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### **“POPS IN THE PARK” SERIES RETURNS TO ONONDAGA PARK**

#### *Kayakers Are Welcome to Enjoy Performances from Hiawatha Lake*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – The City of Syracuse Department of Parks, Recreation, and Youth Programs is pleased to welcome the return of the Pops in the Park concert series, a summertime favorite, in Onondaga Park this July. The concerts will feature local musicians performing songs from a variety of musical genres.

On July 7, the series will feature Soft Spoken, with their blend of danceable R&B and soul. The band showcases the talents of Reggie Seigler, bassist; Keith “Kool” White on drums; Dave Kuykendall, guitarist; Robert Brown on trombone and keyboards; and vocalist Donna Alford.

Making their first appearance at Pops in the Park will be The Horn Dogs, on July 14, one of the area’s best horn bands featuring nine local musicians.

Strathmore neighbor and well-known local musician Gary Frenay and his FabCats band will perform on July 21. Their music is a blend of music from the Beatles, the British Invasion and others bands from the 1960s. With Frenay on bass and vocals; Arty Lenin on guitar and vocals, Dave "Mitch" Miller on drums and vocals, and Dave Novak on guitar and vocals, the band has a combined 125 years of performing experience.

The finale to the series, on July 29 will be the Stan Colella Orchestra, under the direction of Len Colella. The Orchestra’s repertoire consists of and accents big band selections of the 1940’s and 1950’s along with contemporary hits. Stan Colella helped to create Pops in the Park with the City Parks Department decades ago, and his son, Len, carries on the tradition.

For the first time, kayakers will be welcome to enjoy the concerts from Hiawatha Lake. Those interested must provide their own kayaks and personal floatation devices. City staff will be on hand with waivers and will assist with getting “yakkers” in and out of their boats when necessary. Kayakers must be able to carry or portage their boats from

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their cars to the lake. City staff will be on hand at the Hiawatha Lake bathhouse with waivers that kayakers are required to sign.

These shows are free and open to the public, with support from Price Chopper. Onondaga Park is located on Roberts Avenue in the Strathmore neighborhood of the City of Syracuse.

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