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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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M. H. H. H.
For Release Tuesday,
June 30, 1942

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The Department of Parks announces the first of a series of stage and water shows to be held at Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre in Flushing Meadow Park on Wednesday evening, July 1, at 8:30.

The series of six shows presented last year drew approximately 40,000 spectators and proved so popular that this year, instead of the one show a week, two shows will be presented, one on Wednesday evening and one on Friday evening.

Some of the features will be: exhibition diving, water ballets, well-paced vaudeville revues, clown diving and the very popular kiddie stars trained at the municipal pools.

George Sterney and his orchestra will return this year to furnish the musical background. One of the attractions at the Amphitheatre this year will be Don Eastin, who will be featured at the piano.

The stage of the Amphitheatre has been completely re-decorated and the lighting has been rearranged to meet the dim-out requirements.

There will be 6,000 seats available at 25¢ each, with the seats in the reserved section priced at 35¢, tax included.

Ample parking space is provided free of charge.

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For Release Saturday,
June 27, 1942

The Department of Parks announces that the city-wide finals of the Handball Tournament, singles only, for girls 16 years of age and over, will take place at North Meadow Playground, Central Park, 110 Street and West Drive, on Saturday, June 27, at 2:00 P.M.

Several hundred girls have participated in the playground eliminations throughout the various boroughs during the past three weeks. Each borough will have one representative at the city championship.

Borough winners will receive silver pins; city-wide winner will be awarded a sweatshirt, with the Park Department insignia, a sycamore leaf, on it.

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For Release Friday,
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The Department of Parks ninth annual "Learn to Swim" campaign will start on June 20 at all of the department's seventeen outdoor swimming pools. Since the inception of this campaign in 1934, over 100,000 boys and girls were taught to swim.

The rise in the number of children taught to swim in the Park Department's pools, closely parallels the report of the American Red Cross Director of Water Safety which indicated a steady decrease in the number of drownings in New York City in the past few years.

Beginning June 20, the outdoor pools under the department's supervision will be open daily from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. A free period for children fourteen years and under will be held each day from 10 A.M. to 12 noon and during this period classes will be organized for beginners. This free period will continue throughout the entire summer.

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For Release Thursday,
June 18, 1942

See attached sheet for names & pix no. of prints

The Department of Parks announces that the 8th Annual American Ballad Contest for Barber Shop Quartets will take place on the Mall, Central Park, 71st Street and Center Drive on Thursday, June 18, at 8:30 P. M. In the event of rain the contest will be held on Tuesday, June 30, at the same time and place.

As a special feature attraction of this year's program, there will be a separate division for Service Men's Quartets representing the U. S. Marines, the Merchant Marine Academy, Coast Guard, Coast Artillery, Infantry and Anti-Aircraft Units.

Another highlight of the evening's entertainment will be the famous radio quartet, "The Southernares", who will be on hand to entertain the thousands of lovers of harmony by singing some of the popular southern melodies.

The judges are composed of experts in the field of song, and others who have qualified through past service. William C. Handy, composer of the famous old song "St. Louis Blues" and top tenor in a Barber Shop Quartet, which traveled throughout the country as part of a minstrel show back in 1897, has consented to be one of the judges. His associates at the judges' table will be Mayor LaGuardia, Governor Al Smith, Park Commissioner Robert Moses, Geoffrey O'Hara and Jack Norworth, song composers, George E. Rea, President of the New York Curb Exchange, James F. Evans, Director of State Parks, Paul Winslow of the Taconic State Park Commission, Frank W. Smith, retired President of the Consolidated Edison Company, Charles U. Powell, retired Engineer in Charge of Queens Topographical Bureau, and harmonica virtuoso, and Douglas Paige.

During the past two weeks, the preliminaries were held in each of the five boroughs. After listening to a rendition of such popular American Ballads as: "Dear Old Girl", "Let Me Call You Sweetheart", "Take Me Out to the Ball Game", "Mandy Lee", "Yankee Doodle Dandy", and other songs made famous by the harmonizers of the old tansorial parlors in the early part of the present century, the judges of the respective borough contests decided that 13 quartets qualified for the city-wide finals on June 18 besides the 6 quartets representing

the armed forces. The selection was predicated on a comprehensive variety of factors including rhythm, intonation, tone quality, diction, precision, dynamics, voice blending, harmonic originality, phrasing, costume and stage presence.

The 13 groups of civilian balladeers are composed of men drawn from every walk of life embracing commercial, industrial, social and civic organizations.

The "St. Mary's Horseshoers" quartet, which won the championship in one of the previous contests, will be there to retrieve the crown of harmony. In addition, we will have such quartets as "The Paramount Four", "Club Harmony", "The Ridgewood Clippers" and "The Four Overtones".

Each quartet will be permitted to sing two numbers, both of which shall not exceed eight minutes duration.

Appropriate prizes will be awarded to each member of the quartets, in both the civilian and service men's division, which attain first, second and third places.

Music for the evening's entertainment will be furnished by both the Park Department Band and the U. S. Coast Guard 17-piece orchestra, under the leadership of Thomas MacLauren, with Dick Judge, the orchestra's vocalist, who was formerly associated with the famous name bands of Teddy Powell and Richard Himber.

The public address system will be supplied by the Municipal Broadcasting Station WNYC. Various portions of the program will be broadcast according to the following time schedule:

WNYC - 9:15-9:45 P.M.

WEVD -10:00-10:30 P.M.

