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## *City of Jersey City Announces Grand Re-Opening of the Charlie Heger Ice Skating Rink*

**JERSEY CITY** –Mayor **Steven M. Fulop**, the **Jersey City Municipal Council**, and the **Department of Recreation** are pleased to announce the **Grand Re-Opening Ceremony** of the **Charlie Heger Ice Skating Rink** at **Pershing Field** at **5 p.m.** on **Friday, November 1st, 2013**, 807 Summit Avenue.

The public is invited to attend the grand re-opening ceremony on **Friday, November 1st** from **5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.** Admission that evening will be **FREE**, including skate rental, and light refreshments will be served.

“Our focus for the Recreation Department has been to increase opportunities and improve sites and facilities so more residents can participate in our programs,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “We will continue to expand and diversify recreational programming and partner with the Board of Education for the use of additional facilities and for the development of more after-school opportunities.”

The ice rink recently underwent renovations under the direction of the Department of Public Works and the Recreation Department, including new lettering visible on center ice, and a fresh coating of paint to all metal fencing, handrails, offices, locker rooms and bathrooms surrounding the rink and community center. Improvements were also made to doors and screens throughout the facility, and the steps leading up to the ice rink on Summit Avenue have been stabilized and replaced for the public’s safety.

All exterior lights surrounding the ice rink have also been replaced, and all interior lights were either repaired or replaced, including all emergency exit lights.

In addition to the renovations, the Department of Recreation has expanded programs including increased public ice time, a learn to skate program for youth and adults, and school field trips to the facility. There will also be a *Skating with Santa Session* on December 14th of this year from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., which includes free pictures with Santa, and a frame and printed photo.

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