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Trenton High Through the Years opens at the Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion

Location: Trenton City Museum, Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park

Exhibit Run: October 8 through December 30, 2010.

Opening reception: October 8, 5 - 7 p.m.

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Mayor Tony F. Mack announced today that one of the City of Trenton's premier cultural sites, the Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park and The Trenton Museum Society present Trenton High Through the Years an exhibit featuring fascinating artifacts loaned by graduates and descendents of graduates.

The exhibit Trenton High Through the Years highlights a representative sampling of Trenton Central High School history including a complete collection of Sport Nite program covers. In the days before Title IX made school sports as accessible to girls as it was to boys, the girls at Trenton High would put on a display of athletics and dance that lasted for five performances. Boys were involved as players in the band. When Sport Nite was revived in the 1990s, boys were involved as well. Many Sport Nite photos, costumes and other memorabilia are on display. A poster of all the Sport Nite program covers is available for purchase in the museum's gift shop.

In addition to sports photos and memorabilia, the exhibit highlights famous graduates including Mayor Tony F. Mack. There are photos of the first Trenton High School built in 1874 on Mercer Street, the second high school built in 1901 at Hamilton and Chestnut Avenues and captivating panoramic photos taken in the early 1930s of the construction of the present Trenton Central High School on Chambers Street.

A continuous-play video will run presenting scenes of Sport Nite, reminiscences of graduates and a student-produced history of the school.

Featured events:

Saturday, October 16: One-hour tours of Trenton Central High School will be held at 1:00, 1:30 and 2:00 p.m. Participants should meet at the school.

Sunday, November 21: The Trenton Museum Society will present Teachers' Tales, Stories about Trenton Central High School at 2:00 pm at Ellarslie Mansion.

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For more information about the exhibit (j-pegs, bios, or to set up interviews) please contact Museum Director Brian O. Hill at 609-989-3632 or visit the museum online at www.ellarslie.org.

Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Manison

Tuesday - Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Closed Mondays and Municipal Holidays

Visit www.ellarslie.org for more information and directions
or contact Museum Director Brian O. Hill at 609.989.3632

Ellarslie Mansion, one of five historic sites and one of three museums owned by the City of Trenton, is maintained and operated by the Department of Recreation, Natural Resources & Culture, Division of Culture with additional support from the Trenton Museum Society. This program is made possible in part by the Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission through funding from the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, A Partner Agency of the National Endowment of the Arts.

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