

7/1/41 Seven new marginal playgrounds, three reconstructed playgrounds, children's farm garden and two comfort stations completed and opened.

7/2/41 Eight tennis classes started.

7/3/41 Second of series of four Naumburg Memorial Concerts will be given July 4.

7/4/41 Five acre general recreation field and playground on Rockaway Blvd., John Adams High School, opened.

7/7/41, 1941 After five years of construction, major part of Crotona Park reguilt, nearing completion.

7/7/41 Children of 23 Park Department playgrounds will celebrate anniversary of opening during July.

7/9/41 Half-acre playground west of Flatbush Avenue opened.

7/14/41 New York State Amphitheatre to be reopened.

7/15/41 Overlook sitting area on Hudson River opened.

7/16/41 Two of the nation's most outstanding feminine swimmers will race on July 16.

7/16/41 Fourteen Japanese Saika deer donated to the Department of Parks.

7/17/41 Amateur golfers enter tournament for Newbold Morris Trophy.

7/18/41 Bids opened for construction of bridges of Francis Lewis Blvd.

7/19/41 Largest tennis tournament ever held will reach finals on July 19.

7/20/41 Gift by Long Island College Hospital to City of New York of four parcels of land.

7/21/41 Queensbridge Park playground development completion announced.

7/22/41 New playground and comfort station on a three-quarter acre plot at Avenue V and East 24th Street, Brooklyn, announced.

7/22/41 Bids opened for repaving a portion of Queens section of Bronx-Whitestone Parkway.

7/25/41 Travelling puppet troupe formed.

7/25/41 Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre to be opened by Mayor LaGuardia.

7/26/41 Team of eight from each of ten municipal golf courses compete for team championship for Newbold Morris Tournament.

7/28/41 Completion and opening of new playground in Queens at Laurelton and Southern Parkways, and of four sitting areas, announced.

7/30/41 Aquatic Syow postponed due to inclement weather.

7/31/41 Finals and semi-finals of tennis tournament scheduled.

7/31/41 Additions to contract for park lighting (#M-10-241) in connection with repaving of East Drive, Central Park, East 59th Street and Fifth Avenue to East 74th Street, Manhattan.

7/31/41 Match play begins in Newbold Morris gold tournament.

8/4/41 First section of Shore Road Park, ~~Brooklyn~~, completed.

8/4/41 Bids opened for reconstructing a portion of the lighting system in Central Park from West 110th Street, to East 74th Street.

7/4/41 ~~Completion of~~ development of Plym Island, Marine Park, Brooklyn.

8/6/41 First of series of aquatic and stage shows to be presented at Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre.

8/6/41 City-wide finals of girls' softball tournament will take place Aug. 9 at Heckscher Playground.

8/9/41 Final round in Municipal Golf Coampionships to be held on Sunday, August 10.

8/9/41 Completion and opening of neighborhood playground on Nostrand Avenue, south of Kings Highway, Brooklyn, announced.

8/11/41 Construction work at Ferry Point Park completed.

8/12/41 Variety of tournaments at parks for boys and girls planned for remainder of summer.

8/13/41 Seven-acre Bushwick Park at Knickerbocker and Irving Avenues, Suydam and Starr Streets, reopened.

8/16/41 Finals of Paddle Tennis Tournament for boys and girls scheduled at North Meadow, Central Park, on August 16.

8/20/41 Finals of softball tournament, junior and intermediate divisions, to take place at Heckscher Playground.

8/22/41 Finals of checker tournament will take place at Heckscher Playgrounds, Central Park, on August 23.

8/23/41 Marginal playgrounds at Prospect Park West, from Garfield Road to 15th Street, and at the Lincoln Road entrance, completed.

8/25/41 Concert to be given at Flushing Meadow Park on Aug. 26.

8/29/41 During September, children of 21 playgrounds will celebrate the anniversaries of official openings.

8/30/41 Naumburg Orchestra gives last of four concerts on Labor Day.

9/5/41 Bids taken for unloading fill in Sound View Park.

9/6/41 Closing of outdoor swimming pools on Sept. 7.

9/6/41 Bids taken for work in Flushing Meadow Park.

9/7/41 Dedication of Time Capsule on 9/23/41.

9/11/41 Rikers Island Nursery Report.

9/12/41 Finals of softball tournament on 9/13/41/

9/12/41 Planned activities for fall and winter.

9/12/41 Prizes awarded to children interested in Crotona Park.

9/12/41 Finals of Boys Baseball Tournament on 9/14/41/

9/13/41 Closing date for amateur photo contest on 9/20/41/

9/19/41 Finals of shuffleboard tournament on 9/20/41

9/22/41 Construction begun on 13 parks by WPA

9/23/41 New playground in Manhattan

9/26/41 Completion of reconstruction of playground at Gravesend Park

9/26/41 Harvest festival to be held 9/29

9/27/41 New play area on Cross Island Parkway in Queens

9/27/41 New playground at Collins Zimmerman Playground, the Bronx

9/28/41 Instructions and suggestions for planting trees in city streets

9/29/41 Reconstructed playground in Morning side Park

9/30/41 Announcing three park improvements in Queens

9/30/41 Bids opened for widening Hutchinson River Parkway Extension

10/1/41 Construction of three new playgrounds (one in Manhattan and two in Brooklyn) begun

10/1/41 Children of 22 palygrounds will have special activities during Oct. to comemerate official openings of the play areas

10/1/41 Work begun on 3 new playgrounds: Park Ave, #108 St., Manhattan; and Shore Parkway, Homecrest Ave, and Third Ave at 64 St, both in Brooklyn

10/1/41 Parking field and concession building completed on Canarsie Pier by Belt Parkway at foot of Rockaway Parkway

10/2/41 Vanishing farms in Queens

10/3/41 Plans being made to extend Pennsylvania Avenue to provide new access to Belt Parkway

10/4/41 Martins Field playground reopened

10/4/41 Children's orchestras to give concerts Oct. 5

10/5/41 "Wishing Tree" repaired in Harlem

10/6/41 Two reconstructed parks opened in Manhattan and Brooklyn

10/6/41 Revenues for first nine months show 20% increase over 1940. (2 charts)

10/10/41 Ice skating rink at City Building, Flushing, Queens open

10/13/41 Draft for release on reconstruction of Crotona and St. Mary's Parks in the Bronx

10/11/41 Social dancing now going on at designated recreation build ngs in the 5 boroughs

10/12/41 Winne rs of photo contest announced

10/13/41 200 car parking field, practice tee and fairway in Queens completed

10/13/41 Two puppet and marionette shows to be presented on the Mall 10/13

10/14/41 Bids opened for construction of steel bulkhead and reinforced concrete bridge in Marine Park

10/15 Children's handcraft exhibition opens 10/16 in Junior Museum of Metropolitan Museum of Art

10/17 Development of new playfields on Randall's Island announced
(2 drawings dated 10/9/41 #104-1006 and \$104-1007)

10/20 Statement of Robert Moses urging vote of "yes" on amendment #4 for development of ski activities

10/21/ Traffic relief road connecting Mosholu Avenue and the Henry Hudson Parkway and restoration of Park and golf course in Van Cortlandt Park, the Bronx, completions announced

10/23 Bids opened on 4 contracts for reconstructions in Brooklyn Institute of Arts
(one drawing dated 10/21/41 file # B-48-141)

10/24/41 City wide finals of Roller Skating Contest announced

10/25/41 Completed arrangements for transportation to and from N.Y. City Buildings ice and roller skating rinks announced

10/31 Irving Jaffee will conduct ice skating Y class at New York City Bldg.

11/1 Annual Fall chrysanthemum show in Prospect Park, Brooklyn will open Nov. 2

11/9 Comment upon crime in Parks (no map though release says one is attached)

11/10 Reconstruction of Isaac L. Rice Memorial Section of Pelham Bay Park announced.

11/11 New playground adjacent to East River Drive completed

11/13 Bids opened for construction of a bulkhead along south and east shore of Sound View Park

11/14 Speed ice skating sessions planned.

11/14 Irving Jaffee will conduct ice skating class at N.Y. City Bldg, Flushing Meadow Park, Queens on Nov 15

11/15 Letter from Robert Moses to Victor Gettner, New York City Civil Liberties Committee, concerning issue of permits for meetins in the parks.

11/17/41 Two playgrounds completed at Cross Island Parkway and Hempstead Ave.

11/24 3 small parks at Washington Square Park, Manhattan, completed

11/29 Bolf courses at Jacob Riis Park closed for the winter to prevent damage to grass.

11/30 Children will ~~q~~ celebrate openings anniversaries of 8 parks playgrounds.

12/1 Start of work in connections with 3 new playgrounds announced (one in Queens, two in Manhattan)

12/4 Two new playgrounds constructed in the Bronx

12/5 New addition to playground at Howard Ave between Pacific and Dean Streets, Brooklyn, completed

12/8 Completion of reconstruction of section of Kissena Park, Queens, announced.

12/12 City wide finals of ping pong tournament planned for Dec. 13

12/12 Bids opened for traffic directional signs to be installed at intersection of connecting highway, Triborough Bridge Plaza ~~144~~ and Boody Street at ~~144~~ Grand Central Parkway

12/13 Japanese Pavilion At World's Fair being demolished

12/16 Christmas program will feature 30 puppet and marionette shows

12/16 Opening of reconstructed playground at Bay Parkway, Ave P and West 12th St., Brooklyn, announced

12/17 Gene Tunney will advise in boxing program

12/17 Children to participate in Christmas programs

12/18 Ceremonies in connection with Christmas trees in parks announced

12/19 Cadets of La Salle Military Academy to present winter drill

12/20 Christmas exhibit of flowers opens

12/20 Corrected release on ceremonies to be held in connection with Christmas trees, updated from 12/18 to 12/21, announcing change of date of ceremonies to 12/21

12/21 Program of winter sports activities announced.

12/22 Bids opened for cleaning and repairing stone faced bridges in Central Park

12/22/41 Bids opened for new buldhead in Battery Park

12/22 Widening of 4 lane Hutchinson River Parkway extension

12/22 New playground opened at south end of Highbridge Park

12/22 Two sitting parks by the public baths at Cherry and Oliver Sts and
Rutgers Place, Manhattan

12/29 Objectives of waterfront reclamation program.

December 29, 1941

TO THE PRESS:

Riker's Island, Soundview Park at the mouth of the Bronx River, and Marine Park at Great Kills, Staten Island, are three closely related objectives in a long range waterfront reclamation program.

The Riker's Island dump has disappeared. A tree nursery for the Park Department and a vegetable garden, orchard and other facilities for the Department of Correction take the place of the dump.

The scow operations of the Department of Sanitation moved to the mouth of the Bronx River to help fill in the new Soundview Park back of a bulkhead constructed by the Park Department with the aid of rock and dredged material obtained from the federal dredging operation further up the river. This scow dumping supplements land dumping at the north end of the new park. It will take two years to fill up Soundview Park and to complete the recreation facilities planned there. At the end of this period the Bronx Parkway Southerly Extension will give additional access to this reclaimed area.

Finally in 1944 Marine Park Staten Island, where reclamation activities were started some years ago with W.P.A. funds, and which is now being partially filled as part of a joint federal and city dredging contract, will obtain Sanitation scow fill for a period of approximately two years, at the end of which Marine Park will appear as one of the finest shorefront bathing areas on the Atlantic seaboard.

The coordinating and dovetailing of this work has involved many complications. From time to time the Park Department will announce the passing of an important milestone. The beginning of scow dumping at Soundview represents such a milestone. The attached release, maps and pictures tell the story and will enable the press to select such material as it deems interesting.

/S/ ROBERT MOSES
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Monday

December 29, 1941

The Department of Parks announces further progress in the preliminary development of Soundview Park, a 160 acre water front site on the East River Bronx shore. By a series of contracts involving the dredging of channels and the construction of bulkheading and unloading facilities a portion of the shore front near the mouth of the Bronx River has been prepared for docking and unloading Department of Sanitation scows which formerly deposited their waste at Riker's Island.

The diversion of scow dumping from Riker's Island, shortly after the first of the year, permits the continuation of a program started in 1937 for transforming this former mountain of refuse and ashes into an attractive and useful farm garden and tree nursery as well as accelerating land filling operations which have been proceeding for the past two years over the marsh areas of Soundview Park.

The development and maintenance of a tree nursery on Riker's Island, using penitentiary labor, is of immense benefit to the city. In addition to replacing an unsightly and odorous nuisance and providing healthful occupation to the prison inmates the nursery will soon produce, at relatively small cost, an annual crop of shade and ornamental trees for parks, parkways and park streets.

This twenty-five acre nursery which was started in the Fall of 1940 now contains over 13,000 trees consisting of European Planes, Norway Maples and American Elms. The completed nursery will cover sixty acres. Each year 10,000 additional saplings will be added. In 1947 the first 10,000 trees will be transplanted to permanent locations in city parks, parkways and city streets.

The existing fifty acre prison farm development consisting of a wide variety of vegetables will be expanded over a period of five years to 260 acres including fruit orchards and a poultry plant. It is expected that the gardens will provide a high percentage of the vegetables used at the penitentiary.

The Soundview Park site originally consisted of 93 acres of upland. In 1940 sixty-six additional acres were acquired by condemnation for park purposes. Forty-eight acres of the new acquisition was land under water. The upland was typical barren salt marsh interlaced with natural creeks and artificial drainage ditches. The Bronx River and East River frontages consisted of an irregular and muddy shore line.

Joint filling operations by the Departments of Parks and Sanitation have been proceeding concurrently with the channel dredging and bulkhead construction. During the past two years approximately five million cubic yards of fill from various sources have been spread over the marsh land and used for bulkhead construction. A Federal dredging contract in the Bronx River provided and placed 50,000 cubic yards of riprap along the face of the earth bulkheading. Rock excavation along Eastern Boulevard was the source of over 15,000 cubic yards of riprap bulkhead. City refuse deposited by Department of Sanitation trucks was confined to the uplands. The material which is dumped from the collection trucks is leveled and compacted to approximate established grades by heavy caterpillar tractor bulldozers. Clean earth fill is spread over the refuse for sanitary reasons. Over 6,000 lineal feet of earth and riprap bulkheading now approaching completion extends along the entire Bronx River and East River frontages thus preventing flotation and dispersal of the new fill and affording a smoothly aligned permanent shore.

Ten million cubic yards of fill are needed to raise the entire area to finished grades. It is estimated that scow dumping now in its early stages will double the tempo of operations. The loaded steel barges are anchored to a wooden pile supported rock and steel foundation which carries the unloading equipment. A traveling bucket of eleven cubic yards capacity transfers the material from the barges to a hopper on the unloading platform. Tractor drawn wagon trains are loaded from the hopper and dump the material throughout the

area. The process of leveling and compaction is the same as for truck deposited waste. It is estimated that the filling operations will be completed in 1944 at which time scow dumping will be transferred to Marine Park, Staten Island.

Soundview Park will be completed in 1944 as a Capital improvement. This large shore front neighborhood park lying at the terminus of the Bronx River Parkway Extension will round out the major recreational needs of the southeastern section of the Bronx. The future Park has already been instrumental in the building development of adjacent property and this trend is expected to continue.

When the park is completed the following park facilities will be provided:

Shore front promenade
Picnic area
Three overlook areas
Two athletic fields including
concrete bleachers
Field house
Recreation building

Three comfort stations
Four marginal playgrounds
Court games area
250 Car parking field
Bench-lined malls, promenades
and walks
Formal and informal tree
planted lawns.

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FOR RELEASE Monday,
December 22, 1941

The Department of Parks announces the completion of two small sitting parks adjacent to the Public Baths located at Cherry and Oliver Streets and Rutgers Place near Jefferson Street, Manhattan. Both sites have frontages of 26 feet and depths of approximately 100 feet. The parcels were condemned by the City to permit the removal of a $3\frac{1}{2}$ story and 6 story building and the installation of windows in the sides of the bathhouses for additional light and air.

The properties thus acquired serve a double purpose by allowing the development of much needed sitting areas in this congested lower section of downtown Manhattan. Irrigated sand pits and drinking fountains have been included in both areas. Continuous benches have been placed around the small asphalt surfaced free play areas. The exterior walls of adjoining buildings have been plastered and painted with White Portland Cement Wash to provide additional reflected light to the sitting areas and bathhouses.

The work was performed by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks.

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FOR RELEASE Monday,
December 22, 1941

Plans: ML 37-2100
ML 37-2101

Delivered 12/20/41

The Department of Parks announces the completion and opening of a new playground at the south end of Highbridge Park on the east side of Edgecombe Avenue just north of its intersection with Harlem River Drive-way. This playground, one of seven marginal recreational areas along Edgecombe Avenue, was built under a large project for the general reconstruction of a considerable portion of the park involving new grading, drainage, irrigation and planting, new playgrounds and comfort station, fencing, walks, benches and park lighting. It is expected that these items will be completed early next year.

The new playground is an asphalt surfaced, fence enclosed quadrant approximately 1/4 acre in extent, with two gate controlled entrances from the Edgecombe Avenue promenade. Kindergarten swings, slides and seesaws are provided. A sand pit with continuous benches on three sides is included. Two large existing shade trees were retained within the playground area.

The work was performed by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks. In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs. There are now with this addition 462 playgrounds in the park system.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE MONDAY
December 22, 1941

The Department of Parks announces the widening of the old four-lane Hutchinson River Parkway Extension in Pelham Bay Park between the Westchester County Line and the beginning of the new three and one-half six-lane parkway extension opened to traffic on October 11, 1941.

The old pavement within the City limits consisted of two 23 foot wide concrete roadways and curbs separated by a 28 foot wide grass panel. Originally it was made exceptionally wide in anticipation of the need for the current improvement. The widening was done under two separate contracts prepared by the State Department of Public Works and the Department of Parks and was paid for with State and City funds. They provided for the removal of the existing mall curbs and the addition of two 11 foot wide lanes to each roadway. The new curbs are of white cement to indicate clearly the edge of the roadways. New timber guide railing has been added at points where the outer shoulders slope off sharply. Certain necessary adjustments were made to the existing drainage system to meet the changed conditions and new drainage structures were added. The central mall will be seeded with grass next spring.

The recently opened parkway extension plus this widened section permits an uninterrupted and safe flow of traffic from the Belt Parkway over the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge and other arterial connections to the parkways of Westchester, upper New York and Connecticut. It has also relieved the heavy flow of mixed traffic formerly carried by the Eastern Boulevard approach to the Triborough Bridge.

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FOR RELEASE MONDAY,
DECEMBER 22, 1941

Bids were opened today by the Department of Parks on a contract for the demolition of existing structures and clearing the site for a new bulkhead in Battery Park, Borough of Manhattan.

These preliminary clearing operations in preparation for the complete reconstruction of the park will be confined to the immediate vicinity of the existing bulkhead. The major items of work will include the removal of the Fire Department buildings and the reinforced concrete and timber decks and framing of the wharf. The iron pipe railing, stanchions and mooring devices along the face of the wharf will be salvaged for replacement on the new bulkhead which will be provided under a future contract. The alignment will follow closely the existing structure except at the south end where it will be extended approximately thirty feet into the bay and at the north end where a large portion of the Pier A boat basin will be eliminated.

Other items in the contract provide for the removal of granite fence posts and coping, the cutting or pulling of all timber piles within designated areas and the relocation of the gangplank and float to the westerly end of the north boat basin.

The contract allows sixty consecutive ~~calendar~~ days for the completion of the work.

The three lowest bids were submitted by the following:

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| 1. John J. Abramsen Company, Inc.
864 Whitlock Avenue, Bronx, N. Y. | \$24,811. |
| 2. Albert A. Volk Company
1819 Broadway, New York City | 28,533. |
| 3. Nicholas DiMenna & Sons, Inc.
1525 Blondell Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. | 34,904. |

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FOR RELEASE MONDAY,
DECEMBER 22, 1941

Bids were opened today by the Department of Parks at the Arsenal Building in Central Park on a contract for repairing and cleaning two stone faced bridges in Central Park, Borough of Manhattan. The work on these structures which are located near Fifth Avenue in the vicinity of 77th Street and 85th Street represents one phase of a general program under which the entire park is being reconstructed or repaired.

The contract provides for the erection of new artificial stone balusters, wrought iron railings, concrete copings, steam cleaning all stonework and brickwork and pointing up mortar joints.

The three lowest bids were submitted by the following:

1. Robert Cook, Inc. \$3281.00
250 East 43 Street, N.Y.C.
2. Goldberger Construction Corp. 3653.00
11 West 42 Street, N.Y.C.
3. Kennedy & Smith, Inc. 4015.00
131-20 41st Ave., Flushing, N.Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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Library
FOR RELEASE SUNDAY

December 21, 1941

The Department of Parks announces that an extensive program of winter sports activities has been arranged for juveniles, adolescents and adults, including carnivals, skiing, ice skating and coasting.

Two hundred and five park areas, in all, have been set aside for ice skating throughout the five boroughs. In addition to 27 lakes in the large parks, 15 tennis court areas will be sprayed, 134 wading pools and 29 other suitable recreation facilities will be flooded for this popular winter sports activity.

Five ice skating carnivals will be held on Saturday, January 10, 1942, 2:00 p.m., at the following locations:

Manhattan - Conservatory Lake, Central Park, near 72 Street and
Fifth Avenue

Brooklyn - Prospect Park Lake, near Empire Boulevard and Lincoln
Road

Queens - Cunningham Park, Union Turnpike and 192 Street, Hollis

Bronx - Van Cortlandt Park Lake, near West 242 Street

Richmond - Clove Lakes, near Victory Boulevard and Clove Road

These carnivals will feature events for juveniles, juniors and seniors as well as exhibitions of figure, pair and novelty skating. Special events will be included for members of the Middle Atlantic Skating Association.

A city-wide winter sports carnival will be held on Saturday, January 24, at the Conservatory Lake, Central Park, at which the first five competitors in each of the borough contests will be eligible to compete.

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to those who place 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each event.

An indoor ice skating carnival, exclusively for children up to 14 years of age, will take place at the City Building, Flushing Meadow Park, Queens, on Tuesday, December 30, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. While the program will include races, the special feature will consist of a masquerade, in which those children wearing the most attractive costumes, will receive prizes. Of course, all the participants will be admitted free of charge, but spectators will have to pay the usual admission fee of 11¢.

Twenty nine hills in the various parks of the five boroughs have been designated for coasting, together with fifteen areas suitable for skiing.

In the event of snow, a contest in snow sculpture and snow architecture will be held on Saturday, January, 17, at 2 p. m. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

The attached list indicates the respective park areas for ice skating, skiing and coasting.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

CITY OF NEW YORK

ICE SKATING AREAS 1941-1942

MANHATTAN (37)

LAKES (4)

59 Street Lake, Central Park, near Fifth Avenue
72 Street and West Drive Lake, Central Park
Conservatory Lake, 72 Street and 5 Avenue, Central Park
Lake, North of 79 Street and Transverse Road, Central Park

TENNIS COURTS

93 Street and West Drive, Central Park

FLOODED AREAS

(2)

East River Drive and Broome Street
Riverside Drive and 148 Street

WADING POOLS

(30)

Carl Schurz Playground, East 84 Street and East End Avenue
Colonial Playground, West 152 Street and Bradhurst Avenue
DeWitt Clinton Playground, West 52 Street and 11 Avenue
Ft. Tryon Playground, Broadway and Dyckman Street
Gulick Playground, Columbia, Sheriff and Broome Streets
Hamilton Place Playground, West 141 Street and Hamilton Place
Highbridge-167 Street Playground, West 167 Street and Edgecomb Ave.
Highbridge-180 Street Playground, West 180 Street and Amsterdam Ave.
Highbridge-189 Street Playground, West 189 Street and Amsterdam Ave.
J. Hood Wright Playground, West 173 Street and Ft. Washington Ave.
Kelly Playground, West 17 Street bet. 8th and 9th Avenues
McCray Playground, West 138 Street bet. 5th and Lenox Avenues
Mt. Morris East Playground, East 120 Street and Madison Avenue
Mt. Morris West Playground, West 122 Street and Nathan Davis Place
Riverside-75 Street, West 75 Street and Henry Hudson Parkway
Riverside-97 Street, West 97 Street and Henry Hudson Parkway
Riverside-102 Street, West 102 Street and Henry Hudson Parkway
Rumsey Playground, 72 Street and East Drive in Central Park
Roosevelt Playground, Forsythe and Broome Streets
St. Gabriel's Playground, East 35 Street, between 1st and 2nd Avenues
St. Nicholas Playground, W. 141 Street and St. Nicholas Ave.
Seward Playground, East Broadway and Canal Street
Thomas Jefferson Playground, East 114 Street and Pleasant Avenue
Tompkins Square Playground, Avenue "A" and East 10 Street
Yorkville Playground, East 101 Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenues.
Playground, 83 Roosevelt Street
Playground, West 130 Street and Fifth Avenue
Morningside-123 Street Playground, Morningside Avenue and 123 Street
Payson Avenue Playground, Payson Avenue and Dyckman Street
Corlears Playground, Cherry and Jackson Streets

LAKES

Prospect Park Lake

TENNIS COURTS

Fort Greene Park, Myrtle Avenue and St. Edwards Street

FLOODED AREAS
(10)

Atlantic Avenue and Linwood Street (Asphalt baseball field)
 Bushwick Playground, Putnam and Knickerbocker Aves. (Asphalt baseball field)
 Dougless and 3rd Avenue (Asphalt baseball field)
 Dyker Beach Park, 86 Street and 7 Avenue (Pond on golf course)
 Kelly Memorial Playground, Ave. S and E. 14 St. (Asphalt baseball field)
 Lincoln Terrace Park, Buffalo & E. New York Ave. (Asphalt baseball field)
 McKinley Park, Ft. Hamilton Parkway and 75 St. (Boys playground)
 Red Hook Recreation Center, Clinton & Bay Sts. (Roller skating area)
 Seth Low Playground, Bay Parkway & Ave. P (Asphalt baseball field)
 McCarron Park, Driggs Ave. and Lorimer Street (Children's playground)

WADING POOLS

(45)

Avenue L and East 18 Street Playground
 Bill Brown Memorial Playground, Bedford Avenue and Avenue X
 Blake and Euclid Avenues Playground
 Bushwick Park, Knickerbocker and Putnam Avenues
 Carroll Park, Smith and Carroll Streets
 City Park, Flushing Avenue and Navy Street
 Crispus Attucks Playground, Fulton Street and Classon Avenue
 Dahill Road and 38 Street Playground
 Dreier Offerman Playground, Cropsey Avenue and 27 Avenue
 Ft. Hamilton Parkway and 52 Street Playground
 Ft. Hamilton High School, Colonial Road and 83 Street
 Greenpoint Playground, Commercial and DuPont Streets
 Heckscher Playground, Grove Street and Wilson Avenue
 Hopkinson Avenue and Marion Street Playground
 Howard Avenue, Pacific and Dean Streets Playground
 Jas. J. Byrne Memorial Playground, 3 Street and 4 Avenue
 Lafayette and Reid Avenues Playground
 Leiv Eiriksson Playground, 66 Street and 8 Avenue
 Lynch Street and Lee Avenue Playground
 McKibben Playground, McKibben and White Streets
 McLaughlin Playground, Tillary and Jay Streets
 Marine Park, Marine Parkway and Fillmore Avenue
 Marine Playground, Gerritsen Avenue and Avenue X
 Neptune Avenue and West 28 Street Playground
 New Lots Playground, Riverdale Avenue and Sackman Street
 New Utrecht Avenue and 70 Street Playground
 Ocean Parkway and Avenue P Playground
 Owls Head Park, Colonial Road and 67 Street
 Pitkin and New Jersey Avenues Playground
 Prospect and Greenwood Avenues Playground
 Prospect Park West and 11 Street Playground
 Prospect Place and Underhill Avenue Playground
 Riverdale and Snediker Avenues Playground
 Schermerhorn Street and 3 Avenue Playground
 Sheridan Playground, Grand Street and Wythe Avenue
 Shiplacoff Playground, Pitkin Avenue and Powell Street
 South 3rd and Berry Streets Playground
 Stephen A. Rudd Playground, Bushwick Avenue and Aberdeen Street

B R O O K L Y N (cont.)

Stillwell Avenue and Avenue U Playground
Taaffe Place and Park Avenue Playground
Tenth Avenue and 42 Street Playground
Tompkins Park, Tompkins and Lafayette Avenues
Union and Van Brunt Streets Playground
Vandervoort and Cherry Streets Playground
Williamsburg Housing, Manhattan Avenue and Scholes Street

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Q U E E N S (75)

LAKES (13)

Alley Pond Park Lake, World's Fair Blvd. & Douglaston Pkwy, Hollis
Alley Pond Pionio Lake, Grand Central Parkway, 233 Street, Hollis
Bowne Park Lake, 158 Street and 32 Avenue, Flushing
Baisley Park Lake, Sutphin Blvd., 125 St., opp. 153 St., Baisley Park
Brookville Park Lake, Brookville Blvd. and 143 Avenue, Rosedale
Crocheron Park Lake, 35 Avenue and 214 Place, Bayside
Jackson Pond, 108 Street and 30 Avenue, Richmond Hill
Kissena Lake, Oak Avenue and Kissena Blvd., Flushing
Linden Park Lake, 41 Avenue and 103 Street, Corona
Oakland Lake, Alley Pond, Hollis
Pea Pond, Hollis Court Blvd. and Grand Central Parkway, Hollis
Capt. Tilly Park Lake, Highland Avenue, 85 Ave., 165 Street, Jamaica
Twin Ponds, Brookville Blvd. and Merrick Road, Rosedale

TENNIS COURTS
(8)

Adams, Centerville, 102-103 Street, Ozone Park
Alley Pond Park, Grand Central Parkway, Winchester Blvd., Hollis
Astoria Park, 25 to 21 Avenue, Astoria
Brookville Park, Brookville Blvd., and So. Conduit Highway, Rosedale
Cunningham Park, Union Turnpike, opposite 192 Street, Hollis
Wayanda Park, Hollis Avenue and Springfield Blvd., Hollis
Woodhaven Playground, 89 Avenue and 90 Street, Woodhaven
Baisley Park, Sutphin Blvd. and 125 Street, Baisley Park

FLOODED AREAS
(22)

Atlantic Avenue and 88 Street, Ozone Park (Softball area)
95 Street and 125 Street, Richmond Hill (games area and handball cts.)
Broadway and 78 Street, Jackson Heights (Roller Skating)
Braddock Avenue and 240 Street, Queens Village (Softball area)
Chisholm Park, Poppenhausen Ave. & 115 St., College Pt. (Roller skating area)
Grover Cleveland, Grandview Avenue & Stanhope St., Ridgewood (Softball area)
Corona 111 Street, 46 Ave. & 111 St., Corona (Softball area)
Flushing Memorial, 25 Ave. & 149 St., Flushing (Handball courts)
Glendale, 78 Avenue & 74 Street, Glendale (Games area)
Jackson Heights Plgd., 84 St. & 30 Ave., Jackson Heights (Handball Cts)
Liberty Park, Liberty Ave. & 172 St., Jamaica (Paddle tennis courts)
Marconi Plgd., 155 St. & 108 Ave., Jamaica (Softball area)
Maurice Plgd., Maurice, Borden and 54 Aves., Maspeth (Games area)
O'Connell Plgd., 113 Ave. & 196 St., St. Albans (Handball courts)
Rockaway, Boardwalk & 80 Street, Rockaway
Riis Park, Neponsit (Parking field)
30th Road, 45 Street and 30 Road, Astoria (Softball area)

Q U E E N S (cont.)

Thomson Hill, 47 Avenue and 43 Street, Sunnyside (Games area, upper)
Tudor Field, 80 Street and N. Conduit Ave., So. Ozone Park (Softball area)
Victory Field, Woodhaven Blvd. and Myrtle Ave., Glendale
Von Dohlen Flgd., 138 Street and Archer Ave., Jamaica (Handball cts.)
Woodhaven, 89 Avenue & 90 Street, Woodhaven (Softball area)

WADING POOLS

(32)

Atlantic Avenue and 88 Street, Ozone Park
95 Avenue and 125 Street, Richmond Hill
Benninger Playground, Madison Ave. & Fresh Pond Road, Ridgewood
Braddock Playground, Braddock Avenue & 240 Street, Queens Village
Cleveland Playground, Grandview Avenue and Stanhope St., Ridgewood
Corona 111 Street - 111 Street and 46 Avenue, Corona
Dry Harbor Playground, 80 Street and Myrtle Avenue, Glendale
Francis Lewis Playground, 3 Ave., 147 Street to Parson Blvd., Whitestone
Glendale Playground, 78 Avenue and 74 Street, Glendale
Highland Lower Playground, Jamaica Ave. & Elton St., Cypress Hills
Jackson Pond Playground, 108 Street and Myrtle Avenue, Richmond Hill
Jackson Heights Playground, 84 Street and 30 Ave., Jackson Heights
Jamaica 179 Place Playground, off Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica
Junction Blvd. Playground, Junction Blvd. and 34 Ave., Corona
Juniper Valley Playground, Dry Harbor Road, 74 St, 62 Ave, Rego Park
Liberty Avenue and 102 Street, Ozone Park
Liberty Park, Liberty Avenue and 173 St., 106 Ave., Jamaica
Martins Field, 164 Street and Queens Avenue, Flushing
Marconi Playground, 155 Street, 108 Avenue, Jamaica
Maurice Playground, Maurice and Borden Ave., 54 Ave., Maspeth
Newtown Playground, 56 Avenue and 92 Street, Elmhurst
O'Connor Playground, 32 Avenue and 210 Street, Bayside
O'Connell Playground, 113 Avenue, 196 Street, St. Albans
Queensbridge Playground, Vernon Blvd & Bridge Plaza N., L. I. C.
30th Road Playground, 30 Road and 45 Street, Astoria
Thomson Hill Playground, 47 Avenue and 43 Street, Sunnyside
Triboro 66B Playground, Hoyt Avenue and 21 Street, Long Island City
Triboro 66F Playground, Hoyt Avenue and 2 Ave., Long Island City
Van Wyck Playground, 111 Avenue and 134 Street, Ozone Park
Von Dohlen Playground, 138 Street and Archer Avenue, Jamaica
Windmuller, Woodside Avenue and 54 Street, Woodside
Whitestone N. E., Hurd Ave., 17 Road, 20 Avenue, Whitestone

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B R O N X (33)

LAKES (3)

Bronx Park, Twin Lakes, north of Moshulu Parkway, east of Webster Ave.
Crotona Park Lake, Crotona Park East and East 173 Street
Van Cortlandt Park Lake, 242 Street, east of Broadway

TENNIS COURTS

(3)

Bronx Park East, Bronx Park East and Brady Avenue
St. James Park, Jerome Avenue and East 192 Street
St. Mary's East, Trinity Avenue and East 145 Street

FLOODED AREAS

(4)

Pelham Bay Park, Pelham Parkway, Eastern Blvd. & Middletown Road
Waterbury, Edison and LaSalle Avenues Playground (Softball field)
Watson, Gleason and Noble Avenues Playground (Softball field)
Claremont Park, East 170 St. and Cley Ave. (Roller skating area)

B R O N X (cont.)

