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Rededication Ceremony Set for Dr. Morris Park in Bayonne on Thursday, October 27

Mayor Jimmy Davis announced that a rededication ceremony will take place at Dr. David Morris Park in Bayonne at 47th Street and Broadway on Thursday, October 27, at 6:00 p.m. Earlier this year, renovations were completed at the park, which was named after Dr. Morris, a physician and civil rights activist in Bayonne for six decades. A graduate of Lincoln University and the University of Vermont Medical School, Dr. Morris moved to Bayonne in 1926. He served as President of the Bayonne Branch of the NAACP and President of the Medical Staff at Bayonne Hospital. Dr. Morris led efforts to open up Bayonne businesses to Black customers who had been excluded.

The ceremony will include speakers from the New Jersey NAACP, the United States Attorney's Office for New Jersey, Lincoln University, RWJ Barnabas Health, Bayonne Youth Center President Angelique Jackson-Belle, and Lisa Glover, a member of the Bayonne Branch of the NAACP.

Musical selections will be performed by the Bayonne Interfaith Choir and musician David Watson, a former Trustee of the Bayonne Board of Education. Rev. Dorothy Patterson of the Wallace Temple AME Zion Church will offer prayers.