

**DEDICATION OF THE
BILL HICKS BASEBALL FIELD
IN ESSEX COUNTY WEEQUAHIC PARK**



THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2016



Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Essex County Executive
The Board of Chosen Freeholders

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ESSEX COUNTY SALUTES
WILBERT W. "BILL" HICKS
(1941-2015)

*~ Efforts and courage are not enough
without purpose and direction. ~*

President John F. Kennedy

If ever a man contributed to his community, on every level, it is Bill Hicks. A Newark resident, he had a positive impact on thousands of youngsters, through his exceptional leadership skills. As Head Coach, he led Weequahic High School to a City Championship in 1988. He also coached two South Ward Little League teams, 4-time Division Champ Cubs and 3-time Sr. League Champ "Corotans." Bill believed in strict discipline, and instilled a "practice makes perfect" attitude. He often took his teams out of State to introduce them to life beyond their neighborhoods. As Coach of the Project Pride Little League All-Stars, he took them on an impactful trip to Puerto Rico. After retiring from the Newark Police Department where he also worked as a Division Detective, he moved to Fort Pierce, Florida, and continued inspiring youth as the Head Coach of the town's Little League teams, Head Coach at the High School, Victim's Advocate with the Fort Pierce Police Department, a Police Chaplin, and an Ordained Minister. Bill Hicks really did it all with heart, commitment and dedication.

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**Dedication of the
Bill Hicks Baseball Field
in Essex County Weequahic Park**

Emcees	Phil Alagia, <i>Chief of Staff</i> William Payne, <i>Deputy Chief of Staff</i>
Presentation of Colors	Sheriff's Honor Guard
National Anthem	Essex County Newark Tech Campus Student Choir
Invocation	Rev. Dwight Gill, Pastor New Hope Baptist Church, East Orange
Remarks	Britnee Timberlake Freeholder President Armando Fontoura Sheriff Ras Baraka Newark Mayor
Musical Interlude	Essex County Newark Tech Campus Student Choir
Remarks	Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. Essex County Executive Bo Porter Third Base Coach, Atlanta Braves Betty Hicks Bill Hicks' Wife

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