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Media Advisory – Story/Photo Opportunity

City of Lackawanna & Lackawanna Police Department to Host 'Learn 2 Play' Youth Hockey Event with Buffalo Sabres Youth Hockey Department Saturday, September 9, 2023 @ 9:45 AM

(Lackawanna, NY) – The City of Lackawanna and its Police Department will be hosting a 'Learn 2 Play' Youth Hockey event in conjunction with the Buffalo Sabres Youth Hockey Department tomorrow at the Bethlehem Park Playground in the city's First Ward.

Saturday, September 9, 2023
9:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Bethlehem Park Playground - Lackawanna, NY
John Masocco Memorial Hockey Park
(see directions below)

This event will be the first held on the newly refurbished John Masocco Memorial Hockey Park, which was made possible by a grant from New York State Assemblymember – Jonathan Rivera (149th District). The hockey park was named after Mr. Masocco, a Bethlehem Park resident, after his death in 2013 in honor of his long-time advocacy and support of youth recreation in Lackawanna, particularly ice, roller and street hockey.

Attendees/Dignitaries

- City of Lackawanna Mayor Annette Iafallo
- NYS Assemblymember Jonathan River (149th District)
- Lackawanna City Council
- Lackawanna Police Department
- Buffalo Sabres Youth Hockey Foundation
- Members of the Masocco Family

Itinerary:

- 9:45 a.m. - brief remarks from Lackawanna Mayor Iafallo and a ceremonial 'puck drop' featuring youth participants and dignitaries noted above.
- 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. youth skill sessions and game activities.

Travel Note:

Bethlehem Park Playground is located in Lackawanna's First Ward off NYS Route 5.

- Travel south on NYS Route 5 to Madison Avenue. Turn left onto Madison.
- Travel ~ 1/10th of a mile east on Madison Avenue to either Beech or Spruce Streets. Turn right.
- Bethlehem Park Playground is one block south from the corner of either Beech or Spruce.