WADING POOLS
(23)

Mullaly Playground, Jerome Avenue and East 165 Street
Claremont Park Playground, East 170 Street and Clay Avenue
St. Mary's West Playground, St. Ann's Avenue and East 146 Street
Williamsbridge Playground, East 208 Street and Bainbridge Ave.
Zimmerman Playground, Olinville Avenue, s. of Britton Street
Van Cortlandt S. Playground, Van Cortlandt Street and 240 Street
Pelham Bay Plgd. #1 - Eastern Blvd, Willow Lane and Buhre Ave.
Crotona Park, Plgd. #5 - Crotona Park East, and East 173 Street
Crotona Park Plgd. #7 - Crotona Park East and Charlotte Street
Ft. Schuyler Park Playground - Pennyfield Avenue and Shore Drive
Devoe Park, East Playground, University Avenue and East 188 Street
Ciccarone Playground, East 188 Street and Hughes Avenue
East 166 Street and Morris Avenue Playground
East 178 Street and Cedar and Sedgwick Avenues Playground
East 167 Street and Stebbins Avenue Playground
East 182 Street and Belmont Avenue Playground
East 141 Street and Brook Avenue Playground
Cauldwell Avenue between East 161 Street and East 163 Street Plgd.
East 136 Street and Alexander Avenue Playground
East 177 Street and Noble Street Playground
Watson, Gleason and Noble Avenues Playground
Waterbury, Edison and LaSalle Avenues Playground
Bronx Park East and Waring Avenue Playground

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R I C H M O N D (13)

LAKES (6)

Brooks Pond, Slosson Avenue, off Clove Road
Clove Lake #2, Victory Boulevard
LaTourette Pond, Rockland Avenue and Forest Hill Road
Martling's Pond, Slosson Avenue and Clove Road
Willowbrook Lake, Richmond Avenue and Victory Boulevard
Wolfe's Pond Park, Holton and Cornelia Avenues

TENNIS COURTS
(2)

Silver Lake Park, Hart Boulevard and Revere Street
Walker Park, Bard and Davis Avenue

FLOODED AREAS

Silver Lake Golf Course, Victory Boulevard (Parking Area)

WADING POOLS
(4)

Clove Lakes Playground, Victory Boulevard and Clove Road
De Matti Playground, Tompkins Avenue, Roscbank
Levy Playground, Jewett and Castleton Avenues
McDonald Playground, Forest Avenue and Broadway

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M A N H A T T A N

B R O O K L Y N

Q U E E N S

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R I C H M O N D

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M A N H A T T A N

83 St. & East Drive; North of Museum of Art
79 St. & East Drive, short run for small children
72 St. & East Drive (Pilgrim Hill), SW. of Conservatory Lake
79 St. & East Drive (Cedar Hill)
72 St., north of Boat House, short run near Main Drive
60 St. & West Drive, near Hookscher Playground
72 Street and West Drive
79 Street and West Drive (Burns Lawn) S. of Transverse Road
72 Street & East Drive, SE. of Conservatory Lake
99 Street off 5 Avenue (East Meadow)

Henry Hudson Parkway 73 Street At 108 St.
83 St., east of Playground From 116 to 120 Sts.

J. Hood Wright Park Section of hill located on Haven Avenue side of park
Coasting from West to East

B R O O K L Y N

Prospect Park Southwest of Music Stand Sugar Bowl Hill
Tennis House Hill SW. of Maryland Mem.
Hill southeast of 1st Street and Prospect Park West

Q U E E N S

Crocheron Park 35 Avenue and 214 Place, Bayside

Chisholm Park Poppenhausen Avenue and 115 Street, College Point

Forest Park Old 18th Tee of Golf Course, Main Drive below Golf House,
near 82 Street, Woodhaven

Kissena Golf Course Area designated as suitable by Supervisor of Park Operation
when there is sufficient snow.

Highland Park Lower half of Snake Hill from the turn to Jamaica Avenue,
opposite Elton Street, Brooklyn

B R O N X

Van Cortlandt Park Golf Course 18th Tee and Fairway

Bronx River Parkway East 226 Street

R I C H M O N D

Silver Lake Golf Course Forest Avenue and Silver Lake Park Roadway (7th Fairway)

LaTourette Golf Course Rockland Avenue (2nd, 14th and 18th Fairways)

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
TEL. REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Mr. Headley
Sunday
~~Thursday~~
December 18, 1941
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will deliver his annual Christmas message

The Park Department announces that ceremonies in connection with ~~the~~ twenty-one Christmas trees, which are being erected and decorated in parks throughout the five boroughs, will take place on ~~Friday~~ *Monday*, December 19, at 5:00 P. M. A special program will be held at the principal trees in each borough, which will be at City Hall Park, Manhattan; Borough Hall Park, Brooklyn; Joyce Kilmer Park, The Bronx; ^{Queens} Queensborough Hall, Kew Gardens, and Borough Hall, Richmond.

At City Hall Park, the ceremonies will start at 5:00 P. M. and will be broadcast over Station WNYC. Mayor LaGuardia will throw the switch that will light the tree at 5:25 P. M., officially starting New York City's observance of the Christmas season. Borough President ~~Samuel J. Jones~~ *Edgar J. Nathan, Jr.* and Newbold Morris, President of the Council, will also participate in the exercises. Selections will be played by the Department of Parks' Band and Christmas Carols will be sung by the Police Department's Glee Club, and the Boys Choir of Saint Cecilia's Church. Borough Presidents Cashmore, ^{Burke} ~~Harvey~~, Lyons and Palma will light the trees in their respective boroughs where exercises will be conducted under the direction of the Borough Park Directors who have arranged appropriate programs.

A special decorative scheme has been designed for the Park Department Headquarters at The Arsenal, Central Park, which will depict the Three Wise Men proceeding to the Star in the East, centered in a holly wreath ten feet in diameter.

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The trees will be lit each evening from ~~6:00~~ *to* 2:00 A.M. un-

til January 2. Christmas trees will be erected at the following locations:

Manhattan: City Hall Park
Conservatory Garden - 104 to 105 Streets and Fifth Avenue
Thomas Jefferson Park - First Avenue and 111 Street
Roosevelt Park - Forsyth and Canal Streets
Fort Tryon Park - Riverside Drive, Broadway and Dyckman Street
Carl Schurz Park - 85 Street and East End Avenue
Mt. Morris Park - Fifth Avenue and 124 Street
Bellevue Hospital - East River Drive and 26 Street

Bronx Joyce Kilmer Park - 161 Street and Grand Concourse
St. Mary's Park - St. Ann's Avenue and East 144 Street
St. James Park - East 191 Street and Jerome Avenue

Brooklyn Borough Hall
Grand Army Plaza - Prospect Park
Leiv Eiriksson Park - 67 Street between 4th and 5th Avenues
McCarren Park - Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street

Queens Queensborough Hall - Kew Gardens
King Park - Jamaica Avenue and 151 Street
Flushing Park - Northern Boulevard and Main Street
Forest Park - Park Lane South and 108 Street
Highland Park - Jamaica Avenue and Elton Street

Richmond Borough Hall - Bay Street and Borough Place

~~As in former years the Triborough Bridge Authority has erected large Christmas trees at the toll booths at each of its five bridges: Triborough, Marine Parkway, Cross Bay, Bronx-Whitestone and Henry Hudson, as well as one in front of their Administration Building on Randall's Island.~~

As in former years there will also be a Christmas tree in (the City Field), Flushing Meadows Park, Queens, located inside the City Field between the ice skating rink & roller skating rink.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
Arsenal, Central Park
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FOR RELEASE Saturday,
December 20, 1941

The annual Christmas exhibit of the season's flowers are on exhibition in the Greenhouse in Prospect Park at Prospect Park West and 9th Street, Brooklyn.

This year's display and exhibit comprises over 2,000 Poinsettia plants in three varieties, white, pink, and red. Some of these Poinsettia measure twelve inches in diameter. In addition there are various groupings of other flowering plants interspaced. Some of these are the attractive and well known Cyclamen and Christmas cherries.

The exhibit will be open every day from December 21 to January 2, from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. and the Park Department extends a cordial invitation to the public to view the display.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR RELEASE Friday,
December 19, 1941

At 8 P. M. Friday evening, December 19, the Corps of Cadets of La Salle Military Academy will present its annual winter drill and review in the City Building at Flushing Meadow Park.

In past years it has been the practice to hold this annual review in one of the city armories. Because of the national defense situation no armory was available to the academy this year and the Park Department agreed to allow the review to be held in the City Building so that these young, prospective officers, could carry through their annual program which at this time, of course, is more important than ever.

To accommodate the review it will be necessary to close the roller and ice skating rinks from the end of the evening session on Thursday to the afternoon session on Saturday. Both rinks will be reopened to the public at 2 P. M. on Saturday, December 20th.

The program of events is as follows:

- Battalion Review
- Manual of Arms Competition
- Calisthenics Exhibit
- Silent Drill Exhibition
- Ceremony of Formal Guard Mount
- Retreat Parade
- Presentation of Awards

The Seventh Regiment Band will furnish the music and the Corps will be reviewed by Major General William Ottman, Commanding General of the New York Guard.

The following officers of the Regular Army will act as judges
in the various competitive events:

Lieutenant Colonel Glenn A. Ross
Lieutenant Colonel Timoteo Sapien-Bosch
Lieutenant Colonel B. T. Fay, U. S. Marine Corps
Major Cleo Z. Shugart
Major August J. Regnier

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
TEL. REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE Thursday,
December 18, 1941

The Park Department announces that ceremonies in connection with the twenty-one Christmas trees, which are being erected and decorated in parks throughout the five boroughs, will take place on Friday, December 19, at 5:00 P. M. A special program will be held at the principal trees in each borough, which will be at City Hall Park, Manhattan; Borough Hall Park, Brooklyn; Joyce Kilmer Park, The Bronx; Queensborough Hall, Kew Gardens, and Borough Hall, Richmond.

At City Hall Park, the ceremonies will start at 5:00 P. M. and will be broadcast over Station WNYC. Mayor LaGuardia will throw the switch that will light the tree at 5:25 P. M., officially starting New York City's observance of the Christmas season. Borough President Stanley M. Isaacs and Newbold Morris, President of the Council, will also participate in the exercises. Selections will be played by the Department of Parks' Band and Christmas Carols will be sung by the Police Department's Glee Club, and the Boys Choir of Saint Cecilia's Church. Borough Presidents Cashmore, Harvey, Lyons and Palma will light the trees in their respective boroughs where exercises will be conducted under the direction of the Borough Park Directors who have arranged appropriate programs.

A special decorative scheme has been designed for the Park Department Headquarters at The Arsenal, Central Park, which will depict the Three Wise Men proceeding to the Star in the East, centered in a holly wreath ten feet in diameter.

The trees will be lit each evening from 4:30 P. M. to 2:00 A.M. until January 2. Christmas trees will be erected at the following locations:

Manhattan: City Hall Park
Conservatory Garden - 104 to 106 Streets and Fifth Avenue
Thomas Jefferson Park - First Avenue and 111 Street
Roosevelt Park - Forsyth and Canal Streets
Fort Tryon Park - Riverside Drive, Broadway and Dyckman Street
Carl Schurz Park - 85 Street and East End Avenue
Mt. Morris Park - Fifth Avenue and 124 Street
Bellevue Hospital - East River Drive and 26 Street

Bronx Joyce Kilmer Park - 161 Street and Grand Concourse
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St. James Park - East 191 Street and Jerome Avenue

Brooklyn Borough Hall
Grand Army Plaza - Prospect Park
Leiv Eiriksson Park - 67 Street between 4th and 5th Avenues
McCarren Park - Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street

Queens Queensborough Hall - Kew Gardens
King Park - Jamaica Avenue and 151 Street
Flushing Park - Northern Boulevard and Main Street
Forest Park - Park Lane South and 108 Street
Highland Park - Jamaica Avenue and Elton Street

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
TEL. REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE Wednesday,
December 17, 1941

The Department of Parks announces that the children of Park Department playgrounds will participate in specially prepared Christmas programs of recreational activities, beginning Wednesday, December 17, and running through Wednesday, December 31.

While the spirit of gaiety will predominate all the programs, the singing of patriotic songs, pledges of allegiance and salute to the Flag will be included.

The singing of well known Christmas carols, folk dancing, puppet and magic shows, dramatic productions portraying subjects appropriate to the Wuletide season, concerts by children's orchestras and recitations will also form part of the program. Of course, Christmas parties, accompanied by group games, refreshments, decoration of Christmas trees, visits by Santa Claus, the exchange of gifts among the playground children will also be included in the list of events.

Christmas trees have been provided by the Park Department for 52 centrally located playgrounds throughout the five boroughs. Many of the Mothers' Clubs have made arrangements for trees at the other recreational areas. All of these trees will be properly decorated and lighted for the parties.

Large trees will be erected and illuminated at the following locations in each borough during the Christmas holidays.

Manhattan City Hall Park, Broadway and Murray Street

Conservatory Garden, 104 Street and Fifth Avenue

Thomas Jefferson Park, First Avenue and 111 Street

Roosevelt Park, Block 7, Forsyth and Canal Streets

Manhattan (Continued)

Mount Morris Park, center line of Fifth Avenue, top of hill,
120 Street

Fort Tryon Park, Dyckman and Broadway

Carl Schurz Park, 85 Street and East End Avenue

Brooklyn

Borough Hall Park, Fulton and Joralemon Streets

Grand Army Plaza, Prospect Park, Flatbush Avenue and Union Street

Leiv Eiriksson Park, 67 Street, between Fourth and Fifth Avenues

McCarren Park, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street

Bronx

Joyce Kilmer Park, 161 Street and Grand Concourse

St. Mary's Park, St. Ann's Avenue and East 144 Street

St. James Park, center of oval Lawn, Jerome Avenue and East 193 St.

Queens

Borough Hall, Queens Boulevard and Union Turnpike

King Park, Jamaica Avenue and 151 Street

Flushing Park, Northern Boulevard and Main Street

Forest Park, Park Lane South and 108 Street

Highland Park, Jamaica Avenue and Elton Street

City Building, Flushing Meadow Park, in front of fountain niches

City Building, Flushing Meadow Park, inside building, between rinks

Richmond

Borough Hall, Bay Street and Borough Place

Special ceremonies will be held in connection with the initial lighting of those trees set up at City Hall, Manhattan, and at the Borough Hall in Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond; while the ceremony in the Bronx will take place at Joyce Kilmer Park, 161 Street and Grand Concourse.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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For Release Wednesday,
December 17, 1941

Pix:

Manhattan

21056 The Department of Parks announces that Gene Tunney, former World's Heavy-
Richmond weight Champion, has offered to serve in an advisory capacity in connection with a
21074 boxing program for young men and boys over fourteen years, which will be inaugurated
for the first time at nine Park recreation buildings located in the various boroughs,

Brooklyn

21067 commencing Wednesday, December 17. Mr. Tunney has agreed to do this, not only be-
cause of his interest in the sport, but because of his interest in New York's muni-

BRONX

21070 cipal gymnasias, where he did much of his early training. The Department hopes in
this way to provide additional recreation for the older boys and young men and, at

Queens

21061 the same time, give the older people in the community the opportunity to see some
of the exhibitions.

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5:30 PM After intensive training during the winter months, the regular partici-
pants at these boxing sessions will be eligible to compete in a city-wide tournament

leading up to championship bouts next spring, at which prizes will be awarded to the winners. Mr. Bernard Gimbel, president of Gimbel Brothers department store, an ardent promoter of sports, and former amateur champion, has consented to donate some of the prizes for the city-wide tournament.

Park personnel, chosen to conduct this program because of their past experience in the boxing field, have just completed a six-weeks review course in the methods of teaching the fundamentals of the art of self-defense.

While some boxing champions may be developed at these sessions, the main purpose of the program will be to enhance the physical well being of young men in wholesome surroundings.

To insure skill in boxing, special emphasis will be placed on those exercises and calisthenic drills which bring about the necessary coordination between mind and muscle, agility in movement and quickness of perception. This will be followed by instructions on the punching bag, footwork, and various styles of boxing.

All the necessary equipment will be provided by the Park Department, such as: boxing gloves, punching bags, skipping ropes, mats, rings, first aid material, etc

The boxing centers are located as follows:

MANHATTAN

Gymnasium - 342 East 54 Street
Gymnasium - 407 West 28 Street
Colonial Play Center - Bradhurst Avenue and West 145 Street
Thomas Jefferson Play Center - East 111 Street & First Avenue

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McCarren Play Center - Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street

QUEENS

Astoria Play Center, 19 Street opposite 23 Drive
Jackson Heights Playground - 25 Avenue and 84 Street

BRONX

Crotona Park Play Center - East 173 Street and Fulton Avenue

RICHMOND

Cromwell Play Center Pier #6 - Murray Hulbert Avenue, Tompkinsville

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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Library

FOR RELEASE Tuesday,
December 16, 1941

The Department of Parks announces the opening of a reconstructed playground and a new sitting area on the two plots bounded by Bay Parkway, Avenue P and West 12th Street, Brooklyn. The reconstructed and enlarged $4\frac{3}{4}$ acre playground is separated by Stillwell Avenue from the new $\frac{1}{4}$ acre sitting area developed on the intersection triangle known as Bealin Square.

This old residential section is closely packed with 2-3 story homes and 6 story apartments along Bay Parkway. The recreation facilities will also serve the school children attending Seth Low High School located opposite the playground on West 12th Street.

The old layout, retained with some alterations and additions, contained two asphalt surfaced play apparatus areas on each side of a central brick comfort station and concrete wading pool. An interior walk bordered the playground in the center of a 60 foot tree and shrub planted grass strip paralleling the street sidewalk along Bay Parkway and West 12th Street; leaving an undeveloped and unkempt dirt surfaced triangular portion at the south end. Bealin triangle, directly across Stillwell Avenue, dirt surfaced and supporting a few street trees, was unimproved.

The kindergarten area has been reduced in size and resurfaced. The existing seesaws and swings were relocated to permit a better organization with the new slides, irrigated sand pit and extensive continuous benches. The space along West 12th Street adjacent to the school has been provided with new swings, slides and an exercise unit.

The wading pool and comfort station area required minor revisions to tie in with the reconstructed court games area to the south.

This section which partly overlaps the former unimproved portion, in addition to the existing combination basketball and volleyball court added four new paddle tennis courts within the same chain link enclosure. A rectangular offset extending to Avenue P contains two concrete surfaced handball courts protected by 16 foot high chain link fencing.

The new addition has been provided with a bituminous paved softball diamond. A hooded backstop and complete 12'-16' fence enclosure is included. This area may be used for roller skating and flooded for ice skating.

A new concrete sidewalk centered on two new block-paved, tree-planted malls was constructed along Avenue P and Stillwell Avenue so located as to permit future widening of the latter.

The new sitting area on the triangle west of Still well Avenue has been given the typical sidewalk treatment consisting of concrete boundary walk bordered by block panels and trees. The interior, surfaced with asphalt, contains 300 lineal feet of tree shaded benches.

The work was performed by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks. In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs; 62 of which have been reconstructed. There are now 461 playgrounds in the park system.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
TEL. REGENT 4-1000

For Release Tuesday
December 16, 1941

The Department of Parks announces that the Christmas program of playground children's activities will feature 30 puppet and marionette shows depicting the famous fairy tale "Hansel and Gretel" and "The Lonely Elm", written by Park recreation personnel, the theme of which deals with the obligation of children to prevent the unnecessary destruction of natural landscaped areas and physical equipment in the city's parks and playgrounds.

Both these shows will be given at 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., at centrally located playgrounds in the five boroughs, beginning Tuesday, December 16, and running through Wednesday, December 31, according to the attached schedule. With five scenes in "Hansel and Gretel" and one in "The Lonely Elm", the entire performance will last approximately one hour.

For the past five weeks, the playground directors, assigned to put on these shows, have attended regular rehearsals in order to acquire that ambidexterity and deftness so necessary to a skillful manipulation of the marionettes as well as to obtain the proper nuances for each of the various speaking parts peculiar to the characters that make up the dramatis personae of the respective plays.

While the stage and all the physical equipment was constructed in the Park Department shops, each of the puppet figures was made and costumed by the playground directors.

In addition, 28 magic shows, lasting one hour and including a variety of magical tricks and hand puppetry will be given at other designated playgrounds in the five boroughs, by the recreation personnel in charge of children's magic clubs conducted by the Park Department, beginning Tuesday, December 16, and continuing through Wednesday, December 31, according to the attached schedule.

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CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

SPECIAL HOLIDAY MARIONETTE PROGRAM

"Hansel and Gretel"
(In Five Scenes - Characters:-
Father, Mother, Hansel, Gretel,
Sandman, Witch and Good Fairy)

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"The Lonely Elm"
(A One Act Play-Characters:-
Boy, Girl, Fairy, Gnome and
Tree)

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QUEENS

Tuesday, December 16	11 A. M. - Dry Harbor Playground, 80 St. & Myrtle Ave., Glendale
" " "	3:30 P.M. - Dry Harbor Playground, 80 St. & Myrtle Ave., Glendale
Wednesday, December 17	11 A. M. - Jackson Heights Plgd., 84 St. & 30 Ave.
" " "	3:30 P.M. - Jackson Heights Plgd., 84 St. & 30 Ave.

MANHATTAN

Thursday, December 18	11 A. M. - East River Park at 12 Street
" " "	3:30 P. M. - East River Park at 12 Street
Friday, December 19	11 A. M. - North Meadow, 97 Street and Central Park
" " "	3:30 P. M.- North Meadow, 97 Street and Central Park
Saturday, December 20	11 A. M. - Seward Park, Canal and Jefferson Streets
" " "	3:30 P.M. - Seward Park, Canal and Jefferson Streets
Sunday, December 21	2:00 P.M. - Colonial Pool Bldg., 147 St. & Bradhurst Avenue

BRONX

Monday, December 22	11 A. M. - Williamsbridge Plgd., E. 208 St. & Bainbridge Avenue
" " "	3:30 P.M. - Williamsbridge Plgd., E. 208 St. & Bainbridge Avenue
Tuesday, December 23	11 A. M. - Mullaly Plgd., Jerome Ave. & E. 165 St.
" " "	3:30 P.M. - Mullaly Plgd., Jerome Ave. & E. 165 St.
Wednesday, December 24	11 A. M. - St. Mary's W., St. Ann's Ave. & E. 146 St.
" " "	3:30 P.M. - St. Mary's W., St. Ann's Ave. & E. 146 St.

BROOKLYN

Friday, December 26	11 A. M. - Sunset Park, 43 Street & 7 Avenue
" " "	3:30 P.M. - Sunset Park, 43 Street and 7 Avenue
Saturday, December 27	11 A. M. - McCarren Park Pool, Driggs & Manhattan Ave
" " "	3:30 P. M. - McCarren Park Pool, Driggs & Manhattan Ave
Monday, December 29	11 A. M. - Betsy Head Park Pool, Hopkinson & Dumont Avenues
" " "	3:30 P.M. - Betsy Head Park Pool, Hopkinson & Dumont Avenues

RICHMOND

Tuesday, December 30	11 A. M. - McDonald, Forest Avenue near Broadway
" " "	3:30 P.M. - McDonald, Forest Avenue near Broadway
Wednesday, December 31	11 A. M. - Levy Playground, Jewett & Castleton Aves.
" " "	3:30 P.M.- Levy Playground, Jewett & Castleton Aves.

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CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

SPECIAL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

"Magic, Music and Puppetry -
All kinds of Christmas Fun -
Songs, - Health and Safety Talks,
All rolled into one ! "

BRONX

Tuesday, December 16	11 A. M.	- St. James Park, Jerome Ave. & E. 192 St.
" " "	3:30 P.M.	- St. James Park, Jerome Ave. & E. 192 St.
Wednesday, December 17	11 A. M.	- Crotona Pool, E. 173 Street & Fulton Ave.
" " "	3:30 P.M.	- Crotona Pool, E. 173 Street & Fulton Ave.

BROOKLYN

Thursday, December 18	11 A. M.	- Bill Brown Plgd. - Bedford Ave. & Ave. X
" " "	3:30 P.M.	- Neptune Avenue & West 28 St. Playground
Friday, December 19	11 A. M.	- Carroll Park, Smith and Carroll Streets
" " "	3:30 P.M.	- Third St. & Fourth Avenue Playground
Saturday, December 20	11 A. M.	- Park and Taaffe Place Playground
" " "	2 P. M.	- New Utrecht Ave. & 70 St. Playground

MANHATTAN

Monday, December 22	11 A. M.	- Mt. Morris W., 120 St. & Mt. Morris Pk. W.
" " "	3:30 P.M.	- McCray, 138 Street near 5th Avenue
Tuesday, December 23	11 A. M.	- Riverside and 168 Street
" " "	3:30 P. M.	- Annunciation Plgd. - 134 St. & Amsterdam Ave.
Wednesday, December 24	11 A. M.	- Kelly Plgd., 17 Street near 8th Ave.
" " "	3:30 P.M.	- Yorkville, 101 St. near 2nd Avenue

QUEENS

Friday, December 26	11 A. M.	- Grover Cleveland Plgd., Grandview & Stanhope Sts., Ridgewood
" " "	3:30 P.M.	- Dry Harbor Rd. Plgd., 80 St. & Myrtle Ave.
Saturday, December 27	11 A. M.	- Von Dohlen Plgd., 138 St. & Archer Pl. Jamaica
" " "	3:30 P. M.	- O'Connell Plgd., 196 St. & 113 Ave., St. Albans
Monday, December 29	11 A. M.	- Flushing Memorial Plgd., 149 Street, off 25 Avenue, Flushing
" " "	3:30 P.M.	- O'Connor Plgd., 210 St. and 25 Ave., Bay-side

RICHMOND

Tuesday, December 30	11 A. M.	- McDonald Plgd., Forest Ave., near Broadway
" " "	3:30 P.M.	- Cromwell Center, Pier #6, Murray Hulbert Avenue
Wednesday, December 31	11 A. M.	- Abraham Levy Plgd., Jewett & Castleton Avenues
" " "	3:30 P.M.	- DeMatti Playground, Tompkins Avenue

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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L. Mary
FOR RELEASE Saturday,
December 13, 1941

The Japanese Pavilion at the World's Fair was never satisfactory to park officials, but the Japanese Consul General in New York and other Japanese residents pressed the City to keep it in Flushing Meadow Park as a permanent structure symbolizing good will between the two nations. It seemed advisable at the time to accede to their request.

Recent investigation disclosed that the pavilion does not meet the requirements of the City Building Code. It would be difficult to maintain. It does not fit in with our final plans, and would serve no permanent park use. Park forces have already begun demolition.

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DECEMBER 12, 1941

Bids were opened today by the Department of Parks at the Arsenal Building, in Central Park on a contract for traffic directional signs, to be installed at the intersection of Connecting Highway and Triborough Bridge Plaza and Boody Street at Grand Central Parkway.

These new arterial junctions are at the northern terminus of the Brooklyn-Queens Connecting Highway which forms two branches around St. Michaels Cemetery at Grand Central Parkway. When completed, this link will provide a more direct route from the heart of Brooklyn and Manhattan to LaGuardia Field.

The traffic signs, designed and located to facilitate a safe and efficient flow of traffic between parkway, highway and service roads, are of the reflectorized and aluminized types. Most of the text is formed of perforated steel plates with special corrugated aluminum alloy reflecting background. Part of the wording is made of aluminum letters applied to a black background by a silk screen process. Concisely worded and easily read they will be located to provide adequate warning time for entrance or exit. The signs will be supported by simple attractive wooden standards and frames.

Additional interior illuminated signs consisting of black sandblasted letters on opalescent glass will be provided under a subsequent electrical contract.

The lowest bids were submitted by the following:

	<u>Item 1</u> <u>Sign Supports</u>	<u>Item 2</u> <u>Reflectorized Sign Faces</u>
1. Frank Scerbo 39-04 210 St., Bayside, N.Y.	\$ 934.00	
2. Charles V. Meyer 35-18 57 Street, Woodside, N.Y.	1,045.00	
3. Bryant Sign Shop 134 East 60 Street, N.Y.C.	1,394.00	
4. J. P. McWalters, Inc. 54 Dey Street, N.Y.C.		\$2,448.00
5. Allen Morrison Sign Co. 512 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.C.		2,526.75

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FOR RELEASE Friday,
December 12, 1941

The Department of Parks announces that the city-wide finals of the ping pong tournament will take place at Mullaly Recreation Building, 161 Street and Jerome Avenue, Bronx, on Saturday, December 13, at 2:00 P. M.

Playground, district and borough eliminations have been going on for the past 5 weeks. The competitors in this tournament have been divided into the following age groups:

Junior - children up to 17 years

Intermediate - persons 17 to 21 years

Senior - persons 21 years and over

There will also be a special tournament for service men.

Separate matches will be held for boys and girls in the respective age classifications.

Prizes will consist of a gold medal for the city champion and silver for the runner-up in each division; small leaf pins will be awarded to the local playground winner and a bronze pin to the borough winner.

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of the reconstruction of the section of Kissena Park, Queens, bounded by the Long Island Railroad, 164 Street, Oak Avenue and Rose Avenue, to make it a genuine usable and maintainable local facility.

Included in the new improvement is a new modern one story brick boat house and boat landing constructed on the east shore of the lake replacing the old outmoded frame boat house and dock formerly located on the south bank adjacent to the old park drive.

The broad side of the main quarters serving the public faces the lake. A flat topped service wing is attached to the north side. Facilities in the building are:

1. A central cafeteria with adjacent supply room and refrigerator.
2. Check room.
3. Men's and women's comfort station with interior and exterior access.
4. Carettina storage and supply room.
5. Boat accessory storage.
6. Supervisor's office and park maintenance storage.
7. Boiler room.

For the convenience of ice skaters removable wood slat sectional platforms will be used during the skating season on the quarry tile cafeteria floor.

The boat landing is located in front of the boat house at the end of a widened portion of the promenade which encircles the lake. This ramping cleat surfaced wood bent structure, (10' X 65'), supported on wood piles, slopes beneath the water surface to facilitate the removal and storage of boats.

The balance of the work includes the

1. Reconstruction of lake, including dredging, boundary retaining wall and promenade.
2. Reconstructed culvert inlet and new culvert outlet and weir.
3. A plaza setting for the boat house.
4. Reconstructed comfort station.
5. One baseball and three softball diamonds on filled ground.

6. Two new playgrounds equipped with play apparatus and sand pits.
7. A new system of walks, ramps, gutters, drainage and irrigation.
8. Drinking fountains, flagpole, benches and floodlighting.

Extensive planting operations covering 20 acres include new topsoil and grass seed, 24,000 shrubs in various varieties and 1,000 trees.

Kissena Park, approximately 225 acres in extent, which has become more and more a neighborhood recreation facility and less a wild woodland area, lies midway between Flushing Meadow Park and Cunningham Park. Plans have been prepared for the development of the so called Kissena Corridor which will connect Kissenna Park with Flushing Meadow Park and with Cunningham Park by a similar corridor.

The work was performed by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks. In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs; 61 of which have been reconstructed. There are now with these two additions 461 playgrounds in the park system.

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FOR RELEASE Friday,
December 5, 1941

The Department of Parks announces the completion of a new addition to the existing one and half acre playground west of Howard Avenue between Pacific and Dean Streets, Brooklyn.

The land occupied by the addition to the playground was acquired as part of the Kingsborough Housing Project and was paid for by the city on condition that it be set aside for recreational use. The property was formerly owned by the Brooklyn Hebrew Orphan Asylum and the four-story brick building was demolished by the New York City Housing Authority.

The addition to the playground, approximately three quarters of an acre in extent, has been developed as a play field by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks. The asphalt surfaced enclosure, bordered by block paving, trees and benches, contains a softball diamond and combination volley ball and basketball court. Removal standards permit the use of the area for roller skating. The project also included a stairway connection to the old playground, a four foot high concrete retaining wall, gateway to Dean Street, new concrete street sidewalks, drainage, irrigation and park lighting. 25 Norway Maples were planted around the chain link fence enclosure.

The old playground and its addition will be used by the entire neighborhood as well as the residents of the Kingsborough Houses.

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For Release Thursday,
 December 4, 1941

The Department of Parks announces the beginning of construction of two new play areas in the Bronx.

At White Plains Road between East 225 Street and East 226 Street, a 1½ acre site, approximately 230 feet square at the rear of Public School 21, was recently acquired by the City for school and recreational purposes. The Board of Education has removed the old 1½ story frame school annex adjacent to the newly acquired property and is adding a wing to the existing 2 story brick building.

The new playground which will be used for both school and neighborhood recreation will be operated by the Board of Education during school hours and at all other times by the Department of Parks for community usage. A one-quarter acre parcel of the old school property located north of the new school wing will be included in the playground development.

Sixteen 1 to 3 story brick and frame structures are being removed by the Work Projects Administration in preparation for the new work. The L-shaped area will be completely enclosed and sub-divided into five asphalt surfaced rectangular units by 10'-16' high chain link fencing. Gate controlled entrances will connect the various units and provide access from the school grounds and adjoining streets. The following facilities will be included in the development:

Court Games Area

One combination volleyball and basketball court
 Three paddle tennis courts
 Two shuffleboard courts

Wading Pool Area

Concrete wading pool
 Volleyball court

School Age Apparatus Area

Brick comfort station
 Two slides
 Pipe frame exercise unit
 Battery of swings

Pre-school Age Apparatus Area

Irrigated sandpit with benches on three sides
 Two slides
 Four seesaws
 Battery of chair swings

Free Play Area and Ball Field

Softball diamond with hooded chain link backstops
 Four handball courts
 Two practice basketball standards

At the north end of the block formed by East 182 Street, Crotona Avenue, East 181 Street and Belmont Avenue in the Bronx, the existing three-quarter acre playground is being expanded to 2½ acres. The balance of the property within this

block, with the exception of two parcels at the northeast and southeast corners, was recently acquired by the City for school and recreational purposes.

This $1\frac{1}{2}$ acre addition will permit more adequate play facilities for the neighborhood and for the new Vocational High School to be constructed at the south end of the block. Twenty-one structures including twelve two to four story brick and frame residences, sheds and garages, are being removed in preparation for the new development.

The existing brick comfort station, concrete wading pool and handball courts will be retained with no modifications. The balance of the existing layout, consisting of several pieces of play apparatus, will be changed to permit a unified development of the enlarged area. The old play surfaces as well as the new additions will be surfaced with bituminous material.

The newly acquired parcel at the corner of Belmont Avenue and East 182 Street will be divided into two fence enclosed apparatus units as follows:

Pre-school Age Apparatus Area

4 Seesaws
Battery of fence protected chair swings
2 Slides

School Age Apparatus Area

2 Slides
Pipe frame exercise unit
Battery of fence protected swings

Two wide grass panels containing flowering Hawthornes and Linden trees will extend along the west boundary of these areas on each side of the entrance walk leading from Belmont Avenue. The planted panels will be protected by a wrought iron picket fence. A new concrete sidewalk and row of Lindens will be placed along the north and west street curbs. An irrigated sandpit with tree shaded benches on three sides will be located within the old play area north of the wading pool.

The existing roller skating track south of the two handball courts will be replaced by two asphalt surfaced tennis courts with removable posts.

The balance of the development will lie within the one acre L-shaped addition extending southward and along Crotona Avenue at a lower level. A new 16 foot high concrete retaining wall will replace an existing stone wall dividing the L-shaped addition into two levels to be connected by concrete stepped ramps. A combined ice skating rink and softball diamond will be built south of the wading pool and tennis courts on the upper level with access from the school grounds to the south. The lower level, approximately 100' x 200', will contain the following facilities:

- 7 Shuffleboard courts
- 4 Handball courts utilizing 16 foot high retaining wall
as backstops
- 1 Combination volleyball and basketball court
- 1 Practice basketball standard

Two gate controlled entrances will provide access to the court games area from the north side of the school grounds and from Crotona Avenue. A new concrete sidewalk bordered by block paved panels and trees will be placed along Crotona Avenue between the limits of the playground.

The work is being done by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks and approved by the Board of Education.

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For Release Monday,
December 1, 1941

The Department of Parks announces the start of work in connection with three new playgrounds, one of which is in Queens and the other two in Manhattan.

In Queens the new playground is adjacent to Public School #68 located in the area bounded by Seneca Avenue, St. Felix Avenue, 60th Place and the Manhattan Division of the Long Island Railroad. This irregular shaped plot was assembled by the condemnation of two parcels north of the school building on each side of 60th Street which has been closed and transferred to the Department of Parks. These three properties totaling 3 acres together with the existing $\frac{1}{2}$ acre playground west of the school will permit the development of an adequate neighborhood playground. When completed it will be operated during school hours by the Department of Education and at all other times by the Department of Parks.

The new playground consisting of 3 asphalt surfaced, fence enclosed, subdivided sections will contain the following items: softball diamond with hooded chain link backstop and a 5 tier concrete bleachers extending along 2 sides of the diamond; combination volleyball and basketball courts with removable standards, paddle tennis courts with removable nets and posts, shuffleboard courts, concrete surfaced handball courts, children's farm garden; irrigated sand pit and sitting area, seesaws, slides, swings; brick comfort station, concrete wading pool and a pipe frame exercise unit.

