for your time and consideration that this letter provides.

With every best wish,

Steven J. Shechtman

APPENDIX B