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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



Hudson County, NJ – Free movies and popcorn on Wednesday and Friday nights this July and August at six different Hudson County parks. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy an evening in the park! Movies start at sundown each evening with rain dates, if needed, happening the following Monday and Tuesday. All movies are subtitled in Spanish and all events are wheelchair accessible.

Kicking off their third year with the support of Hudson County, the Movies in the Parks series brings family friendly films to 6 beautiful Hudson County parks, as produced by the Washington Park Association of Hudson County, Inc. (WPA).

The Movies In The Parks series for 2015 is brought to you by the Hudson County Executive Thomas DeGise and the Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Movies In The Parks was originally a community initiative, until the WPA's partnership with the County of Hudson in 2013, which expanded the program countywide.

The parks and communities included are: Stephen R. Gregg Park in Bayonne, West Hudson Park in Kearny, Washington Park in Union City, Columbus Park in Hoboken, Lincoln Park in Jersey City, and JJ Braddock Park in North Bergen. Movies in the Parks are a great way to see a free family-friendly film in your local community under the stars. The series is also an incredible opportunity to experience all of the amazing parks in Hudson County that may be less visited by those who are not residents. Free popcorn will also be available at all screenings. Bring your family, friends, or just come to meet your neighbors at all 12 screenings throughout July and August this summer.

Washington Park Association of Hudson County, Inc. (WPA) is an independent, community based, volunteer-run, 501(c)(3) nonprofit providing services and benefits to more than 6,000 community residents. Founded by residents of Jersey City and Union City, who were motivated to create positive change in the area, WPA works with the community to revitalize, maintain, and protect Washington Park, a 100-year-old, 22-acre park County park and promote its use through programs and activities that enhance the quality of life of park users and local residents. WPA members believe that engaging residents in activities that improve their neighborhoods, helps increase civic pride and care, which leads to healthier, wealthier, and more progressive communities.

WPA has some great volunteer opportunities available throughout the summer for those 16 and older. Volunteering is a great way to give back to the community, meet new people, and be involved in this fantastic series. Plus, all volunteers get a free WPA t-shirt and can earn community service hours for school.

For more info on how to volunteer for the Movies in the Parks series, please email Pat Byrne at: emailpatbyrne@gmail.com

For maps showing the exact movie locations and weather cancelations, "like" Washington Park Association of Hudson County on Facebook, follow @WPAHudsonCounty on Twitter or Instagram, or visit: www.wpanj.org.

Program and Details: Movies in the Parks 2015

## **July 2015**

Wednesday, July 8, 2015 (Rain date: Monday July, 13th)- Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008) Stephen R. Gregg Park, Bayonne

Friday, July 10, 2015 – (Rain date: Tuesday July, 14th) The Goonies West Hudson Park, Kearny

Wednesday, July 15, 2015 – (Rain date: Monday July, 20th) E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial Washington Park, Jersey City / Union City Border (\*this date will feature a live Latin band as part of the Jersey City and NJCU Summer Concert Series)

Friday, July 17, 2015 – (Rain date: Tuesday July, 21st) Annie (2014) Columbus Park, Hoboken

Wednesday, July 22, 2015 – (Rain date: Monday July, 27th) The Boxtrolls Lincoln Park, Jersey City

Friday, July 24, 2015 – (Rain date: Tuesday July, 28th) Planes, Fire and Rescue (\*This date will have a fire truck on site for tours and photo ops)

JJ Braddock Park, North Bergen

## August 2015

Wednesday, August 5, 2015 – (Rain date: Monday August, 10th) Hook Stephen R. Gregg Park, Bayonne

Friday, August 7, 2015 – (Rain date: Tuesday August, 11th) Stuart Little West Hudson Park, Kearny

Wednesday, August 12, 2015 – (Rain date: Monday August, 17th) Paddington Washington Park, Jersey City / Union City Border

Friday, August 14, 2015 – (Rain date: Tuesday August, 18th) 101 Dalmatians (1996) Columbus Park, Hoboken

Wednesday, August 19, 2015 – (Rain date: Monday August, 24th) Muppets Most Wanted Lincoln Park, Jersey City (\*this date will feature live jazz)

Friday, August 21, 2015 – (Rain date: Tuesday August, 25th) Back To The Future JJ Braddock Park, North Bergen

All are invited to bring blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy the movies and popcorn at no cost. **Movies will begin at sundown— (approximately 8:30PM in July and 8:00PM in August)** 

## PARKING:

Residential street parking or lot parking is available near or in each park.

Photos and interviews available on request:

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