SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
Tuesday Nights, 7:30pm-9:00pm

July 14th – The Duprees
July 21st – Smooth
August 4th – Fillet of Soul

Concerts will take place at the Courthouse Green. Check www.hackensack.org for more info. Don’t forget blankets and chairs. Refreshments available.

JOHNSON PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS
OVERVIEW OF FREE EVENTS AND CLASSES

SUMMER READING CLUB, REGISTRATION STARTS JUNE 15
(See johnsonlib.org for specific schedule starting in June or call 201-343-4169, ext. 14).

TEEN EVENTS
Contact: keri.adams@hackensack.bccls.org, ext. 22
Teen Tuesdays, 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (when school is in session). Recreational after school programs for students in Grades 7-12. Games, Teen Summer Reading Activities. (See johnsonlib.org for schedule starting in June).
Food, prizes, fun with friends and great books - the perfect way to spend a summer!

ONGOING EVENTS AND CLASSES FOR ADULTS
For all adult events or class information, contact schult@hackensack.bccls.org, ext. 19 or check website: johnsonlib.org, for information on each month’s special offerings. Email Genesis.Jais@hackensack.bccls.org to get on JPL’s events list and have it all at your fingertips every month!

Programs include:
- Workshops in knitting, gardening, writing, Photoshop, websites, funding for small business, and much more
- Entertainment: Live Jazz, Classical, comedy, improv, and much more
- Individual Computer Instruction, and Job Search and Resume Assistance, Hackensack Residents only
- Inspect Your Gadget, Every Thursday, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Get help with your mobile device
- Ebooks, Kindle loan program, Digital Content, on website johnsonlib.org
- Mango Languages: classes in 60 language courses & 17 English courses, on website johnsonlib.org
- Free Classical Concerts, 1st Mon. of the month at 10am in the auditorium.
- Current Movies, Once a month on Thursday, at 6:30 pm
- Classic Movies, Once a month on Thursday, at 2:00 pm
- Citizenship Classes, Mondays, 10:00 am. Isaac.annani@hackensack.bccls.org
- Book Discussion Clubs, schult@hackensack.bccls.org

MAY 2015 SPECIAL EVENTS FOR ADULTS - Highlight
To Register, go online at johnsonlib.org (click on Calendar at top) or call 201-343-4169, ext. 36 to sign up.

JUNE 2015 SPECIAL EVENTS - Highlights
A Cup of Water Under My Bed
Saturday, June 13 @ 10:00 AM - Daisy Hernandez, born of Colombian-Cuban parents, grew up in Fairview and will be here to talk about her memoir.

Kazzrie Jaxen Trio
Saturday, June 27 @ 2:00 PM - will present a jazz concert, with straight-ahead swing and spontaneous improvisation they play a selection of standard tunes and originals.

There is much to report as the City of Hackensack continues on its steady path towards redevelopment. A 244-unit apartment complex is nearing completion at State and Warren Streets, adjacent to the City’s new Atlantic Street Open-Air Venue, nearly complete with a small amphitheater, decorative paths, lighting, seating and landscaping. This space will provide a great place for live performances, creative displays or just to sit and enjoy lunch. It will also provide additional space for programming associated with the city’s new Cultural Arts Center on State Street— a work in progress with Phase 2 construction starting soon. Completion of this phase will allow for larger programming to take place in the 2nd floor theater space. With the city and Main Street Business Alliance soon implementing its Creative Placemaking strategies, residents can expect a wider variety of cultural programs as well as an increase in the number of events taking place downtown. This is also good news for new residents looking to make Hackensack home in one of the several large residential developments planned for 210 Main St. (seen above); 150-170 Main Street (in the demolition phase) or elsewhere downtown. “The interest level is increasing all the time,” said Deputy Mayor Kathleen Canestrino. “The word is out and developers are coming to the table. They see real value in Hackensack.”

Other areas under consideration include Parking Lot C near the Foschini Park, the former County Probation site and the former North Jersey Media site on River Street. Developers will soon be submitting plans for other large-scale projects on or near Main Street. In preparation for continued growth, the city is moving forward with plans to convert Main and State Streets to two-way and other related infrastructure projects. See www.hackensack.org/redevelopment for more information.
Mayor's Message

2015 is an exciting year for Hackensack. As you've read on the first page, Hackensack's redevelopment is progressing. With the help of dedicated professionals, business leaders and community organizations, we are forging ahead with ambitious plans to totally transform our downtown, complete with new residential units, new traffic flows, new infrastructure, and enhanced artistic and cultural opportunities. In the coming years, Hackensack will no doubt regain the prominence in once enjoyed at the center of Bergen County's culture and commerce.

To get there, we rely on the solid management and financial expertise in our City Administration. With several waves of tax appeals, budgeting for success has been a challenge. In the last two years, we decided to tackle budget cuts in a way rather that perpetually "kick the can down the road". This has translated into higher tax bills for many property owners. To minimize the pain and ensure that owners are not paying any more than their fair share, we also decided to re-examine and reduce more frequent city-wide reassessments. This, together with careful management of departmental budgets and responsible collective-bargaining negotiations will go a long way towards stabilizing taxes. New development will also continue to increase the tax base, further offsetting and redistributing the tax burden.

We have every confidence in our Manager, CFO and Department Heads in their ability to manage costs while maintaining services.

Looking forward to:

August 4, 2015: National Night Out Against Crime
The Hackensack Police Department is hosting the 19th Annual "Hackensack's Night Out Against Crime" on Tuesday, August 4 between 6:00pm and 10:00pm at The Green, between Court St. and Washington Pl., Hackensack. NJ. There will be food, displays, and demonstrations. Contact: Diane Lomia at (201) 646-7732 or Gennette Diamanti at (201) 646-7763 for more info.

