

Morton prepares for annual barbecue

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Since his election to the city council a year ago, Rayfield Morton has become known as a common-sense voice and a strong advocate for community projects, such as the renovation of the city's library. Before that, Morton was known to some residents because of his annual summer barbecues.

The time has come again for Morton's Bar-B-Que Summer Jam. Saturday's event will feature a performance by Te Force MDs, a hip-hop and rhythm-and-blues group. The man behind the event said residents are invited.

"It's just a good time where people can get together in a peaceful atmosphere and enjoy some good food, good music and good company," said Morton. "I promoted parties and organized parties and dealt with a lot of entertainers, celebrities and famous people over the years. My cook out gives me a chance to bring those talents and experiences together for the benefit of my city."

Morton said admission to his barbecue is the donation of "something to cook or something to drink." No "reasonable" donation, he said, "no entry."

"I've been circulating fliers throughout the community and personally given them to select individuals for a while now," said Morton. He said attendees also must show the flier before entering and can bring lawn chairs for sitting. Morton added Sunday is the rain date.

His address is 157 Parrow St. Contact Morton at 973-677-3222 for additional information.