The entire development as well as the separate units will be bordered with chain link fence and a 5 foot wide panel of blocks containing benches and trees. The project will also include drainage, irrigation, drinking fountains, park lighting, fencing and a new concrete sidewalk along the north side of St. Felix Avenue.

In Manhattan, one of the new playgrounds will be located on the west margin of Highbridge Park between West 175th Street and West 173th Street. This project represents one phase of a larger project embracing the general reconstruction of a considerable portion of the park involving new planting and grading, drainage, new playgrounds and comfort station, irrigation, fencing, walks, park lighting and benches.

Located just north of Highbridge Swimming Pool, it will be the seventh in a row of marginal recreation areas on the east side of Edgecomb and Amsterdam Avenues from West 167th Street to West 189th Street.

It will contain slides, swings, a pipe frame exercise unit, seesaws and horseshoe pitching courts.

The south half will consist of 3 fence enclosed court game areas with a single stairway entrance from Amsterdam Avenue and connecting gateways to control and permit access between the various units. The following court games will be provided: combination basketball and volleyball courts, double handball, shuffleboard and paddle tennis.

The other new playground in Manhattan is on the west side of East River Drive between 102nd Street and 105th Street. It was acquired for playground purposes before the housing development was thought of. It was also to be used as a landing place for a pedestrian bridge which will connect Manhattan with the park on Ward's Island. Delay in construction of this facility was due to refusal on the part of the Housing Authority to include construction of the park, even though the area was essential for proper operation of the housing project.

A wide strip running east and west through the middle of the playground will be paved with asphalt but will be reserved, clear of obstruction, for a future ramp approach to the proposed Ward's Island Footbridge. A comfort station will be built in the playground under this approach.

The north half of the playground will contain the following:

Concrete wading pool(50' x 70')

Kindergarten Apparatus Area

Irrigated sand pit(13' x 27')

Sitting area

4 Seesaws

2 Slides

Battery of chair swings(60 lineal feet)

School-Age Apparatus Area

Pipe frame exercise unit

2 Slides

Battery of Swings(30 lineal feet)

The south end will be provided with court games including:

1 Basketball Court

2 Shuffleboard Courts

4 Paddle Tennis Courts

The projects are being constructed by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks.

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Mr. Hearley
FOR RELEASE November 30, 1941
Sunday

The Department of Parks announces that the anniversary of the official opening of 8 Park Department playgrounds will be celebrated by the children of these recreation areas during the month of December by participating in specially prepared Birthday Party programs.

While the regular schedule of daily recreational activities, including ping pong, paddle tennis, checkers, chess, group games, dramatics and dancing, will not be changed, the day's program will feature events of both a patriotic and festive nature, such as: solo and community singing, of the "Star Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America", salute to the Flag, recitations, concerts by junior orchestras and a variety of birthday party games, with refreshments and prizes for the winners.

Plans for contests in snow sculpture and snow architecture and children's ice skating carnivals have also been prepared, should the weather permit the holding of such activities.

The December schedule for playground birthday celebrations is as follows:

<u>BOROUGH</u>	<u>PLAYGROUND & LOCATION</u>	<u>OPENED</u>	<u>TIME OF CELEBRATION</u>
Manhattan	Inwood Park Playground, West 207 Street & Seaman Avenue	Dec. 1, 1940	3:30 P.M.
	82 Street and Riverside Drive	Dec. 4, 1937	3:30 P.M.
Brooklyn	Prospect and Underhill Avenues	Dec. 3, 1938	2:00 P.M.
	Prospect and Greenwood Avenues	Dec. 19, 1935	2:00 P.M.
	Heckscher Playground, Grove Street and Wilson Avenue	Dec. 19, 1935	3:30 P.M.
Bronx	Watson, Gleason & Noble Avenues	Dec. 4, 1939	4:00 P.M.
	East 177 Street & Noble Avenue	Dec. 4, 1939	4:00 P.M.
	East 178 Street, Cedar & Sedgwick Avenues	Dec. 19, 1935	4:00 P.M.

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FOR RELEASE SATURDAY
November 29, 1941

The Department of Parks announces the closing of the ten municipal golf courses and the pitch and putt course at Jacob Riis Park, at the close of play on Sunday, November 30th. With the alternate freezing and thawing of the ground, it would be impractical to keep them open beyond this date, as irreparable damage would be done to the grass by the players.

During the past season, more than 650,000 rounds of golf were played over the ten courses, as compared with 575,000 rounds played during the season of 1940. 25,294 rounds were played at the pitch and putt course in Jacob Riis Park this year, as compared to 21,027 rounds in 1940. The increase in play has been due to the favorable weather during the entire season.

The Park Department also announces that after November 30th and through the winter months it will not be necessary to have permits to play tennis on the hard surface courts operated by the Department, but players must furnish their own tennis nets.

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FOR RELEASE MONDAY
NOVEMBER 24, 1941

The Department of Parks announces the completion of three small marginal playgrounds at Washington Square Park - Manhattan. Furnished with kindergarten and play apparatus these fence enclosed paved areas located as near as possible to park entrances now intercept children who formerly spent their energy in the park to the detriment of lawns, shrubbery and park facilities. By eliminating the constant need for further reseeding of grass and replacement of shrubs the planted areas will be permitted to attain some measure of maturity and refinement.

One of the play areas is located at the south boundary of the park in the island formed by the Fifth Avenue Extension and the Thompson Street entrance.

The following equipment has been included:

- 2 slides
- 1 pipe frame exercise unit
- Battery of swings
- Free play area
- 16 bench units

A high wrought iron fence set in concrete curbing extending around the semi-circular plot is bordered by a screen planting of European Hornbeams and Oriental Planes. In a short time this material will develop to form a screen which will hide the playground from the interior park development. An existing shade tree has been retained within the playground enclosure. A gate controlled entrance provides access from the west side of the area.

The other two areas, which are located adjacent to Fifth Avenue Extension at the north and south margins of the park, are approximately 70' x 100'. They are enclosed by new wrought iron fencing and have single gate controlled entrances connecting with existing park walks. Each have been provided with the following kindergarten apparatus:

- Irrigated sand pit with benches around three sides
- 2 slides
- 4 seesaws
- Battery of chair swings

Boundary plantings designed for screen purposes are similar to those of the semi-circular playground. Existing trees have been retained within the enclosures for shade purposes.

A survey of adjacent recreational areas and juvenile population indicates the urgent need for these additional active recreation facilities. There are six elementary schools serving 4500 children within seven blocks of the park, none of which have adequate playgrounds. Within this same area there are hundreds of children of pre-school age. Two small playgrounds on Sixth Avenue, southwest of the Square, under permit from the Board of Transportation have formerly served this group inadequately.

The work was performed by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks. In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs. There are now with these three additional 459 playgrounds in the park system.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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For Release ~~MONDAY~~
 NOVEMBER 17, 1941

The Department of Parks announces the completion of two playgrounds, a combination sand box for children and sitting area for adults and two new parkway access drives near the intersection of Cross Island Parkway and Hempstead Avenue adjacent to the Nassau County line, out of funds provided by the Westchester Racing Association.

A chain link fence enclosed softball diamond has been constructed in the circular lawn area formed by the sweep of the southbound parkway exit to Hempstead Avenue. A 100 foot seven-tier section of portable wood and steel bleachers has been erected along the first base line.

East of this field at the northeast corner of 225 Street and 104 Avenue an irrigated sand pit has been built in the center of a 45' x 70' asphalt surfaced enclosure formed by continuous tree shaded benches. A new asphalt walk extends along the east side of 225 Street between Hempstead Avenue and 104 Avenue with short connecting paths to both of the above play areas.

Between the West Service Road and southbound Cross Island Parkway opposite Stewart Avenue, a one-half acre bituminous surfaced playground enclosed with high chain link fence has been provided with the following items separated by continuous benches and trees into three units.

Central Section

Provides a free play area containing a 30 foot circular shower basin.

North Section-Kindergarten Apparatus Area

Irrigated sand pit and sitting area
 2 slides
 Battery of swings bordered by a 4 foot chain link fence
 4 seesaws

South Section-School Age Apparatus Area

Pipe frame exercise unit
 2 slides
 Battery of swings bordered by a 4 foot chain link fence

Six hundred and fifty feet of wide asphaltic concrete sidewalk has been placed along the east side of the West Service Road extending northward from Hempstead Avenue providing entrance to the west side of the new playground.

Two new exit drives from the southwest and northwest corners of the Belmont Race Track parking field provide direct connection with the northbound parkway avoiding conflict with local traffic on adjacent highways, and eliminating traffic jams on the parkway.

In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs; 61 of which have been reconstructed; with these additions there are now 456 playgrounds in the park system.

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W. Haslip
For Release November 17, 1941

November 15, 1941

Mr. Victor S. Gettner
New York City Civil Liberties Committee
285 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of October 30th saying that you have been informed that street meetings at Union Square Park and the adjoining streets are forbidden without a permit from the Park Department. You indicate that this is a new order and you add this astonishing sentence: "We have assumed that your administration has always recognized that it is good policy to keep certain premises always available for street meetings irrespective of whether or not technical provisions of the Administrative Code or Park Department Regulations may require permits."

You know quite well that permits have always been required for meetings in the park area at Union Square under the jurisdiction of the Park Department, and you also know that we do not waive provisions of the Code and Regulations.

Several areas under the jurisdiction of the Park Department have been set aside for meetings to be held under a permit. One of these is in Union Square. These areas have been selected so that there will be as little damage to park property as possible and as little interference as possible with the general public in the use of parks for recreational purposes. The regulations governing such permits are part of the general park regulations promulgated by the Park Commissioner and designed to regulate the use of

Mr. Victor D. Gettner

parks for the greatest benefit of the public at large.

Permits are required for public meetings in Union Square for very simple reasons not infringing upon the rights of free assemblage and free speech. They are required among other things in order to prevent duplication. The times for meetings are specified in the request for a permit. If an organization seeks the use of Union Square for a public meeting at 8:00 P.M., for example, and a permit is issued for that hour, a request by another organization for that hour is denied, but is granted for another hour which does not conflict. By issuing permits in this manner it is a simple matter to control and police the meeting areas, prevent fights between conflicting groups who attempt to meet at the same time, and thereby to lessen damage to park property and interference with the general use of recreation facilities. For similar reasons permits are required for parades on public streets.

In executing the duly promulgated regulations of the Park Department of the City of New York, no attempt has been made to censor what is said in Union Square and other places where meetings are held. There has been no abridgement or denial of the rights of free assembly and free speech. I challenge you to point to a single instance in which up to this time an application has been denied for a permit to speak in Union Square or any other place designated for public meetings during my administration as Commissioner of Parks except when the requested application conflicted

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with a permit previously granted for the use of the area at the same hour.

Let me add this reservation, however, so that you may not be under any misapprehension as to the policy of this department. It may be that permits for meetings in the park system will be requested in the future by persons of known vicious and irresponsible character with a recent record of creating racial, religious and other animosities among our people, the proximate result of which is disorder, riots and fatalities. If men with such records, especially if they have previously been convicted on these counts, apply for permits, such applications will be examined with a view to preserving peace and good order. This problem has recently arisen in the streets. If it arises in the parks, where we have plenty of trouble now with a minority of thugs and vandals, it will be met in accordance with law.

You claim that the case of Hague v. C.I.O., 307 U.S. 496, determined that parks are dedicated for public meetings. This case did not hold that reasonable regulation of the use of parks is unconstitutional, nor that the public has a general unrestricted license and right to assemble in parks without regard to proper regulation by authorized officials in the interest of the general public. As Mr. Justice Roberts said (pp. 515, 516):

"The privilege of a citizen of the United States to use the streets and parks for communication of views on national questions may be regulated in the interest of all; it is not absolute, but relative, and must be exercised in subordination to the general comfort and convenience, and in

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consonance with peace and good order; but it must not, in the guise of regulation, be abridged or denied."

May I suggest to your law firm and to the Civil Liberties Committee which presumably employs you, that the spirit of free discussion is not served by the writing of tricky letters which misrepresent the laws, regulations and administration relating to park property and twist decisions of the United States Supreme Court.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT MOSES
Commissioner

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NEW YORK CITY
CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE
170 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO:
VICTOR S. GETTNER
285 Madison Ave. N. Y.

October 30, 1941

Hon. Robert Moses
Park Commissioner
Arsenal Building
64th Street and Fifth Ave.
New York City

Honorable Sir:

We have been informed that street meetings have been forbidden in Union Square Park and the adjoining streets without a permit from the Park Department.

This new regulation is extremely surprising in view of the almost immemorial tradition that Union Square is an appropriate place for street meetings. There certainly has been no change in the traffic situation or in the layout of the Park which would seem to justify the new regulation. We have assumed that your administration has always recognized that it is good policy to keep certain premises always available for street meetings irrespective of whether or not technical provisions of the Administrative Code or Park Department Regulations may require permits.

The United States Supreme Court in the famous case of Hague vs CIO has given recognition to the fact that parks are dedicated for public meetings and that any unreasonable prohibition of such meetings in parks is unconstitutional. Of course, we do not take the position that a meeting can be held where it would damage park property. We cannot believe that this question has arisen at Union Square.

We will appreciate hearing from you setting forth the exact terms of the new regulations and letting us know that lawful meetings can be held at Union Square without undue restrictions.

Respectfully yours,

NEW YORK CITY CIVIL LIBERTIES
COMMITTEE
BY: GETTNER, SIMON AND ASHER

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL; CENTRAL PARK
TEL. REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 14, 1941

On Saturday, November 15, at 10:30 a.m., Irving Jaffee, National Director of Ice Skating for Physical Training for Civilian Defense, will personally conduct an ice skating class at the New York City Building, in Flushing Meadow Park, Queens. He will be assisted by Miss Alice Marble, Director of Women's Division for Physical Training for Civilian Defense.

Besides demonstrations of the proper instruction and technique for beginners, an exhibition of speed, figure and comedy skating will be given by Mr. Jaffee.

This program will be conducted during the Saturday morning free session for children under 14 years of age. Parents will be admitted as spectators at the usual spectator admission price of 11¢ including tax.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
TEL. REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 14, 1941

The Department of Parks announces that due to a large number of requests, there will be a speed ice skating session every Saturday evening from 5:15 to 6 p.m. at the New York City Building, Flushing Meadow Park. The first session is scheduled for November 15. Admission for these sessions will be 40¢.

With the cold weather setting in, attendance at the City Building has increased immensely; on Tuesday, November 11, 2601 people used the building. Of this number 398 were children under 14 years of age who were admitted free on this holiday between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. Fifty thousand people have used the ice skating and roller rink since September 15.

The regular skating sessions are from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. and from 7:30 to 11 p.m. The prices of admission are 20¢ in the afternoon and 40¢ in the evening, all taxes included.

Buses to the building run from the 111 Street Station on the I.R.T. and B.M.T. lines and also from the 74 Street and Roosevelt Avenue Station on the Independent Line. Free parking space is available on both sides of the building.

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NOVEMBER 13, 1941

Bids were opened today by the Department of Parks at the Arsenal Building in Central Park on a contract for the construction of a bulkhead along the entire south and east shore of Sound View Park, Borough of the Bronx. Approximately 6200 linear feet of earth fill bulkhead faced with riprap will be placed along the Bronx River and East River frontages at the U. S. Pierhead and Bulkhead Line. This will permit controlled filling operations by the Department of Sanitation from barges and trucks.

The new bulkhead which will replace the existing irregular and muddy shore line will require about 170,000 cubic yards of earth fill to raise an embankment twelve feet above the river bed to an elevation approximately three feet above the general level of the park. The sloping face of the fill on the river side will be surfaced with rock to provide a smoothly aligned and permanent shore line. The river bed adjacent to the new bulkhead will be dredged to a depth of two feet below mean low water so that a clean rock trimmed shore line will be exposed at all tides.

Previous contracts let by the War Department and the City of New York have provided adequate channels for the approach of barges to a new unloading platform near the mouth of the river. The superstructure for unloading operations will be installed in the near future. Filling operations will then start preparatory to the development of the much needed 93 acre shore front park.

The three lowest bids were submitted by the following:

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| 1. Rully & Di Napoli, Inc.
30-11 12 Street, Long Island City, N.Y. | \$159,577. |
| 2. Slattery Contracting Company, Inc.
51 Avenue & 72 Place, Winfield, N.Y. | 185,950. |
| 3. Nicholas Di Menna & Sons
1525 Blondell Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. | 211,205. |

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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For Release TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 11, 1941

Loc: M-L-158-107

Dev: M-L-158-108 The Department of Parks announces the completion of a new playground ad-

Pix: jacent to East River Drive between East 41 Street and East 42 Street occupying about
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 20928 2/3 of the block extending to First Avenue. This entire tract was purchased by the
 Board of Estimate in 1937 from the Consolidated Edison Company for Park, Tunnel and
 Street purposes. Eleven buildings were demolished in preparation for the new facil-
 ities.

A Midtown Tunnel ventilating shaft separated from the playground development by high chain-link fence has been built by the New York City Tunnel Authority on a central portion of the block.

The excessive slope from First Avenue to the Drive necessitated the construction of concrete retaining walls of varying heights extending completely around the recreation area. A high boundary chain-link fence surmounts these walls and controls access via a stairway entrance from First Avenue and a grade entrance from 42 Street. New concrete sidewalks have been provided along the two streets and drive.

The west end of the playground contains a combination free play area, roller skating rink and softball diamond with hooded backstop. A wide passageway north of the tunnel shaft leads to the court games area at the east end of the playground. This 100 foot x 200 foot bituminous surfaced area has been tightly designed to provide the following facilities:

1. Brick comfort station near the 42 Street entrance
2. Two horseshoe pitching courts
3. Two paddle tennis courts
4. One handball court
5. One combination volley ball and basketball court.

A five foot wide border of paving blocks containing trees and benches extends around the inside of the boundary retaining wall. The project which was constructed by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks also included drainage, irrigation and lighting. In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs. There are now with this addition 454 playgrounds in the park system.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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Mr. Heaslip
For Release MONDAY

NOVEMBER 10, 1941

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of the reconstruction of the Isaac L. Rice Memorial section of Pelham Bay Park. This old park area, approximately 60 acres in extent, in addition to having the many advantages of a water front location conveniently accessible to adjacent residential communities and transportation, is amply provided with a heavy stand of mature shade trees.

A number of the original Rice Memorial features which no longer serve any park purpose and which had fallen into dangerous disrepair were demolished and removed. The stadium structure and the natatorium building were retained and repaired. A new concrete parking field has been completed east of the stadium.

Construction work was scheduled for the early completion of two new marginal playgrounds adjacent to the west border of the park at Eastern Boulevard. These fence enclosed asphalt surfaced areas were provided with a wading pool, comfort station, play apparatus, sand pits, shuffleboard, horseshoe and bocci courts. Several large existing trees were retained within the play areas and were supplemented with a variety of new shrubs and trees around the borders.

A comprehensive system of asphalt walks totaling about four miles has been completed providing access to the various areas. Certain paths permit short cut connections through the park between the boundary streets. A one mile section of bicycle path skirting the park margin will be extended into adjacent park areas and future connections will be made to a system which is being built as part of the Hutchinson River Parkway Extension.

A one story brick building designed with interesting marine motives and centrally located in a heavily wooded picnic area contains comfort stations and a food concession. Three hundred new picnic tables and one hundred double stone fireplaces have been informally arranged under the trees. A new water supply system will supply the buildings and seventeen drinking fountains located throughout the play and picnic areas and along the bench lined walks. Hundreds of new shrubs and trees were planted in the picnic groves, grouped around the open grass areas and along the paths.

Two baseball fields with clay mixture base lines, sodded infields and seeded outfields have been completed along the south boundary of the park west of the stadium. Hooded chain-link back stops and fencing separate the fields from two adjacent five-tier concrete bleachers. These fields have been completely enclosed with temporary fencing and will not be opened for play until a suitable grass turf has become established. A large portion of the area was regraded and seeded with new grass.

A narrow strip of park property along Eastern Boulevard has been transferred to the Borough President of the Bronx for the construction of a new north-bound roadway which will connect with a grade separation at Pelham Parkway to be built by the Department of Parks.

The work was performed by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks. In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs. There are now with these two additions 453 playgrounds in the park system.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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For Release ~~Sunday~~
Nov. 9, 1941

PARK POLICING AND THE HARLEM PROBLEM

For several days I have been asked to comment on recent park assaults. The attitude of this Department is summed up in our recent eight year report to the Mayor. Crime and vandalism in the parks are caused by a minority of trouble makers who can be controlled only by adequate policing. The present undermanned police and park forces cannot cope with the problem. We need more police and more park personnel and there is no substitute for them. It is too bad that it seems to require a serious outbreak of crime and vandalism to prove this obvious point, but if the conclusion is now established and reflected in additional personnel in the next budget, the recent injuries to persons and property will not have been in vain. Temporary assignment of additional forces to meet public clamor will not solve anything.

There is, however, more to this problem than additions to park and police personnel, especially as it affects south Harlem.

We must get at the causes, especially the causes of juvenile delinquency. A good deal is being done in this direction and the Mayor has taken a lively interest in the problem. Naturally, the Park Department views this problem primarily from the angle of providing of adequate recreation facilities which are now woefully lacking.

More recreation facilities are being provided by the reconstruction of the north end of Central Park and the construction of a new combination school and neighborhood park playground at 108th Street and Madison Avenue. Both of these jobs are under way. Additional school, playground and improved housing facilities are required in this neighborhood. The new parks and playgrounds along the Harlem River Drive should be acquired promptly. If funds cannot be found to acquire all the balance of land needed for the Harlem River Drive, then at least the new play areas should be acquired immediately and construction started.

The proposed Capital Budget for 1942 includes acquisition of land for another school in the vicinity of Lexington Avenue and 114th Street. Sufficient land should be acquired for neighborhood recreation facilities, as well as for the school.

The housing development proposed for the southeasterly section of Harlem should be initiated at once as a State project, but unlike most of the other housing projects, should include complete neighborhood rehabilitation and the necessary recreation facilities.

A map is attached on which these Harlem projects are indicated.

The parks must be made safe throughout the entire city. As to Harlem, the conditions under which people are living are intolerable and these conditions are basically responsible for the crimes and vandalism in the Harlem parks, particularly at the northeast end of Central Park.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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Mr. Hearlip
For Release Saturday,
Nov. 1, 1941

The Park Department announces that the Annual Fall Chrysanthemum Show in the Prospect Park, Brooklyn, Greenhouse will open on Sunday, November 2, at 10 A.M.

The Greenhouse is located at Prospect Park West and 9th Street, Brooklyn, and may be reached by way of the IRT subway, Grand Army Plaza Station; the Independent subway, 7th Avenue Station, and by the Vanderbilt and Smith Street car lines, Ninth Street stop, or by automobile direct to the Greenhouse by way of the East Drive in Prospect Park.

The Greenhouse will be open every day from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. and the Park Department extends a cordial invitation to view the display which will run for three weeks.

More than four thousand pots of chrysanthemums will be on exhibition. The ground bed is laid out in groups of various formations with the popular large bloom varieties in all shades of pink, yellow, red and bronze. Some of the attractive plants are the Pocketts, Turners, John S. Bush, Rise of Day and the Melba.

Surrounding this feature of the display, banked on the sides, of the Show House are smaller size Chrysanthemums in 75 varieties, such as the Pompons, the Anemone and the Single Daisy type.

Some of the outstanding chrysanthemums to be exhibited are in shades of bronze, red, yellow and white in the varieties known as Crimson Red, Purple Queens, Red Rover, Orchid Beauty, Cleopatra and New York

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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For Release Friday,
Oct. 31, 1941

On Saturday, November 1, at 10:30 A.M., Irving Jaffee, National Director of Ice Skating for Physical Training for Civilian Defense, will begin a nation-wide tour of the larger cities of the United States by personally conducting an ice skating class at the New York City Building, in Flushing Meadow Park, Queens.

Besides demonstrations of the proper instruction and technique for beginners, an exhibition of speed, figure and comedy skating will be given by Mr. Jaffee.

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For Release Saturday,
October 25, 1941

The Park Department announces the completion of arrangements with the Triborough and North Shore Bus Companies to provide transportation to and from the New York City Building's ice and roller skating rinks at Flushing Meadow Park.

The following is a schedule of routes and bus stops now in operation:

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At Independent Subway Station, 74th Street and Roosevelt Avenue, take bus directly to City Building.

NORTH SHORE BUS COMPANY - From West Farms and Boston Road, Bronx, to Main Street, Flushing, then LaGuardia Airport Bus to City Building.

Buses will be scheduled to run more frequently during the skating session, so that patrons will not have to wait too long.

The North Shore Bus Company, serving Forest Hills, Jamaica and Flushing and the Triborough Company running through Astoria, Woodside, Sunnyside, Jackson Heights, Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Corona and Elmhurst will accommodate the people coming from Queens.

With the operation of these bus lines, the City Building can easily be reached.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

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For Release Friday,
October 24, 1941

The Department of Parks announces that the City-wide finals of the Roller Skating Contest conducted annually by the Park Department for both children and adults will take place at the roller skating rink at Red Hook Play Center, Clinton, Bay and Henry Streets, Brooklyn, on Saturday, October 25, at 2:00 P. M.

The program will consist of the following events:

Boys and Girls Who Have Not Reached Their 18 Birthday

<u>Class</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
A. Children up to 4'3"	60 yards	40 yards
B. Children 4'3" to 5'3"	100 yards	60 yards
C. Children 5'3" to 5'6"	220 yards	100 yards
D. Children over 5'6"	220 yards	100 yards

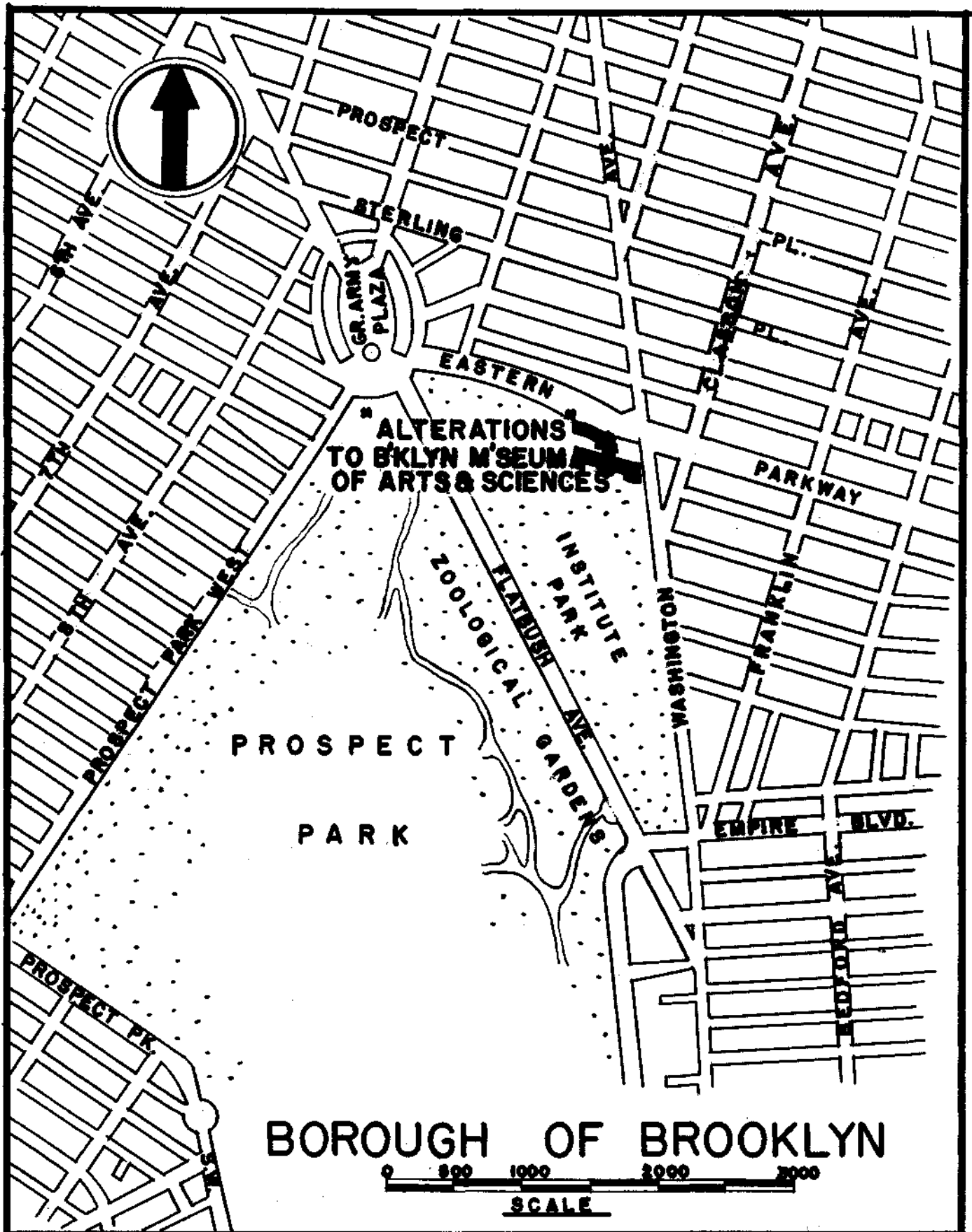
Boys and Girls 18 Years and Older

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Roller Skating Carnivals have been held in each borough during the past three weeks at each of the 92 Park Department roller skating rinks. Every borough will be represented at the finals by five competitors in each event.

Pins will be awarded to the borough winners, and gold, silver and bronze medals to the winners at the finals.

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BROOKLYN CENTRAL MUSEUM - BROOKLYN
ALTERATIONS
OCT. 21, 1941. *WAB:R*

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
TEL. REGENT 4-1000

For Release Thursday,
October 23, 1941

P-48-141 Bids were opened today by the Department of Parks at the Arsenal

Building, Central Park, on four contracts which provide for the following work in connection with the reconstruction of the Electrical Power, Mechanical, and Elevator Systems, in the six story Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, Central Museum, located at Eastern Parkway and Washington Avenue, Borough of Brooklyn:

1. Electrical Installations
2. Electric Fixture Installations
3. Heating and Ventilating
4. Elevator Installation and alterations to existing Elevators

These contracts provide in general for the replacement of obsolete and inefficient high pressure coal fired boiler direct current electric generating plant by a modern alternating current electrical and power supply, and the installation of a new electrical distribution and wiring system through various museum sections and the power house. The existing boilers are to be operated at low pressure for heat only after the generating system is abandoned and the steam engine drives for the various equipment are replaced with electrical motor drives. Many new lighting fixtures will be installed and many are to be rewired and refinished. Special lighting units are to be installed in the Exhibit Galleries.

The existing heating system will be re-equipped with new heating stacks to replace the present defective ones. A new condensate and vacuum pumping system will be installed where required. Gas fired boiler equipment will be installed to produce hot water for kitchen and laboratory use during the summer months to permit shutting down of the central plant during the months when no general heating is required.

The ventilating system will be altered to fit in with the new electrical distribution system.

An existing obsolete passenger elevator car and elevator plant will be replaced. Alterations will be made to four passenger elevators and a freight elevator.

The contracts which will require approximately one year for completion will be controlled and coordinated so that the work will be entirely completed by sections to interfere as little as possible with the continued operation of the Museum.

The lowest bids were submitted by the following on each of the four contracts:

1. Electrical Installations:

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| 1. Hoffman & Elias, Inc.
254 West 31 Street, N.Y.C. | \$112,600.00 |
| 2. Martin Epstein Co., Inc.
227 Lewis Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. | 114,800.00 |
| 3. L. I. Waldman & Co., Inc.
38-06 28 St., Long Island City, N.Y. | 119,500.00 |

2. Electric Fixture Installations:

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| 1. The Simes Company, Inc.
26 West 15 Street, N.Y.C. | \$52,249.00 |
| 2. McPhilben Mfg. Co.
102 Wooster St., N. Y. C. | 55,223.00 |

3. Heating and Ventilating:

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| 1. Harry Starkman & Bros.
348 Brook Ave., Bronx, N. Y. | \$30,533.00 |
| 2. A. Dierks & Co.
44 Steuben St., Brooklyn, N.Y. | 32,835.00 |
| 3. H. Sand & Co., Inc.
611 Broadway, N. Y. C. | 38,672.00 |

4. Elevator Installation & Alterations to Existing Elevators:

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| 1. Otis Elevator Company
260 11th Ave.
New York City | \$41,360.00 |
| 2. Watson Elevator Company
407 West 36 Street
New York City | 45,842.00 |

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
 ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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For Release TUESDAY
 October 21, 1941

1 Air View

1 Loc: X-L-92-4604

The Department of Parks announces the completion of work in connection with the construction of a traffic relief road connecting Mosholu Avenue and the Henry Hudson Parkway and the restoration of the park and golf course in the north central section of Van Cortlandt Park, The Bronx.

This new parkway connection swings west from old Mosholu Road, eliminating the former narrow and curving detour to the north, and serves as an approach to the new concrete bridge completed last year over the New York Central Railroad tracks. The 30 foot wide pavement section, consisting of a six inch thick emulsified limestone screening base with a cold laid bituminous wearing surface, branches into two 22 foot wide parkway connections.

Work in connection with the demolition of the abandoned stretch of Mosholu Avenue included the removal of the old bituminous road surface, wood and concrete curbs and gutters, concrete and granite block approaches, the old steel bridge with concrete abutments, existing fences and water and drainage lines.

Extensive alterations to the Van Cortlandt Golf Course were necessary. Six holes were completely reconstructed on the north end of the Van Cortlandt Park "Flats". The sections of the old fairways supporting satisfactory turf were undisturbed. Worn surfaces together with the sections disturbed by grading operations were also topsoiled and seeded.

These six new well trapped holes were provided with broad, sloping greens scoded with Astoria and Seaside Bent. Parallel fairways have been effectively demarcated by groupings of 3 inch to 5 inch caliper pin oaks.

The new yardage and par for these holes are:

Hole No. 3	- 295 yards	- par 4
No. 4	- 175 yards	- par 3
No. 5	- 375 yards	- par 4
No..6	- 334 yards	- par 4
No. 7	- 275 yards	- par 4
No. 8	- 225 yards	- par 3

This section of the golf course will remain closed to the public until a satisfactory turf has become established.

