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TIPS FROM THE WESLEY LAKE COMMISSION FOR PROTECTING ASBURY PARK'S LAKES
Help keep Deal Lake, Sunset Lake, and Wesley Lake safe and beautiful this summer

6/12/17 Asbury Park, NJ – Asbury Park's beautiful beach might draw the visitors this summer, but it's not the only body of water in this City worth celebrating and protecting. Asbury Park is geographically defined by its lakes: Deal Lake bordering the City in the North, Sunset Lake connecting Main Street to the beach, and Wesley Lake bordering the City in the South.

The Wesley Lake Commission invites all citizens and visitors to enjoy the natural beauty and recreational activities surrounding our lakes, and to keep in mind that improving and preserving the health of the lakes and their aesthetic appeal will take every one of us!

Please take pride in these valuable assets to our community, and keep in mind these tips:

- **Don't feed the wildlife.** It might seem like the kind thing to do, but feeding the birds and wildlife risks the spread of disease, threatens the health of the birds, jeopardizes the safety of the birds, and endangers drinking water supplies
- **Dispose of all garbage in the receptacle.** Everything on the ground is swept into the lakes and then the ocean when it rains. Trash cans are easily available around all of Asbury Park's lakes, please use them instead of dropping garbage on the ground.
- **Pick up visible trash left by others.** Especially cigarette butts! Small acts to help clean up the lake areas make a big difference.
- **Pick up after your pet.** Animal waste adds nitrogen to the water, which depletes the oxygen necessary for beneficial underwater grasses, wildlife and fish. Animal waste may also contain harmful organisms such as giardia, salmonella and e. coli which can be transmitted to humans and other animals by ingesting contaminated water. Roundworms and hookworms deposited by infected animals can live in the soil for long periods of time and be transmitted to other animals and humans. Picking up after your pet isn't just considerate, it's also the law: Neptune and Asbury Park require you to pick up after your pet.

The Wesley Lake Commission is responsible for the maintenance and improvement of the lake. Their initiatives have included pond weed control and the placement of aerators to increase the oxygen in the lake, which improves the health of the aquatic habitat.