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NHL Landmark Ceremony and Community Event

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Major League Baseball is celebrating its leadership role in the integration of professional sports with “Jackie Robinson Day” on April 15th. Jackie Robinson integrated baseball in 1947 with the National League’s Brooklyn Dodgers. Nearly three months later, Larry Doby would also break baseball’s color barrier when he joined the American League’s Cleveland Indians. To commemorate Robinson and Doby, the National Trust, City of Paterson, Paterson Board of Education, Friend of Hinchliffe Stadium, National Park Service, and Hinchliffe Stadium Steering Committee will hold an all-volunteer community event on Wednesday, April 16th at Hinchliffe Stadium.



Hinchliffe Stadium in Paterson, New Jersey hosted professional Negro League Baseball between 1932 and 1944, serving as the home field for the elite New York Black Yankees, the New York Cubans, and the Newark Eagles. Negro League greats such as Josh Gibson, Cool Papa Bell, and Larry Doby all perfected their talents on

the baseball diamond at Hinchliffe. Today, this historic stadium stands in their honor and the thousands of forgotten players, coaches, owners, umpires, and administrators from the Negro Leagues.

As co-sponsor, the National Trust is piloting an initiative to introduce the preservation field to a wider audience and protect historic properties. Named “HOPE Crew” for “Hands-On Preservation Experience,” the Hinchliffe project has the potential for an estimated 500 volunteers to have the opportunity to paint the interior of the stadium. The effort will remove the graffiti and give new life to the structure.

Whether volunteers participate in the painting project or just enjoy the activities, they are able to share in this city-wide program. Prior to the cleanup, the National Park Service and Paterson Board of Education will host the Hinchliffe Stadium National Historic Landmark Ceremony at 10:00 a.m. The community event ends at 4:00 p.m.

Click the link <http://www.savingplaces.org/treasures/hinchliffe-stadium> to learn about the Hinchliffe Stadium National Treasure, the Friends of Hinchliffe Stadium www.hinchliffestadium.org, the City of Paterson www.patersonnj.gov, and the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park www.nps.gov/pagr.

**Hinchliffe Stadium is located at the corner of Maple & Liberty Streets,
Paterson, NJ 07512**

