



The past several weeks have been historic for our Borough...after over 50 years of remaining patient, our new state-of -the-art redevelopment has opened to the public. The iPic Theaters and our first farm to table restaurant known as City Perch has opened with well deserved fanfare. These openings represent only the beginning as the next several weeks will see many other grand openings including a variety of other restaurants, an exercise and wellness studio and well over 100,000 square feet of new and exciting retail uses for the entire community to enjoy. Coinciding with these new openings is our new 1-acre passive park located at the corner of Main Street and Lemoine Avenue which is now open to the public and has free public Wi-Fi for all to enjoy. Our new retail district, called Hudson Lights, also boasts luxury apartments with on-site parking for those residents that enjoy the conveniences of retail at their fingertips.

The other portion of our redevelopment has recently seen the start of construction of the second iconic hi-rise, the Modern II. This second hi-rise will top off in approximately 12 months and will be ready for occupancy in late 2018. The first Modern is almost fully occupied and has had a very limited impact on local traffic as many of those residents rely on public transportation or the shuttle services provided. Once the second hi-rise is completed a new 2-acre park between the buildings will be conveyed to Fort Lee. It will boast a new freestanding restaurant to add to the variety of culinary choices that Fort Lee will soon offer and our community theatre will also be well under way which will serve as the main venue of our film festival which will rival the best festivals in the region!!!

While we here in Fort Lee are proud of our progress thus far, we must always remember we are not just about brick and mortar...it is our residents which make Fort Lee the very special place that it is. We are all proud of our progress thus far....our new retail district, new Main Street, additional public parks, new schools and a host of many other long-awaited improvements...it is the energy of our residents that make Fort Lee the incredible place that it is. Without the energy, the enthusiasm and support of our residents we simply become a community of brick and mortar....Not here!!! Our residents have never before been more excited and enthusiastic about the present, as well as the future of this great community. Never before has Fort Lee's level of enthusiasm been higher which was evident by the more than 4,000 people that attended the Night Out at our community center...yes, over 4,000 enthusiastic Fort Lee residents and

friends who came together to celebrate our community. From our Night Out to our Holiday Tree Lighting....from our charity races and Halloween events to our concerts and movies under the stars...never before have Fort Lee residents more enthusiastically attended community events.

The remaining phases of our renaissance will bring you a new handicap-accessible post office, a new passive park in the heart of Main Street, a convenient and modern parking facility with neighborhood retail, a completely upgraded Borough Hall and a new state-of-the-art adaptive traffic signalization system which is expected to go on-line in the Fall of this year. However, in the foreseeable future the construction crews will be gone and the cranes removed and Fort Lee will look back and not point to a building or a park or even an iconic theatre as our greatest achievement...to the contrary, we will look to each other and recognize that our sense of pride, our enthusiasm, our spirit of volunteerism, our desire to maintain the highest quality of life for all of our residents, and our commitment to each other is, by far, our greatest asset.