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Mr. Henshaw
For Release MONDAY
October 20, 1941

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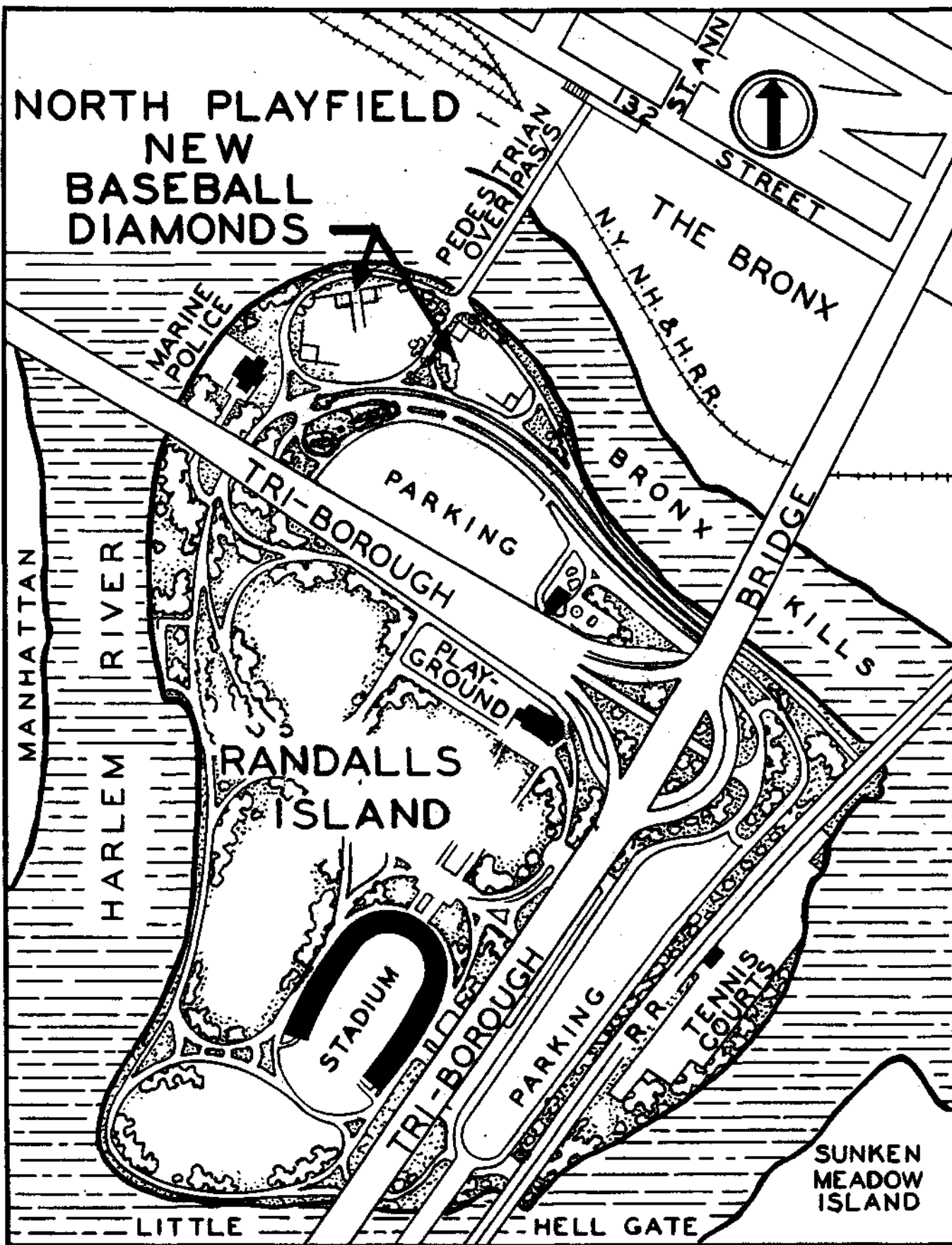
STATEMENT BY HONORABLE ROBERT MOSES,
Commissioner of Parks and Chairman
New York State Council of Parks

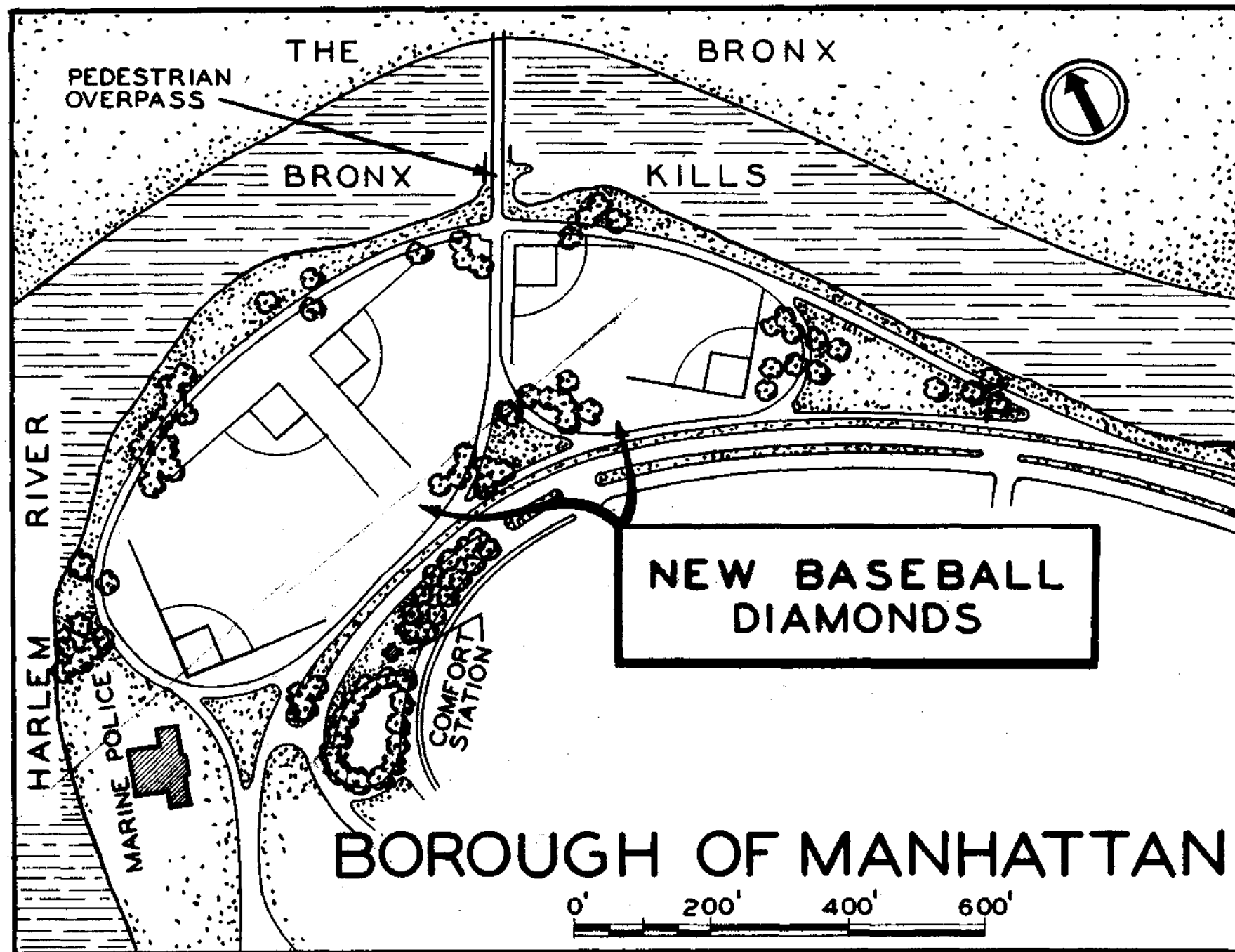
I urge voters to vote "Yes" on Amendment No. 4 on Election Day.

New York State's park program today is deficient in one respect. It does not include any first-class skiing center comparable to those of New England and the far west. To be sure some provision has been made for skiing in various state parks and in the Forest Preserve, but these developments have been on a relatively small scale. Obviously, such a development to be successful must be in a region of dependable snow. In our State the Adirondacks alone provide such a condition.

The development of ski trails on the Forest Preserve has been restricted by the provision of the State Constitution that the Forest Preserve shall be forever kept as wild forest land. A slight change applying only to Whiteface Mountain which will in no way open the Forest Preserve to any timber, power or other private interests, will permit the establishment of a ski center. The state conservation officials and other sponsors of Amendment No. 4 have shown vision and judgment in proposing to remove the present constitutional restrictions so as to provide a much needed recreation facility for the benefit of those interested in winter sports.

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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Mr. Hendricks
For Release FRIDAY
October 17, 1941

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Loc. ML-1006 The Department of Parks announces the completion of another step to-
Dev. ML-1007 wards providing adequate recreational facilities for the crowded lower end of
the Bronx and the northern east side of Manhattan. The new playfields on Ran-
dall's Island afford a type of recreation which could not be provided on the
mainland because of the space requirements.

The north end of Randall's Island, which remained as the only uncom-
pleted portion of the Island, has been developed with five grass-surfaced soft-
ball diamonds. These facilities were constructed on fill transported from the
new Benjamin Franklin High School site on East River Drive, Manhattan. A 15
foot wide boundary path system and waterfront promenade have been joined with
the main park walks and drives. A convenient parking field is located immedi-
ately south of the adjacent drive. The former gas station has been remodeled
as a Field House and Comfort Station.

Direct pedestrian access will be provided from the Bronx in accord-
ance with plans prepared by the Department of Parks, which call for a bridge
over the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Yard connecting Brook Ave-
nue with the existing dyke across the Bronx Kills. The project will be con-
structed by the Borough President of the Bronx under a contract to be paid
for by citywide and borough assessment.

The completion of these improvements will culminate seven years of
planning and construction by the Triborough Bridge Authority and the Depart-
ment of Parks in a program which has transformed Randall's Island from a
neglected, inaccessible area in the heart of the city to an important municipal
recreational center readily accessible by means of the Triborough Bridge.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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For Release WEDNESDAY
October 15, 1941

The Department of Parks announces that the annual playground children's Handcraft Exhibition will take place in the recently constructed Junior Museum of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Park Entrance - 79 Street off Fifth Avenue, Manhattan, beginning Thursday, October 16, and running through Thursday, October 23, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Sunday, October 19, the hours will be from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. There will be no admission charge.

This Handcraft Exhibition will include objects made by children of all age groups in the various handcraft classes supervised by the Department of Parks at the numerous playgrounds under its jurisdiction as an integral part of a comprehensive all year-round recreation program.

Leather and basketry work, soap and chip carving, raffia, reed, bead, and weaving will comprise this heterogeneous collection of handiwork. Useful and decorative articles for home and school have been made from such materials as cork, wood, metal, leather, wool, beads, crepe paper, cord and felt. Discarded material of all sorts has been salvaged from the waste heap by the young craftsmen and converted into instruments of practical value, viz; rugs made of rags, lamps made of bottles, and flower vases made from cardboard milk containers.

Other contributions to the handcraft display consist of wearing apparel such as sweaters, scarfs and hats with singular designs and beautiful color schemes.

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Mr. Henslip

For Release TUESDAY

October 14, 1941

Bids were opened today by the Department of Parks at the Arsenal Building on a contract which provides for the construction of approximately 3,400 lineal feet of steel bulkhead and a granite veneered reinforced concrete bridge in Marine Park, Borough of Richmond.

The new installation will be placed along the north end of Great Kills Harbor as a continuation of the existing steel bulkhead. This section, approximately one mile long, together with a narrow strip of fill, which were provided in 1934 with Relief Labor, joined Crookes Point with the mainland.

The new work will be progressed concurrently with the dredging of Great Kills Harbor which is being done under a War Department Contract. In addition to making the basin safe for navigation the dredging operations will provide one and one-half million cubic yards of sand which will be pumped to form an extensive beach east of the bulkhead and backfill for the proposed extension.

The bridge, which is being provided to carry a future park access drive, will be built over a narrow stream connecting the harbor with a park lake to be developed in the future on the existing marshland to the north. The contract also provides for painting the existing bulkhead.

The two lowest bids were submitted by the following:

Charles F. Vachris, Inc.	
327 Reasen Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.	\$297,520.00
E. W. Foley, Inc.	
16 Court Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.	312,060.50

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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L. O'Leary

For Release Monday,
October 13, 1941

The Department of Parks announces that two puppet and marionette shows including "Hansel and Gretel" and "Jack and the Beanstalk" will be presented on the Mall, 71 Street and Center Drive, Central Park, Manhattan, Monday, October 13, at 2:30 P. M.

These performances will take place on a trailer stage and will be the last of a series of 156 open air puppet and marionette shows which were given in various park playgrounds of the five boroughs during the past summer to an audience of approximately 231,000 children.

Arrangements are being made for a series of indoor puppet and marionette shows at designated recreation buildings, beginning December 1.

As a special feature of next Monday's program, there will be a demonstration of hand puppetry, magic and community singing. 184 of these demonstrations have been given in park playgrounds of the 5 boroughs since the latter part of July before audiences totaling about 92,000 children. Besides the entertainment value of such demonstrations, which will continue to be presented until November 23, the children have been instructed in the art of carving, moulding and costuming hand puppets from discarded stockings, rubber balls, and paper bags, as well as learning the technique of many magical tricks.

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of the reconstruction of Crotona and St. Mary's Parks in The Bronx.

In Crotona Park, The Bronx, a one-quarter acre semi-circular asphalt surfaced marginal playground at the north end of the park near Marmon Avenue contains the following play apparatus:

Kindergarten swings, slides and seesaws.
Swings, slides and exercise unit for older children.
Open free play area.
Continuous benches along the chain link fence enclosure.

A one-half acre asphalt surfaced free play area and roller skating track is located at the Crotona Park East and 174th Street.

The tennis court area, centrally located in the park east of Crotona Avenue has been extended southward to include the following:

24 Handball courts
12 Horseshoe Courts
4 Bocci courts

Four regulation size baseball fields and one softball diamond with concrete bleachers have been completed but will not be opened for play until a suitable turf has become established. The softball diamond is located south of the swimming pool east of Fulton Avenue. One baseball field is located north of the pool, two at Crotona Park North near Prospect Avenue and one at Claremont Parkway and Crotona Park East.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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The Department of Parks announces the completion of the reconstruction of Crotona and St. Mary's Parks in The Bronx.

In Crotona Park, The Bronx, a one-quarter acre semi-circular asphalt surfaced marginal playground at the north end of the park near Marston Avenue contains the following play apparatus:

Kindergarten swings, slides and seesaws.
Swings, slides and exercise unit for older children.
Open free play area.
Continuous benches along the chain link fence enclosure.

A one-half acre asphalt surfaced free play area and roller skating track is located at the Crotona Park East and 174th Street.

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24 Handball courts
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4. Swimming pool and bathhouse.
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ST. MARY'S PARK - BRONX

~~The Department of Parks announces completion of a current work project at St. Mary's Park, Bronx, which brings to a conclusion the rehabilitation of the entire park.~~

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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For Release _____

~~The Department of Parks announces the completion of two new playgrounds and five baseball fields~~ In Crotona Park, Bronx.

A one-quarter acre semi-circular asphalt surfaced marginal playground at the north end of the park near Marmion Avenue contains the following play apparatus:

- Kindergarten swings, slides and seesaws.
- Swings, slides and exercise unit for older children.
- Open free play area.
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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR RELEASE Monday,
October 13, 1941

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of a new 200 car parking field and also a practice tee and fairway at Clearview Golf Course, Queens. This 120 acre course is located south of the Belt Parkway in Bayside between Cross Island and Bell Boulevards. The project also included the general improvement of 12 acres of park area adjacent to the main park entrances.

The parking field may be reached via the Belt Parkway exits to Bell Boulevard and the south service road which leads westerly to the entrance. A new 300 foot asphalt surfaced access roadway 30 feet wide with connections for both east and west bound south service road traffic leads directly to the field. New trees and block paving have been placed along the drive and around the parking field. The existing service road sidewalk has been extended along the west side of the entrance drive both of which lead to a landing platform in front of the future clubhouse entrance.

The old $2\frac{1}{2}$ story frame structure on the site of the proposed clubhouse which served as a food concession and pro shop has been demolished and a temporary structure was provided during the past summer for these purposes.

The current project includes a broad flagstone terrace which will extend from the south porch of the new clubhouse to the edge of a small pond which has been dredged and the shores landscaped. A tree shaded sitting area with access to the parking field has been reconstructed adjacent to the first tee. Additional benches have been placed to accommodate 100 persons. The pond south of the present clubhouse has been dredged and enlarged. The first and tenth tees were moved forward to allow greater space for the clubhouse setting. The new practice fairway located west of the entrance drive will not be opened until a suitable stand of grass has been developed. The old one and two story frame structure adjacent to the south drive will continue to serve as a clubhouse until the new quarters have been completed. At that time the building will be demolished and the site converted into lawn areas.

The increasing popularity of this course which in addition to well maintained golf facilities presents unusual vistas from the higher tees over the tree bordered fairways to Long Island Sound is evidenced by a total of 66,000 rounds played to date this season. The course is operated from May 15 to November 30.

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The Department of Parks announces that of the 507 entries in the Amateur Photo Contest conducted by the Park Department, the following were adjudged the winners:

Junior Division (up to 16 years of age)

1st Place - Ben Grover Mitchell, 605 West 137 Street, New York City - 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ years of age

Title of picture - "Sailor's Dream"

2nd Place - Rodman Singer, 1080 Anderson Avenue, Bronx - 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ years

Title of picture - "Duck Feeding Time"

3rd Place - Richard Enright, 326 East 67 Street, New York City - 12 years of age

Title of picture - "The Two Jacks Players"

Honorable Mention was given to the following contestants:

Ben Grover Mitchell, 605 West 137 Street,
New York City - Age 15 $\frac{1}{2}$

Bernard J. Fox, 1944 East 12 Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y. - Age 15

Irwin Friedman, 210 East 166 Street,
Bronx, N. Y. - Age 14

Lorraine Siegel, 1270 East 18 Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y. - Age 12

Barbara Dickter, 1200 East 18 Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y. - Age 12

Virginia Kearney, 1023 - 76 Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y. - Age 11

Theresa Wernli, 440 Riverside Drive,
New York City - Age 14

Irwin Bergknoff, 1136 Teller Avenue,
New York City - Age 15 $\frac{1}{2}$

Andrew J. Pernicien, 8625 - 14 Avenue,
Brooklyn - Age 15

SENIOR DIVISION (over 16 years of age)

1st Place - Jack Garber, 308 East 5 Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Title of Picture - "Me - Get Off the Swing!"

2nd Place - Albert Aboff, 40 Monroe Street, New York City

Title of Picture - "Central Park Skiing Hill"

3rd Place - William H. Greene, 3341 Reservoir Oval W., Bronx

Title of Picture - "Child on a Jungle Gym"

Honorable Mention was given to the following contestants:

M. Moskowitz, 667 Crotona Park N., Bronx

Irving Wexler, 119 Payson Avenue, New York City

Peter Huss, 83 Coleridge Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

David B. Hussakof, 380 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

N. Field, 625 Caton Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Jack Lane, 80 Strong Street, Bronx, N. Y.

Norman Boudreau, 419 - 16 Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Rose Ludlum, 148 West 4 Street, New York City

Frederick Steiner, 1440 Wood Road, Parkchester, Bronx, N. Y.

M. Mansfield, 297 Pulaski Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

D. K. Stein, 1115 Jerome Avenue, Bronx, N. Y.

Sol Linderman, 64 West 175 Street, New York City

Samuel Kaplan, 2727 University Avenue, N. Y. C.

Eddie Goodman, 1272 Grand Concourse, Bronx, N.Y.

The prizes consist of the following:

JUNIOR DIVISION

1st Prize - \$10 gift certificate for Photographic Supplies - donated by Abe Cohen's Exchange

2nd Prize - Camera - donated by Davega City Radio, Inc.

3rd Prize - Photo Oil Colors - Academy Set - donated by John G. Marshall Inc.

SENIOR DIVISION

1st Prize - \$15 gift certificate for Photographic Supplies - Awarded by the Department of Parks

2nd Prize - \$10 gift certificate for Photographic Supplies - Awarded by the Department of Parks

3rd Prize - Photo Oil Colors - Academy Set - donated by John G. Marshall Inc.

Certificates of merit will be awarded to the contestants receiving honorable mention.

The judges of the contest were: Paul J. Woolf, Rodney McKay Morgan, and, Paul Schum.

All the prize pictures, together with those credited with honorable mention, will be on display in the new Junior Museum of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, 79 Street and Fifth Avenue, Manhattan, beginning Thursday, October 16, and continuing through Thursday, October 23, from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M. with the exception of Sunday, October 19, when the hours will be from 1 P. M. to 6 P. M.

Presentation of prizes to the winning competitors will take place on Tuesday, October 21, at 4 P. M., at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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For Release SATURDAY
 October 11, 1941

The Department of Parks announces that social dancing is now going on at designated recreation buildings in the five boroughs, with music furnished by orchestras assigned to the Park Department by the New York City WPA Music Project.

Dancing commences at 8:30 p.m. and continues until 10:30 p.m.
 days and at the locations listed as below:

MANHATTAN Mondays - West 28 Street Gymnasium, 407 West 28 Street
 Highbridge Play Center, 174 Street and Amsterdam Avenue
 Thomas Jefferson Play Center, 114 Street and First Avenue
 Colonial Play Center, Bradhurst Avenue and 145 Street
 Wednesdays - Hamilton Fish Play Center, Pitt and Houston Streets
 Fridays - Carmine Street Gymnasium, Clarkson Street and Seventh Avenue

BROOKLYN Mondays - Prospect Park Picnic House, Prospect Park
 Wednesdays - Sunset Play Center, 41 Street and Fifth Avenue
 McCarren Play Center, Lorimer, Bayard and Driggs Avenue
 Fridays - Red Hook Play Center, Clinton, Bay and Henry Streets

QUEENS Fridays - Astoria Play Center, 19 Street and 25 Avenue

RICHLAND Thursdays - Cronwell Play Center, Pier 6, Tompkinsville

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE FRIDAY
October 10, 1941

The Department of Parks announces that the ice skating rink at the City Building, Flushing Meadow Park, Queens, will open for the 1941-42 season on Saturday morning, October 11, at 9:30 a.m. Since the closing of the rink last Spring, several improvements have been made to make this facility more attractive to patrons. The checking counter has been moved to the end of the building so that those waiting to check clothing will not have to wait outside exposed to inclement weather. Floor covering has been provided along the concrete walks, which should add greatly to the comfort of the patrons. A completely new sound system and organ have been installed. The food counter and eating space have been enlarged and a new women's rest room will shortly be completed at the south end of the building so that ice skaters will not have to mingle with roller skaters off the rink.

The rink will be operated on the following schedule: Free morning sessions for children under fourteen on Saturdays, vacation days and holidays, except Christmas, from 9:30 to 12 noon. Afternoon sessions, admission 20¢ - including tax - Saturdays, Sundays and holidays 2 to 5 p.m., all other days 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.; evening sessions - 7:30 to 11, admission 40¢ - including tax. Shoe skates can be rented at a charge of 50¢. General admission for spectators to the building is 9¢ for children under twelve and 11¢ including tax for all others. There is no additional charge for checking clothes. The increase from 35¢ to 36¢ plus 4¢ tax for evening admission was necessitated by the new Federal tax bill which requires the collection of the tax. The afternoon price of 20¢ was maintained at last year's level so that the child attendance would not be burdened by the tax. The tax will be absorbed by the city.

The section of the park surrounding the building has been reconstructed with a revised walk system and improved landscaping. New parking spaces have been constructed immediately to the south and to the north of the building. Automobilists can reach the parking spaces from the Horace Harding Boulevard and Roosevelt Avenue gates.

The City Building may be reached via the following transportation lines:

IRT, BMT and 2nd Avenue Lines to 111 Street Station

Flushing-Ridgewood Trolley to 52nd Avenue
Walk one block north to Park

Independent Subway - Queens lines to Woodhaven Boulevard
and Triborough Bus Q-23 to 51st Avenue

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS CITY OF NEW YORK

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1933	\$463,823.97
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1941	993,607.80

The ten golf courses, at which 19,878 seasonal permit holders and 235,363 daily permit holders played 548,367 rounds of golf, show a 14% increase.

The concessions for the sale of food, gasoline, newspapers, etc., increased 23%. The new facilities opened this year include the Flushing Bay Boat at Flushing Meadow Park; food bars at the Amphitheater, Flushing Meadow Park; concession building and pier at Canarsie Park; and concession buildings at Plum Beach and Pelham Bay Park.

The seventeen outdoor swimming pools showed a 7% increase; 2,055,797 people used the pools; 671,729 of those were children admitted free; 837,792 were children who paid 10¢, and 546,287 were adults who paid a 20¢ admission charge. The amphitheater and swimming pool at Flushing Meadow Park opened for public use on July 27, 1941, and judging from the heavy usage of these facilities during this short season, they will be a most popular addition to the park system.

The thirteen miles which makes up the five beaches show a 24% increase in revenue and were used by approximately forty million people.

The 510 tennis courts showed a slight increase in revenue, and were used 349,960 times by 19,300 permit holders.

The roller and ice skating rinks at the City Building, Flushing Meadow Park, were opened to the public on January 12, 1941. The facility was used by 180,399; of these, 21,675 were children admitted free, and 158,724 paid an admission fee.

The new federal tax law requires that the City pay a tax on admissions to swimming pools and the skating rinks, starting October 1. As far as possible, the new rates have been arranged so as to favor the children using these two facilities. At the roller and ice skating rinks at Flushing Meadow Park, the total admission for the afternoon session, which is attended mainly by children, has been kept the same. The admission charge is eighteen cents with a two-cent tax. The evening price has been increased to thirty-six cents with a four-cent tax or total charge of forty cents. At the swimming pools next summer it is planned to reduce the price for children under twelve years of age to nine cents, so that the children will be exempt from a tax.

The Department of Parks announces the completion of work in connection with two reconstructed parks, one in Manhattan, and the other in Brooklyn which includes a new playground.

In Manhattan, the old 6 acre DeWitt Clinton Park extending from West 52 Street to 54 Street between 11 and 12 Avenues, acquired in 1901, was dominated by an outmoded classical brick and stone pavilion more ornate than useful. The old comfort stations and showers located in the basement of the pavilion presented difficult maintenance problems. The remainder of the development, consisting of a wading pool, a few pieces of play apparatus and a cinder surfaced baseball field, did not efficiently utilize this property for active recreational purposes in an underprivileged neighborhood where such services are greatly needed and used.

The old pavilion and comfort station was demolished and replaced by a modern brick building. The play was enlarged by the construction of retaining walls.

There are two wide gate controlled entrances on each side of the new comfort station, which is located on the center line adjacent to the east fence, leading to the wading pool area. The wading pool may also be used for basketball and volleyball in the fall and winter. Two shuffleboard courts are parallel to the west end of the pool.

A gate in the north fence of the pool area leads to the court games area which contains two combination basketball and volleyball courts and two handball courts completely bordered by a high chain link fence.

Play apparatus areas for preschool and older children are located in two fence enclosed units south of the pool. The following facilities are included:

- 45 lineal feet play swings
- 45 lineal feet kindergarten swings
- 2 play slides
- 2 kindergarten slides
- 4 seesaws
- 1 pipe frame exercise unit
- 1 irrigated sand pit

The playground is bordered by a block paved panel containing a row of plane trees, alternating with benches facing the new asphalt surfaced interior boundary walks. These connect, at each corner of the playground, with the existing stairways which lead to the boundary street sidewalks.

The north, south and west slopes between the playground and property line have been planted with a variety of trees and shrubs including hawthornes, flowering crabapples, viburnums, privets and oriental plane trees.

The baseball field recently seeded will not be opened until the turf has become sufficiently established to withstand usage.

In Brooklyn, the old four acre informal Brower Park formerly known as Bedford Park is located in a residential area bounded by Flatbush Avenue, Eastern Parkway, Buffalo Avenue and the Atlantic Division of the Long Island Railroad. It contained a children's museum and library, War Memorial and comfort station joined by interlacing paths in a setting of worn out patches of grass. This is the only park available to this densely populated section.

The new development, which reserves 80% of the area for passive enjoyment of broad tree-dotted lawns, also provides a new playground for youngsters where they may safely play on a variety of exercise units.

The museum, located at the west end of the park, has been provided with a spacious block paved terrace extending around all sides. Affording a more adequate setting and better circulation, the terrace is edged with continuous benches backed up by formal hedges. New and broader approach walks and stairways connect with relocated park entrances at convenient points.

Wide interior park walks leading from the east terrace give access to the adjacent hedge bordered apparatus and sand pit areas. Encircling the playground the paths merge with the bench lined promenade which skirts the broad oval lawn area. Enlarged entrances to the promenade are located at the northeast and southeast corners of the park. Two casually placed sitting areas are placed in the irregular shaped grass plots between the oval lawn and the south boundary fence.

A special grass seed for shady areas was used in those areas where the old trees are closely spaced. Seventy new trees were planted for screening purposes and to provide additional shade around the sitting areas. The varieties used are Norway and red maples, elms and flowering dogwoods. 4,200 English ivy and ground myrtle have been planted in panels and borders around grass plots. 1,350 flowering quinces were used in hedges. Seventeen specimen hawthornes provide accent and interesting flowers. A group of delicate flowering silverbells located in a far corner across the oval lawn panel will provide a white shower of solid blossoms in the early spring. Hundreds of fragrant honeysuckles and yellow forsythias are massed around the entrances and along the boundary fences.

These improvements were carried out by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks. In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs; 61 of which have been reconstructed, with this addition, there are now 448 playgrounds in the park system.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

TEL. REGENT 4-1000

For Release Sunday,
October 5, 1941

The Department of Parks announces that the trunk of the old Tree of Hope better known throughout Harlem as the "Wishing Tree" which was knocked over and damaged by an automobile has been repaired and will be reset at 131 Street and 7th Avenue with ceremonies on Monday, October 6, at 10 A. M.

Park Commissioner Robert Moses will preside, Mayor LaGuardia will reset the old stump and Bill Robinson with his choir and chorus girls and 11 piece band from "The Hot Mikado" will conclude the ceremonies with songs and dances.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

TEL. REGENT 4-1000

For Release Saturday
October 4, 1941

The Department of Parks announces that a concert will be given by members of park playground children's orchestras at the Mall, Central Park, on Sunday, October 5, at 2:30 P.M.

Thirty children in all will take part in this concert, with six representatives from each borough. They will be divided into two age groups: Juniors - 7 - 11 years; and Seniors - 12 -16 years.

The program will include solos on the following types of instruments: piano, accordion, drums, violin, flute, saxophone, cornet, and orchestra bells.

Pins, bearing the sycamore leaf, emblem of the Park Department, will be presented to all who participate next Sunday afternoon.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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For Release Saturday
October 4, 1941

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Location & development plans:
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The Department of Parks announces the completion and reopening of Martins Field playground, a one and a quarter acre rectangular shaped plot, located near the corner of 164 Street and 46 Avenue, Queens.

The old layout consisted of a circular concrete wading pool bordered by a few pieces of widely spaced playground apparatus. The general surface was of grass which was difficult to maintain. A thick grove of existing mixed-hardwood trees irregularly scattered throughout the playground provided obstacles to its best utilization for active play.

The new development required the removal or relocation of a few trees in favor of more play apparatus and court games. The two existing entrances from 46 Avenue, the boundary fence and flood-lighting have been retained as well as the circular wading pool. The grass was replaced by bituminous material. Block paving was placed around each tree to permit irrigation. A new brick comfort station was located adjacent to the north property line.

The following equipment has been arranged adjacent to the boundary fences:

Irrigated sand pit	Play swings & slides
2 kindergarten slides	Pipe frame exercise unit
Kindergarten swings	2 shuffleboard courts
4 seesaws	3 paddle tennis courts.

The project which was constructed by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks also included drainage, irrigation, concrete curbs and benches.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

TEL. RESENT 4-1000

Library
For Release Friday,
October, 3, 1941

The Department of Parks announces that plans are being progressed to extend Pennsylvania Avenue southerly to provide a new access to the Belt Parkway east of Canarsie. The extension of this important highway will provide direct access to the parkway for residents of the easterly part of Brooklyn and will form a connection between the terminus of the Interborough Parkway in Brooklyn and the Belt Parkway.

The extension of this highway was anticipated at the time of the construction of the Belt Parkway, and the Pennsylvania Avenue grade separation bridge was constructed as part of the Belt Parkway contracts. The attached air photo shows this bridge.

With the cooperation of the Department of Sanitation, fill for Pennsylvania Avenue has already been placed across the swamps north of the parkway.

The City Planning Commission and the Board of Estimate have approved the map, submitted by the Borough President of Brooklyn, establishing the new lines of Pennsylvania Avenue. The Borough President of Brooklyn will initiate proceedings to acquire the additional right-of-way and will carry out the physical improvement of the street. The work is being scheduled so that it can be completed in the spring of 1942.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
TEL. REGENT 4-1000

Thursday,
October 2, 1941

For Release

The tremendous residential growth of Queens County in the last thirty years has almost eliminated any vestige of its former rural character. Of the thousands of acres formerly devoted to agriculture, only a half dozen small farms remain. Two of these are adjacent to the Belt Parkway at its intersection with Cross Bay Boulevard and the Sunrise Highway.

One of the farms is owned by three brothers: Henry, Christian and Diedrich Brockmann, and the other by their cousins, Herman and John Brockmann. The farms were inherited from their parents and have been in the family for more than fifty years.

The Brockmanns practice scientific farming methods and raise from two to four crops of vegetables each year for the City markets. The produce of the farms includes carrots, beets, radishes, leeks, onions, escarole, Italian dandelions, dill, and Swiss chard.

The farms are not as profitable as they once were. Gradual increase in City taxes and assessments for various local improvements, as well as the increased cost of labor, is making it more difficult to carry on. With the improved access provided by the new parkways and the subway to the west, it is quite likely that within a few years these farms will have vanished with the others in Queens County.

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***DEPARTMENT OF PARKS**

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

TEL. REGENT 4-1000

For Release Wednesday
October 1, 1941

The Department of Parks announces the completion and opening of a parking field and concession building which have been constructed on Canarsie Pier located adjacent to the Belt Parkway at the foot of Rockaway Parkway.

The 400' x 600' structure which was built several years ago by the Department of Docks consists of solid earth fill retained by concrete bulkheading. A 30 foot wide concrete slab supported by three rows of reinforced concrete piles extends around the waterfront sides of the pier, which are protected by a concrete fender and wooden string piece provided with drainage scuppers.

Access for motorists to the new facilities is provided from a traffic circle at the end of Rockaway Boulevard between the parkway and the pier. Constructed in connection with the Belt system it has parkway exit and entrance connections.

Entrance to the 300 car bituminous surfaced parking field is afforded by a short spur from the traffic circle. Connections were made between the parkway and boulevard pedestrian paths to the resurfaced marginal pier promenade. A hardy variety of Poplar tree, selected to withstand the rigorous growing conditions, has been planted in multiple rows in 40' to 60' wide panels between the parking field and outer walk. Continuous benches, facing the bay are located along these malls at the back of the promenade.

A large concrete concession building and comfort station centers on a small plaza on the south side of the pier. This building also contains public lockers, storage space and dockmasters office on each side of a main lobby entered from a semi-circular porch. Two 60 foot steel flag poles with cross arms and cast stone bases are located on each side of this entrance shelter.

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A reconstructed barge, 25' x 108' formerly used for naval landing operations in the North River, has been converted into a landing float which has been anchored west of the pier. A gang plank connection affords access to the barge from the concession building.

Rowboats, incidental boat supplies, fishing tackle and bait are available through a concessionaire. Spacious lockers which may be rented in the main building permit the storage of oars, oar locks, fishing tackle, etc. Private boats and commercial party fishing boats may use the float for landing and docking at a daily charge of \$1.00 per boat and a seasonal rate of \$2.00 per foot. Arrangements for such usage may be made with the Dockmaster at the concession building. The average period of operation runs from April 1 to December 1. Mooring facilities in the adjacent waters of the Bay may be rented.

Light refreshments including ice cream, sandwiches and coffee will be dispensed from a food bar to be operated by Howard Johnson, Inc.

The work was carried out by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks.

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The Department of Parks announces the beginning of work in connection with the construction of three new playgrounds, one in Manhattan at Park Avenue and East 108 Street and two in Brooklyn at Shore Parkway and Homecrest Avenue and at 3rd Avenue and 64 Street.

In Manhattan on the eastern half of the block bounded by Madison Avenue, Park Avenue, East 108 Street and East 109 Street, the frontage of the block, which was recently acquired for a school site and playground, is 80% occupied by four to five story brick and brownstone dwellings and two garages. Demolition of the structures on the playground site has been started. The remaining buildings will be removed under a Board of Education contract in preparation for a new school to be erected next year.

The recreation area will have two entrances immediately adjacent to the west portals of the future school as well as entrances from 108 Street and from 109 Street. Besides a large asphalt surfaced open play area, the following facilities will be provided:

- Brick comfort station
- 2 handball courts
- 3 shuffleboard courts
- Combination basketball and volleyball court
with removable goal posts
- Practice basketball court
- Softball diamond with hooded backstop

While school is in session the area will be reserved for school children. At all other times it will be operated by the Department of Parks for the general public.

At Shore Parkway, East 12 Street, William Court and Homecrest Avenue, Brooklyn, the two and one-third acres unimproved property was acquired by condemnation for recreational purposes in the proceedings for the acquisition of the Belt Parkway right of way. A four foot strip was released by the Department of Parks to the Borough President of Brooklyn to permit the widening of East 12 Street as a ramp approach to the parkway. A considerable amount of sideslope fill and 350 lineal feet of retaining wall at the southwest corner of the plot was required for the bridge approach and to permit pedestrian connections between the marginal playground walks and the parkway path system.

The playground will be divided into three main sections with subdivisions bordered by chain link fence, block surfaced panels, benches and trees.

The north section will contain four units providing the following:

- Brick comfort station
- Concrete wading pool

- Irrigated sandpit(12' x 15') and mothers' sitting area
- Swings
- Slides
- Seesaws
- Pipe frame exercise unit
- 4 concrete surfaced handball courts
- 1 drinking fountain

The middle section, surfaced with asphalt, will contain a basketball court with removable goal posts to permit roller and ice skating.

