

ORANGE MAYOR ELDRIDGE HAWKINS, JR. ANNOUNCES 10TH ANNUAL GOSPEL FEST

Mayor Eldridge Hawkins, Jr. announced that on Saturday July 9th, 2009 from noon until 5pm the City of Orange Township will present the 10th Annual Gospel Fest in Monte Irvin Orange Park, Oakwood and Central Avenues. The event is rescheduled from June 11th when it was rained out. If it is rained out again, the rain date will be Sunday, July 10th.

Mayor Hawkins stated "The Gospel Fest gives us an opportunity to bring local choirs and gospel performers together for a day to celebrate gospel music. I urge residents of Orange and our neighboring towns to come and enjoy this wonderful celebration."

The concert will feature the best of Gospel music through local choirs,

soloists, and praise dancing. Food vendors will provide refreshments.

This year's Master of Ceremonies is Dr. Albert J. Lewis, Jr., CEO and founder of the World Gospel and Music Association (WGMA) and originator of Gospel Music Month. Campanella Godfrey, Coordinator of Cultural Affairs stated, "We are proud to present the Gospel Fest, one in a series of concerts and celebrations that will be held in Orange this summer."

The event this year is sponsored by Mayor Hawkins, the Orange Municipal Council, and the Department of Community Services, Division of Cultural Affairs. The organizer of the event is Campanella Godfrey, Coordinator of Cultural Affairs.

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