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Refurbished Outdoor Pool a Welcome Addition to New Fort Monmouth Recreation Center

Local residents and officials gathered on Saturday, July 19th to celebrate the opening of the newly refurbished outdoor pool at the Fort Monmouth Recreation Center in Tinton Falls. The pool had not been operational for several years, and was in need of repair.

The opening of the pool completes the new Recreation Center, which is the former Fort Monmouth Teen Center. The Recreation Center offers a wide variety of amenities, including classrooms, a full gymnasium featuring a basketball court and bleachers, a game room, and programs including arts and crafts, sports, exercise classes, and special events.

At its February 2013 meeting, the Board approved FMERA's lease of the teen center and pool from the Army, and its sublease of the property to Monmouth County. The two buildings total 22,636 square feet and sit on approximately 6.5 acres in the Tinton Falls Area of Charles Wood.

The Recreation Center is located at 2566 Guam Lane (off of Hope Road). For information on pool programs and other programs offered at the Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, visit <http://www.monmouthcountyparks.com>.



Fort Monmouth Marina Expanding Offerings

The Fort Monmouth Marina,

Board Approves Procedures for Furniture and Equipment Auctions

Following approval by the Board in July, FMERA will conduct open-cry auctions and accept the highest responsible bids at auction events. Last month, the Board approved the



Historical Photo of the Month

located on Oceanport Avenue and Oceanport Creek, opened for boat traffic on June 28 and since then, nine of the 71 available boat slips have been rented. As of July 19, small craft rentals are available to the public, including paddle boats, canoes and kayaks. After an afternoon of water activities, weekend visitors can enjoy beer, wine and a "signature" mojito drink under the tent, which has been open since July 4th. During the month of August, the tent will come down to make room for ongoing site improvements.

Extensive renovations to repair Sandy damage to the existing 2,600-square-foot marina building are underway, and a full service bar and 80-seat restaurant are expected to open by next month. Other improvements include landscaping, new fencing, and rehabilitation of the docks and utility systems.

In October 2013, FMERA issued a Request for Offers to Purchase (RFOTP) for the marina. As FMERA continues to negotiate sales terms for the property, a subsequent Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued for an interim marina operator to ensure that the public would have access this summer. The

selection of The Auctioneers Group, LLC to provide professional auctioneering services associated with the personal property contained within the Phase I Economic Development Conveyance (EDC) parcels on the former Fort. In accordance with the federal Base Realignment and Closure law, FMERA is able to sell personal property, which may include furniture, tools, equipment, appliances and any items in or near buildings within the EDC area.

Per the approved processes and procedures, furniture and equipment auctions will be open to the public, but bidders will be required to register before auction events. Auctions will be absolute (i.e. without reserve), except for certain specialty items. Furniture and equipment will be divided into lots or sold individually; sales will be final and subject to the approved standards and conditions.

FMERA intends to conduct auctions at Fort Monmouth in or near the buildings where the items are located. The auction dates will be announced this summer and advertised on the websites of FMERA and The Auctioneers Group, as well as in the public notice section of The Star-Ledger, Asbury Park Press and Philadelphia Inquirer, at least 30 days prior to the auction event. Prospective bidders will be permitted to inspect the furniture and equipment prior to auctions.

A complete list of the approved

Baseball legend Edward Charles "Whitey" Ford (1928-) had the best winning percentage (.690) of any twentieth century pitcher. He won the prestigious Cy Young award in 1961, and was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1974. He has the most career wins of any New York Yankee.

But before any of this, Whitey Ford served in the United States Army as a Private in the Signal Corps right here at Fort Monmouth. On April 17, 1951, Whitey Ford tossed out the first pitch against the Red Sox at Yankee Stadium dressed in an Army uniform. He would then spend the 1951 and 1952 seasons in the service during the Korean War.

Many of his fellow players also donned uniforms during the conflict. The Red Sox's Ted Williams, the Yankees' Dorrel Norman Elvert "Whitey" Herzog and Don Larson, the Dodgers' Don Newcombe, the Giants' Willie Mays, and the Phillies' Curt Simmons all answered Uncle Sam's call.

Whitey Ford is the blonde man sticking his head out of the bus window. Photo courtesy of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronic Museum.

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Note: FMERA board action is subject to a ten (10) day veto period by the Governor.

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