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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN NHL'S
WASHINGTON CAPITALS AND CITY RECREATION CENTERS**
*Hundreds of city children to receive training and equipment as part of NHL's street hockey
program.*

BALTIMORE, MD – City Council President Bernard C. "Jack" Young will join on Wednesday, June 9, with officials from the NHL's Washington Capitals and Department of Recreation and Parks' Director Gregory A. Bayor at Robert C. Marshall Recreation Center to welcome the arrival of NHL STREET – a league-wide street hockey program that brings the game of hockey to cities with few ice skating rinks.

"Baltimore's newly created NHL STREET program represents a fun and exciting opportunity for our city's young people to be exposed to a sport that many of them may not be familiar with," Council President Young said. "The creation of this street hockey program represents the important role our city's recreation centers continue to play in community enrichment. Through street hockey, our young people will engage in physical activity and benefit from teambuilding exercises."

The street hockey program will kickoff in late June and coincide with the start of Baltimore Fun Camps. NHL STREET will be offered throughout the summer at Chick Webb and Robert C. Marshall Recreation Centers.

NHL STREET, which began in 1994, is currently in more than 50 markets across North America. The program partners with local recreation centers and provides them with free NHL licensed street hockey equipment, manuals and instructional clinics.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Wednesday morning's press conference will feature a puck drop between a Baltimore City student and Council President Young. The Capitals' mascot, Slapshot, will drop the puck. Capitals play-by-play announcer Steve Kolbe and former NHL players Ken Sabourin and Sylvain Cote will also be present.

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