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## **MAYOR JOHN E. McCORMAC & R.I.S.E. STUDENTS RE-OPEN “MAYOR MAC CAFÉ” AT CYPRESS RECREATION CENTER**



**Woodbridge Township and School District Officials along with R.I.S.E. Student Café Staff members cut the ribbon and re-open Mayor Mac's Café**

**[Woodbridge, NJ]** Mayor John E. McCormac and Woodbridge Township officials today announced the Grand Re-Opening of Mayor Mac Café and welcomed back the Woodbridge Township School District's R.I.S.E. (Reaching Individual Student Excellence) students and staff to the café located inside the Cypress Recreation Center at 881 West Avenue, Port Reading, Woodbridge Township.

Mayor Mac's Café is a collaborative effort between Woodbridge Municipal Government and Woodbridge School District designed to train young adults with special needs and prepare them for careers in the food service industry. The R.I.S.E. student employees at Mayor Mac's Café provide friendly service in roles such as Host, Waiters/Waitresses, Cooks and more. The goal of the program and Mayor Mac's Café is to assist the special needs student's transition from school to adult life by providing job training and workplace preparation in a kitchen/food services environment while delivering delicious meals to all patrons.

“This Café is so important to our special needs community,” said Mayor McCormac. “A classroom can only teach you so much but the Café lets these students get out in the field and work at a job and learn skills that will prepare them and help them be successful beyond the classroom.”

Joining Mayor McCormac to welcome the R.I.S.E. students and Café’ guests were Dr. Joseph Massimino, Superintendent of Woodbridge Township School District, Julie Bair, Director of Special Services (R.I.S.E. Program), Woodbridge Township School District Administration, Brian Molnar, Woodbridge Township Director of Recreation, Municipal Councilman Brian Small, James Carroll, former Woodbridge Township Municipal Councilman and liaison to the Woodbridge Township Special Needs Community, Lillian Chavez, Food Service Director at Mayor Mac Café and the R.I.S.E. students staffing Mayor Mac Café.



**Café employees Antonio, Naomi, and Justin sporting the iconic blue Mayor Mac Café aprons ready to provide friendly service and flavorful meals**

The public is invite to stop by and experience the breakfast and lunch menu at Mayor Mac Café located at 881 West Avenue in Port Reading. Mayor Mac Café is open Mon. – Fri. from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM when school is in session. Reservations not required. Call (732) 596-4165 for information or order takeout.

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