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City of Schenectady Announces Inaugural 518 Common Unity Cup

Five-week summer sports series to kick-off Tuesday at Jerry Burrell
Park during National Night Out

SCHENECTADY – This summer, the City of Schenectady and local community organizations will host the inaugural 518 Common Unity Cup. Local law enforcement and community organizations will participate in a five-week summer sports series that will kick-off on **Tuesday, August 2, 2022, from 4:00pm – 9:00pm at Jerry Burrell Park** during National Night Out.

The 518 Common Unity Cup is a **five-week** summer sports series for **one** cause – community – during the **eighth** month of the year. There will be events every Tuesday in August from 4:00pm – 9:00pm. The sports include basketball, kickball, football, softball, dodgeball, and field games. The locations and dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, August 2, 2022, 4:00pm – 9:00pm at Jerry Burrell Park
- Tuesday, August 9, 2022, 4:00pm – 9:00pm at Bellevue 4th Street Park
- Tuesday, August 16, 2022, 4:00pm – 9:00pm at Schenectady High School
- Tuesday, August 23, 2022, 4:00pm – 9:00pm at Central Park
- Tuesday, August 30, 2022, 4:00pm – 9:00pm at Mont Pleasant Middle School

The event series is a community partnership between the City of Schenectady, Schenectady Police Department, Schenectady County Sheriff's Office, Schenectady City School District, The Schenectady Foundation, Trustco Bank, Martin, Harding and Mazzotti, Rivers Casino, Common Unity LLC, Save Our Streets Inc., C.O.C.O.A House Inc., Congr Fitness, Lucid Voices, Restorative Mindset Inc., Lightwork Athletics, Belmont Pop Warner, and Ketchup Enterprise.

As part of this initiative, the community partnership will participate in National Night Out and will be having discussions around ways to reduce gun violence within the community.

“We are proud to be partnering with local community leaders and organizations to host the inaugural 518 Common Unity Cup in the City of Schenectady,” **Mayor Gary McCarthy said**. “This is an exciting new event designed to promote activities for local youth and serve to strengthen bonds within our community. I thank all of the dedicated community partners who have made this possible.”

“This is a one of a kind five-week, five-location, five-sport initiative like no other! This is about community service and engagement, health and wellness, and fun,” **said William Rivas, Founder of Save Our Streets Inc.** “Please help spread the word and come out and play in one of the games or just cheer on the community youth and community service members!”

“The Schenectady Police Department is committed to engaging with the community, building trust, and meeting their expectations,” **said Schenectady Police Chief Eric Clifford**.

If you are interested in volunteering for one of these events or would like to donate food, drinks, and other supplies, please contact William Rivas at 518-930-8308.