DATE: July 8, 2016

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SUBJECT: JOINT EFFORT PRINCETON 2016 SAFE STREETS SUMMER PROGRAM CELEBRATES WITHERSPOON - JACKSON COMMUNITY, PAUL ROBESON, BLACK HISTORY AND BLACK FAMILIES OF PRINCETON

MEDIA RELEASE

Joint Effort - Princeton Safe Streets Project in conjunction with the Witherspoon - Jackson Historical and Cultural Society and many Princeton businesses, community leaders, community organizations and citizens will sponsor, celebrate and organize the annual Joint Effort Safe Streets Summer Program around the historic designation of the Witherspoon - Jackson Community as the 20th Historic District in Princeton, New Jersey. The Princeton Town Council's approval in April and the overwhelming community support gave the sponsoring organizations this unique opportunity to bring all segments of the Princeton community together to highlight this once in a lifetime historic designation and celebrate the history, the people and the personalities of the Witherspoon - Jackson Community. The 2016 Joint Effort Safe Streets summer program and the Witherspoon - Jackson Community Celebration will begin Saturday, August 6th and end Sunday, August 14th. This celebration will be a series of events and activities held at different, important historical locations throughout the Witherspoon - Jackson Community and other Princeton venues [see attached schedule].

The Black American Community [Witherspoon - Jackson] has been a vital presence in Princeton since the late seventeenth century. Many residents were slaves who worked on farms and in homes as agricultural and domestic slaves. The early College of New Jersey [Princeton University] Presidents and Trustees owned slaves.

By the 1700's there were free colored residents who were descendants of slaves and in later years the increasing wealth of Princeton, together with the university's growth, created a high demand for labor and service positions that were generously offered to many families who moved to Princeton from the south. Black Americans settled in many areas of Princeton, however through the years they were relegated to the community later referred to as the "Witherspoon - Jackson Community".
This Princeton community celebration of the Witherspoon - Jackson Community will share stories of Community, Faith, Hope and History. We will talk about and honor Paul Robeson, Black families and many other heroes and sheroes that made inroads in the Witherspoon - Jackson Community. There will be a walking tour, a Paul Robeson House Community Service clean-up, a yard sale, recognition for many of our citizens, elected officials and community leaders, an art exhibit, community discussions on the "1948 Princeton Plan" and education in Princeton schools as well as affordable housing, impact of historic designation and the 2016 elections. There will also be a community concert, a Salute to Black Seniors and Black Families of Princeton, a workout and conditioning session, a Block Festival, a youth basketball clinic, music, entertainment and a series of all-day basketball games.

Shirley Satterfield, Director of the Witherspoon - Jackson Historical and Cultural Society said, "This recognition of the history of Black people in the Princeton community and this historic designation are a significant part of not only, Witherspoon - Jackson Community history, but also Princeton history and American history. This is a great opportunity for all of us in Princeton to learn, grow and be proud of our diverse background and heritage. I’m excited to have the interest of the community and to have Joint Effort partner with the Witherspoon - Jackson Historical and Cultural Society for this historic recognition and celebration of the Witherspoon - Jackson Community."

For more information on the Joint Effort Princeton Safe Streets Program or the Salute to the Witherspoon - Jackson Community, call John Bailey at [720] 629-0964 or Shirley Satterfield at [609] 924-2010
COMMUNITY, FAITH, HOPE & HISTORY:
"A WITHERSPOON - JACKSON COMMUNITY
CELEBRATION OF PAUL ROBESON, BLACK HISTORY AND BLACK
FAMILIES OF PRINCETON"

*In Recognition of the United Nations Declaration on the Decade 2015-2024
Being Dedicated to the Study of Peoples of African Descent
and
In Recognition of the Witherspoon-Jackson Community Being Designated
as Princeton, New Jersey's 20th Historic District*

**ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, August 6th**
9 am       Witherspoon - Jackson Community Historical Walking Tour
           SITE:    First Baptist Church, John St. @ Paul Robeson Place

9 am & 1 pm Witherspoon - Jackson Community Service Clean-up Project
           SITE:    Paul Robeson House, 110 Witherspoon Street

10 am      Witherspoon - Jackson Community/ MacLean Street Yard Sale
           SITE:    Maclean Street

**Tuesday, August 9th**
6:15 pm    “Faith, Hope & History” Princeton Community Recognition of Paul Robeson, Jim Floyd,
           Black History & Witherspoon - Jackson Community Proclamation
           SITE:    Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church, 124 Witherspoon Street
           (Elected Officials, Sponsors, Community Reception 5:00 pm)

**Wednesday, August 10th**
6:15 pm    “We Must Not be Forgotten” Witherspoon - Jackson Community Salute to Educators,
           Youth, Arts, Entertainment and Culture & 1948 Princeton Plan
           SITE:    Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street
           (Aaron Fisher Exhibit/Reception 5:00 pm)

**Thursday, August 11th**
6 pm       Witherspoon - Jackson Community Concert with Grace Little & Local Church Choir
           (Sponsored in Conjunction with Arts Council of Princeton)
           SITE:    Princeton Shopping Center
Friday, August 12th
9 am - 12 pm  Joint Effort Youth Basketball Clinic
SITE: Community Park Basketball Courts (rain: TBD)

6:15 pm  “The Shoulders We Stand On”
Witherspoon - Jackson Community Salute to Our Seniors, Black Families of Princeton,
Health/Wellness, Sports and Floyd Phox
SITE: First Baptist Church of Princeton, John Street @ Paul Robeson Place
(Black Families and Senior Reception 5 pm)

Saturday, August 13th
9 am  Witherspoon - Jackson Community Issues Discussion
(The Historic District, Affordable Housing, 2016 Election, etc.)
SITE: Hank Pannell Center, 2 Clay St.

9 am  Olivia’s Workout/Conditioning 5K Walk through Princeton
SITE: Community Park Tennis Court

10 am  Olivia’s Workout/Conditioning Style Tabata Workout
SITE: Community Park Track

12 pm - 7 pm  A Witherspoon - Jackson Community Block Party/ Music Festival
SITE: Birch Ave. & Race Street

Sunday, August 14th

JOINT EFFORT - PRINCETON PETE YOUNG SR., MEMORIAL
SAFE STREETS BASKETBALL GAMES
Community Park Basketball Courts (rain: TBD)

10:00 a.m.  Youth Game
11:00 a.m.  Youth Game
12:00 noon  10-12 yr. old boys
1:00 p.m.  13-15 yr. old boys
2:00 p.m.  H.S. Girls
3:00 p.m.  Women's Unlimited
4:00 p.m.  H.S. Boys
5:00 p.m.  Unlimited Men I
6:00 p.m.  Community Recognition/Presentation
(Jim Floyd Lifetime Achievement & Mildred Trotman Community Service Awards)

6:15 p.m.  Unlimited Men II

IMPORTANT NOTICE / REMINDER:
*There will be an After Program Gathering each night
SITE: ELKS LODGE (Birch Ave - 8:30p.m.)
immediately following the scheduled program for that evening

*There will be mandatory player's meetings & workouts on
August 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th at 6:00 p.m.
SITE: Community Park to finalize participants in the games.

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