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Mayor Fulop and the Department of Recreation Announce the First-Ever Jersey City Pee Wee Track Meet Series as Part of Expanded Recreational Lineup

Fulop Administration Has Added More than 22 New Recreational Programs and Events, Offering Adults and Children a Variety of Ways to Get Active

JERSEY CITY – Now that the warmer weather has arrived, **Mayor Steven M. Fulop** and the **Department of Recreation** are proud to announce the first-ever outdoor **Jersey City Recreation Pee Wee Track Meet Series** to be held in Jersey City for children ages four to nine, from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, **Saturdays May 16th and 23rd and Sunday May 17th** at **Lincoln Park Track, Duncan Ave & RT. 440**.

“As we work to encourage our City’s youth to become more actively involved in the Recreation Department’s offerings, I am proud to introduce Pee Wee Track to the lineup,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “As an avid runner myself, I know the importance of the sport, and how it can help youth to develop not only physically, but mentally.”

In an effort to expand the sport of track and field in Jersey City and the greater New Jersey area, the Pee Wee Track Meets will also include teams from all throughout New Jersey with children of same age groups. In addition, the City of Jersey City is also proud to once again introduce the Recreation outdoor track team, the Panthers, to Jersey City residents’ ages six and under and 17 and under. Registration is ongoing for this program, which will run Monday through Friday, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Ferris High School Track Field, located at 35 Colgate Street.

Since Mayor Fulop has taken office, the **Recreation Department has added 22 new programs**, including scuba, boxing, cricket, fitness programs, and programs for special needs athletes. The Department has also increased offerings through afterschool programs, partnerships with professional sports organizations and local non-profits, as well as establishing several competitive games, tournaments and travel teams.

The City of Jersey City has previously sponsored several youth and high school track meets at the Jersey City Armory this past winter. As the City continues with this series of outdoor spring track events, Mayor Fulop and the Department of Recreation will continue to provide various athletic programs, including; outdoor basketball, volleyball, flag football, soccer, and lacrosse.

For more information and to register please contact the Recreation Department at 201-547-5003 or visit www.jerseycitynj.gov.

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