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Mayor Healy to Cut Ribbon at Newly Renovated McGinley Square Plaza

***\$3.2 million project includes streetscape improvements to Bergen Avenue &
Montgomery Street, as well as restored monuments in McGinley Plaza***

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy will cut the ribbon of the newly renovated McGinley Square Plaza during the official re-opening ceremony to be held at **9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at the intersection of Bergen Avenue and Montgomery Street.**

The ceremony marks the completion of the **Bergen Avenue Section 2 Streetscape Improvement**, a \$3.2 million project the city undertook in 2006 to enhance the streets, sidewalks, and overall atmosphere of McGinley Square.

“The renovations to McGinley Square Plaza and the streetscape improvements to Bergen Avenue and Montgomery Street are part of my vision for restoring the neighborhoods and the shopping districts of Jersey City to what they once were,” **Mayor Healy** said. “As you can see from the fantastic job done at McGinley Square, we are turning a page in Jersey City where our neighborhoods and our communities are getting the attention they deserve.”

The streetscape improvements took place along Bergen Avenue from Sip to Montgomery and extended to portions of Montgomery Street, as well. In addition to road resurfacing, adding new traffic stripes and signs, the city also replaced all curb and sidewalk with charcoal gray concrete with sawcut scoring and brick pavers.

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In two historic locations, the city added bluestone sidewalk and hired PSE&G to install ornamental street lights with a new conduit along Bergen Avenue and Montgomery Street.

Two new plazas were added on the northeast and southeast corners of Bergen Avenue and Academy Street, as well as traffic signal enhancements for improved safety at the intersection.

The City also planted nearly 100 new trees in the neighborhood, the majority being little leaf lindens and red maples. A kiosk was also installed in McGinley Square at the Plaza.

In addition to the ribbon-cutting, the Mayor and city officials will rededicate the two monuments in McGinley Plaza, one to Father McGinley and the other to the U.S.S. Maine, a plaque which was originally constructed using the steel of the battleship from the War of 1812. The plaques for Father McGinley and the U.S.S. Maine were both restored and mounted on two new granite stones.

The project, which was overseen by the City's Department of Administration, Division of Engineering in conjunction with engineering consultants Schoor Depalma, was funded through the following three grants:

- Federal Aid, LLP-FY2003 \$2,288,000
- NJDOT Local Aid, ATP-FY04 \$1,020,000
- NJDOT Transit Village \$100,000

Additional funding for the project was contributed by the City of Jersey City. The project was constructed by Assuncao Brothers, Inc., of Edison.

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