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## ***Mayor Healy, Municipal Council and City Officials to Cut Ribbon on Newly Restored Hamilton Park Park Features \$3.2 Million in Renovations***

**JERSEY CITY** – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, members of the **Municipal Council** and representatives from the **Division of Architecture, Department of Public Works** and the **Department of Recreation**, as well as stakeholders from the community, will cut the ribbon on the newly refurbished park, which features nearly **\$3.2 million** in renovations at **12 noon on Thursday, May 27, 2010**, at **Jersey Avenue and Eighth Street**.

“We are pleased to be opening this park at the kick-off to the summer, Memorial Day weekend, so that Jersey City residents and families will be able to enjoy this beautifully renovated facility,” said **Mayor Healy**. “There are so many great amenities to enjoy, and we encourage everyone to come out and spend an afternoon at the newly restored Hamilton Park.”

The restoration of Hamilton Park was a collaborative effort of the Administration, the Jersey City Division of Architecture, and the Hamilton Park Neighborhood Association. The Association initiated a community input and balloting process to determine what types of facilities and materials might be incorporated in any rehabilitation. The community input was then tabulated and published into a report which was analyzed by the Division of Architecture, and incorporated into both the City Parks Master Plan and the eventual design and construction of the park.

Some of the renovations to the park include a comprehensive subsurface drainage system, a new playground for children with a separate toddler area, sprayground with separate toddler interaction spray in toddler area, two fenced dog run facilities and comprehensive Victorian style decorative lighting. Hamilton Park also features fully rehabilitated tennis courts, basketball courts, and multi-use courts. The city also added new park benches, tables, a community garden, drinking fountains and repaired the gazebo.

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“We have to commend the Division of Architecture and the contractor, Green Construction, for completing this project on time,” said **Mayor Healy**. “We also need to thank Paul and Eric Silverman for donating the green space on McWilliams Place as a temporary park and playground while the renovations were being made.”

Hamilton Park was named for Alexander Hamilton, who was first the first Secretary of the Treasury and was killed in a duel with Aaron Burr. The park was established in 1851 and is listed on the National and New Jersey Register of Historic Places.

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