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Mayor Fulop and the Recreation Department, in Partnership With the Reservoir Preservation Alliance, Announce Two FREE Kayaking Days for Residents as Fulop Administration Continues to Offer a Wide Range of Recreational Programming

In Addition to Kayaking, Recreation Department Offers Fishing and Nature Walks at the Reservoir

JERSEY CITY -- **Mayor Steven M. Fulop** and the **Department of Recreation**, in partnership with the **Jersey City Reservoir Preservation Alliance**, are pleased to announce **two free days of kayaking at the Jersey City Reservoir** in the Heights as the Fulop Administration continues to provide a wide-range of recreational activities for residents. Residents will be able to kayak from **10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** on **Sunday, August 9th** and **Saturday, August 22nd**, while taking in the nature and tranquility of the Reservoir.

"The Jersey City Reservoir is one of our greatest natural assets and is a place for all residents to enjoy," said **Mayor Fulop**. "Through free programming such as this, whether kayaking, fishing or nature walks, the Reservoir provides a great sanctuary and an opportunity for city residents to enjoy the beauty of nature."

Several hundred residents are expected to attend both days, and no prior registration is required. To make the event possible, the Jersey City Reservoir Preservation Alliance, a 501c3 nonprofit, through the Hoboken Cove Boathouse, has donated 12, two passenger kayaks to be used each day. The American Canoe Association is also a sponsor of the event.

Life jackets and paddles will also be provided and participants must only show proof of residency. A signed waver is required for participation, and those under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Personal kayaks are not permitted.

"The Jersey City Reservoir Preservation Alliance is excited to have kayaking again this year at the Reservoir!" said **Stevie Latham, President, Jersey City Reservoir Preservation Alliance**. "We expect about 300 people of all ages and backgrounds at each event, many of whom have never had a boating experience before. We've had great support from the City and the Recreation Department and are looking forward to getting people out on the placid waters of the Reservoir, surrounded by the sounds and beauty of nature."

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In addition to kayaking, the Recreation Department offers **fishing and nature walks** at the Reservoir **weekdays May through October from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m**. and **Saturdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Fishing equipment and instruction is provided by Recreation Department staff. Many Jersey City public schools and summer camps also visit the Reservoir for fishing, nature walks, and class projects.

Since Mayor Fulop took office in July 2013, **the Fulop Administration** grown recreational offerings for families with more than 10,000 children, teens and adults participating in **26 new programs available citywide as part of a $4.2 million expanded Recreation budget**. New programing includes 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.

For more information about city sponsored activities at the Reservoir call the Recreation Department at 201-547-5003. For more information on the Jersey City Reservoir Alliance, visit jcreservoir.org.

ABOUT THE JERSEY CITY RESERVOIR PRESERVATION ALLIANCE

The Jersey City Reservoir Preservation Alliance was started in 2002 by a few concerned citizens. By reaching out to various civic organizations, it has grown to this list of members, as well as having thousands of volunteers and supporters. The Jersey City Reservoir Preservation Alliance has been working to save the Reservoir's lake, meadow, and woods from destruction and misuse for several years. For its work to document and preserve its historic structures, the Alliance received the Ted Conrad "Preservationist of the Year" Award, May 2005. The Alliance watches over the Reservoir – conducting tours, running school, boating and nature events, cleaning up, inventory and caretaking of wildlife, working with government.

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Kayaking at the Reservoir: