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Fiesta! Music, Movies and Dancing Under the Stars All Summer at Essex County Branch Brook Park

WHAT:

Branch Brook Park Alliance, in partnership with Essex County, presents the return of ***Under the Stars in the Park***, a weekly series of fun, family-friendly events offering free music, movies and dancing in the meadow of Essex County Branch Brook Park throughout the summer.

Tuesday evenings, starting July 13, movie fans of all ages are invited to bring a blanket, a picnic and friends to enjoy thrills, romance and comedy with ***Movies Under The Stars***, presenting outdoor screenings of classic films like *Young Frankenstein* and recent blockbusters like *Transformers - Revenge of the Fallen*.

The popularity of last year's ***Dancing Under the Stars*** has resulted in an expanded four-week program, starting with a *Salsa Fiesta* on Tuesday, August 3, as part of the 27th Annual National Night Out, a public safety-centric community effort to fight crime and drugs. Throughout August, audiences will be able to enjoy Salsa, Swing, African Dance and a Freestyle dance party, all amidst the bucolic wonder of Newark's crown jewel: Essex County Branch Brook Park.

WHEN:

Tuesdays in July

Movies Under the Stars FREE movie series preceded by family fun

7pm Pre-movie festivities include DJ, Karaoke and face painting

Sundown – Movies

July 13 – *Transformers - Revenge of the Fallen*

July 20 – *Young Frankenstein*

July 27 – *Julie & Julia*

Aug 3- *Dance with Me*

Tuesdays in August

Dancing Under the Stars, FREE dance lessons! DJ, two dance floors

August 3: **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**::Salsa Fiesta!

7p – 8p – Salsa lessons with Ivy and Smiling David from Smiling David Broadway Dance Studio in the Ironbound

8p – 9p – Salsa Dancing

9p – Screening of *Dance With Me*, starring Chayanne and Vanessa Williams

Sponsored by Newark Now/Super Summer

Dancing: 7p – 8p: lessons; 8p – 10p: Dancing

August 10 – Swing

August 17 – African Dance (with drummers) - Karen Love, founder, Umoja Dance Company

August 24 – Freestyle Dance Party

Refreshments will be available for purchase, bring picnics and blankets/chairs to all “Under the Stars” events

Movies Under the Stars goes “On the Road” to Riverbank Park

Thursday, July 29 -

7pm Pre-movie festivities include DJ, Karaoke and face painting

Sundown: *Monsters vs Aliens*

Sponsored by Garden Savings Federal Credit Union

**Line up - accurate at time of press.*

WHERE:

Essex County Branch Brook Park (July 29th in Essex County Riverbank Park)

The Meadow, North of Ballantine Gates

Newark, NJ

WHO:

Through an extraordinary public/private partnership, the Branch Brook Park Alliance and the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs work collaboratively to restore and help program the Park for the enjoyment of thousands of children and families who utilize it each year.

Sponsored by: City of Newark Municipal Council/North Ward Councilman Anibal Ramos, Jr.; Newark Now/Super Summer; Garden Savings Federal Credit Union; Whole Foods Market Montclair; Archdiocese of Newark.

FOR MORE INFO: please visit: www.branchbrookpark.org or call 973/268.2300