The south section extending to the parkway will be asphalt surfaced and provided with a softball diamond.

On the west side of 3rd Avenue between 64th and 65th Streets, Brooklyn, the one and one-quarter acre plot was acquired for recreational and parkway purposes in connection with the construction of the Gowanus Parkway. The Triborough Bridge Authority, under whose direction the connecting link between the Belt Parkway and the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel is being erected, cleared the site of several building obstructions preparatory to the construction of the Parkway and playground.

The elevated structure passes diagonally through the property in a broad westerly sweep from 3rd Avenue to the Belt Parkway at Owls Head Park. Carried on light, graceful arched supports the superstructure affords a minimum of obstruction to light and air.

When completed the playground will contain the following:

- Irrigated sand pit
- Seesaws
- Slides
- 1 pipe frame exercise unit
- 4 shuffleboard courts
- Brick comfort station
- Concrete wading pool
- 1 combination volleyball and basketball court
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- Roller skating area
- 6 concrete surfaced handball courts

A new 15' concrete sidewalk will be constructed along the boundary streets and new trees will be planted in block panels around the playground and its various units.

These three projects are being constructed by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
Arsenal, Central Park
Tel. REgent 4-1000

FOR RELEASE Wednesday,
October 1, 1941

The Department of Parks announces that the children of twenty-two Park Department playgrounds will participate in specially prepared programs of recreational activities during the month of October in commemoration of the official opening of these play areas to the public.

Besides the usual activities such as: basketball, paddle tennis, handball, volley ball, shuffleboard, football, soccer and roller skating, there will be a variety of special events including novelty races, community and group singing of patriotic songs, birthday party games, salute to the flag, one act plays, magic shows, and musical and vocal selections by playground children's orchestral and choral groups.

The October schedule for playground birthday celebrations is as follows:

<u>Borough</u>	<u>Playground & Location</u>	<u>Opened</u>	<u>Time of Celebration</u>
<u>Manhattan</u>	Heckscher Playground, 62 St. & West Drive, Central Park	Oct. 4, 1936	2:00 P. M.
	Columbus Playground, Baxter & Worth Sts.	Oct. 12, 1934	2:00 P. M.
	Colonial Playground, Bradhurst Ave. & West 153 Street	Oct. 16, 1936	2:00 P. M.
	Lillian D. Wald Playground, Cherry, Monroe & Gouverneur Streets	Oct. 18, 1934	2:30 P. M.
	Gulick Playground, Delancey, Broome & Sheriff Streets	Oct. 25, 1934	2:00 P. M.
<u>Brooklyn</u>	Gerittsen Avenue & Avenue X	Oct. 2, 1936	2:00 P. M.
	Carroll Playground, Smith & Carroll Sts.	Oct. 2, 1936	4:00 P. M.
	Douglass Street and Third Avenue	Oct. 4, 1939	4:00 P. M.
	Red Hook Playground, Dwight, Richard & Pioneer Streets	Oct. 5, 1937	4:00 P. M.
	Leiv Eiriksson Playground, 5 Ave. & 66 St.	Oct. 12, 1934	4:00 P. M.
	Crispus Attucks Playground, Fulton Street & Classon Avenue	Oct. 26, 1934	4:00 P. M.
	Taaffe Place Playground, Myrtle Ave. & Taaffe Place	Oct. 28, 1934	4:00 P. M.
	Williamsburg Housing Playground, Manhattan Avenue & Scholes Street	Oct. 29, 1937	4:00 P. M.
	Dahill Road & 38 Street	Oct. 29, 1937	4:00 P. M.
<u>Queens</u>	Tudor Field, N. Conduit Ave., 80-88 Sts.	Oct. 6, 1938	3:00 P. M.
	Baisley Park Playground, 116 Ave. & 155 St.	Oct. 19, 1940	3:00 P. M.
	Thomson Hill Playground, Greenpoint Ave. and 47 Avenue	Oct. 25, 1937	11:00 A. M.
<u>Bronx</u>	Pulaski Playground, E. 133 Street & Willis Avenue	Oct. 11, 1939	4:00 P. M.
	Macombs South, Sedgwick, Jerome Avenues, & Exterior Street	Oct. 14, 1935	4:00 P. M.
	Spofford Avenue & Faile Street	Oct. 14, 1935	4:00 P. M.
	Teasdale Place and East 164 Street	Oct. 14, 1935	4:00 P. M.
	Fort #4 - Reservoir Avenue between Sedgwick and Webb Avenues	Oct. 14, 1935	4:00 P. M.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
TEL. REGENT 4-1000

For Release Tuesday,
September 30, 1941

Bids were opened today by the Department of Parks at the Arsenal Building on a contract which provides for the widening of approximately one-half mile of the Hutchinson River Parkway Extension extending westerly from the Westchester County Line.

The existing pavement consists of two 23 foot wide concrete roadways and curbs separated by a 28 foot wide grass panel. The contract provides for the removal of the existing mall curbs and the addition of two 11 foot lanes to each roadway. The new inner curbs along the 6 foot separating mall will be constructed of white cement to clearly mark the edge of the roadways. New timber guide railing will be placed at danger points along the outer shoulders. Additional drainage structures and adjustments to the existing drainage system to meet new conditions are included in the contract. The separating mall will be reseeded.

Widening of the pavement between the westerly end of this contract and the new parkway extension over the Hutchinson River will be provided under a separate contract, bids for which will be opened on October 8th.

Parkway traffic will be maintained for the duration of the new work which is expected to be completed early in January.

The three lowest bids were submitted by the following:

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| 1. Harlem Contracting Company, Inc.
44 Exchange Place, New York City | \$30,218.50 |
| 2. Melwood Construction Corporation
507 Fifth Avenue, New York City | 32,450.00 |
| 3. Tuckahoe Construction Company
116 Columbus Ave., Tuckahoe, N. Y. | 32,640.00 |

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of work in connection with three park improvements in Queens.

Victory Field, a section of Forest Park, Queens, bounded by Myrtle Avenue, Woodhaven Boulevard, Park Drive and the Rockaway Division of the Long Island Railroad has been entirely reconstructed.

This 12 acre athletic field dedicated to the unknown soldier of the first World War, replaces the former inadequate facilities which consisted of a cinder running track overcrowded with dirt surfaced baseball diamonds. The new development will provide a well rounded recreational area for the use of all the residents of this section of Queens.

The entire field is enclosed by double fencing consisting of an outer wrought iron picket fence separated from a chain link fence by a tree planted grass panel. Access to the five main fence enclosed areas from the boundary sidewalks is provided by seven entrances on Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard.

A grass surfaced baseball field and concrete bleacher is located at the corner of Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard. The track and field events area occupies the east half of the development and contains the following:

- 440 yard cinder running track
- Grass surfaced football field with removable goal posts
- 2 softball diamonds with hooded backstops
- Facilities for broad jump, high jump and pole vault
- 370 foot concrete bleacher extending along the west side of the track

West of the track is a large bituminous surfaced open play area which will be used alternately for roller and ice skating, dancing and softball. South of this area facing Park Drive is a battery of seven handball courts. These two areas are floodlighted for night use. A small square sitting area with a central memorial flagpole centers on one of the main entrances from Woodhaven Boulevard south of the renovated comfort station. Benches under oriental plane and pin oak trees in block paved panels extend along the fences separating these areas.

The comfort station, sitting area, open play area and handball courts including softball and roller skating will be opened immediately. The baseball field and field events area must remain closed until the grass areas have become sufficiently established to withstand usage.

At St. Albans Memorial Park the additional new play area, a three acre rectangular plot occupying the entire block south of the main park area, and bounded by 169th Street, Sayres Avenue, Merrick Boulevard and 113th Avenue, is one of two additions acquired by condemnation in 1936.

The development consists of two grass surfaced softball diamonds located diagonally at the northeast and southwest corners of the block. Portable steel bleachers for spectators have been installed on the high bank extending along the Merrick Boulevard property line. The field is completely enclosed by chain link fence with two gate controlled entrances from Merrick Boulevard.

This project also included concrete curbs and stairway, drainage, drinking fountains, benches, topsoil, seeding and shrub planting.

At the rear of Public School 119 located in the middle of the block bounded by 78th Avenue, Central Avenue, 74th Street and 75th Street, Queens, a new playground has been completed and opened.

The playground was constructed in cooperation with the Board of Education. While school is in session the area is used by school children. At all other times the playground is operated by the Department of Parks for the general public.

The plot is divided into two main fence enclosed sections. Entrance to the south portion of the playground from the school grounds is by a gate centered on the south fence. A central free play area is flanked by three combination volleyball and basketball courts with removable goal posts, and a string of three shuffleboard courts and four paddle tennis courts. This entire section may be used for roller skating and flooded for ice skating.

Entrance to the north section is provided by a central gate in the separating fence and also through gates from 74th and 75th Streets. This section is subdivided into small units by block paved panels containing benches and trees. Centrally located is a brick comfort station east of which is a large wading pool designed to provide for volleyball and basketball during cool weather.

South of the comfort station are eight seesaws and three slides for pre-school children. To the west, separated by a chain link fence is a battery of kindergarten swings. An irrigated sandpit is bounded on three sides by continuous benches under a row of trees.

These projects were constructed by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks.

In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs; 60 of which have been reconstructed, with this new addition, there are now 447 playgrounds in the park system.

The Department of Parks announces the opening of a reconstructed playground located in the northeast corner of Morningside Park at Morningside Avenue and West 123rd Street. The old playground, pear-shaped enclosure, surfaced with bluestone screenings, consisted of a few pieces of overworked play apparatus, one basketball court and four horseshoe courts. The existing brick comfort station has been retained in the new development.

The expanded one and three-quarter acre recreational area at the north end of the park will provide more adequate facilities for this crowded section of Harlem and represents the first stage of the general reconstruction of the entire 31 acre park which extends from 110th Street to 123rd Street between Morningside Drive and Morningside Avenue East.

The new playground is completely enclosed with chain link fence. Street entrances are provided at the northeast and northwest corners. There are two access points, to the area, from the adjacent interior park walks.

Two bench-lined tree shaded malls extend along the entire north and east sides of the playground connecting the park entrances with the resurfaced park walks. Sloping ground necessitated the construction of the various subdivisions on different levels retained by high curbs and interconnected by short stairways.

The following equipment is provided:

- Brick comfort station
- 2 handball courts
- Wading pool
- 3 shuffleboard courts
- 3 basketball courts with removable backstops
- Pipe frame exercise unit
- Swings
- 3 slides

Kindergarten Apparatus Area:

- 2 irrigated sand pits and sitting areas
- Swings
- 3 slides
- 8 seesaws

The balance of the work connected with the general improvement of the park now in progress will include the construction of two softball diamonds, a new brick comfort station adjacent to the existing comfort station at West 114th Street, sand pits and sitting area, resurfacing walks and repairing steps, regrading, topsoil and seeding, additional benches and fencing.

The work was carried out by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks. In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs; 60 of which have been reconstructed. There are now 446 playgrounds in the park system.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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For Release Sunday,
September 28, 1941

PLANTING OF TREES IN CITY STREETS

The best time to plant trees is in the Fall season during the months of October and November.

Although the Department of Parks is charged with the care and maintenance of all trees in street areas, it is not supplied with funds sufficient to plant new trees, nor to replace trees which have died from one cause or another. This must be done by property owners.

The Park Department offers every form of cooperation to those who wish to plant trees in front of their property at their own expense. A permit is required which is issued, without charge, by the office of the Park Department in the borough in which the tree is to be planted. The permit specifies the kind of tree, excavation, fertilizer and other materials required to assure the best results. The department will supervise the planting operation.

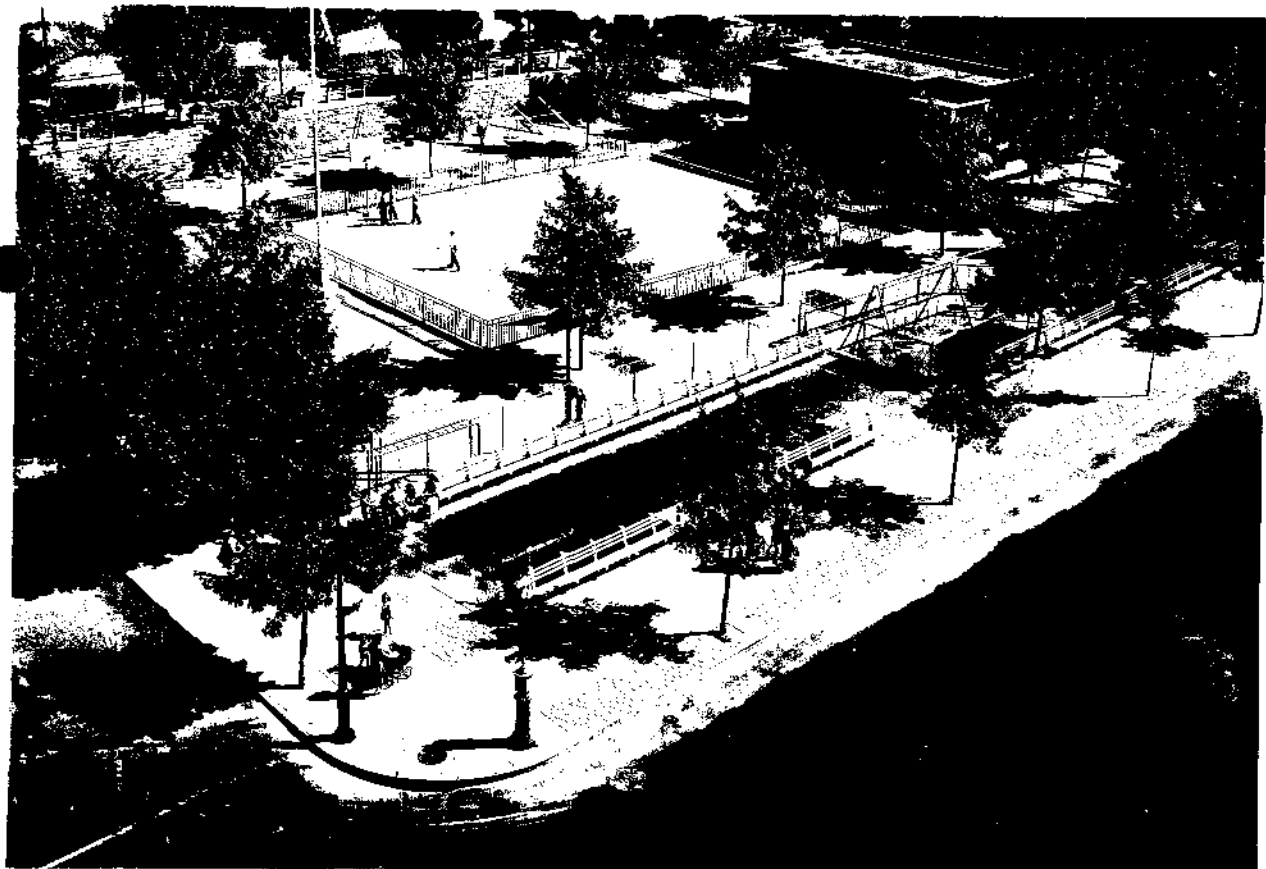
These regulations are promulgated so that the City streets may be lined with healthy trees so planted and located, that they will thrive and be an asset to the City and to the property owners.

Trees planted without permits and which do not conform to Park Department requirements will be removed. In such cases the property owner is notified of his violation and is informed as to the proper procedure to plant a tree which will be acceptable and which can be satisfactorily maintained.

Permits for planting individual street trees may be obtained by applying to the borough offices at:

MANHATTAN:	Arsenal, 64th Street and Fifth Avenue, New York City
BROOKLYN:	Litchfield Mansion, Prospect Park, Brooklyn, New York
BRONX:	Birchall Avenue and Bronx Park East, The Bronx, New York
QUEENS:	The Overlook, Forest Park, Kew Gardens, New York
RICHMOND:	Clove Lakes Park, Victory Boulevard and Clove Road, West Brighton, Staten Island

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For Release Saturday,
September 27, 1941

The Department of Parks announces the completion and opening of a sitting area at Louis Zimmerman Playground in the Bronx. This new addition is a rectangular plot 25' x 70' located in the northwest corner of the park at the corner of Barker Avenue and Britton Street. The development consists of two continuous rows of benches placed in granite block, tree planted panels facing an open central bituminous paved mall. Entrances to this area, which lies outside of the fenced-in portion of the playground, are provided from both ends of the mall.

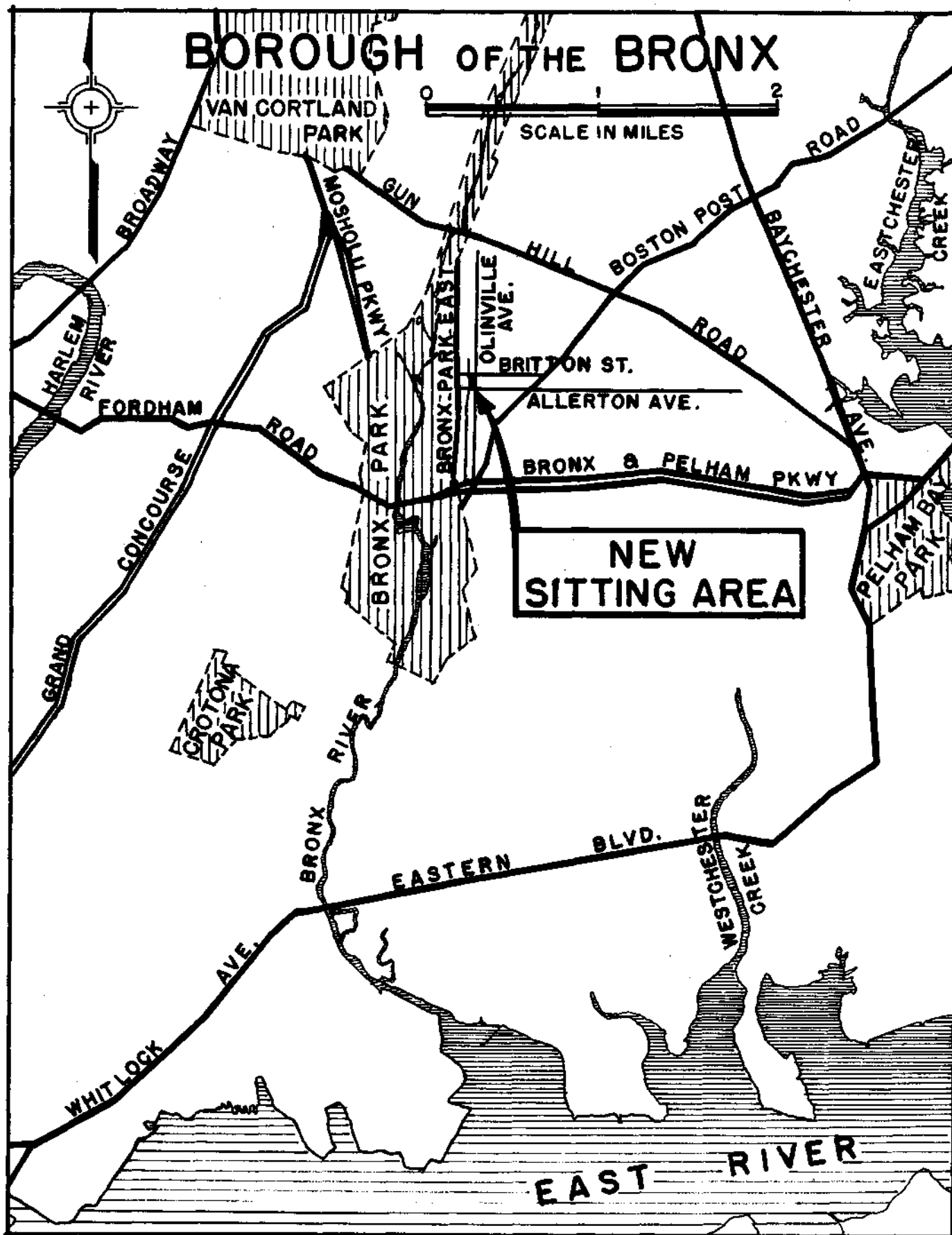
Zimmerman Playground approximately one acre in extent occupies most of the block bounded by Britton Street, Barker Avenue, Allerton Avenue and Olinville Avenue. It is one of eight War Memorial Playgrounds opened simultaneously on July 15, 1934, two of which were located in Manhattan, one in Brooklyn, two in Queens, two in Richmond and one in the Bronx.

Located in an apartment house neighborhood the playground is used to capacity at all times. The existing development which has been rehabilitated by the addition of new granite block paving, concrete sidewalks and curbs consists of a modern recreation building, wading pool, handball courts and playground apparatus.

- The new sitting area developed on private property recently acquired by condemnation rounds out the playground by removing the small jog at the corner. The benches, which are segregated from the active recreation areas, supplement and relieve the overcrowded seating facilities within the playground.

The work was carried out by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks.

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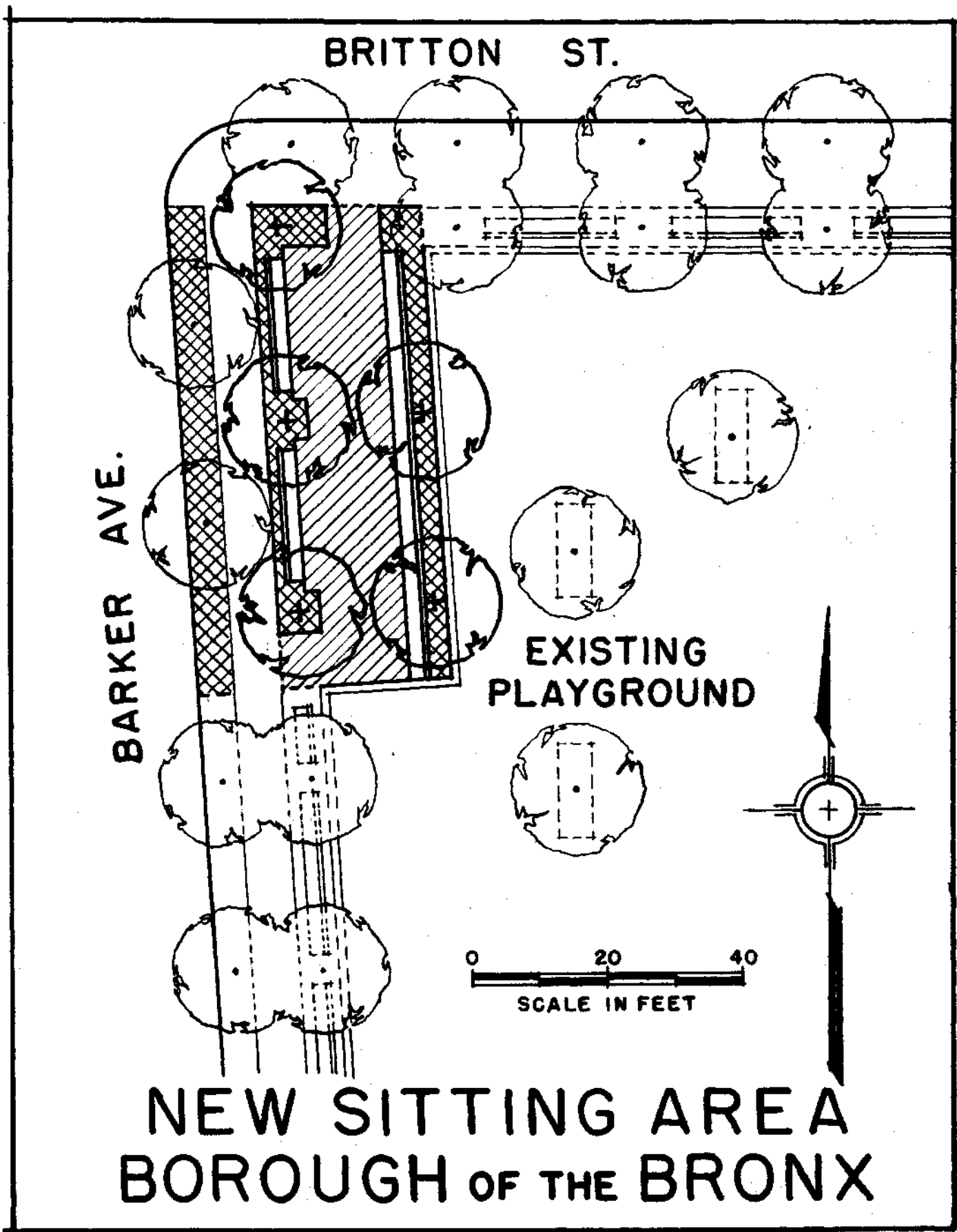


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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

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For Release Saturday,
September 27, 1941

The Department of Parks announces the completion and opening of four new sitting areas and a children's playground along the Laurelton section of Cross Island Parkway in the Borough of Queens. This section of the Belt Parkway System was built and opened by the Long Island State Park Commission in 1936, and was formerly known as the Laurelton Parkway. Lawns adjacent to the parkway and the banks of the brook paralleling the parkway have been used by local children for play purposes causing increased maintenance problems.

The new recreational facilities, designed to relieve this situation and provide safe and adequate play space have been spotted on each side of the parkway between North Conduit Avenue and the Nassau County Line.

The first, which is typical of the four new developments, is located on the east side of the parkway just north of North Conduit Avenue. It consists of a bituminous surfaced rectangular area offset from the existing path with a large central irrigated sand pit. Three sides of the sitting area are lined with continuous benches. Eleven oaks, maples and beeches were added to the existing planting to provide shade.

The other two areas are located on the same side of the parkway, one is adjacent to Brookville Boulevard and 135th Avenue, and the other at Brookville Boulevard and 131st Avenue. Seven new sets of benches have been installed along the existing paths adjacent to these sitting areas and the planting has been supplemented with 20 new oaks, beeches and maples.

The fourth area is west of the parkway just south of the 130th Avenue bridge. This differs from the others in that it provides a double entrance and is completely bounded by continuous benches. Fourteen sweet

gums and oaks have been planted immediately adjacent to the benches. A drinking fountain is provided at all sand pit areas.

North of 130th Avenue and west of the parkway a semi-circular bituminous surfaced playground has been provided. The area is completely enclosed by a six foot chain link fence. A single entrance on the west side connects with a new path which swings around the playground from the existing park walk system to the street sidewalk over the bridge. Facilities provided include kindergarten swings, four seesaws, a kindergarten slide and play slide, one pipe frame exercise unit and a fence enclosed battery of swings for older children. Numerous benches and a drinking fountain are included.

The work was carried out by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks. In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs; 59 of which have been reconstructed, with this addition, there are 446 playgrounds in the park system.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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For Release Friday, _____
September 26, 1941

The Department of Parks announces that on Monday, September 29, 8:30 P. M., at 105 Street and Riverside Drive, Manhattan, a special Harvest Festival will be held, featuring solo and community singing and demonstrations in American Square Dancing.

Approximately 20,000 persons have taken part in American Square Dancing every Monday night since its inception last July. On several occasions, well known exponents of Square Dancing were invited to give exhibitions. Interest in the variety of American folk dancing steps in vogue throughout different parts of the United States became so widespread at the Riverside location, that plans are being formulated for holding similar Square Dancing sessions next summer at other Park locations in each borough.

Music for this Harvest Festival next Monday will be supplied by the Park Department Band.

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of work in connection with the reconstruction of the $6\frac{1}{2}$ -acre playground at Gravesend Park located west of 18th Avenue, between 55th and 56th Streets, Brooklyn. *This will be opened from 9/26/41 to 9/26/41 daily*

The old play facilities which were located in four fence enclosed units had become worn and unserviceable. The apparatus area divided into two sections contained a central brick comfort station and typical pieces of apparatus which were widely spaced around the border of a gravel surfaced combination free play area and basketball court. Two handball courts with ancient wooden backstops and a gravel surfaced baseball field without backstops were located in the adjacent central area. The south end of the field was provided with eight poorly surfaced clay tennis courts.

The new development permits greater utilization of space by segregation of smaller compact use areas equipped with increased facilities.

A central tree shaded bench lined mall extends from the main park gate to the existing comfort station which has been given a new setting of block paving, trees and a flagpole. On both sides of the mall two main fence enclosed sections, approximately 1 acre each, are subdivided into various use areas. Alternate benches and trees are spaced in a 5 foot block paved border extending along the inside of the fence enclosure.

The following items are contained in these units:

- Combination roller and ice skating rink
- 5 shuffleboard and 2 handball courts
- Wading pool with sanitary foot bath
- Play swings
- 1 pipe frame exercise unit
- 2 play slides
- Horizontal ladder, horizontal bars and parrallel bars
- Combination irrigated sand pit and sitting area
- 8 kindergarten seesaws
- 2 kindergarten slides
- Kindergarten swings

Two softball diamonds with hooded backstops have been provided in an adjacent 2-acre asphalt surfaced enclosure with entrances from the comfort station plaza. The tennis courts remain within the same enclosure but have been resurfaced.

The work was performed by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks. In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs, _____ of which have been reconstructed. There are now _____ playgrounds in the park system.

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of a new playground and sitting area on Fort Washington Avenue at 190th Street, Manhattan. Speakers at the opening ceremonies which will be held on Tuesday, September 23rd, at 3 P. M. will include Major Irving V. A. Huie, Work Projects Administrator and Mayor La Guardia with Robert Moses, Park Commissioner, presiding as Chairman.

This one and three-quarter acre tract of land at 190th Street fronting on the east side of Fort Washington Avenue immediately adjacent to the south boundary of Fort Tryon Park is the most recent of the many generous donations to the park system of New York City by Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. It will permanently prevent undesirable private structures which might otherwise have been erected on this property. By arrangements with the owners of the plot south of the new playground who were about to build an apartment, the facade of this new structure facing the new playground was designed so as to provide windows and balconies overlooking Fort Tryon Park harmonizing with the park plan.

The new recreational facilities supplement and balance the large plot on the west side of Fort Washington Avenue also made available to the Park Department by Mr. Rockefeller and developed as a children's playground in 1936. In this way an orderly and attractive treatment of all sides of the plaza at the entrance to Fort Tryon Park is assured, and active play areas which can not be made available in Fort Tryon Park, are provided south of its main entrance. An ornamental wrought iron fence matching the west playground enclosure has been erected along the Fort Washington Avenue frontage of the new play area.

Surrounding the renovated Independent Subway Station the area descends sharply to the east. In order to provide usable surfaces the new development was adjusted to the slope by a series of granite-veneered wall-supported terraces joined by stone stairways. The stone in these conspicuous walls matches the new granite walls of the subway building.

The entrance from Fort Washington Avenue, marked by massive granite posts, gives joint access by way of a 15 foot flight of steps to the subway and playground. The station to the left is conveniently entered from the platform at the foot of the stairway. Southward, to the right, a sitting area has been developed on a slightly lower rectangular

terrace which extends over 100 feet to the base planting of an apartment building. Approximately 80 foot wide and 20 foot above the moderately pitched landscaped lawn, the terrace, which contains adequate seating accommodations, affords an unobstructed view of Fort George and the northeasterly end of Manhattan over the tree covered lower slopes.

A second stairway leading from the central landing platform descends to a long narrow tree-shaded, bench-lined mall. Extending about 200 feet along the low stone wall at the toe of the sloping ground west of the subway structure this "spectators" terrace overlooks a quarter acre asphalt surfaced court games area 4 feet below.

In this games area, the following facilities are provided:

- Three paddle tennis courts
- Two shuffleboard courts
- One badminton court
- Four ping-pong tables

Additional benches and trees extend along the wrought iron railing on top of the 6 foot wall which retains the game court terrace. A rectangular fence enclosed area adjacent to the north fence contains two horse-shoe courts.

Pedestrian connections to the main park path system have been provided at the north end of the play area.

The plant material used in and around the terraces on the sloping lawns includes oriental plane trees, flowering crabapples, rhododendrons, azaleas and roses.

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The Department of Parks announces that construction has begun on thirteen park projects in various neighborhoods throughout the City by the Work Projects Administration. These areas will be completed and opened to the public next summer. Covering a total of 65 acres, two of the thirteen projects involve the reconstruction of existing parks and playgrounds, two reconstruction of and addition to existing playgrounds, and the others represent entirely new playgrounds ranging in size from one to ten acres.

In most instances the new recreational facilities are being provided in old underprivileged neighborhoods where existing park areas are completely lacking or are too distant to be accessible to mothers and children.

Location of Projects

Manhattan

1. Harlem Meer, Central Park
2. John Jay Park, East River Drive-E. 76th to E. 78th Streets

Bronx

3. Playground - West 234 Street and Bailey Avenue
4. Harris Park - Bedford Park Boulevard and 205 Street

Brooklyn

5. Playground - 3rd Avenue, 34th-35th Streets
6. Playground - 2nd Avenue, 55th & 56th Streets
7. Playground - Ft. Hamilton, 52nd-53rd Streets
8. Playground - Albany & Foster Avenues
9. Playground - Park Avenue East of Nostrand Avenue
10. Playground - Eastern Parkway Extension & Fulton Street

Queens

11. Playground - Central Avenue, 70th-71st Streets
12. Park & Playground - Utopia Parkway & 73rd Avenue
13. Playground - 45th Avenue & 45th Road

The largest improvement is the reconstruction of the north-eastern corner of Central Park.

This area extending from Conservatory Gardens to 110 Street and from Fifth Avenue to the East Park Drive, a section popularly known as the Harlem Meer, contains natural features, the outstanding of which is a fourteen acre lake, the surface of which lies about eight feet below the general level of the tree shaded banks which slope to the north, east and west. A series of rocky knolls separated by ravines rise sharply to the south attaining a height of fifty feet above the lake.

The existing facilities are inadequate to meet the heavy demands of the large adjacent population and the result has been destructive to the natural features. The present layout, a product of the outmoded theory that

parks are passive recreation areas designed solely for visual pleasure, must be revamped to fulfill the many recreational needs of all the people of this section of Harlem.

The new scheme retains with slight modifications the existing shape of the lake. A masonry wall about one foot high and a fifteen foot promenade will form the new shore line completely encircling the lake. Frequent connection will be made to a secondary path system which parallels the shore promenade and in turn connects with the main park entrances from Fifth Avenue, 110 Street, Conservatory Gardens and the general park path system. The south slopes and ravines will be interlaced with narrower foot paths and trails which will pass through interesting plantings and lead to resting places at the tree shaded overlook areas, from which views of the lake and Conservatory Gardens will be possible. Benches will be spaced along the lake promenade, the general path system including the trails, and the overlook areas.

The main features of the north shore adjacent to 110 Street will be a U-shaped combination brick boat house, comfort station and refreshment concession with a three hundred and sixty foot boat landing platform thirty feet wide. Two new entrances will be cut through the north wall of the park with stone stairways leading to the boat house plaza.

The existing entrance at the intersection of 110th Street and Fifth Avenue and at 106th Street will lead to the path system and lake promenade. Convenient approaches to the two existing marginal playgrounds which lie on the north and east sides of the lake will be provided.

Appropriate trees including willows, oaks and dogwoods and various flowering shrubs will be added to the existing planting.

John Jay Park, one of the older City parks, located between East 76th and East 78th Streets, Manhattan, adjacent to and overlooking the East River Drive is being reconstructed.

A new diving pool will be built adjacent to the swimming pool, thus relieving some of the congestion which has existed in this small pool. The concession building will be relocated and a completely equipped playground will replace the existing inadequate facilities. The southerly half of the area will be paved but will continue as an open area for court games. A portion of Cherokee Place will be closed so that the existing old bath building now located at the northwest corner of Cherokee Place and 76th Street can be tied in to John Jay Park. Alteration plans have been completed for this structure providing a recreation room, gymnasium and auditorium.

Numerous benches will be installed under existing shade trees and additional trees are to be planted. Concrete bleachers will be provided around the pool.

At Bailey Avenue and West 234th Street, The Bronx, approximately 3 acres located west of the New York Central Putnam Division at the corner of West 234th Street and Bailey Avenue was originally acquired for school purposes in 1929 and was assigned this year to the Department of Parks. A new playground is under construction including in the south half of the area a large wading pool and comfort station. Two entrances will be provided from West 234th Street. The north half of the area will be paved with bituminous material and will be used for roller skating, softball and free play.

