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***City of Jersey City Kicks-off Summer Season with Sports,
Pools & Park Sprinklers; As School Year Ends, Mayor Fulop
Encourages Youth to Get Active in Summer Sports Leagues***

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Steven M. Fulop and the **Department of Recreation** are pleased to announce the start of the summer recreation season, with the kickoff of the **outdoor basketball, tennis, and volleyball leagues**, as well as the opening of **two outdoor pools, seven indoor pools, and sprinklers at 13 parks** throughout Jersey City for youth and adults to cool off during the summer months.

“As school comes to an end, it is important to keep our children safe and off the streets,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “The Department of Recreation’s outdoor summer leagues provides children and teens the opportunity to stay active by getting involved with competitive sports. This gives them a sense of accomplishment and sportsmanship as they head back to school come September.”

The following is a list of **Summer Basketball Leagues**:

Hamilton Park Boy’s Summer High School Basketball League: June 9th – August 7th, Monday – Friday from 4 p.m. – 10 p.m. (Rain Location @ M.S. #7 222 Laidlaw Ave.)

Washington Park Girl’s Summer High School Basketball League: June 23rd – August 15th, Monday – Thursday from 4 p.m. – 9 p.m., Ages 14-18. (Rain Location @ P.S #27)

Bayside Park Men’s/Women Summer Basketball League: July 7th – August 22nd, Monday – Friday (Men), Wednesdays (Women) from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m., Ages 18 and over. (Rain Location @ P.S #40)

Audubon Park Boys High School Summer Basketball League: July 7th – August 22nd, Monday – Friday from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m., Ages 14-18. (Rain Location @ P.S #15)

Pershing Field Summer Basketball League: July 7th – August 22nd, Monday – Friday from 4 p.m. – 9 p.m., Ages 11-14 on Court 1, Ages 15-18 on Court 2.

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Westside/Pavonia High School and Grammar Summer Basketball League: July 7th – August 22nd, Monday – Friday from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m., Ages 11-14 on Court 1, Ages 15-18 on Court 2.

Muhammad Ali Grammar Summer Basketball League: July 7th – August 22nd, Monday – Friday from 4 p.m. – 9 p.m., Ages 9-11 on Court 1, Ages 12-14 on Court 2.

The following is a list of **Summer Tennis Leagues:**

Hamilton Park: Fridays, from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m., age 6-15.

Country Village: Fridays, from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m., age 6-15

Bayside Park: Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m., age 6-15

Audubon Park: Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m., age 6-15

Pershing Field: Mondays and Wednesdays, from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m., Ages 6 - 7 on Court #1, Ages 8 – 9 on Court #2, and Ages 10 – 15 on Court #3.

“During the summer months, I also hope that all residents take advantage of our City’s resources by cooling off from the heat at our City’s pools and sprinklers, especially after taking in one of great recreational programs,” added **Mayor Fulop**.

The following is a list of **pools that will be open for use:**

Pavonia Pool (West Side & Pavonia): June 27th – September 1st, Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Lafayette Pool & Aquatic Center (Johnson & Pacific): June 27th – September 1st, Monday – Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Pershing Field Pool: Open all year round, Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Public School #6 (100 St. Paul’s Avenue): July 1st - August 8th, Monday through Friday from 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Public School #16 (96 Sussex Street): July 1st – August 22nd, Monday through Friday from 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Public School #27 (201 North Street): July 1st – August 22nd, Monday through Friday from 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Public School #40, (88 Gates Avenue): July 1st - August 8th, Monday through Friday from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Public School #41: July 1st – August 22nd, Monday through Friday from 2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ferris High School (35 Colgate Street): July 1st – August 22nd, Monday through Friday from 2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Sprinklers:

The following sprinklers will open seven days a week beginning June 20th, 2014 through August 31st, 2014 from 10am to 7pm, weather permitting.

Dr. Lena Edwards Park – 325 Johnston Avenue

Arlington Park – 785 Grand Street

Audubon Park – 103-129 Bergen Avenue

Rev. Ercel Webb/Lafayette Park – Maple Street & Van Horne Avenue

LaPointe Park – 90-92 Dekalb Avenue

Pershing Field Park – Summit Avenue and Pershing Plaza

Roberto Clemento Park – Enos Jones – 8th Street & Brunswick Street

Bayside Park – 480 Garfield Avenue

Hamilton Park – 8th Street and 9th Street and Hamilton Place

Terrace Park – Terrace Ave. & Hillside Road

Venator Watson Park – Stevens Ave. & Martin Luther King Drive

Virginia Avenue Park – 74 - 80 Virginia Avenue

Wilkinson Avenue Park – 146 - 152 Wilkinson Avenue

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