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Mayor Pappas Announces 2015 Thunder on the Niagara Event At Gratwick Riverside Park

NORTH TONAWANDA—North Tonawanda Mayor Arthur G. Pappas announced during a press conference today that Snyder Industries will present the Thunder on the Niagara boat racing event as it celebrates its 10th year with being held at Gratwick Riverside Park. Snyder Industries will be the key sponsor for this year's event, while the Niagara Frontier Boat Racing Association ("NFBRA") will be partnering with the American Canadian Hydroplane Association ("ACHA") once again for this annual experience. These organizations will have over 90+ racing boat teams participate in the series event. The hydroplanes are automotive high-performance boats that fly and thunder over the water at speeds up to 170mph. The event, that is considered "the fastest show on water," will take place on Saturday, August 15th and Sunday, August 16th at what is regarded as one of the most beautiful venues along the Niagara River, Gratwick Riverside Park.

Representatives from the Niagara Frontier Boat Racing Association and several other high-level North Tonawanda officials joined Mayor Pappas in announcing this family fun event that is largest free motor sport event in the area.

"This popular event has been drawing thousands of people to Gratwick Riverside Park since 2006, stated Mayor Pappas. This is a beautiful venue with access to the mighty Niagara River, and we are proud to be the host city for this annual family-fun summer event."

The NFBRA announced that there will be additional food vendors, crafters and an expanded Kids zone area on site during the two-day event. The park will be open at 8am and the first race each day will begin at approximately 9:00am. Parking will be available at Gratwick Riverside Park for a \$10 donation that will include a race program. A portion of the proceeds of the parking fee will benefit Twin Cities Community Outreach. Attendees are asked to enter the park using the Ward Road entrance. An addition to this year's event will be a live band "The Screaming Pineapples" who will play after the end of the race on Saturday afternoon.

Additional information can be found on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Thunderontheniagara2015>.

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