At Harris Park, Bedford Park Boulevard and 205th Street, The Bronx, a new 10 acre athletic field is being constructed. This property was acquired for water supply purposes as part of east basin of Jerome Park Reservoir in 1895. It was placed under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks in 1940 by assignment from the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity. The park is easily accessible from the Grand Concourse via West Bedford Park Boulevard and West 205th Street. It was necessary to remove several one-story storage sheds and buildings before construction could start. Considerable grading will be required to prepare level play areas necessitating stairway approaches to the field, the surface of which stands from 2 feet to 18 feet above the boundary sidewalk grades.

The existing concrete walks adjacent to the park will be widened and double row of pin oak trees will be planted in block paved panels extending around the entire playground. Seventeen thousand five hundred honeysuckle vines will be planted on the steep slopes. Specimen hawthornes will be placed around the entrance stairways. Mass groupings of privets around the bleachers will complete the planting. When completed the project will also provide a brick field house of modern detail including lockers, comfort station and refreshment concession; also concrete bleachers, four regulation size baseball and two softball diamonds with hooded backstops, four football fields with removable goal posts, a flagpole and benches and drinking fountains will be provided.

At 3rd Avenue, 34th to 35th Streets, Brooklyn, is an L-shaped open lot acquired by the Triborough Bridge Authority in connection with the Gowanus Parkway and assigned to the Department of Parks being developed as a playground. Slightly over one acre in extent it lies immediately east of the Gowanus Parkway. The improvement will include new wide concrete sidewalks, a brick comfort

station, a wading pool, a combination basketball and volleyball court, two groups of play apparatus and a large irrigated diggery for children bordered with benches for mothers. Also four handball courts will be located in the rectangular offset at the south end of the playground.

At 2nd Avenue, 55th-56th Streets, Brooklyn, additional property was acquired north of the existing playground by the Triborough Bridge Authority in connection with the Gowanus Parkway development and provides a more up to date and adequate play area. A continuous row of three and four story residences have been removed for the new development. The area will be similar in equipment and lay out to the playground under construction at 3rd Avenue and 34th Street.

At Fort Hamilton Parkway, 52nd to 53rd Street, Brooklyn, two sections of the old playground development will be joined by closing 10th Avenue between 52nd and 53rd Streets. Existing play facilities will be reorganized and supplemented with additional apparatus and the area resurfaced with bituminous material. Twenty-seven new trees, 3 inches in diameter, will be added to the street and park planting.

At Albany and Foster Avenues, Brooklyn, a new $3\frac{1}{2}$ acre park and playground occupying the entire block bounded by Albany Avenue, Foster Avenue, East 40th Street, and Farragut Road, will provide active and passive recreation for all age groups. It was purchased from the New York Water Service Corporation in 1941 for recreational use and placed under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks. An existing grove of 18" to 20" caliper oak trees will be preserved in a fence enclosed grass plot at the north end of the park. Centrally located will be a brick comfort station and wading pool. Bordering these facilities an adjacent court games area will include 3 shuffleboard and 2 handball courts. The south end of the park will contains two bituminous surfaced softball diamonds with hooded backstops. The existing concrete boundary walks will be widened and bordered with a double row of pin oaks in concrete block paved panels.

At Park Avenue East of Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, the one acre rectangular plot occupying a portion of the block between Park Avenue and Floyd Street was recently acquired by condemnation for playground purposes. It is located in one of the older underprivileged neighborhoods of Brooklyn where no recreational facilities are now available.

Demolition of eight 3 and 4 story frame residences on the property has just been completed. The new playground built on two levels with connecting stairway will be an unusually compact development for active recreation.

Entrance gates will be provided from Park Avenue and Floyd Street. A brick comfort station, court games, roller and ice skating areas, a wading pool and apparatus will be provided.

At Eastern Parkway Extension and Fulton Street, Brooklyn, the property slightly over $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres is divided into two sections by Sackman Street. Originally acquired by the Board of Transportation for subway purposes, it was transferred in 1940 to the Department of Parks.

The Board of Transportation, in connection with the building of a subway entrance, will provide concrete retaining walls around the larger easterly section coordinating this work with the Department of Parks playground plans. The development of the smaller triangle between Eastern Parkway and Sackman Street will also include retaining walls and a subway entrance as part of the Work Projects Administration construction. The western half of the triangle at the narrow end will contain a sitting area with a memorial flagpole and a roller skating tract. The eastern end will be provided with a comfort station, wading pool and several pieces of kindergarten play apparatus.

The large triangle east of Sackman Street which will be started when the Board of Transportation contract has been completed will contain two basketball, six shuffleboard, three paddle tennis, three handball, two bocci, and four horseshoe courts. A large central open play area will serve for roller skating and softball.

At Central Avenue between 70th and 71st Streets, Glendale, Queens, a portion of the one acre rectangular plot was transferred from the Board of Education to the Department of Parks and rounded out by the purchase of adjacent private property. The outmoded school building and private residences on the site are being demolished. The new development will include a brick comfort station, play apparatus, handball and basketball courts, a softball diamond and free play area. The general surface will be of bituminous paving enclosed with chain link fencing bordered by shade trees.

At Utopia Parkway and 73rd Avenue, Queens, located in a rapidly developing residential section, the nearest existing recreational areas to this new three acre park are approximately one mile away. The property was acquired for park purposes by condemnation of private property and by transfer to the Department of Parks of an abandoned school site. The old two story frame school house near the corner of Utopia Parkway and Jewel Avenue will be demolished. This portion of the park will be developed as a softball diamond which may be flooded for ice skating. Two basketball and two handball courts will be

constructed south of this field. A central fence enclosed section of the park will contain a brick comfort station, a combination wading pool and basketball court, three paddle tennis and two shuffleboard courts. A third fenced-in area near the apex of the triangle will contain typical play apparatus. A bench lined mall will separate the active recreation area from the sitting park area at the narrow end of the park.

A new one and one-half acre park located in the middle of the block bounded by 45th Avenue, 21 Street, 45 Road and 11 Street, Queens, was recently acquired by the City by condemnation and purchase. The nearest existing recreation area in this congested neighborhood is the inadequate John Andrews playground approximately one-half mile to the south.

The development of this rectangular fence enclosed plot will include a brick comfort station and a flagpole on the main axis of a central tree shaded mall. Entrances to this sitting area will be provided at each end from 45th Avenue and 45th Road. West of the mall will be a large open play area for roller and ice skating with two basketball courts at the south end. The eastern half of the park will contain a wading pool flanked by two fence enclosed play apparatus areas for pre-school and older children. The boundary planting in a block paved panel will consist of 50 three inch Norway maples. Sloping grades will require the construction of two sections of concrete retaining walls to permit level play surface.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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For Release Friday
September 19, 1941

The Department of Parks announces that the city-wide finals of the shuffleboard tournament will be held at North Meadow, 100 Street and West Drive, Central Park, Manhattan, on Saturday, September 20, at 2:30 p.m.

There will be three divisions: one for women and one for men, and a special division for men in the armed forces of the United States.

Playground, district and borough eliminations have been going on for the past six weeks to select the first and second place winners in each borough for the city championship contest next Saturday afternoon.

Gold and silver medals will be awarded to the winner and runner-up of the finals and bronze medals to the remaining borough finalists. Sweatshirts, bearing the Park Department emblem, will also be awarded to the winner of each division.

Any member of the armed forces, who is desirous of competing in this tournament, should be present in uniform, at North Meadow, next Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Of course, the same prizes will be awarded to the winner and runner-up of this division.

Shuffleboard was introduced to the Park Department recreation program ten years ago, when the first court was constructed at Jasper Oval Playground, West 135 Street and Convent Avenue, Manhattan. At the present time, there are 554 shuffleboard courts under Park Department jurisdiction.

In the beginning this activity attracted only children; but with the increase in the number of shuffleboard courts, especially during the past eight years, the game has become very popular with adolescents and adults, particularly since they can play evenings in the 76 floodlighted playgrounds, which are operated until 10 p.m. daily.

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For Release Saturday,
September 13, 1941

The Department of Parks announces the roller skating rink at the City Building, Flushing Meadow Park, Queens, will open for the 1941-42 season Sunday afternoon, September 14, 1941, at two o'clock.

Since the rink closed last spring, several improvements have been made to make this facility more attractive to patrons. The checking counter has been moved to the end of the building so that waiting lines can form inside of the building, not exposed to the weather, as was the case last winter; the floor of the rink has been re-surfaced; a railing has been placed around three sides to permit tired skaters to sit down at the floor level and be protected from patrons on the floor; a completely new loud speaker system has been installed, and will be supplemented in a few days with an organ so that the music will be more varied and of a better quality than the monotonous recorded music which was provided last season; the food counter and eating space have been enlarged; a new women's rest room is being constructed at the south end of the building so that ice skaters will not have to mingle with roller skaters off the rink.

The rink will be operated on the following schedule: Free morning sessions for children under 14 on Saturdays, school vacation days and holidays except Christmas, 9:30 to 12 noon; afternoon sessions, admission - 20¢, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, 2:00 to 5:00 P. M. All other days 2:30 to 5:30 P.M.; evening sessions, admission - 35¢, 7:30 to 11:00 P. M.

Free use of the balcony, which was the subject of considerable abuse by rowdy elements which annoyed the skaters last season, has been discontinued.

There is no additional charge for checking clothes and for roller skates, although patrons may use their own skates provided the rollers are suitable for use on a wooden floor.

The section of the park surrounding the building has been reconstructed with a revised walk system and improved landscaping. New parking spaces have been constructed immediately to the south and to the north of the building. Automobilists can reach the parking spaces from the Horace Harding Boulevard and Roosevelt Avenue gates.

The City Building may be reached via the following transportation lines:

IRT, BMT and 2nd Avenue Lines to 111th Street Station

Flushing-Ridgewood Trolley to 52nd Avenue
Walk one block north to park

Independent Subway - Queens line to Woodhaven Boulevard
and Triborough Bus Q-23 to 51st Avenue

The ice skating rink will be opened about the 1st of October.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

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For Release Saturday
September 13, 1941

The Department of Parks announces that the closing date for entries in the Amateur Photo Contest is Saturday, September 20.

All pictures submitted by the contestants must represent scenes in parks, parkways, pools, beaches or playgrounds under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks during the year 1941.

Entrants in this contest will be divided into two age groups: up to 16 years and over 16 years.

The pictures should be forwarded on or before the closing date, to the Park Department Director of the Borough in which the contestant resides. The names and addresses of the borough directors follow:

Manhattan - Philip J. Crusie, Arsenal Building, 64 Street and Fifth Avenue,
Central Park

Brooklyn - Richard C. Jenkins, Litchfield Mansion, Prospect Park West and
5 Street

Queens - James J. Mallen, The Overlook, Union Turnpike and Park Lane,
Kew Gardens

Bronx - George L. Quigley, Bronx Park East and Birchall Avenue, Bronx Park

Richmond - A. M. Anderson, Clove Lakes Park, 1150 Clove Road, West New Brighton

Prizes of substantial and practical value to photographers, such as: cameras and photographic supplies will be awarded to those attaining first, second and third places in each division.

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Friday
September 12, 1941**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS**
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The Department of Parks announces that the City-wide finals of the baseball tournament for playground boys up to 16 years of age will take place at Clove Lakes Park, Victory Boulevard and Clove Road, West Brighton, Richmond, on Sunday, September 14, at 3:00 P.M.

Inter-playground and inter-district games have been played in all the boroughs since the month of July to determine the best qualified teams for the inter-borough competitions. The game next Sunday afternoon will be played by two championship teams from the boroughs of Brooklyn and Richmond.

Gold medals and sweatshirts bearing the sycamore leaf, emblem of the Park Department, will be awarded to the members of the winning team and silver medals to the losers.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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For Release Friday,
September 12, 1941

The Department of Parks announces that special ceremonies have been arranged in connection with the awarding of prizes to those children in Crotona Park, Third and Fulton Avenues and 177 Street, Bronx, who have demonstrated their interest in the protection and preservation of this large and reconstructed 151 acre park. The ceremonies will take place at Crotona Park Recreation Center on Saturday, September 13, at 10:30 A. M., as the first event in the opening of the fall recreation program since the swimming pool closed last week.

Upon completion of construction at Crotona Park, the fifth largest park in the borough of the Bronx, and providing facilities for all types of recreational activities at each of the 11 separate playgrounds located within the area, the executives of the Park Department were anxious to minimize vandalism as well as to encourage the children to take an interest in maintaining the beauty and general neatness of the park. As a result, an organization, called the "Crotona Park Boosters", was formed in each of the 11 playgrounds. Membership in this organization was open to all children who have not reached their 18 birthday and who are interested in enforcing the following four standards: cleanliness, prevention of vandalism, participation in recreational activities and safety.

Each one, who enlisted as a booster, became a voluntary helper of the Department of Parks, Police and Sanitation, and was entitled to wear the official badge of this organization. Four thousand boys and girls have been active members of the organization since its inception a few months ago and there has been a decided curtailment of such vandalism as smashing lights, carving names on benches and trees and displacing fixtures. There has also been a definite drop in playground accidents.

A competitive point system was used to determine the standing of the various playgrounds and scores were posted weekly. Individual points were credited to members of playground teams in inter-playground competition, members of safety

and sanitation squads, active members of newspaper staffs, and participants in essay, poster and photographic contests.

The following boys and girls earned the highest individual scores for the past two months:

Rosalie Brown	-	Playground #5	-	208 points
Stanley Weiss	-	Playground #3	-	187 points
Melvin Schneider	-	Playground #5	-	155 points
Melvin Kaplan	-	Playground #8	-	136 points
Jeanette Yokel	-	Playground #8	-	132 points

Prizes for these 5 highest scorers will consist of cameras, fountain pens, tennis rackets and sweatshirts.

The 11 playgrounds engaged in the Booster Campaign rank as follows:

1st Place	-	Playground #8	-	821 points
2nd Place	-	Playground #5	-	714 points
3rd Place	-	Playground #3	-	684 points
4th Place	-	Playground #6	-	683 points
5th Place	-	Playground #9	-	642 points
6th Place	-	Playground #2	-	567 points
7th Place	-	Playground #10	-	542 points
8th Place	-	Playground #1	-	369 points
9th Place	-	Playground #7	-	311 points
10th Place	-	Playground #4	-	212 points
11th Place	-	Playground #11	-	164 points

In addition to the awarding of prizes next Saturday morning, the program will include: The Pledge of Allegiance and the Boosters' Pledge by all the children of the 11 playgrounds of Crotona Park; one act plays, dancing demonstrations and community singing of patriotic songs by members of the Boosters' Club, a basketball game between playground numbers 5 and 9 and an exhibition of various articles made by the Boosters' Handcraft Club.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
Arsenal, Central Park
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FOR RELEASE Friday
September 12, 1941

The Department of Parks announces that a comprehensive program of recreational activities has been planned for the fall and winter months at the various gymnasias, indoor pools, and floodlighted playgrounds under its jurisdiction.

All the gymnasias have adequate shower and dressing facilities and will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily beginning Monday, September 15. The program of activities includes: basketball, handball, shuffleboard, volley ball, badminton, ping pong, track, calisthenics, gymnastics, group games, magic demonstrations, puppet and marionette shows, club meetings, and social dancing, with music supplied by the WPA Federal Music Project.

The various gymnasias are located as follows:

<u>Borough</u>	<u>Gymnasias and Locations</u>
Manhattan	Carmine Street, Carmine and Varick Streets Rutgers Place - 5 Rutgers Place Baruch - Rivington and Mangin Streets West 134 Street - 35 West 134 Street East 54 Street - 342 East 54 Street West 60 Street - West 60 Street, between 10 and 11 Avenues West 28 Street - 407 West 28 Street Cherry and Oliver - Cherry and Oliver Streets
Brooklyn	President Street - President Street and Fourth Avenue
Richmond	Cromwell Center - Victory Boulevard and Murray Hulbert Avenue, Tompkinsville, Staten Island Faber Park Recreation Building - Richmond Terrace at Faber Street, Port Richmond, Staten Island

Basketball teams, desiring to use these gymnasias, are requested to apply for the necessary permit to the Borough Directors, whose names and addresses follow:

Manhattan - Philip J. Cruise, Arsenal Building, 64 Street and Fifth Avenue,
Central Park

Brooklyn - Richard C. Jenkins, Litchfield Mansion, Prospect Park West and
5 Street, Prospect Park

Richmond - A. M. Anderson, Clove Lakes Park, 1150 Clove Road, West New Brighton

Basketball tournaments are being organized in all gymnasium centers for boys, girls and men of the surrounding neighborhood and medals will be awarded to the members of the winning teams.

Playground directors are present to assist boys in various gymnastic stunts. A monster demonstration in gymnastics will be given by those attending these classes in the latter part of January.

Indoor swimming pools, which may be used free of charge, are located in each of the gymnasium buildings, in the borough of Manhattan, with the exception of the one located at Cherry and Oliver Streets

In addition, there is a Park Department indoor swimming pool at 23 Street and Avenue A, Manhattan, and at Metropolitan and Bedford Avenues, Brooklyn.

Swimming classes are conducted for beginners at all these pools. Anyone, wishing to learn how to swim, is invited to register at the pool nearest his home. Lessons in life saving are also given to the advanced swimmers.

At various intervals during the fall and winter seasons, swimming tournaments will be held for all age groups.

Eleven of the outdoor pools will be converted into active play areas and reopened for use on Saturday, September 13. These play centers are free to the public and are open from 2 P.M. to 10 P.M. daily except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, when the hours of operation will be from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. Facilities will be provided for paddle tennis, shuffleboard, basketball, softball and various group games.

Seventy-six of the Park Department outdoor recreation areas are equipped with modern floodlighting equipment and their facilities may be used until 10 P.M. each night for such activities as: soccer, field hockey, football, roller hockey, roller skating, horseshoe pitching, paddle tennis and handball.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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Friday
September 12, 1941
For Release

The Department of Parks announces that the City-wide finals of the senior softball tournament will take place at the Parade Grounds, Caton and Coney Island Avenues, Brooklyn, Saturday, September 13, at 3:00 P.M.

Preliminary games between the various playground teams in each borough have been held during the past six weeks. Championship teams from the boroughs of Queens and Richmond will play next Saturday afternoon for the title of "City-wide Baseball Champions of Park Department Playgrounds".

Gold medals and sweatshirts bearing the sycamore leaf, emblem of the Park Department, will be awarded to the members of the winning team and silver medals to the losers.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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For Release ~~Thursday~~
September 11, 1941

RIKER'S ISLAND NURSERY

The nursery area now under cultivation consists of 25 acres of disintegrated refuse and ash fill collected throughout New York City during the past ten years. The work of establishing the nursery began on September 1, 1940, when 200 inmates of the Riker's Island Penitentiary were assigned to cultivate the soil and remove all undesirable debris 2 feet below the surface in preparation for planting. Upon completion of this work, they planted 13,477 sapling trees, consisting of Oriental planes, American elms and Norway maples which were furnished by the Park Department. In addition, thousands of trees and shrubs were planted to act as wind-breaks during the winter months. Next spring, 10,000 more sapling trees will be set out in the nursery by the inmates.

It will take about 7 years for these saplings to grow to suitable size for planting in parks, on parkways and City streets. Each year 10,000 sapling trees will be set out in the nursery, and each year 10,000 trees will be removed for use throughout the City park system.

Approximately 23 acres of the nursery area have been planted with a green manure crop which at maturity is plowed under to enrich and improve the texture of the soil. In the past year, 3 of such crops have been grown and plowed under. The present crop, which is now being turned into the ground, consists of common millet and cow peas. Perennial rye and hairy vetch will shortly be sown as a winter crop.

There are approximately 1,250,000 park trees and about 1,000,000 street trees which require maintenance by the Park Department. Each year approximately 6,000 to 8,000 trees die as a result of vandalism, storm damage, being struck by automobiles, and from old age.

The purpose of establishing a nursery on Riker's Island was not only to furnish the City of New York with thousands of trees at low cost, but also to give the inmates constructive and outdoor work. Hundreds of inmates will be kept busy cultivating, watering and spraying the trees throughout the year.

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Park Department Ceremonies to be held
September 23, in Flushing Meadow Park: Mayor LaGuardia,
Park Commissioner Moses to Officiate.

NEW YORK, N.Y. Sept. 7 ~~1940~~¹⁹⁴¹ The Park Department announces that a monument of black granite, erected at Flushing Meadow Park to mark the location of the Westinghouse Time Capsule on the old site of the New York World's Fair, will be dedicated at noon on Tuesday, September 23.

At the public ceremonies sponsored by the Park Department, Robert Moses, Park Commissioner, will preside. David S. Youngholm, Westinghouse Vice President, will present the marker and Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, or his representative, will accept the memorial on behalf of the City of New York.

Executives of the principal companies which had exhibits at the Fair, members of the Fair administration, City officials and civic leaders will attend. The Time Capsule, a metal tube containing a record of our civilization, was buried 50 feet underground at the Westinghouse Building at the World's Fair to remain there for 5,000 years. The memorial shaft is one of the few lasting reminders of the Fair.

The ten foot black granite monument standing on a white granite base marks the exact spot where the Time Capsule is buried at latitude 40° 44' 34".089, north of the equator, longitude 73° 50' 43".842 west of Greenwich.

An inscription on the base of the shaft reads:

"The Time Capsule, deposited 50 feet beneath this spot on September 23, 1938; preserving for the future a record of the history, faiths, arts, sciences and customs of the people then alive. Scientists and engineers designed it; scholars chose its contents; the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company placed it here at the beginning of the New York World's Fair, 1939-1940, to endure for 5000 years."

As part of the development of Flushing Meadow Park, the Park Department approved the construction and erection by Westinghouse of a memorial to mark the Time Capsule site. Five white granite seats, with black granite arm rests, face the shaft in a semi-circle from the south end of the memorial plot which is 45 by 30 feet in area. The area is paved with dolomite flagstones from the court of the former Swedish Pavilion at the Fair.

The shaft weighs 7000 pounds. It is of American black granite quarried at Sauk Rapids, Minnesota. White granite for the base and benches was quarried at Salisbury, North Carolina.

The Time Capsule, containing 35 articles of common use and a micro-film record equivalent to 10,000,000 words of printed matter, was placed in its deep resting place on September 23, 1938, with leaders of American science, industry and public affairs as witnesses.

The Capsule is made of copper alloy called Cupaloy which can be tempered to the hardness of steel and yet has a resistance to corrosion equal to pure copper. The torpedo-shaped shell is lined with an envelope of heat-resistant glass set in waterproof wax.

Packed into the Time Capsule is a "cross section of our times", selected with the advice of leading archaeologists, historians and scientists.

Objects in the Capsule include a woman's hat, alarm clock, children's toys, cosmetics, tobacco, watch, eyeglasses, electric lamp, safety pin, pen and pencil. There are 75 samples of materials such as fabrics, metal, alloys, plastics, coal and common seeds.

Three and one-half reels of microfilm in the Time Capsule contain reproductions of more than 22,000 pages of text and 1,000 pictures taken from books, articles, magazines, newspapers, reports and catalogs. It would take an ordinary person more than a year to read the microfilm record. In addition to the microfilm there is a 15 minute newsreel of us and our times, and instructions for building a modern movie projector for showing it.

To preserve the memory of the Time Capsule and perhaps aid future archaeologists in finding it, a permanent Book of Record was distributed to libraries, museums, monasteries, temples, lamaseries and other repositories throughout the world. The exact location of the Time Capsule, determined by the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, was included in the Book of Record.

A "Key to the English Language" was prepared to enable future peoples to understand and translate our language. A new system of phonetic spelling, a "high frequency" vocabulary and diagrams will enable them to pronounce English as it is spoken in America today.

More than 4,000,000 persons peered down into the "Immortal Well" at the World's Fair to view the Time Capsule.

On September 23, 1940, the Time Capsule Well was sealed, again with leaders of science, industry and public affairs taking part. Five hundred pounds of plastic compound was poured down the shaft of the Well, covering the Capsule. It is believed that the water repellant plastic covering and the construction of the Capsule shell will preserve this "letter to the future" from any natural hazards for at least 5,000 years.

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A replica of the Time Capsule is on display at the Hayden Planetarium of the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, where duplicates of the original contents also are shown.

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For Release Monday
September 6, 1941

Bids were opened today by the Department of Parks at the Arsenal Building on a contract for alterations to two sections of the main floor in the City Building at Flushing Meadow Park, Borough of Queens.

The work consists of various changes in the southwest and southeast corners of the building to provide added facilities for ice and roller skating patrons during the coming indoor skating season. The southeast corner of the main floor will be altered to provide a storage room, skate shop, first-aid room, women's locker and comfort facilities and offices for supervisors. The southwest corner will be provided with men's locker and comfort facilities and a concession storage booth for foodstuffs and other materials.

The work generally comprises construction of tile partitions with concrete cement finish including doors, trim, metal partitions and necessary plumbing and shower equipment. Also included is all necessary lighting installations and ventilating equipment.

The three lowest bidders for the contract were:

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| 1. Wm. C. Crowe, Inc.
335 East 82 Street, New York City | \$5,731.00 |
| 2. Great Eastern Construction Co., Inc.
110 West 40 Street, New York City | 6,835.00 |
| 3. Rolin Contracting Company
11 West 42 Street, New York City | 6,910.00 |

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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For Release Saturday
September 6, 1941

The Department of Parks announces the closing of the 17 outdoor swimming pools and 5 beaches under its jurisdiction on September 7th, 1941. No charge will be made for parking facilities after that date at either Jacob Riis Park or Orchard Beach. The Pitch Putt Golf Course at Jacob Riis Park will remain open for play until November 30th.

Immediately after closing, the following listed pools will be converted into active play areas and reopened for use on Saturday, September 13th.

MANHATTAN

Hamilton Fish Pool	East Houston and Sheriff Streets
Colonial Pool	Bradhurst Ave. W. 145th to 147th Streets
Highbridge Pool	Amsterdam Ave. & 173rd Street
Thomas Jefferson Pool	111th to 114th Streets & First Avenue

BROOKLYN

Sunset Pool	7th Avenue & 43 Street
McCarren Pool	Driggs Avenue & Lorimer Street
Red Hook Pool	Clinton, Bay & Henry Streets
Betsy Head Pool	Hopkinson, Dumont & Livonia Streets

BRONX

Crotona Pool	173rd Street & Fulton Avenue
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QUEENS

Astoria Pool	19th Street & 23rd Drive
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RICHMOND

Faber Pool	Faber Street between Richmond Terrace & Kill Van Kull
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Facilities will be provided for paddle tennis, shuffleboard, basketball, soft ball and various group games. Leagues will be formed in these sports and regular scheduled games will be held between the pool clubs.

These play centers will be opened free to the public from 2 P.M. until 10 P.M. daily except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays when the hours of operation will be from 10 A.M. until 6 P.M.

On Monday, September 8th, the indoor pools at 60th Street, Carmine Street, and 23rd Street will reopen, making available for the winter season the following indoor pools, open daily from 2 P.M. to 10 P.M. weekdays, and 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

MANHATTAN

E. 23rd St. Baths- E. 23rd St. & East River Dr.

E. 54th St. Baths-342 East 54th Street

Rutgers Pl. Baths- 5 Rutgers Place

Carmine St. Baths- Clarkson & 7th Ave. South

W. 28th St. Baths- 407 West 28th Street

W. 60th St. Baths- 232 West 60th Street

W. 134th St. Baths- 35 West 134th Street

Rivington St. Baths- Rivington and Goerck Street

BROOKLYN

Metropolitan Baths- Bedford & Metropolitan Aves.

During the season, now closing, 2,024,532 persons have availed themselves of the swimming facilities provided by the 17 outdoor pools; of these 664,725 were children admitted during the free periods; 823,092 were children who paid 10¢ and 536,615 were adults who paid 20¢ for admission.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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For Release Friday
September 5, 1941

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The Department of Parks announces the opening of bids today on a contract in connection with the work for preparing the facilities for unloading fill from sanitation scows in Sound View Park, Borough of the Bronx.

The contract provides for the construction of a timber platform supported on steel beams connected to the existing tubular sheet pile bulkhead which is also the site of an unloading plant to be built by the Department of Sanitation. The platform will be used to tie up scows preparatory to unloading and will also serve as a fender rack for protection of the sheet pile bulkhead. Also included is the construction of a timber dock on piles, repairs to an existing dock and construction of a timber ramp inshore for handling fill by truck from the unloading plant to the dumping areas.

The three lowest bidders were the following:

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| 1. Melwood Construction Corp. | \$35,865.00 |
| 507 Fifth Ave., New York City | |
| 2. Phoenix Construction Associates | 39,481.00 |
| 41 Park Row, New York City | |
| 3. Spencer, White & Prentiss, Inc. | 44,450.00 |
| 10 West 40 Street, New York City | |
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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Saturday
August 30, 1941

The Department of Parks announces that the Naumburg Orchestra will give the last of a series of four Naumburg concerts on Labor Day, Monday, September 1, 8:15 P.M. on the Mall, Central Park.

Victor Bay will be the conductor for this Labor Day Concert, and Allan Gallu, the tenor soloist. Some of the selections included in the program are: Flower Song from "Carmen" by Bizet; Overture "Die Meistersinger" by Wagner; First Movement Symphony No. 5 by Beethoven; Eight Russian Folk Songs by Liadoff; and Emperor Waltz by Strauss.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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For Release Friday
August 29, 1941

The Department of Parks announces that the children of twenty-one Park Department Playgrounds will celebrate the anniversary of their official opening to the public by participating in special programs of recreational activities during the month of September.

Besides the usual activities such as: handball, softball, paddle tennis, ping pong, punchball, basketball, shuffleboard, and horseshoe pitching, there will be a variety of special events including novelty races, community and group singing of patriotic songs, birthday party games, salute to the flag, one act plays, folk dancing, magic shows, handcraft exhibitions, and musical and vocal selections.

The September schedule for playground birthday celebrations is as follows:

<u>Borough</u>	<u>Playground Location</u>	<u>Opened</u>	<u>Time of Celebration</u>
Manhattan	Tompkins Square Playground 10 Street bet. Ave. A. & B.	Sept. 5, 1936	2 P.M.
	Roosevelt Playground Forsythe & Houston Sts.	Sept. 13, 1934	2 P.M.
	Thomas Jefferson Playground East 111 St. & First Ave.	Sept. 23, 1934	2 P.M.
Brooklyn	Riverdale & Snediker Avenues	Sept. 1, 1935	2 P.M.
	Stillwell Ave. & Avenue N.	Sept. 2, 1935	2 P.M.
	New Lots Ave. & Elton Street	Sept. 4, 1933	2 P.M.
	McCarren Park Playground Driggs Ave. & Lorimer Street	Sept. 6, 1935	2 P.M.
	Sunset Park Playground Sixth Ave. & 44 Street	Sept. 9, 1935	2 P.M.
Queens	30th Road, 45 & 46 Streets	Sept. 10, 1937	10 A.M. to 4 P.M.
	Jackson Pond Playground 108 Street & Myrtle Avenue	Sept. 20, 1935	2:30 P.M.

<u>Borough</u>	<u>Playground & Location</u>	<u>Opened</u>	<u>Time of Celebration</u>
Bronx	Crotona Park West Fulton Ave. & East 173 Street	Sept. 2, 1935	2 P.M.
	Williamsbridge Oval 203 St. & Bainbridge Avenue	Sept. 11, 1937	4 P.M.
	Bronx Park East & Brady Avenue	Sept. 12, 1938	4 P.M.
	Bronx Park East & Boston Road	Sept. 12, 1938	4 P.M.
	Claremont Park - Teller & Morris Monroe & Mt. Eden Avenues Mt. Eden & Morris Avenues	Sept. 14, 1940	4 P.M.
	Mott Haven Health Center East 140 St. near Alexander Ave.	Sept. 20, 1938	4 P.M.
	Crotona Park East & East 173 St.	Sept. 20, 1937	4 P.M.
	Van Cortlandt Stadium 240 Street & Broadway	Sept. 22, 1939	4 P.M.
	Cauldwell Avenue Playground Cauldwell Ave. & 161 Street	Sept. 23, 1935	4 P.M.
	Bronx Park East & Waring Avenue	Sept. 28, 1939	4 P.M.
Richmond	Winter & Bismark Avenues New Brighton	Sept. 19, 1936	4 P.M.

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For Release Monday
August 25, 1941

The Department of Parks announces that a concert will be given by the Associated Musicians of Greater New York, Local 802, under the sponsorship of Mayor F.H. LaGuardia, and John S. Burke of the Friedsam Foundation, at the Amphitheatre, Flushing Meadow Park, Queens, on Tuesday, August 26th at 8:30 P.M.

This is the nineteenth free outdoor concert in a series of twenty, given by Local 802, at various park areas, during the current summer season. The last concert is scheduled for Inwood **Hill** Park, 207th Street and Seaman Avenue, Manhattan, on Thursday, August 28th at 8:30 P.M.

In order to prepare the pool for the evening concert there will be no swimming after 6 P.M.

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of work in connection with the construction of marginal playgrounds, two sitting areas with sand pits, walks and bicycle path located in a strip of park area along the west boundary of Prospect Park West extending from Garfield Place to 15th Street, Brooklyn, and also a new marginal playground at the Lincoln Road entrance on the east side of the park.

In line with the Department's policy to provide active recreational facilities around the boundaries of the large informal parks to preserve the interior landscaped areas for proper usage these new play units will serve one of the finer residential sections of Brooklyn.

Supplementing the new $2\frac{1}{2}$ acre recreation area with bandshell and playground opposite 10th Street which was opened this spring, a semi-circular sitting area, 100 feet in diameter, has been provided adjacent to an existing park walk opposite 13th Street. Paved with bituminous macadam the area has a large central sand pit and a continuous row of benches for guardians of the children extending along the arc of the semi-circle. This sitting area is conveniently reached from the park entrance two blocks south at the 15th Street traffic circle.

A similar area is located at the north end of the park adjacent to Garfield Place. The sloping ground between the existing park walk and the west property line wall necessitated the construction of a $3\frac{1}{2}$ ' high semi-circular concrete retaining wall surmounted by a 4' high chain link fence lined with continuous benches which face the centrally located sand pit. The old existing shade trees around the top of this wall have been preserved for the comfort of the mothers and children.

A new entrance has been cut through the existing wall and chain link fence opposite Garfield Place to provide access to the existing park walk which leads to the sitting area.

The project also included a bituminous surfaced, fence enclosed playground between the West Drive and the Borough Headquarters in Litchfield Mansion. Located in a natural depression the existing planting on the adjacent slopes has been supplemented with a variety of trees including flowering dogwood, hornbeam, sweet gum and scarlet oak. The existing path system which passed through the site was removed in favor of more direct and smoothly aligned connections with the entrances at 3rd and 5th Streets and with the main path system.

The playground at 5th Street and Prospect Park West, a rectangular area 85' x 130' with a semi-circular bay extending from the full width of one side, has an open central free play area which is bordered by facilities adjacent to the boundary fence: 60 feet of fence protected kindergarten swings; 4 see-saws; a circular shower basin; 2 small playhouses; a 16' x 22' irrigated sand pit; 2 kindergarten slides and 2 drinking fountains. Continuous park benches extend along three sides of the sand pit area. An existing 30" diameter cypress tree located within the play area, has been protected by a 7' high wrought iron picket fence and an underplanting of English Ivy.

A new 12' wide bituminous surfaced bicycle path, 4,400 feet long, starting near the 15th Street entrance winds through the trees and around the slopes roughly paralleling the West Drive to a point north of the maintenance buildings where it swings westward to the park boundary and ends at the 3rd Street entrance. For a short section near this entrance the path parallels a new section of hexagonal block surfaced walk from which it is separated by a 4' high wrought iron picket fence.

The playground at Ocean Avenue and Lincoln Road, approximately one-half acre in size, is semi-circular in shape, paved with asphalt so as to provide year round usage and equipped with a shower basin, a sand pit, kindergarten swings, slides, see-saws and a pipe frame exercise unit. A large open area provides space for general play, skating, and organized games. Around the perimeter continuous benches have been provided for mothers and guardians.

