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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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Dear Residents and Stakeholders:

Happy Summer! We are proud to offer a variety of services and programs that are sure to make this summer enjoyable and fun for everyone.

First and foremost, however, we are committed to making sure no child goes hungry this summer. Under the sponsorship of the United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Services, the East Orange Summer Food Program will provide any child 18 years and younger with free meals at all six of our parks and over 30 partner sites throughout the city. It is anticipated that over 2,600 children will receive free meals this summer and I encourage you to share this information with those in need. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Summer Food Program at 973.414.4141.

Staying healthy this summer just got easier with the start of our weekly Farmer's Market, which will be open every Tuesday, 9am-5pm from July 14-October 27. The Farmer's Market, located at Halsted Street and Central Avenue, will bring you some of the freshest produce from around the state.

Between July 6-Aug 14, the Department of Recreation & Cultural Affairs is offering six All Day Summer Camps for ages 3-15. Each one has a different theme with integrated activities and field trips to keep children active, engaged and enriched throughout the summer. There are also numerous sports leagues and lessons, adult activities such as Boot Camp and Water Aerobics and a host of upcoming events.

A city tradition, our annual **Independence Day Celebration**, will be very special this year. This family-friendly event, held at Paul Robeson Stadium on **Saturday, July 4th at 6 pm**, will feature East Orange's own Grammy-nominated artist Antonique Smith, the legendary House music singer Kenny Bobien and young powerhouse vocalist Katlyn Nichol. Come out and enjoy the fireworks with us! Please visit www.eastorange-nj.gov for more information.

This summer, try something different in East Orange! All of our programs and events are easily accessible and conveniently located. Take advantage of the walkability of our town. Visit a new restaurant. Play in a park outside of your neighborhood. Instead of driving, take the train into New York City or Hoboken. Our city has plenty of assets to be explored — What are you waiting for?

Mayor Lester E. Taylor III