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***Mayor Fulop & the Department of Recreation  
Announce Top Soccer Special Needs Program; Administration  
Continues to Expand Recreational Offerings for Residents***

**JERSEY CITY – Mayor Steven M. Fulop** and the **Department of Recreation**, in partnership with **Top Soccer**, are proud to present the first City-sponsored special needs soccer program with the goal of reaching about 100 youth this fall.

Over the course of four weeks during the summer, the Recreation Department sponsored the City's first "Autism Quiet Swim" which provided children with autism between the ages of four and 15 to take part in a private swim each Sunday from August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 through September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Johnston Avenue Pool.

The Recreation Department will be establishing additional special needs athletic programs for youth and adults in addition to the soccer and swimming programs.

"My administration understands the need to expand recreational opportunities for our growing and diverse community," said **Mayor Fulop**. "It is through the Department of Recreation and the Top Soccer Special Needs Program that residents with special needs will have access to an exciting, safe and structured environment to learn the sport of soccer. We will look to expand the athletic offerings for our special needs youth and adults."

**Top Soccer Special Needs Program** open to boys and girls between the ages of four and 21 from **4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** each Saturday at **West Side/Pavonia Avenue Soccer Field**. The program will run now through **November 14, 2014**.

Residents may register on-site each Saturday or Monday through Friday at the Recreation Office, 1 Chapel Avenue from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please bring proof of age and residency.  
**Participants must bring their own soccer ball.**

**For more information please call 201-547-5003 or visit**  
<http://www.cityofjerseycity.com/specialolympics/>

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