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Mayor Eric E. Jackson Announces 'Summer in the Capital City' for Trenton's Youth and Families

Trenton, N.J. — Mayor Eric E. Jackson announces "Summer in the Capital City," a robust menu of recreational activities that are available to Trenton's youth over the next few months. The city's Division of Recreation, along with community partners, organized the comprehensive program, which is available to download at trentonnj.org.

"I am committed to creating the best opportunities for Trenton's youth and families this summer," said Mayor Jackson. "In addition to our improved pool program, Lunchtime Concert Series, and Let's Read, Let's Move, we have something for everyone. I encourage parents to download the schedule from our website and sign their children up today."

This summer the city's **Division of Recreation** will offer a number of activities that are designed specifically for Trenton youth. Here is a sampling:

"Summer Youth Sports" offers basketball, soccer, tennis and golf lessons from July 10 to August 11 at Cooper and George Page Parks (Monday and Wednesday - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.) and at the Capital City Sports Complex and Cadwalader Park (Tuesday and Thursday - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.). Trained staff of the tennis program at NJTL of Trenton, First Tee of Greater Trenton, and Play Soccer Nonprofit International will teach the lessons.

"Let's Read, Let's Move," which begins on June 27 (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.), is a nine-week, literacy and recreational drop-in program that engages youth in reading, and includes a nutritious breakfast and lunch. Field trips are also available for \$70 per child. The "Let's Read, Let's Move" sites are Cadwalader Park, Columbus Park, Edgewood Avenue Park, Agabiti Park, Capital City Sports Complex, George Page Park, Mill Hill Park, Monsignor Lipinski Park and the Ike Williams Center. The program is intended for children ages 5-12, and registration and proof of residency are required.

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The city's Summer Food Service Program, for children under the age of 18, will begin serving meals—sandwiches, fruit, juice, and milk—at nine sites around the city from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. starting on June 27. The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Enjoy a number of musical genres from jazz and Latin flare, to R&B from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. every Thursday. This Lunchtime Concert Series starts July 6 and ends on August 17, and takes place at the State House Capitol Complex. It will feature such artists as Paul Plumeri (July 6), Once Again Band (July 13), Joe Zook and Blues Deluxe (July 20), Sounds of Sandstorm (August 3), Eric Mintel Jazz Quartet (August 10), and the Gordon James Quartet (August 17).

The city's popular "Movies Under the Stars" is a family-friendly opportunity to enjoy Hollywood favorites outdoors with the kids, such as Angry Birds (Stacy Park, July 10), Moana (Columbus Park, July 17), Sing (Centre and Furman Streets, August 28), Lego Batman (N. Clinton and Olden Avenues, August 7), and Monster Trucks (Villa Park, August 14). The movies typically start at 6:30 p.m.

To help city residents cool off, Cooper, Roberto Clemente, Father Rocco and Martin Luther King, Jr. city pools will open on July 1, with new paint and landscaping and a number of improvements to their lighting, filtration, seating and lifeguard stations. The swimming program also provides ongoing instructional lessons in basic water safety, competitive swimming strokes, lifeguard training, CPR and first aid. Martin Luther King, Jr. pool is ADA-compliant, equipped with a chair lift and staffed with personnel trained to assist residents with special needs.

Children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration with the **Division of Recreation** is required to participate in most events. Proof of residency is also needed. For more information, call (609) 989-3628.

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