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Greater Norristown Police Athletic League Begins Transition to Municipality of Norristown Recreational Center

NORRISTOWN, PA, October 3, 2017 – The Greater Norristown PAL (GNPAL) Board of Directors is very proud to announce that, with unanimous consent, they are pursuing an agreement, starting immediately, with the Municipality of Norristown Council to transition management and ownership of the center, located at 340 Harding Boulevard, Norristown, PA, to become the Municipality of Norristown Recreational Center effective on December 31, 2017.

GNPAL is very proud of the service they provided to the Greater Norristown area since 1976. For more than 40 years as a non-profit, volunteer organization, GNPAL has upheld the mission of serving the youth and families of the Greater Norristown community with recreational, educational, and cultural programs addressing citizenship, self-esteem, avoidance of substance abuse, and respect for law and order.

“We are delighted to have served the community for so many years and established a successful variety of programs at the center for the Municipality to take to the next level in the interest of the youth and families of our community,” said Lee Holmes, President, GNPAL Board of Directors. “Over the next three months we will work with the Municipal Administrator’s office to create as smooth a transition as possible as this change represents the best opportunity for the recreation center to reach its maximum potential to service the Norristown community,” continued Holmes.

“It has been a long-standing goal of the Municipal Council to expand recreational services for the residents of Norristown,” said Sonya Sanders, Council President. “We are thrilled with the opportunity to collaborate with the GNPAL board to make the Norristown Recreation Center a reality.” Both parties will be working diligently to transition from GNPAL-focused programming to a more traditional, broad-based community recreation and leisure services operation.

“A strong recreation program is part of what enhances community pride and makes Norristown an even more desirable place to live for existing residents and those interested in becoming residents,” said Crandall Jones, Municipal Administrator. “Recreation services is a vital component of the Council’s strategic plan to provide more for Norristonians, as well as attract new development and new residents to Norristown.”

While there will be adjustments during the transition, the intent is to have Norristown Recreation Department services available seamlessly so that youth and families can continue participating in recreational activities at the Harding Boulevard location.

For more information on GNPAL’s transition, please contact Lee Holmes, GNPAL Board President at 610-278-8040. Inquiries related to Norristown Recreation should be directed to the Office of the Municipal Administrator at 610-270-0421.

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