



# MAYOR'S NEWS RELEASE

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## **CITY'S COOL SUMMER PROGRAMS AGAIN FEATURE FREE SWIMMING, FOUR DAY CAMPS, FREE LUNCHES, PLUS 'TAKE IT TO THE STREETS'**

Mayor Douglas H. Palmer and City Director of Recreation, Natural Resources, and Culture Samuel Frisby announced today that Trenton's Cool Summer Program is kicking off this weekend with the opening of the Cooper, Hetzel, and Calhoun Street pools on Saturday.

Then, on Monday, the Roberto Clemente and Martin Luther King, Jr. pools will open, giving the city five free swim programs that follow the traditional timeline, opening before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and running through Labor Day.

"The summer program this year again will feature swimming, music, and the 'Take it to the Streets' program that we are bringing to 15 different neighborhoods," Mayor Palmer said. "We also will continue our Department of Agriculture free lunch program in the parks and now have community organizations engaged in operating our day camps at Mott, P.J. Hill, and Kilmer Elementary Schools and at the North Clinton Community Recreation Center."

"This year, in order to save money while ensuring the same services, our day camps will be coordinated by community partners - the Boys and Girls Club at Mott School, the YWCA at P.J. Hill, and Greg Grant 94 Feet, Inc., at Kilmer School," said Director Frisby. "In addition, we have a teen Weed and Seed Program at the North Clinton Center. These programs charge fees, but they also have scholarships and subsidized participation, which we have promoted through community outreach. Only the P.J. Hill and Kilmer programs still have a few openings."

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Here are the details about all components of the 2009 Cool Summer program:

► **DAY CAMP PROGRAM**

The Day Camps will begin next week and will operate Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until August 14. The site coordinators are listed below. Included in the fee are meals daily, access to pools, access to tennis courts with instruction, arts and crafts materials, and day trips. “The Day Camps are nurturing settings for our children to have as much fun this summer as we adults remember having when we were children,” said Director Frisby. Day Camp program details are available below (and by calling 609-989-3628).

- **Mott Elementary School**, 45 Stokely Ave.  
*Coordinator:* David Anderson of the Boys and Girls Club
- **P.J. Hill Elementary School**, 1010 East State St.  
*Coordinator:* Jose Hernandez of the YWCA
- **Kilmer Elementary School**, 1300 Stuyvesant Ave.  
*Coordinator:* Greg Grant of Greg Grant 94 Feet, Inc.
- **North Clinton**, 454 North Clinton Ave., teenagers ages 13-17.  
*Coordinator:* Bill McLaughlin of the Weed and Seed Program, with support from the Trenton Police Department, City of Trenton, Mercer County Sheriffs, Weed and Seed, and Greater Donnelly Neighborhood Initiative

► **FREE LUNCH PROGRAM**

No registration fee is charged for the Free Lunch Program, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Beginning June 29 and running through August 14, the program provides lunch for children from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, in nine City parks and at 38 other day camp sites operated by organizations serving children throughout the community. At the parks listed below, volunteer coordinators from Job Corps and faith-based partners will oversee the program, where participants receive a nutritious lunch daily at no charge:

- **Columbus Park**, Hamilton & Chestnut Avenues
- **Garfield Ave. Park**, Garfield Avenue
- **Edgewood Ave. Park**, Edgewood Avenue

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- **John Beech Playground**, 3rd & Schenck Streets
- **Martin Luther King Park**, Bond & Proctor Streets
- **Eisenhower**, Eisenhower Street
- **Bruenig Park**, Bruenig Avenue
- **Roberto Clemente Park**, Perry Street
- **Cook "Y" Field**, Farragut Avenue

► **THE TAKE IT TO THE STREETS PROGRAM**

For the **Take It to the Streets Program**, the City closes off entire blocks and produces programs in arts and crafts, basketball, bicycle safety, double-dutch, face painting, karaoke, golf, music, tennis, and more, in neighborhoods where there is no nearby park. The program is scheduled every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., from July 13 through August 14. **Take It to the Streets** is a wholesome, enjoyable evening for everyone in the neighborhood, regardless of age.

The scheduled **Take It to the Streets** locations and dates include:

- **Centre Street**, Monday, July 13
- **Stuyvesant Avenue**, Wednesday, July 15
- **Sherman Avenue**, Friday, July 17
- **Home Avenue**, Monday, July 20
- **Emory Avenue**, Wednesday, July 22
- **South Walter Avenue**, Friday, July 24
- **North 25**, Monday, July 27
- **Lincoln Homes**, Wednesday, July 29
- **Genesee Street**, Friday, July 31
- **Macedonia Baptist Church**, Monday, August 3
- **Rutherford Avenue**, Wednesday, August 5
- **Houghton Avenue**, Friday, August 7
- **Franklin Park**, Monday, August 10
- **Laurel Avenue Playground**, Wednesday, August 12
- **Galilee Baptist Church**, Friday, August 14

► **SUMMER CONCERTS**

The **Summer Concerts** will commemorate Independence Day and feature community gatherings later in the summer at Agabiti Park and at the Battle Monument Park.

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The concerts will run from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and feature talented local musicians performing jazz, blues, R&B and Latin music. Activities for children, such as face painting and arts and crafts, are offered while the music plays. Locations and dates of the summer concerts are:

- **Independence Day Celebration at John Beech Park on July 1st**
- **Agabiti Park Concert** *[Date to be Announced]*
- **Battle Monument Park Concert on** *[Date to be Announced]*

► **FIVE CITY POOLS OPEN FOR SWIMMING**

Five outdoor City pools will open June 27<sup>th</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup> (see below) with swim programs running through Labor Day. The pools will be open on the following schedule:

- **recreational swimming for youth up to age 17** from 1-6 p.m. each weekday; and
- **adult swimming** from 6-7 p.m. each weekday
- On weekends (as well as on the holiday, Friday, July 3rd), the pools will be **open for family swimming** from 1 to 7 p.m. Here is a list of the pools and their locations:

**OPENING on Saturday, June 27:**

**Cooper Pool;** Union Street adjacent to Parker School

**Hetzel Pool;** 100 block of North Olden Avenue

**Calhoun Street (Father Rocco) Pool;** Calhoun Street and Princeton Avenue

**OPENING on Monday, June 29:**

**Robert Clemente Pool;** Academy Street adjacent to Fire Station

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Pool;** 300 block of Brunswick Avenue

For additional information, please call 609-989-3628.

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