October 5, 2015: 10th Annual Street Festival
The Upper Main Alliance and the City of Hackensack will host the 10th Annual Street Festival on Main Street in Hackensack on Saturday and Sunday. There will be over 250 street vendors and several well known musical acts. The festival will also include stilt walkers, children's rides and a petting zoo. Main Street will be closed to traffic for the day. Hours are 10am to 6pm. Be sure to check out this Family Fun Festival Questions? Call 201-498-1890.

Cultural Arts Center, Phase 2 to Continue
The City Council is ready to bond up to $750k for Phase 2 of the new Hackensack Cultural Arts Center. Phase 1, completed about 2 years ago, provided for ADA accessibility, elevator and other items designed for the first floor usable. It is currently used for rehearsals and small performances. Phase 2 will focus on the main hall on the 2nd floor and will provide for emergency exits, ceiling stabilization, security, heating and cooling systems, and will allow collective bargaining for the transfer of current programming fro the 39 Broadway location and bring arts patrons closer to the city's downtown, a goal of several city administrations. The completion of Phase 2, combined with the newly constructed Atlantic Street Park, will bring a lot of people and attention to Hackensack's economic and cultural renaissance, said Mayor John LaBrosse. For a video tour of the facility, visit www.hackensack.org/video.

Hackensack studies Recreation, Sports Dome
In February, the City Council voted to allocate up to $100k for preliminary costs associated with erecting a sports dome, possibly in Johnson Park, that would allow for sports activities to continue in the winter months. "Sports Domes are popular in surrounding communities and could significantly enhance recreational programming in our community," said Councilman Leo Battaglia, adding that soccer and football are just some of the many possible uses for this facility.

New Splash Pad Coming to Hackensack
Due to the popularity of the Pelotix Splash Pad, the City will build a new one at Carver Park, which will provide an array of water activities for children. With luck, the project will be completed before the start of the season. "This is a way for kids to beat the heat and I'm thrilled that we were able to get this process started for Carver Park," said Councilman David Sims. In the future, the city may construct one at other parks outside the city.

Hackensack Fire Department Stays Busy
Coming off the Department's 100th year of service, residents may be interested to note the following statistics from 2014, the busiest year in the HTFD's history. In 2014, the total calls for service were 6246 which ranged from building fires to resident assistance. During 2014, the members of the Department spent over 1400 hours educating school children, senior groups, congo associations, church groups, etc. These programs give the residents of our community a better understanding of how the department operates. Supplementing our education efforts, Fire Prevention enforces fire codes established by the State. This makes for safer buildings for residents and firefighters. The members of Fire Prevention conducted 2749 annual inspections in 2014. In 2015, the Department will continue to operate at the highest and safest standards. If you need to report a fire of emergency please call 911. Have a safe year!

City Employees Care
This past holiday season, the City employees donated books, arts and crafts, hats, gloves and more to Josephine's Garden at the Joseph M. Sanzari Children's Hospital in Hackensack. Josephine's Garden was established in July of 2012 and provides a safe place for children with cancer to visit during their hospital stay. The garden also features a wishing fountain, a climbing boulder, warrior pole, chalk board, inspirational art work and much much more. City employees also supported victims of a recent fire on Main Street with gift cards and several backpacks for young students.

Tax Collector Announcements
3rd Quarter 2015 Estimated Tax Bills will be mailed out approximately 6/30/15. The statutory due date for 3rd Quarter is 8/1/15. 4th Quarter 2015 Final or "reconciled" 2016 Preliminary Tax Bills will be mailed out approximately 9/30/15. The statutory due date for 4th Quarter is 11/15. New Feature: View property tax status at www.hackensack.org/tax. Online credit cards coming soon. Any questions, please call (201) 646-3627 between 9 am – 4 pm.

Reminder: Recycling Center
The recycling center is open at 15 Green Street, Monday - Friday from 8am to 4pm and Saturday from 8am to 11am. If your tax bill is over $200, you are eligible to participate.

From the Manager's Desk

Though it's only been 8 months since my appointment, I say enthusiastically that Hackensack can be proud of its many dedicated professionals. This is not an easy city to manage, especially in winter. While Hackensack is only about 4.2 square miles, it is packed with roads, sewers and related infrastructure. Many roads are major thoroughfares for large trucks, busses and cars that take their toll. They are highly trafficked by more than 100,000 people who visit or pass through daily. This fact, combined with persistent salt shortages, made February particularly difficult. Preparation and foresight are key and contingencies are important. But what is absolutely essential is relationship and communication. When the weather is consistently poor, it can be difficult. In times of emergency or hardship, we lean on each other. That applies city-to-resident, employee-to-employee, city-to-vendor, city-to-county and neighbor to neighbor.

The challenge is to do what we can to manage the city despite ever tightening budgetary constraints. Tax appeals, reduced state aid and increased health care costs are just some of the forces that work against us. In an environment where employees have already been asked time again "to do more with less" managing and extended resources is difficult. Thankfully, this administration has decided to absorb and manage financial liabilities now and not delay. Building these liabilities into our budget in a responsible way means that expenses will become more predictable. More predictable budgets, combined with regular reassessments and increased rebates from development will eventually translate into stabilized tax bills, without wild fluctuations from one year to the next. With responsible contract negotiation, we can expect to maintain the workforce and equipment that drives this city.

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Recreation Programs At-A-Glance
(Visit www.hackensack.org/recreation for details.)

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