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**Michael DiBerardinis, Deputy  
Mayor/Commissioner**

Friends of F.J. Myers Recreation Center,

We are deeply saddened and outraged by the incident which took place at F.J. Myers Recreation Center the evening of July 16, 2012. While three individuals have been arrested in connection with the heinous incident, one remains at large. If anyone has any information which could help the on-going investigation, we would encourage them to submit a tip anonymously via telephone, by dialing 215.686.TIPS (8477) or text a tip to PPD TIP (773847).

We appreciate the continued support of the community for F.J. Myers Recreation Center and the ongoing work of Parks & Recreation staff and volunteers at the center. F.J. Myers Recreation Center is a special place which offers a wide variety of high quality programming and activities to children, teens, families, and adults. In addition, we appreciate the quick actions of staff and volunteers the evening of July 16th to notify the police and the appropriate authorities.

The Department of Parks & Recreation, working with the community and other City departments, intends to take the following steps. We will continue with the installation of security cameras at F.J. Myers Recreation Center and numerous other centers and facilities across the Parks & Recreation system. Working with the Office of Risk Management, Licenses and Inspections, and the Police Department, Parks & Recreation will conduct an indoor/outdoor survey of all our larger recreation centers. We will also continue working with the Police Department to have an on-going presence at recreation centers, city pools, and athletic leagues across the Parks & Recreation system.

Should you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to call my office directly at 215-683-3666.

Again thank you for your continued support.

Michael DiBerardinis,  
Deputy Mayor Environmental and Community Resources  
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**EDITOR’S NOTE: Since this letter was issued, the Philadelphia Police have apprehended all suspects in relation to the incident.**