A new brick comfort station has been built at the entrance to the park, adjacent to the playground, where it will serve the general public as well as the playground patrons. The project also included: the construction of a short spur to the bridle path from Flatbush Avenue to East Lake Drive; hitching posts and mounting blocks near the Lincoln Road entrance; extensive regrading, topsoiling and seeding; planting of approximately 65 small trees and large shrubs and planting of more than 3,250 ground cover plants to prevent erosion on steep side slopes.

In connection with the development of all of these areas additional drainage facilities were installed, irrigation provided and 10 acres of lawn area were seeded.

The work was carried out by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks. In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs; 59 of which have been reconstructed. At the present time there are 444 playgrounds in the Park system.

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FOR RELEASE Friday,
August 22, 1941

The Department of Parks announces that the City-wide finals of the checker tournament will take place at Heckscher Playground, Central Park, on Saturday, August 23, at 2:00 P. M.

The City championship in the Park Department chess tournament will also be determined at Heckscher playground on Sunday, August 24, at 2:00 P. M.

Contestants in both these tournaments have been divided into three age groups: boys and girls through 16 years of age; persons 17 to 50 years; and, those 50 years of age and over. There will also be a special division for men in the service.

Each borough has been conducting preliminary matches in each of these divisions for the past three weeks to determine its two best players for the City-wide finals.

Arrangements will be made at a later date for a contest between the winners of the under 16 years classification and the over 50 years group in both checkers and chess. This additional contest attracts a great deal of interest, and is usually described as "Youth vs Age in Chess and Checkers" contest.

Gold and silver medals will be awarded to the first and second place winners in each division at the finals. Bronze pins will be given to borough winners.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Wednesday,
August 20, 1941

The Department of Parks announces that the City-wide finals of the softball tournament, both junior and intermediate divisions, will take place at Heckscher Playground, Central Park, according to the following schedule:

Junior Division(Boys up to 17 years) - Wednesday, August 20
at 2:00 P. M.

Senior Division(Boys 17 to 21 years) - Thursday, August 21
at 6:00 P. M.

In the junior division, teams from the Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond will play for the City championship, while in the intermediate classification teams from the Boroughs of Queens and Manhattan will play off for the title.

Gold and silver medals will be awarded to the winner and runner up in each division. In addition, the City champions in each division will receive sweatshirts bearing a sycamore leaf, the Park Department emblem.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Saturday,
August 16, 1941

The Department of Parks announces that the City-wide finals of the paddle tennis tournament for Park playground boys and girls will take place at North Meadow, Central Park, on Saturday, August 16, according to the following schedule:

Girls Junior Division (13 - 15 years) - 11:00 A. M.

Girls Senior Division (15 - 18 years) - 11:00 A. M.

Boys Junior Division (13 - 15 years) - 2:00 P. M.

Boys Senior Division (16 - 18 years) - 2:00 P. M.

These finals will include singles and doubles matches in all divisions.

Gold and silver medals will be awarded to the winner and runner up in each division.

As an added attraction, the Park Department in cooperation with the U. S. Paddle Tennis Association has arranged an exhibition paddle tennis match between Bobby Riggs, former national tennis champion, and Jack Slotnick, holder of the junior national paddle tennis championship. Jean Maco will also be present and will play with Bobby Riggs in a doubles match.

The Department of Parks announces the completion of the reconstruction and the reopening to the public of the seven-acre Bushwick Park bounded by Knickerbocker and Irving Avenues and by Suydam and Starr Streets.

The park in the heart of one of the most congested residential areas in Brooklyn is surrounded by many blocks of three and four story apartment houses.

The first steps in the modernization of the park to serve the needs of all age groups were taken in 1936 when a one-half acre playground was built in conformity with a development plan for the entire park. The playground contains a modern wading pool, irrigated sand pit, adequate play apparatus and is surfaced with asphalt to provide all year round usage.

The renovation and reconstruction of the remaining six and one-half acres provide a large paved area in the center of the park which can be used for roller and ice skating, dancing and concerts. This area forms the hub of the plan, on the north side of which is a ball diamond; on the south, the playground and new hand-ball courts; and on the other two sides informal lawn areas. A new brick comfort station was built at the south side of the central paved area, adjacent to the playground. Included in the reconstruction are a new flagpole with an ornamental base; drinking fountains; benches; wrought iron, pipe-rail and chain link fences; asphalt, hex block and concrete block paving.

Approximately three quarters of the entire park consists of informal lawns and planted areas for passive use. Offsets in the main perimeter walk and at three of the four corner entrances have established five secluded sitting areas, including one with an irrigated sand pit where small children can dig and work off some of their energy.

It is expected that the adequate provisions made for active recreation for all age groups will make it possible to preserve the new lawns and planting areas which heretofore were overrun and worn bare. In addition to the splendid groups of mature trees which were preserved in the reconstruction, approximately seventy-five new trees were planted including maples, planes, scarlet oaks and lindens.

The work was carried out by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks. In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs; 59 of which have been reconstructed. At the present time there are 442 playgrounds in the Park system.

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FOR RELEASE: Tuesday,
August 12, 1941

TOURNAMENTS AND ACTIVITIES TO BE CONDUCTED IN PARK
DEPARTMENT PLAYGROUNDS DURING REMAINDER OF THE SUMMER

The Department of Parks announces that a variety of tournaments of both the active and passive types of recreation will be conducted for boys and girls of Park Department playgrounds during the remainder of the summer.

Any boy or girl, who has not reached his 16th birthday is eligible to compete in the Checker Tournament which is going on in all Park Department playgrounds at the present time. There is also a separate division for persons 16 years of age and older. Each borough will conduct its own eliminations to select the two best players (either girls or boys) to represent the borough in the city-wide finals which will take place at Heckscher Playground, Central Park, on August 23 and 24 at 2:00 P. M.

A Chess Tournament is also being conducted in all Park playgrounds for persons of identical age groups. Borough eliminations will determine the player who is most conversant with the intricate moves and strategic maneuvering of "pieces" to represent the borough in the city championship tourney, which will take place at Heckscher Playground, Central Park, on August 23 and 24 at 2:00 P. M.

Men and women, 50 years of age and over, will be given an opportunity to demonstrate their skill in checkers and chess by entering a tournament restricted to persons of that age group. The city-wide finals will be held at Heckscher Playground, Central Park, on August 23 and 24 at 2 P. M.

Gold and silver medals will be awarded to the first and second place winners of the city finals in both the Checker and Chess Tournaments. Bronze medals will be awarded to the borough finalists.

Finally, there will be a checkers and chess contest between the winners of the under 16 years classification and the over 50 years group. This contest attracts a great deal of interest and is usually described as "Youth vs. Age in the Battle of Wits". Medals will also be awarded to the winners of these contests.

The Park Department, in cooperation with the Defense Recreation Committee, has decided to include a separate division in the checker and chess tournaments for the members of the armed forces of the United States.

Any man in the service, who is desirous of competing in either one of these contests, should report, in uniform, at Heckscher Playground, Central Park, on August 23 and 24 at 2:00 P. M. Prizes, consisting of gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

A contest in "jacks", the game that is popular with every girl, will take place in Park Department playgrounds during the next few weeks. Girls 15 years of age and under are eligible to enter this contest. The city finals, at which the two best girls from each of the five boroughs will compete for the city championships, at Heckscher Playground, Central Park, on August 27, at 2:00 P. M.

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in the city finals.

Entries for the amateur photography contest depicting "Youth and Age" in city parks will close on September 20. All pictures submitted by the contestants must represent scenes in parks, parkways, pools, beaches or playgrounds under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks during the year 1941.

Entrants in this contest will be divided into two age groups: up to 16 years and over 16 years. All pictures must be submitted on or before the closing date, to the Park Department Director of the Borough in which the contestant resides. The names and addresses of the borough directors are as follows:

Manhattan - Philip J. Cruise, Arsenal Building, 64 Street and Fifth Avenue

Brooklyn - Richard C. Jenkins, Litchfield Mansion, Prospect Park West and 5 Street, Prospect Park

Queens - James J. Mallen, The Overlook, Union Turnpike and Park Lane South, Forest Park, Kew Gardens

Bronx - George L. Quigley, Bronx Park East and Birchall Avenue, Bronx Park

Richmond - A. M. Anderson, Clove Lakes Park, Clove Road, west of Victory Boulevard, New Brighton

The trailer puppet and marionette show, which has visited various Park playgrounds in each of the five boroughs since last May and given performances to approximately 52,000 children and adults, will continue to be presented, according to schedule, until the final performance on August 19. Every show, until that date, will be given at designated playgrounds in the Borough of Queens.

Interest in this type of activity became so widespread, that another travelling puppet and marionette troupe was organized. The program of this troupe includes the manipulation of hand puppets, community singing and magic demonstrations. Since their first appearance on July 28, magic and puppetry clubs have been organized in several of the playgrounds visited. In many instances, the children put on their own magic shows, and constructed and manipulated their own puppets. According to the schedule, this newly formed troupe will continue to give two performances daily, at 11 A. M. and 2 P. M., at designated playgrounds until the final show on August 29.

The finals of the Children's Amateur Singing Contest will be held in the month of September at the Mall, Central Park. The participants in this contest will be divided into two age classifications: 8 to 12 years and 13 to 16 years, with separate divisions for boys and girls.

A contest for amateur musicians is also planned for the early part of September. Boys and girls, 16 years of age and under, are eligible to compete. All types of instruments will be permitted.

In the active game classification, the following tournaments will take place as follows:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Date of Finals</u>
Paddle Tennis	Boys and girls - 13 to 15 years singles and doubles	August 16
	Boys and girls - 15 to 17 years singles and doubles	
	A singles player cannot be a member of a doubles team.	
Shuffleboard	Men and women - over 18 years	September 6
Volley Ball	Girls - 16 years of age and under	September 21

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in the city finals of each of the above tournaments.

Any boy or girl, who is interested in entering the tournaments, whether they are of the active or passive game type, is requested to apply to the playground director in charge of the Park Department playground nearest his home. Early registration is important because unless a contestant participates in the preliminary stages of elimination for each tournament, he is ineligible to represent his borough in the city finals.

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Construction work in connection with the development of Ferry

Point Park, located on the 171 acre East River Bronx Shore promontory

which supports the north anchorage of the Whitestone Bridge has been completed. The parking field and some of the path system have been in use, however, since the opening of the bridge.

A permanent feature of this new park is an overlook 35' above the water. A combination comfort station and storage building at the rear of the overlook is bounded on three sides with a brick-paved portico. The south side facing the river is joined to the overlook by a brick surfaced terrace.

Although the main interest of the park is passive recreation, two baseball diamonds have been provided, but will not be available for use this summer because the areas have been newly seeded.

When the new lawn areas and plantings have become established the two areas which have been assigned for picnic use will be provided with tables, seats, fireplaces and drinking fountains.

The present development has been confined mainly to the west side of the bridge covering approximately 100 acres. Access to the 1000 car parking field may be had from the Bronx without passing through the toll collection lanes.

Acquisition of the property from the House of Good Shepherd was financed by the City and the Triborough Bridge Authority in connection with proceedings for construction of the Whitestone Bridge.

The former meadow areas were brought to grade by hydraulic fill supplied under contract. The remainder of the development was constructed by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared under the supervision and approval of the Department of Parks.

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FOR RELEASE: Saturday
August 9, 1941

The Department of Parks announces the completion and opening of a neighborhood playground on Nostrand Avenue just south of Kings Highway in Brooklyn.

The half-acre area has been intensively developed in units designed for various age groups. The kindergarten section contains a sand pit, slides, swings and see-saws together with seating accommodations for mothers and guardians of children. Adjoining this is a space devoted to older children equipped with swings, slides and exercise unit. The central area contains a shower basin and a comfort station. At the opposite end of the playground are shuffleboard and handball courts. This asphalt surfaced area is provided with protective fencing, irrigation, drainage, lighting and shade trees.

The work was carried out by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks. In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs; 58 of which have been reconstructed. At the present time there are 442 playgrounds in the Park system.

The final round in the Municipal Golf Championships conducted by the Department of Parks will be held on Sunday, August 10th. The men's championship for the Newbold Morris Trophy, will be held at Clearview, Queens, with the Women and Junior Boys Tournament for the Park Association Trophy at Dyker Beach, Brooklyn.

Thirty-six holes of match play on Saturday, August 9th, will decide the finalists for Sunday. Joe Sage, the former N.Y.U. collegiate linksman, and New Jersey Public Links title holder in 1939, won the course championship at Mosholu last year and also was runner-up last year, by defeating the 1940 champion, Tom Strafacci, last week, will meet Joe Farrell on Saturday for the right to play in the final round.

In the lower half of the bracket, Charles Amandoles of LaTourette, the medalist, will meet John Desiderio of Kissena, to fill in the other half of the finals. Amandoles is rated as one of the outstanding amateurs in the Metropolitan Area, having a handicap of 2. In 1938 he won the New Jersey State Amateur Title, the Municipal Public Links Championship and the Staten Island Open crown. His opponent, John Desiderio, won the City P.S.A.L. title in 1933 while a member of the Richmond Hill High School team; in the same year he won the Department of Parks caddie title and in 1937 he placed 5th in the National Public Links Championship held at San Francisco.

At the Dyker Beach Course, the winner and runner-up in the Women's Course Championships from each of the ten municipal links, will play 36 holes of medal play for the Women's Municipal Championship. Miss Patricia Shanahan, winner of the title and the Park Association Trophy last year, will defend her title. Miss Shanahan retained the title of course champion that she won on the Mosholu Course last year by shooting a 79, six strokes less than the runner-up, in this year's tournament. Although Miss Shanahan will be ruled the favorite to repeat in this year's play, she must get by nine other course champions. In the finals last year, Pat Shanahan shot an 87 and 89 for a 176 for 36 holes of play on the Clearview layout. Miss Vicki Goncheski, the current Clearview champion, has been shooting 83 and 84 for 18 holes consistently and looms as a likely threat to Pat's crown. Play will start at 9:00 A. M. with the first foursome of Kay Olsen, Dyker Beach; Jean Wikstrom, LaTourette; Vicki Goncheski, Clearview; and Carol Kirkpatrick, Kissena; 9:05 A. M. Florence Kay, Forest Park; Ellen Sarge, Silver Lake; Adele Ernst, Van Cortlandt;

Caroline Lehey, Pelham; 9:10 A. M. Rosetta Wallace, Split Rock; Patricia Shanahan, Mosholu; Ava Spencer, Dyker Beach; Marie Paine, LaTourette; 9:15 A. M. Annette Reyl, Clearview; Mrs. N. Warner, Kissena; Jessie Bensen, Forest Park; Irene Davenport, Silver Lake; 9:20 A. M. Helen Lee, Van Cortlandt; Viola Rave, Pelham; Anne Rosenberg, Split Rock; and Minnie Fullen, Mosholu.

Sharing the Dyker Beach course with the Women's Championship will be the Junior Boys City Wide Finals. The winner and runner-up in each course championship will play 36 holes of medal play for the City title. Last year's champion, Roger Shephard, from the Silver Lake course, Staten Island, will defend his title. Shephard qualified for the finals by finishing in the runner-up position to Sven Martinson in his course tournament.

The Junior Boys play will bring together some of New York's outstanding college freshman and P.S.A.L. golfers. Among the most outstanding are Bobby Drasser, Kissena champion and former number one man on the Flushing High School golf team; Sam Schwartz, runner-up in the 1940 championship and the Dyker Beach title holder; Sol Hartman, captain elect of the New Utrecht High School, City P. S.A.L. Golf Championship Team; Bob Neuman, the 1940 Clearview king and number one man on the Queens-Bronx P.S.A.L. Championship, Bayside High School team. Mosholu will be represented by their champion Harold Zolkind of the DeWitt Clinton Golf Team and James Boyd, a member of Columbia University's freshman squad. The youngest entrants will be two fifteen year old Stuyvesant High School boys, Frank Marone and Ed Formisano who are the champion and runner-up respectively from the Pelham course.

The first foursome will start at 8:30 A. M. with Sam Schwartz, Dyker Beach; Sven Martinson, Silver Lake; Bob Drasser, Kissena; Walter Lupton, Forest Park; 8:35 A. M. Frank Braider, Clearview; Jack Breakstone, Van Cortlandt; Harold Zolking, Mosholu; Frank Marone, Pelham; 8:40 A. M. Armand Bossi, Split Rock; Nick Callucci, LaTourette; Sol Hartman, Dyker Beach; Roger Shephard, Silver Lake; 8:45 A. M. Stuart Malinari, Kissena; Louis Zupan, Forest Park; Bob Neuman, Clearview; David Kaufman, Van Cortlandt; 8:50 A. M. James Boyd, Mosholu; Ed Formisano, Pelham; Al Tranfo, Split Rock; Robert Grillo, LaTourette.

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FOR RELEASE Friday,
August 8, 1941

The Department of Parks announces that the city-wide finals of the girls' softball tournament will take place on Saturday, August 9, at 2:00 P. M., at Heckscher Playground, 62 Street and West Drive, Central Park.

Girls 17 years of age and over were eligible to compete in this tournament. Playground and inter-playground games were held in each borough to determine the most representative team for the interborough competitions which ultimately will determine the city-wide championship team.

The two teams which will play next Saturday afternoon are composed of girls from park playgrounds in the boroughs of Queens and Bronx.

Gold medals, together with sweatshirts bearing the sycamore leaf, emblem of the Park Department, will be awarded to the members of the winning team and silver medals to those on the losing team.

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FOR RELEASE Wednesday
August 6, 1941

The first of a weekly series of aquatic and stage shows will be presented this evening, Wednesday, August 6, at 8:30 P.M. at the Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre, Flushing Meadow Park, Queens.

The stage show will consist of George Sterney and his orchestra and vaudeville acts.

The water show will have Pete Des Jardins, Olympic champion diver; Elbert Root, national diving champion; Madeline Carson, women's diving champion; a comedy troupe and the aquabelles in a water ballet.

The Amphitheatre may be reached by bus from Woodhaven Boulevard and Main Street, Flushing. Free parking is available for those who come by car.

There are 7000 seats at 20¢ and seats in the reserve section will sell for 35¢

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FOR RELEASE Monday
August 4, 1941

The Park Department announces the completion of the development of Plum Island, Marine Park, Brooklyn. This new recreation area provides a small parking field just off the Belt Parkway, 50 picnic tables and 40 fireplaces, serviced by a concession building, comfort station, and approximately 1000 feet of boardwalk.

The area can be reached by automobile from the Belt Parkway just east of Sheepshead Bay. It is also accessible from the Belt Parkway pedestrian and bicycle paths.

The area is designed primarily for picnicking and is the only picnic ground in a New York City park located on a sand beach. The concession consists of a counter for cafeteria service; the concessionaire will handle the usual line of ice cream, soft drinks, sandwiches candy and cigarettes, and will also sell charcoal for use in the fireplaces.

The Department also announces the completion of a public comfort station and chair and umbrella stand on the easterly extension of Coney Island boardwalk at Brighton Beach. This comfort station will serve the half mile extension of the beach which was purchased by the City last year and after reconstruction opened to the public this season. This new structure has been designed to accommodate a future upward extension in the form of a cafeteria at the boardwalk level.

The construction of both of these new developments was performed by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks.

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FOR RELEASE Monday,
August 4, 1941

Bids were opened today by the Department of Parks at the Arsenal Building for reconstructing a portion of the lighting system in Central Park in connection with the repaving of the East Drive, between East 59th Street and approximately East 74th Street, Borough of Manhattan. When completed, the new lighting system will extend from West 110th Street to East 74th Street. The remaining portion of the electrical work will be done under contract when the old section of the East Drive from 74th Street to approximately 110th Street and Seventh Avenue is repaved.

The work under this contract includes the relocation of existing light posts and addition of new lighting, construction of pull boxes, new conduit and cable and connections for relocation of traffic signal lights.

The three low bidders on this contract are:

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| 1. Elco Installation Company | \$17,949.00 |
| 345 East 23 Street, New York City | |
| 2. Welsbach Street Lighting Company of America | 22,539.00 |
| 42-30 24th Street, Long Island City | |
| 3. Simpson Electric Corporation | 24,448.00 |
| 71 East 116 Street, New York City | |

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Preparatory to the new work and to permit a coordinated development between the Shore Road promenade and the lower park area, it was necessary to remove a considerable quantity of old paving, benches and drinking fountains. The new promenade along the west side of Shore Road consists of a 12' wide central walk paved with hexagonal tiles flanked by two 6' wide concrete block paved panels containing benches and trees. A wrought iron picket fence has been set in the curb along the west side of the promenade. From the benches at the top of the slope fine views of the Narrows and Staten Island may be enjoyed. A large irrigated sand pit has been constructed in an offset of the promenade opposite 70th Street.

Entrances to the lower area from the promenade have been made at a point midway between Bay Ridge Avenue and 70th Street and directly opposite 72nd Street. Wide bituminous surfaced walks lead to the oval grass surfaced free play area developed in the bay formed by the curve in Shore Road. Benches and drinking fountains have been spaced at frequent intervals along the walks and around the play field. A wrought iron picket fence separates the park area from the parkway.

A large quantity of trees and shrubs have been planted on the side slopes and around the play area including the Elms, Oaks, Planes, Hawthornes, Flowering Crab Apples, Beach Plums, Sweet Ferns, Elderberries, Bayberries, Sumacs and several varieties of bank binding roses.

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FOR RELEASE Thursday,
July 31, 1941

The Department of Parks' City-wide match play in Municipal Golf Championships for the Newbold Morris Trophy will start on Saturday, August 2, 1941 at 12:45 at the LaTourette Golf Course, in Staten Island. All those who have qualified last week at LaTourette Golf Course will be able to compete on Saturday. The most represented golf courses are Split Rock of the Bronx and Forest Park of Queens, with five representatives from each; Dyker Beach in Brooklyn, Kissena in Queens and LaTourette in Richmond, are next with four representatives from each; Van Cortlandt and Clearview with three; and Mosholu and Silver Lake with two, making a total of thirty-two contestants.

The following is the list of qualifiers:

Charles Amandoles, LaTourette; Tom Strafacci, Dyker Beach; Al Gray, Forest Park; William Thoren, Dyker Beach; Joe Sage, Split Rock; Bob Reilly, Dyker Beach; Joe Farrell, Split Rock; Irving Lindenbaum, Forest Park; Al Pires, Kissena; N. Peters, Split Rock; Ed Bednarz, Forest Park; William Young, Van Cortlandt; Ken Furuya, Van Cortlandt; Paul Lawrence, Clearview; Bob Schlosser, Forest Park; George Anderson, Silver Lake; Mike Horgan; Mosholu; M. Zizek, Kissena; Robert Genchi, Dyker Beach; Ed Kahan, Mosholu; Sven Martinsen, Silver Lake; Bob Drasser, Kissena; Bob Joyce, Clearview; Bob Brauchle, Forest Park; Frank Hahn, LaTourette; Steve Mauragh, Split Rock; John Mauragh, Split Rock; Mike Higgins, Clearview; Al Kramer, LaTourette; Anthony Tomaino, Van Cortlandt; Bud Barnett, LaTourette; John Desiderio, Kissena.

Of these thirty-two men, sixteen will qualify for the second round on Sunday, August 3, 1941 at 9 A. M., and of these sixteen, eight will qualify for the third round to be played at 1 P. M. on the same day.



ROBERT MOSES
COMMISSIONER

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July 31, 1941

Gentlemen:

Addendum No. 1 to Contract

"For furnishing all labor and materials, together with all work incidental thereto, necessary or required for Park Lighting in connection with the Repaving of the East Drive in Central Park from East 59th Street and 5th Avenue to East 74th Street, Borough of Manhattan, known as Contract No. M-10-241."

You are hereby notified that:

1. On Page 38 of the specifications, under "LIGHTING STANDARDS," the first three paragraphs reading as follows:

"The Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity Contractor will install Type "G" permanent lighting standards and luminaires and wire same from cutout to luminaire."

"The Contractor shall install the necessary concrete footings for lighting standards at locations shown on plans and shall install the necessary elbows and nipples in the forms for concrete foundations before pouring same. The Contractor shall furnish and install in each standard a fuse cutout with fuses, as shown on plans."

"Type "B" Lighting Standards shall be obtained from the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity and transported to site by the Contractor and installed and wired in accordance with the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity Drawing No. H-2663. The Contractor shall furnish and install Type "B" luminaires in accordance with the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity Drawing No. H-2085 dated January 15, 1941."

are eliminated from the contract, and the following paragraphs substituted therefor:

"The Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity will install Types "F" and "G" permanent lighting standards and luminaires and wire same from cutout to luminaire."

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"This Contractor shall install the necessary concrete footings for lighting standards at locations shown on plans and shall install the necessary elbows and nipples in the forms for concrete foundations before pouring same. The Contractor shall furnish and install in each standard a fuse cutout with fuses, as shown on plans.

"Types "B" and "E" Lighting Standards shall be obtained from the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity and transported to site by the Contractor and installed and wired in accordance with the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity Drawing No. H-2663. The Contractor shall furnish and install Type "B" luminaires in accordance with the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity Drawing No. H-2085 dated January 15, 1941."

2. On Page 40 of the specifications, under "WIRE FOR LIGHTS UNDER BRIDGES", the paragraph reading as follows:

"Wiring for lights under bridges except where otherwise noted shall consist of #12 B&S solid single conductor rubber insulated double braid covered wire for both neutral and phase legs, and shall conform to the requirements for cables outlined in the preceding paragraphs."

is eliminated from the contract, and the following paragraph substituted therefor:

"Wiring for lights under bridges except where otherwise noted shall consist of #12 B&S solid single conductor rubber insulated lead covered wire for both neutral and phase legs, and shall conform to the requirements for cables outlined in the preceding paragraphs."

3. On Page 44 of the specifications, under "IDENTIFICATION PLATES", the paragraph reading as follows:

"The Contractor shall furnish and install identification plates on all lampposts as per Drawing #D-2361, on file at the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity."

is eliminated from the contract, and the following paragraph substituted therefor:

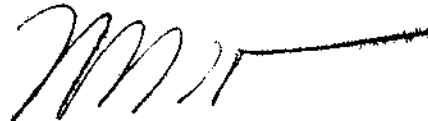
"The Contractor shall furnish and install identification plates on all lampposts and at all bridge underdeck lights as per Drawing #D-2361, on file at the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity."

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4. On Page 45 of the specifications, under "POLES", after the first paragraph, the following paragraph is hereby added to the contract:

"In addition to the temporary lighting shown on the plans, the Contractor shall furnish and install on the East Drive between 72nd and 74th Streets, five (5) temporary overhead poles with necessary wiring and wiring supports. He shall install brackets and lamp fixtures on these, all in accordance with the specifications outlined above. The installation shall be carried out as directed by the Engineer."

Very truly yours

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. H. Latham', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

WILLIAM H. LATHAM
Park Engineer

The Department of Parks' Municipal Tennis Tournament has reached its final stages with only two more days of play before the championships in the men's, women's and junior divisions are decided. On Saturday, August 2nd, at Randall's Island all quarter and semi-final matches will be played, and on Sunday, August 3rd, all final matches will be played at Central Park. Play will start at 11 A.M. each morning and will continue on through the day.

In the men's singles we find that only two out of the six men seeded have survived to the quarter finals. Bill Lurie, the runner-up last year and favorite to win this year, had no trouble reaching his present position. The other seeded player to survive this round is none other than Dan Hume, last year's Brooklyn runner-up.

In the women's division we find the four seeded players: Misses Germaine, Burrell, Freeman and Irwin, still remaining in the quarter finals. Last year Miss Germaine and Miss Freeman ended up in first and second place.

The Junior Division reached its fourth round with three seeded players surviving, namely, Paul Rachwalsky, Marc Kahn and Thomas Burke; the fourth S. Sclafani being eliminated in a previous round. H. Burdick is the newcomer who completes the four semi-finalists.

The women's doubles matches are in their final round and the men's doubles in the quarter final round.

The following is a composite of the late round of all divisions:

Fourth Round Men's Singles

Marcus(Brooklyn) vs Schein(Manhattan); Eldridge(Bronx) vs Diamond(Man.)
Lurie (Manhattan) vs Goldstein(Brooklyn); Hume (Brooklyn) vs Shassol(Bronx)

Fourth Round Women's Singles

Misses Germain (Manhattan) vs winner of Irwin and Keilin(Bronx)
Burrell (Manhattan) vs Freeman (Manhattan)

Junior Division Fourth Round

Rachwalsky (Brooklyn) vs Burke (Queens)
Kahn (Manhattan) vs Burdick (Brooklyn)

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Telephoned to the Papers - July 30, 1941

Due to inclement weather the aquatic and stage show scheduled to take place tonight, Wednesday, July 30, at the Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre, Flushing Meadow Park, Queens, has been postponed until next Wednesday, August 6, at 8:30 P. M;

There will be 7000 seats at 20¢ and seats in the reserve section will sell for 35¢. Tickets will be on sale at the box office starting August 1st.

Phoned: City News - Worth 2-6200 10:40 A.M.

Standard News - Bekman 3-2130 10:45 A.M.

Daily Mirror - Murray Hill 2-1000 10:42 A.M.

Bronx Home News - Mott Haven 9-4400 10:48 A.M.

Brooklyn Citizen - Triangle 5-6700 10:52 A.M.

Brooklyn Daily Eagle - MAin 4-6200 10:55 A.M.

P.M. - STerling 3-2501 10:58 A.M.

L.I. DAILY STAR JOURNAL - STillwell 4-6600 11:02 A.M.

L.I. Daily Press - REpublic 9-3200 11:09 A.M.

S. I. Advance Gibraltar 2-4200 11:10 A.M.

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7/30/41

The Department of Parks announces the completion and opening of a new playground in Queens at the junction of Laurelton Parkway and Southern Parkway sections of the Belt Parkway System. At the same time four sitting areas with sandpits and a small playground are approaching completion along the Laurelton Parkway northward to Southern Parkway.

Developed on a narrow strip of park area between the Montauk Division of the Long Island Railroad and North Conduit Avenue, the new playground will serve the residents of Laurelton north and west of the parkway. The plot, 80' x 650', is completely enclosed by a high chain link fence with three wide gate entrances provided from North Conduit Avenue. A wide concrete block panel planted with a row of twenty-four pin oaks extends along the entire length of the north fence. Detached units of continuous benches have been set between the trees.

The long rectangular playground surfaced with bituminous material is divided into three main sections by chain link fencing and tree planted concrete block surfaced malls. These units are subdivided into use areas by low fencing and continuous rows of benches.

The compartment at the east end has a large open free play area bordered by a pipe frame exercise unit, two slides, and a fence protected battery of swings for older children.

Westward, separated from the play apparatus area by chain link fencing with gates, is the larger central court games area containing two concrete surfaced handball courts, two combination basketball and volleyball courts and two paddle tennis courts. A flag pole stands near the cross axis of this area adjacent to the south fence.

The west end of the playground contains facilities for pre-school children, including open free play areas, a 30' battery of chair swings, two slides, four seesaws and an irrigated sand-pit with benches on three sides for use of the guardians who accompany the children and a large circular shower basin.

The existing planting on the slopes south of the playground adjacent to the railroad right-of-way has been supplemented with 1,500 bank binding honeysuckles and Boston ivy. The narrow triangular park areas flanking the playground to the east and west have been provided with trees, shrubs and grass areas.

The project, designed by the Department of Parks and constructed by the Work Projects Administration, also included grading, drainage, irrigation and drinking fountains.

In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs; 58 of which have been reconstructed. At the present time there are 441 playgrounds in the Park system.

A team of eight from each of the Department of Parks' ten municipal courses will tee off at 8 A.M. on Sunday, July 27th, at Forest Park to play for the Municipal Team Championship and the right to qualify for the "Newbold Morris Tournament." These eighty men represent the top eight men from each course who qualified last Sunday in their course championships. The team championship will be 36 holes of medal play, with the four low gross players representing any one course, the City-wide Champions. The thirty-two low gross scorers in the team championships will qualify for the Municipal Championship, starting Saturday and Sunday, August 2 and 3, in 18 holes of match play on the LaTourette course, Staten Island. The semi-finals will be played on the same course on Saturday, August 9, in 36 holes of match play. On Sunday, August 10, the two finalists will battle it out for the title of the Municipal Champion and the "Newbold Morris Trophy," in 36 holes of match play.

Tom Strafaci, last year's Municipal Champion, is the favorite to retain his title. Last Sunday Strafaci shot a 71 to win the Dyker Beach course title. Beside winning the crown last year, Tom has an enviable record in competition; qualifier for the National Amateurs in 1936, 1937, 1938 and 1939; Staten Island Open Champion in 1938; runner up in the Long Island Championship in 1938; finalist in the Metropolitan Championship in 1940; qualifier for the National Public Links Tournament and semi-finalist in the Metropolitan Public Links Tournament this year. Joe Sage, 1940 Mosholu champ, finalist in last year's tournament, moved over to the Split Rock course this year and won the course title. Sage is a former N.Y.U. intercollegiate linksman and runner up in the New Jersey Public Links Championship in 1939.

The Junior golfers are well represented, lead by Armand Bassi, Senior Course Champion at Pelham, and Junior Champ at Split-Rock; Jack Breakstone, titleist at Van Cortlandt; Roger Shepard, Metropolitan Junior Champion in 1940 from Silver Lake; Sven Martinsen, Champion of Silver Lake; Bob Drasser, Flushing High School Ace, Junior Champion in 1940 and 1941 at Kissena and Robert Schlasser, 1940 Junior King at Forest Park.

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For Release Friday
July 25, 1941

The Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre, located in Flushing Meadow Park at the junction of Horace Harding Boulevard and Grand Central Parkway, will be opened by Mayor LaGuardia on Saturday evening, July 26th at 8:30 P.M. After brief ceremonies the Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra will give a special concert. This is the first time that the Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra has left Lewisohn Symphony where they play nightly during the summer season. The conductor will be Efrem Kurtz and Joan Field will be the violin soloist.

The program will be Weber's "Euryanthe" Overture; Lalo: Symphonie Espagnole; Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 in A Major; Wagner's Rienzi Overture.

Tickets for the performance are on sale at the Steinway Hall Box Office, 113 West 57th Street and at all Postal Telegraph Offices. The box office at the Amphitheatre will be opened at 10 A.M. , Saturday morning. In case of rain the performance will be held Sunday night.

The swimming pool will open to the public on Sunday morning at 10 A.M. Week days and Saturday morning, the pool will be free to children under fourteen years of age. After 1 P.M. on week days and all day Sunday prices will be 10¢ for children under fourteen and 20¢ for all over fourteen.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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Library
FOR RELEASE: Friday,
July 25, 1941

The Department of Parks announces the formation of another travelling puppet and marionette troupe. To date, 52,000 children have enjoyed the puppet and marionette shows of the Park Department travelling theatre. The program in connection with the newly formed troupe will include the manipulation of hand puppets, community singing and magic demonstrations.

