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City hosts re-scheduled American Cancer Society Relay for Life race

The City of Riviera Beach is partnering with the American Cancer Society to sponsor the "Relay for Life of Riviera Beach," re-scheduled for July 23-24, 2010, Friday and Saturday, at Dan Calloway "Tate" Recreation Center, 1420 W. 10th Street.

The original event was scheduled for June 4-5, but was canceled due to rain.

The cancer society continues to register teams of competitors for the 18-hour, overnight Relay. Among more than a dozen other teams will be one hosted by Councilwoman Billie E. Brooks. Her team will be walking in honor of her former husband, Bobbie E. Brooks, the first African-American mayor in the City. He died from lung cancer in 2004.

At the relay, competing teams will camp out at the park, and take turns walking or running around the track. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times, as a metaphor for the fact 'cancer never sleeps.'

Hank Harper, a volunteer event coordinator, said the event is meant to raise awareness and honor cancer survivors in the community.

This is critical, Mr. Harper said, because the City has high rates of breast, colon and prostate cancers. Blacks also die at a higher rate from the disease than whites.

For more event details, log onto www.relayforlife.org/rivierabeachfl.

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