In many of the playgrounds, magic and puppetry clubs have been organized. Children put on their own magic shows, construct and manipulate their own puppets. The newly formed puppet and marionette troupe, which will put on a show, demonstrate and interest thousands of additional children, will visit 26 playgrounds from July 28 to August 29. Two performances will be given daily at 11 A. M. and 2 P. M. at each of the following locations:

Monday, July 28	Lindsay Playground, Lorimer & Johnson Avenue, Brooklyn
Tuesday, July 29	Betsy Head, Hopkinson and Dumont Avenues, Brooklyn
Wednesday, July 30	Bedford Avenue and Avenue X, Brooklyn
Thursday, July 31	Stillwell Avenue and Avenue U, Brooklyn
Friday, August 1	Neptune Avenue and West 28 Street, Brooklyn
Monday, August 4	Crotona Park, Crotona Park East & Charlotte Street, Bronx
Tuesday, August 5	Lyons Square Playground, Aldus, Bryant & Whitlock Aves., Bronx
Wednesday, August 6	Mullaly Playground, 165 Street and Jerome Avenue, Bronx
Thursday, August 7	Williamsbridge Playground, E. 208 St. & Bainbridge Ave., Bronx
Friday, August 8	Ciccarone Playground, East 188 Street & Hughes Avenue, Bronx
Monday, August 11	St. Mary's West, East 146 Street & St. Ann's Avenue, Bronx
Tuesday, August 12	St. James Playground, East 193 Street & Jerome Avenue, Bronx
Wednesday, August 13	Riis Park, Rockaway, Queens
Thursday, August 14	Flushing Memorial Playground, Bayside Avenue and 25 Avenue, 149-150 Streets, Queens
Friday, August 15	Dry Harbor Playground, 80 St. & Myrtle Ave., Glendale, Queens
Monday, August 18	Von Dohlen Playground, 138 St. & Archer Place, Jamaica, Queens
Tuesday, August 19	O'Connell Playground, 196 Street and 114 Ave., St. Albans, Queens
Wednesday, August 20	O'Connor Playground, 32-33 Aves. & 210 Street, Bayside, Queens
Thursday, August 21	30th Road Playground, 30 Road & 45-46 Sts., Astoria, Queens
Friday, August 22	Mahoney Playground, Beechwood & Crescent Aves., New Brighton, Staten Island
Monday, August 25	De Matti Playground, Tompkins Avenue, Rosebank, S. I.
Tuesday, August 26	Clove Lake, Victory Boulevard & Clove Road, West Brighton, S. I.
Wednesday, August 27	Lincoln Avenue Playground, Midland Beach, Staten Island
Thursday, August 28	Abraham Levy Playground, Jewett & Castleton Avenues, S. I.
Friday, August 29	McDonald Playground, Forest Avenue near Broadway, West Brighton, Staten Island

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Tuesday
July 22, 1941

The Park Department announces that bids were opened today on a contract for repaving a portion of the Queens section of the Bronx-Whitestone Parkway between approximately 26 Street and Northern Boulevard, Borough of Queens.

The work consists of the placing of a bituminous macadam top course on a broken stone base, including reconstruction of curbing and drainage facilities in areas where the road surface has become unduly depressed because of the generally poor subsurface conditions existing in the low marsh areas through which a portion of the parkway traverses.

Included in the contract is the grading, topsoiling and seeding of lawn areas and transplanting of various trees and shrubs.

The three lowest bidders for the work were the following:

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| 1. Frank Mascali & Sons, Inc.
4634 Third Avenue, Bronx, N. Y. | \$19,437.20 |
| 2. William P. McDonald Construction Co.
33-15 Lawrence Street, Flushing, N. Y. | 21,233.50 |
| 3. J. Leopold & Company
60 East 42 Street, New York City | 21,721.40 |

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For Release Tuesday,
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The Department of Parks announces the completion and opening of a new playground and comfort station on the 3/4 acre plot bounded by Avenue "V", East 24 Street, Gravesend Neck Road and Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn.

Lying midway between the William E. Kelly Memorial Playground and the Bill Brown Memorial Playground, which are located 1/2 mile north and south respectively, this new addition approximates a desirable spacing for these neighborhood recreational units. The large recreational field at the north end of Marine Park is about one mile to the east.

Completely enclosed with a chain link fence, entrance to the new playground is afforded by two wide double gates leading from Avenue "V" and one double gate from Gravesend Neck Road. New concrete walks have been centered in the 24' sidewalk area along Avenue "V" and Bedford Avenue with a row of pin oaks on each side in panels of concrete blocks. Continuous sections of benches have been placed against the Avenue "V" property line fence adjacent to the entrances. A concrete walk extends along East 24 Street and Gravesend Neck Road with a single row of trees spaced in a concrete block strip adjacent to the playground fence. Two groups of benches are placed between the trees along Gravesend Neck Road.

The playground is subdivided into three units by two concrete block paved panels with a double row of benches spaced between the shade trees. The surface of the area is smooth bituminous macadam.

A brick comfort station and recreation building has been built in the large central compartment between the two entrances from Avenue "V". A 32' diameter shower basin is centered in a large open space north of the building. The subdivision along Bedford Avenue, reserved for pre-school children contains see-saws, slides and chair-swings protected by a chain link fence. A sand pit irrigated to permit the sand to be cleaned is in the south-east corner bounded by benches. The smallest of the three units, lying at the tapered end of the plot along East 24 Street contains a pipe frame exercise unit, two play slides and swings for older children.

The playground was constructed by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks. In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds; 58 of which have been reconstructed. At present there are 440 playgrounds in the Park system.

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Mr. Heasley
FOR RELEASE Monday,
July 21, 1941

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction in connection with the development of certain areas of the Queensbridge Park playground development. This new recreational facility undertaken as an adjunct to the Queensbridge Municipal Housing Project at the east end of the Queensborough Bridge which was opened for occupancy last year is expected not only to be instrumental in avoiding wear and tear on the landscaped areas around the housing development formerly used for play purposes, but also to meet the recreational needs of this rapidly growing section of the City.

The playground is adjacent to the housing project on two sides, facing the south boundary and extending in part under the bridge approaches between 21 Street and Vernon Boulevard, and bordering the west front of the housing in the area between Vernon Boulevard and the East River.

Three and a half acres of land under the bridge were released for the use of the Park Department by the Commissioner of Public Works. The old State Barge office property was given to the City by the State for park use at the request of the Commissioner of Parks. This plot contained 3 acres. The balance of the 24¹/₂-acre park was acquired by the Housing Authority.

The southerly section lying alongside and under the bridge structure has been developed for specialized intensive forms of recreation adapted to the needs of various age groups. Central to this section is a new comfort station located on the line of 10 Street and surrounded by play apparatus for small children: sand pit, wading pool, swings, etc., and extending to the east a series of game areas for older patrons: volleyball, basketball and handball courts. The area westward to Vernon Boulevard has been left open

for general play purposes such as softball and group games. Flanking the entire development on the north, as a transition between the park area and the housing grounds, is a thirty-foot wide mall bordered by trees and benches. Trees have also been planted within the playground to furnish shade and to mark the separations between the various use areas.

The waterfront development, a plot of thirteen acres on the west side of Vernon Boulevard and north of the Queensborough Bridge, has more the character of a neighborhood park although it too is largely devoted to active forms of recreation. The path system encloses an oval field large enough to accommodate football and four softball diamonds. A smaller oval lawn contains an inner paved roadway for use as a bicycle and roller skating area. A small children's playground is tucked into the northeast corner on Vernon Avenue. The river front itself has been provided with a new seawall backed by a broad promenade plentifully supplied with benches overlooking the river and the Manhattan skyline. At the south end of the park, under the north parapet of the bridge is a modern concession building. South of this building and under the bridge structure is space allocated for a future bank of fourteen tennis courts. The various areas outlined by the walk systems have been graded, topsoiled and seeded to lawn or planted with trees and shrubs.

Before the area under the bridge can be opened to the public, the Department of Public Works must erect "pans" under the bridge to protect people in the area from objects falling off the structure.

Plans for the entire development were prepared by the Design Division of the Department of Parks, and the work was performed by the Work Projects Administration.

In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs; 58 of which have been reconstructed. At present there are 438 playgrounds in the Park system.

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FOR RELEASE: Sunday,
July 20, 1941

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The Department of Parks announced the gift by the Long Island College Hospital to the City of four parcels of land assessed at \$46,500. in the block bounded by Hicks Street, Amity Street, Columbia Street and Pacific Street, Brooklyn. Deeds to the property were forwarded to the Park Department by Tracy S. Voorhees, president of the Board of Regents of the Long Island College Hospital. This gift of land for conversion into a park was made by the hospital from a special fund provided from outside sources specifically for this purpose. The new playground replaces some of the poorest tenements in Brooklyn.

The hospital's generous land donation will provide the nucleus of a park to be located in the blocks bounded by Columbia Street, Pacific Street, Hicks Street and Congress Street, an area comprising some 160,000 square feet with a frontage of approximately 470 feet on Hicks Street and a depth of 340 feet on Amity Street. The remaining property to be included in the park will be acquired by condemnation in connection with the Hicks Street widening which was approved by the Board of Estimate on June 26, 1941. The Park Department has been anxious to provide a play area in this neighborhood since 1934 but no city-owned land was available and no funds for land acquisition could be obtained.

The existing temporary playground at Amity Street and Columbia Street will be abandoned and the two blocks will be combined into one large parcel. The whole area will be developed for park purposes.

The part of the park facing the hospital will be a passive recreational area and behind this area, and further from the hospital, playground

facilities will be installed. With the widening of Hicks Street, this will remove the active play area 200 feet from the nearest part of the hospital property and 385 feet from the nearest hospital building. Facilities in the playground will include a wading pool, children's play area, softball field, basketball courts , handball courts, paddle tennis, shuffleboard courts, a roller-skating area and a comfort station.

For some time past, the hospital authorities have been desirous not only of improving the appearance of the neighborhood adjacent to the hospital but also facilities for health through rest and recreation for the population of this congested district. The plan originally was taken up with the late Borough President Raymond V. Ingersoll and Councilman Genevieve B. Earle who suggested it to the Park Department in the Fall of 1939. Subsequently, Borough President John Cashmore continued to cooperate with the Park Department and the hospital in the park acquisition.

The Hospital Board of Regents in their efforts to obtain this improvement have also sought to benefit the several important nearby institutions, aside from the Long Island College Hospital, doing hospital or medical work, including the Long Island College of Medicine, Polhemus Memorial Clinic, the Hoagland Laboratory and St. Peter's Hospital, all of which are in the immediate neighborhood of the area which will be devoted to the new park. The purchase of the land for park purposes from a special fund is part of a long-term program of development which is being carried on by the Long Island College Hospital at the present time.

The hospital is one of Brooklyn's oldest medical institutions, having been established in 1858.

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The largest tennis tournament ever held in the metropolitan area, in which over twenty-four hundred men, women and juniors entered the preliminary rounds held on all the Park tennis courts, will reach the final rounds on Saturday, July 19, on the Department of Parks' courts located on Randall's Island. One hundred and seventy-four players, the quarter-finalists in their respective borough tournaments, will play for the Municipal Tennis Championships.

In the Manhattan Borough tournament Bill Lurie, runner up in last year's Municipal Championships and former Metropolitan title holder won the men's singles; the women's crown went to Virginia Burrell, a former Californian who learned her tennis from the famous Bundy family; Mac Kahn, the 1940 Junior Champion, retained his title; Barney Diamond and Bernie Levy won the men's doubles and Virginia Burrell made it a double win by pairing with Betty Grimes, in the women's doubles. Miss Grimes was the finalist in this year's New York State Junior Girls Tournament and is the co-holder of the State doubles title with Judy Atterbury. Due to two week-ends of rain, the remainder of the borough championships will be sandwiched in between the play for the City title.

The largest draw of the tournament is the Men's Singles with 36 entrants. Seeded number one is Bill Lurie, Manhattan Champion and winner of the Metropolitan Crown three times; Vincent Paul from Queens, who has been playing excellent tennis all season in national tournaments, the Long Island and Queens Public Parks Champion, is seeded second; in third place is Al Doyle, also from Queens, finalist with Paul this year in the Queens Public Park Championship, and a former seeded star in the National Public Parks ranks. Don Hume of Brooklyn, former Brooklyn College Tennis Captain and holder of that borough's crown for a number of years, is seeded fourth. Fifth seeding goes to Nat Goldstein, also of Brooklyn. Nat was the finalist in 1940 for the Metropolitan title. Allen Lobel, New York University star from the Bronx, and Jerry Norman of Queens, are seeded sixth and seventh. Norman is the co-holder of the National Mixed Doubles Championship in the American Lawn Tennis Association.

In the women's ranks top seeding goes to the National Public Parks and 1940 winner of the New York Public Parks title, Helen Germaine. She was the finalist in the New York State Women's Singles and Doubles Championship,

semi-finalist in the New Jersey State Singles Tournament, co-holder of the Doubles crown with Millicent Hirsch Lang, and quarter-finalist in the Eastern States matches held last week. Right in back of Miss Germaine, seeded second is Virginia Burrell, who captured the Manhattan title this year, replacing Helen Germaine who was forced to default in the quarter-final round because of other tournament engagements. Third and fourth seeded stars are Ann Freeman and Natasha Irwin, Bronx title holder for a number of years.

Brooklyn's representative in the Junior Boys' Division, Paul Rachwalsky, is seeded first. He has been undefeated in P.S.A.L. competition while a member of this year's Boys' High Squad.

The Men's and Women's Doubles will find many of those who are also performing in the Singles Tournaments. Seeded first in the Men's Doubles is Vincent Paul and Tom Burke, number one man on the Newtown High School Tennis squad this year. In the women's doubles division, seeded first is Evelyn Kemptner and Grace Rothberg, finalists in the women's doubles in the National Public Parks Championships in 1939, with Virginia Burrell and Betty Grimes seeded second.

Play will start at 11 A.M. in the Junior Boys' Singles with the Men's and Women's Singles starting at 2 P. M. On Sunday, July 20, the Men's and Women's Doubles will start at 11 A. M. while the Singles will resume play at 2 P. M.

It is expected that the first two rounds will be completed on this weekend. The third and fourth rounds will finish the weekend of July 26 and 27, and the finals will be held on the Central Park Courts, 93 Street and West Drive, on Sunday, August 3, at 11 A. M.

This tournament is part of the Department of Parks Second Annual Sports Tournament in which championship events are held in swimming, tennis and golf. Trophies and medals for the Sports Tournament have been donated by the Park Association of New York City, and will be presented to the winners. Joseph Carleton, President of the New York Public Parks Tennis Association, will be the official referee.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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Mr. Heaslip
 For Release Friday
 July 18, 1941

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The Park Department announces the opening of bids on the contract for construction of bridges and paving of Francis Lewis Boulevard between Union Turnpike and McLaughlin Avenue, Borough of Queens. This is the first contract for the proposed extension of Francis Lewis Boulevard providing for filling in the gap between Horace Harding Boulevard and Hillside Avenue. At present the road is in use from the Whitestone Bridge to Horace Harding and from Hillside Avenue to Springfield Boulevard. Upon completion of this improvement, mixed traffic will be provided with a continuous north-south route across Queens.

The work under this contract provides for the construction of a reinforced concrete bridge carrying Grand Central Parkway over Francis Lewis Boulevard, including access roads for interchange of traffic. Another bridge under the new roadway will permit park users to get from one section of the park to another.

In addition to the bridges and main roadways, there is included all necessary drainage, irrigation, curbing, construction of park roads and walks, bridle paths, lighting facilities and installation of directional signs.

Park areas abutting the work will be topsoiled, seeded and planted with trees and shrubs under a separate contract and will be done during the Spring of 1942. During construction of the bridge at the Grand Central Parkway intersection, traffic will be maintained over suitable temporary detour roads.

The three lowest bidders for the work were the following:

1. Mill Basin Asphalt Co. \$740,275.90
 5410 Avenue U, Brooklyn, N.Y.
2. B. Turecamo Contracting Co., Inc. \$774,921.79
 Ft. 24th Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.
3. Garofano Construction Co., Inc. \$784,000.00
 730 So. Columbus Ave., Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

The best amateur golfers in the Metropolitan area have entered the Golf Championship Tournament conducted by the Department of Parks for the "Newbold Morris Trophy" which will start Sunday, July 20, at 9 A. M. on all of the ten Municipal Golf Courses. This trophy, a sterling silver cup donated last year by Newbold Morris, President of the City Council, will be in competition for sixty years, and the name of the annual winner of the New York City Golf Championship will be inscribed upon it. In addition, the annual winner will be presented with a replica of the larger trophy, also in sterling silver, which he will retain.

In last year's tournament, when the Newbold Morris cup was put in competition for the first time over 2000 public links' players entered from the ten municipal courses. This year's tournament indicates a record entry list. Among those entered are, Tom Strafaci, last year's champion, one of the Strafaci brothers found in every championship tournament in the Metropolitan area. Beside winning the crown last year Tom has an enviable record in competition: qualifier for the National Amateurs in 1936, 1937, 1938, and 1939; Staten Island Open Champion in 1938; runner up in the Long Island Championship in 1938; finalist in the Metropolitan Championship in 1940 and qualifier for the National Public Links Tournament this year. Joe Sage of Pelham, finalist in last year's tournament, a former N. Y. U. intercollegiate linksman and runner up in the New Jersey Public Links Championship in 1939; Andy Timoshuk of Kissena, former Flushing High School interscholastic ace who was a quarter finalist last year and the team champions of 1940, John Mikrut, Olin Cerroki, Joe Oleska, Dom Strafaci and Frank Strafaci, from Dyker Beach are also entered in the tournament.

For the past three months, anyone desiring to qualify for this tournament turned over to the course Supervisor his three lowest gross scores attested by the three other members of his foursome. The thirty-two low gross scorers on each course will compete on Sunday, July 20, at 9 A. M. in eighteen holes of medal play for the course championship and for the right to be included in a team-of-eight which will represent their respective course in the city-wide course championship. Trophies will be awarded by the Department of Parks to the individual course champions. The teams-of-eight which have been selected will compete on Sunday, July 27, at Forest Park Golf Course in 36 holes of medal play for the city-wide course team championship. The four low gross scorers from any one course will decide the team championship. The winning team will receive a team trophy that will remain permanently on display in the clubhouse of the course they represent.

On Saturday and Sunday, August 2 and 3, the thirty-two low gross scorers will begin eighteen holes of match play on the LaTourette Course, Staten Island to determine the trophy winner.

The semi-finals will be played on the same course on Saturday, August 9 with thirty-six holes of match play. On Sunday, August 10, the two finalists will battle it out for the title of the Municipal Champion and the Newbold Morris Trophy, in thirty-six holes of match play.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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For Release Wednesday
July 16, 1941

Through the efforts of ex-Governor Smith, fourteen Japanese Saika Deer have been donated to the Department Parks by Mr. George W. Hill, president of the American Tobacco Company.

This type of deer is becoming very scarce because of the present war conditions. The herd consists of six bucks, five does, and three fawns.

The deer will be brought to the Central Park Zoo late Wednesday afternoon by truck from Mr. Hill's estate, Irvington on the Hudson.

The collection is to be divided between the Central Park and Prospect Park zoos. Because of the limited space, only one buck, two does, and a fawn will be left in Central Park; the remainder will be placed on exhibition in the Prospect Park Zoo.

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Two of the nation's most outstanding feminine swimmers will attempt to break the existing world's record for the fifty (50) meter backstroke and the one hundred (100) meter medley, in a special race, Wednesday evening, July 16, at the Highbridge Pool, Manhattan.

Gloria Callen of the W. S. A., one of the best women swimmers in competition today, has been breaking records and winning championships for the past four years. At the age of thirteen, she won the Senior Metropolitan Half-Mile Free Style Championship, at the age of fourteen, the National Long Distance Swimming Championship and today at seventeen holds the American record for fifty (50) meters, seventy-five yards and one hundred ten (110) meters backstroke. Over the past weekend she lowered her record for one hundred ten (110) yards backstroke by two-fifths of a second, to 1:18:2 and her fifty (50) meter backstroke three-fifths of a second to 36:2. She will attempt to lower this further to 36 seconds flat as she has been doing at Highbridge Pool, where she has been practicing during the past few weeks.

Helene Raines, a team mate of Miss Callen and a member of the National Outdoor three hundred (300) meter medley championship team; the Senior Metropolitan Indoor and Outdoor two hundred twenty (220) yard relay breast stroke team; Senior Metropolitan Individual half mile and Senior Metropolitan Individual Medley Champion, will attempt to lower the existing mark for the one hundred fifty (150) meter Individual Outdoor medley record. Lorainne Fisher, another member of the W. S. A. set the record last September when she covered the distance in 2:11:5 at Bear Mountain.

These races against time will be the feature of a water carnival to be held at the Highbridge Pool, Amsterdam Avenue and 173rd Street, Manhattan.

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Mr. Heaslip

FOR RELEASE Tuesday,
July 15, 1941

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of work in connection with the construction of an overlook sitting area on the shore of the Hudson River adjacent to the promenade in Riverside Park Extension opposite West 149 and West 150 Streets.

A 7' high reinforced concrete retaining wall, 225' in length, has been constructed on an existing concrete slab which overlaid the shore rip rap and adjacent bank. One thousand cubic yards of backfill was placed to create a 70' x 150' rectangular offset 10' above the water level and at the same elevation as the promenade. Six hundred and fifty lineal feet of 4' high wrought iron picket fence has been set in the retaining wall and extends along the water front side of the promenade to connect with the existing fence.

The sitting area has been paved with bituminous material to match the promenade. A 10' wide concrete block panel, planted with eleven 3"-4" diameter red oaks extends around three sides of the bay and nine 4-unit sections of benches placed between the trees, facing the water. Six additional oaks and four benches were placed in the paved area to assure shade and adequate seating facilities from which views of the river and the Palisades might be enjoyed.

This project which was built by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks also included drainage and lighting.

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On Saturday evening, July 26, the Department of Parks will reopen the New York State Amphitheatre, located at the north end of Meadow Lake in Flushing Meadow Park, Queens. This facility was one of the few permanent structures at the World's Fair and was a contribution by the State to the recreation system of the City.

Since the close of the Fair, workmen have been busily engaged in dismantling the old temporary Aquacade tank, remodelling the stage, providing dressing room facilities and constructing new permanent, modern outdoor swimming and diving pools between the amphitheatre and the stage.

The new pool will be of concrete faced with tile. Roughly semi-circular, following the curve of the amphitheatre, it will be 300 feet long, 33 feet in width at the ends and 70 feet in the center. At each end there will be diving pools eleven feet deep and diving towers with 3, 5 and 10 meter platforms. The depth of the pool will be 3 feet 6 inches at the edges to four feet in the center. It will be floodlighted at night.

Besides providing public swimming facilities for the rapidly increasing population in this section of Queens, it will also be used, with the stage and 3500 unobstructed, tiered seats which have been retained, to present water carnivals, pageants, concerts, and other spectacles in the evening.

Parking facilities for 1000 cars are immediately adjacent to the amphitheatre and may be reached from either the Grand Central Parkway or Horace Harding Boulevard.

To inaugurate the official opening, the New York Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra, through Mrs. Charles S. Guggenheimer, Chairman, and Mrs. Pierpont Morgan Hamilton of the Stadium Concerts Inc., will leave the Lewisohn Stadium for the first time in 24 years and play at the New York State Amphitheatre for this one night.

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Under the direction of conductor Efrem Kurtz, the orchestra will play a program including the "Euryanthe" Overture of Weber, Lalo's Symphonie Espagnole with violin solo by the young American violinist, Joan Field, Beethoven's Seventh Symphony, and Wagner's "Rienzi" Overture.

Regular Stadium tickets, bought at the usual Box-offices will be good for admission to the State Amphitheatre on Saturday, July 26. 3000 seats will be sold at 25¢, about 3000 at 50¢ and the rest at \$1.00.

Tickets for the opening performance are available at the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company offices in Long Island City, Flushing, and Jamaica.

Starting 10 A. M., July 27, the pool will be open to the general public, as are all the other 16 outdoor park pools. On weekdays and Saturdays from 10 A. M. to 12:30 P. M. there will be a free period for children under 14 years of age in the swimming pools. No adults are admitted to the pool areas during this free period. After 1 P. M. on weekdays and Saturdays and all day on Sundays and holidays there will be a ten cent charge for children under 14 years and a twenty cent charge for adults.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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For Release Wednesday,
July 9, 1941

The Department of Parks announces the completion and opening of a new 1/2 acre playground just west of Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, bounded by Flatlands Avenue, Ryder Street, Avenue "M" and East 38 Street. This latest addition is located 1/2 mile south of the 3 1/2 acre Amesford Park, one mile north of Marine Park Playground and 3/4 of a mile east of the playground at Kings Highway and Avenue "P".

To provide a flat play surface it was necessary to construct a concrete retaining wall of variable height along the north property line with a short stairway access provided from Avenue "M". An 8' chain link boundary fence has been placed on top of this wall and along the entire property line. A second entrance leads from Flatlands Avenue near the corner of Ryder Street.

Seventeen 2 1/2"-3" diameter Norway maples have been planted in a 5' border of concrete blocks between the boundary fence and the new concrete sidewalks and curbs. A 20' square brick comfort station and a flagpole are located on the Ryder Street side near the two entrances. The playground surface of bituminous material is subdivided into several units by tree planted strips of concrete block paving, benches and low fencing. A large open free play area has a central 32' diameter circular shower basin. In four compartments along the Flatlands Avenue property line are the following facilities: an irrigated sand pit with tree shaded benches on three sides; 33' of fence enclosed chair swings for pre-school children; 4 see-saws and 2 slides; 30' of protected swings and 2 slides for older children and a pipe frame exercise unit.

The project which was built by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks also included drainage, irrigation, drinking fountains and lighting.

In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs; 58 of these have been reconstructed. At the present time there are 437 playgrounds in the Park system.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Monday
July 7, 1941

The Department of Parks announces that there will be a demonstration of American Folk Dancing , sometimes referred to as Square Dancing, at 105 Street and Riverside Park, Manhattan, on Monday, July 7, at 8:30 P.M.

This demonstration will be under the direction of Ed Durlacher, one of the outstanding exponents of Square Dancing in America, with Al MacLeod's Country Dance Band supplying the music. Thousands of people witnessed similar expositions which he conducted on the American Common at the New York World's Fair, 1940, and at Jones Beach, during the same year. The dancing program was so well received at Jones Beach that he has been requested to put it on again during the current season.

Prior to the demonstration of each dance number next Monday evening, there will be a brief explanation of the various steps. Following the demonstration , the public will be invited to participate.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Monday,
July 7, 1941

The Department of Parks announces that the children of 23 Park Department playgrounds will celebrate the anniversary of their official opening to the public by participating in special programs of recreational activities during the month of July.

While handball and shuffleboard tournaments, softball games, track meets, roller skating contests and wading pool games will form part of the activities, the programs will feature a variety of other events, including magic shows, puppet and marionette shows, skits, musical selections by children's bands, folk dancing, community singing of patriotic songs and group games.

The July schedule for playground birthday celebrations is as follows:

<u>Borough</u>	<u>Playground Location</u>	<u>Opened</u>	<u>Time of Celebration</u>
Manhattan	Annunciation Playground, Amsterdam Avenue & West 135 Street	July 7, 1940	4:00 P. M.
	Riverside and 74 Street	July 11, 1937	3:00 P. M.
	McCray Playground, West 138 Street between 5th & Lenox Avenues	July 15, 1934	2:00 P. M.
	Sauer Memorial Playground, E. 12 Street between Avenues "A" & "B"	July 15, 1934	2:30 P. M.
	Riverside and 148 Street	July 24, 1938	3:00 P. M.
	East River Park and 11 Street	July 27, 1939	3:00 P. M.
	St. Gabriel's Playground, East 35 Street and First Avenue	July 31, 1936	3:00 P. M.
Brooklyn	Sheridan Playground, Grand Street near Wythe Avenue	July 19, 1934	11:00 A.M.
	Lafayette and Reid Avenues	July 25, 1937	11:00 A.M.

<u>Borough</u>	<u>Playground Location</u>	<u>Opened</u>	<u>Time of Celebration</u>
Brooklyn	New Lots Playground, Sackman and Riverdale Streets	July 27, 1940	2-8 P.M. on July 28
	Howard, Dean and Pacific Streets	July 30, 1937	3:30 P. M.
	Pitkin & New Jersey Avenues	July 30, 1937	10:00 A.M.
	McKibben Playground, McKibben and White Streets	July 31, 1936	10:00 A.M.
Queens	179 Place, North of Jamaica Avenue	July 10, 1937	3:00 P.M.
	Jackson Heights Playground, 25-30 Avenues, 84-85 Streets	July 15, 1934	10 A.M.- 9 P.M.
	D. M. O'Connell Playground, 113 Ave. and 196 Street	July 15, 1934	2:00 P.M.
	Von Dohlen Playground, 138 Street and Archer Avenue	July 15, 1934	10:30 A.M.- 8:00 P.M.
	Windmuller Playground, 52 Street and Woodside Avenue	July 30, 1937	11:00 A.M.- 6:00 P.M.
Bronx	Louis Zimmerman Playground, Olinville Ave., south of Britton Street	July 15, 1934	2:00 P.M.
	Vincent Ciccarone Playground, Hughes Avenue & East 188 Street	July 15, 1934	2:00 P. M.
	East 176 Street and Bryant Avenue	July 10, 1936	2:00 P. M.
	East 182 Street and Belmont Avenue	July 30, 1937	2:00 P. M.

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FOR RELEASE Monday, July 7, 1941

After five years of construction work, the major portion of Crotona Park has been rebuilt. During this period, sections of the park had been redeveloped with a swimming pool and several large playgrounds. The construction program now coming to an end will show the completion of twelve playgrounds, five baseball diamonds, one athletic field, a rebuilt children's farm garden, a new boathouse on the lake, and several miles of new walks and hundreds of new benches.

Prior to its reconstruction, the park afforded few facilities for organized active recreation. It is in the center of a congested neighborhood and the children found their recreation in the destruction of what little development was available. With the new development nearing completion, many people of the neighborhood have become apprehensive as to what will happen to it.

In the hope of securing the greatest benefit from the new facilities and to preserve them for future as well as present enjoyment, the children of the twelve new playgrounds have organized themselves into the CROTONA PARK BOOSTERS. The "boosters" have organized themselves into sub-groups, one for each playground, and during the present summer starting July 7 the playgrounds will compete with each other, not only in the various customary recreational activities, but in prevention of vandalism, in keeping the park clean, and in educating the members of the public using their section of the park in its proper use.

The Park Department is providing the physical facilities to make the competition possible and has put up substantial prizes for group and individual winners.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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For Release Friday
July 4, 1941

The Department of Parks announces the completion and opening of a 5 acre general recreation field and playground which has been developed in the rear of the John Adams High School on Rockaway Boulevard between 101st St. and 103rd Street, Borough of Queens.

In order to provide adequate facilities it was necessary for the city to acquire additional property to round out the small undeveloped plot held under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education. At the same time title was acquired to all of the boundary street beds which will be developed in the future. Boss Street from Plattwood Avenue to 133rd Avenue, cutting diagonally through the athletic field, formerly mapped for future opening, was abandoned in favor of the recreational development.

Plans for the entire tract which has been placed under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education were prepared by the Department of Parks and approved by the Board of Education. The area will be operated jointly by the two departments.

The property, roughly 470 feet square except for the south diagonal property line along 133rd Avenue is completely enclosed by a 12 foot high chain link fence and is sub-divided into several types of use areas segregated from each other by an 8' high chain link fence.

Access to the playfield is afforded by four 10' wide double gates two of which lead from the 15 foot walk immediately adjacent and parallel to the south wall of the High School and one each from the northeast and northwest corners.

Paralleling the north boundary fence and extending from 101st to 103rd Streets is a rectangular bituminous surfaced court games area 70' wide and 450' long which contains the following:

- 3 Handball Courts
- 2 Badminton Courts
- 7 Practice Basketball Standards
- 3 Paddle Tennis Courts
- 6 Shuffle Board Courts
- 2 Drinking Fountains
- 31 Bench units in two continuous sections.

South of the court games area adjacent to 101st Street are two bituminous paved tennis courts. East of this

fence enclosed unit is a grass surfaced area 150' x 300' providing double usage for girl's field hockey and two softball diamonds with backstops. The south end of the area, also grass covered, contains a regulation size football field, a softball and baseball diamond with backstops all of which are bounded by a 12' cinder track and 16' straightaway. A drinking fountain is located adjacent to the track.

An irregular shaped offset in the southeast corner of the grounds has been developed as a small bituminous paved playground, enclosed by a 10' high chain link fence. Lying 2-1/2 feet below the surface of the athletic field from which it is separated by a concrete retaining wall and 12' chain link fence, the playground is accessible by a short flight of steps from the corner of the field. A 10' wide double entrance gate has been installed at the southeast corner of the playground which will provide future access from Centreville Street when it is opened and paved.

A standard type brick comfort station, 20' x 30', has been built at the south end of the playground near the athletic field entrance. The remainder of the area contains a flagpole, a circular shower basin, a 12' x 16' sand pit, 2 kindergarten slides, a see-saw, and a string of kindergarten swings protected by a 4' chain link fence. The entire playground is bordered with a 6' strip of precast concrete blocks and planted with 12 2-1/2"-3" diameter trees. Detached benches extend along the base of the retaining wall and a U-shaped continuous section extends around three sides of the sand pit.

The work which was carried out by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks, also included general drainage facilities, park lighting and the demolition of a 1-1/2 story frame house and garage.

In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs; 58 of these have been reconstructed. At present there are 436 playgrounds in the Park system.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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For Release THURSDAY,
July 3, 1941

The Department of Parks announces that the second of a series of four Naumburg Memorial Concerts will be given on the Mall, Central Park, Friday, July 4, at 8:15 P. M.

The two remaining concerts will also be given on the Mall on July 31 and Labor Day, September 1, at 8:15 P. M.

This concert series is contributed by Mr. Walter W. Naumburg and Mr. George W. Naumburg, in memory of their father, Mr. Elkan Naumburg, who donated the bandstand on the Mall.

The July 4 concert will be given by the Naumburg Orchestra, with Maclin Marrow as conductor, and Gloria La Vey Lora, as soprano soloist. The program will include selections by such famous composers as : Gounod, Victor Herbert, Gershwin and Dvorak.

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Library
FOR RELEASE Wednesday,
July 2, 1941

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Through the cooperation of the Junior Davis Cup Committee of the Eastern Lawn Tennis Association, the Department of Parks will conduct a series of eight tennis classes starting Wednesday, July 2, from 9 A. M. to 11 A. M. These lessons will be held on the Central Park Courts, 93rd Street and West Drive. They are open to all Junior permit holders of either sex. These lessons are intended primarily for instruction in the fundamentals of the game, particularly stroke production.

Last year, George Agutta, coach of the West Side Tennis Club of Forest Hills, conducted these classes. The results were so gratifying, it was decided to repeat the series.

This year, W. Richard Shubart, former member of Dartmouth College Tennis Team and for a number of years professional at the Kew Gardens Tennis Club, has been engaged to handle the series of lessons.

All boys and girls of Junior and Senior High School age are urged to take part in this series of free lessons.

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FOR RELEASE Tuesday,
July 1, 1941

The Department of Parks announces the completion and opening of seven new marginal playgrounds, three reconstructed playgrounds, a children's farm garden and two comfort stations in Crotona Park, The Bronx. These playgrounds represent part of a larger program of park reconstruction which will be completed this fall.

Crotona Park is one of the most heavily used parks in the City. Prior to the start of rehabilitation work the pressure of a congested neighborhood had overflowed play areas onto the park lawns, injuring the vegetation, causing erosion and miniature dust storms thus destroying the usefulness of the area.

The first major effort to provide much needed recreation facilities and restore the scenic values of the park was the construction of a swimming pool in 1936 together with the rehabilitation of the adjoining unit of park land lying between Fulton and Crotona Avenues. In the following years two new playgrounds were laid out along Crotona Park East and various other minor improvements were made.

Plans for the present project, embracing the complete reconstruction of the remaining sections of the park were prepared early in 1940 by the Department of Parks and the work was started shortly thereafter by the Work Projects Administration. The main features of this work include the following items:

- Ten additional marginal playgrounds
- Reconstruction of the children's farm gardens
- Four baseball diamonds with concrete bleachers
- One softball diamond with concrete bleacher
- Construction of a wall around the lake
- A boat house and concession building on the lakeside
- Thirteen double handball courts
- Reconstruction of athletic field on Crotona Park North

Demolition of many outworn paths and roadways and construction of a complete new path system with curbs, asphaltic pavement, steps, ramps, benches, lights, fencing, etc.

General reconstruction of the park storm drainage system
Landscaping of the entire park including new topsoil and planting of 2800 new trees, 18,000 shrubs and lawns.

Realignment of the south end of Crotona Avenue within the park, for better traffic circulation.

The only section of the park which remains untouched by the current operations is the area along Third Avenue to the north of East 175 Street. This section contains the old Borough Hall which should be demolished. Repeated requests to the Board of Estimate for assignment of this to the Park Department have been refused.

The reconstruction of Crotona Park represents a major effort in the park improvement field and when completed its results will be increasingly appreciated as the new plant growth becomes established and the various recreational facilities attain their full use.

All work was performed by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks. In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs; 58 of these have been reconstructed. At present there are 435 playgrounds in the Park system.

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