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~~Coast Artillery, Anti-Aircraft, Ft. Totten, Queens (left to right)~~
~~Privates: John King, Willard Gould, Arlee Fee, Robert Addeo~~

21582 Coast Artillery, Anti-Aircraft, Ft. Totten, Queens (left to right)
Privates: John King, Willard Gould, Arlee Fee, Robert Addeo

21580 Merchant Marine Academy, Ft. Schuyler, Bronx (left to right)
Cadets: C. E. Steel, B. D. Bishop, A.T. Philpotts, S. M. Moodie

21572 Ridgewood Clippers, Queens (left to right)
Vincent DeMorinis, John H. Redderson, Charles J. Redderson, Otto Bauer

~~U. S. Marines, Navy Yard, Brooklyn (left to right)~~
~~Pvt. William Cummings, Sgt. Frank Lessor, Sgt. Frank Erwin,~~
~~Sgt. George Miller~~

21561 U. S. Marines, Navy Yard, Brooklyn (left to right)
Pvt. William Cummings, Sgt. Frank Lessor, Sgt. Frank Erwin,
Pvt. F.C. Harry Hancher

21559 372 Infantry, First Battalion, Brooklyn (left to right)
Pvt. Sylvester, S/Sgt. Thomas Gill, Pvt. F.C. Toussiant Ayers,
Sgt. George Miller

21579 Paramount Four, Bronx (left to right)
Johnny Sicignana, Jimmy Sicignana, Al Sicignana, Phil Abramson

21560 Brooklyn (left to right) Raymond LaPrelle, Lloyd Vittory,
William LaPrelle, Albert LaPrelle (Guitar)

21573 Club Harmony, Bronx (left to right) Joe Spielman,
Walter Morris, Dick Dewhurst, Bill Ruddy

21581 St. Mary's Horseshoers, Bronx (left to right)
Frank Maier, Leo Lecomte, Fred Moynihan, Frank Miller

21610 Bay Shore Home Towners, Manhattan (left to right)
Fred Timinella, Marty Kletcka, Anthony Catalanotto,
Gordon Taylor

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Mr. Hearlip
For Release Monday,
 June 15, 1942

The Park Department announces a series of concerts with dancing in the various parks throughout the city. This series will be given by the Consolidated Edison Company and the public will be admitted without charge.

The series will be inaugurated Tuesday, June 16, at the Mall in Central Park by Raymond Scott and his orchestra. The last concert will be held September 7. Large open dance areas will be surrounded by bleachers for those who come to hear the music and watch the dancing. Following is the schedule for June:

June 19 - Mitchell Ayres, Colonial Park, 153 Street & Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan
 June 22 - Cab Calloway, Prospect Park, 11 Street & Prospect Park West, Brooklyn
 June 25 - Mitchell Ayres, The Mall, Central Park, Manhattan
 June 26 - Lou Breese, Prospect Park, 11 Street & Prospect Park West, Brooklyn

Starting June 30 these concerts and dances will be run five nights a week from 8:30 to 10:30 P.M. in various parks throughout the city. Two nights per week the program will be broadcast by Station WNYC. In each case provision will be made for dancers and spectators. Before the season is over the public will have an opportunity to hear such bands as Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller, Cab Calloway, Clyde Lucas, Ray Kinney, Jimmy Dorsey, Charlie Spivak, Claude Thornhill and others.

Following is a list of the parks where these events will take place during the summer:

In Manhattan: Central, Colonial, East River, Hudson, Chelsea and Highbridge
 In Brooklyn: Prospect, McCarren, City, Bushwick, Leiv Eiriksson, Betsy Head, Lincoln Terrace and Avenue F playground
 In Queens: Woodside, Forest and Jackson Heights
 In the Bronx: St. Mary's, Crotona, Mullaly and Williamsbridge Playground and the playground at Watson, Gleason and Noble Avenues

The final schedule of dates for these locations will be announced later.

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For Release FRIDAY
June 12, 1942

The Eastern Lawn Tennis Association in cooperation with the Department of Parks will present a clinic on tennis at Mullaly Park, East 164 Street and Jerome Avenue, Bronx, on Sunday, June 14, at 10 a.m.

Eleanor Tennant is a nationally known tennis coach who coached Alice Marble, Gene Marko and Wembly Van Horn from California public parks' players to national and international titles. "Teach" as she is known to racquet wielders from coast to coast, has been conducting similar clinics throughout the country for the past couple of years, assisted by nationally known stars.

The clinic will consist of a match between Frank Shields, a ranking American tennis star and Ladislav Hecht, former member of the Czechoslovakian Davis Cup Squad. At the completion of the match, Shields and Hecht will pair off with two local players for a doubles match.

Miss Tennant will call for volunteers from her audience and analyze their game. There will be no admission charge and room for over 500 spectators has been provided.

This Friday evening "Sports for New Yorkers" your park program on WNYC from 6 to 6:30 p.m., will have as their guests Miss Tennant, Alice Marble, Frank Shields, Ladislav Hecht and Dave Eisenberg, sports writer for the Journal American, in a around table discussion on "Tennis for All".

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Mr. Headip

For Release Saturday,
June 6, 1942

The Department of Parks announces that after the evening session on Sunday, June 7, at the New York City Building, Flushing Meadow Park, Queens, the roller skating rink will be closed for the summer season.

Since the combined ice and roller skating rinks were opened on September 14, 1941, 300,000 people have availed themselves of these facilities. During the free periods each Saturday morning, 35,000 children attended the sessions.

The roller rink will re-open early in September and the ice rink in October.

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Mr. Hensley
For Release Friday,
 June 5, 1942

BL 98-106 Location plan for all 3 playgrounds

The Department of Parks announces the completion and opening to the public on June 5 of three new playgrounds in Brooklyn.

BL 98-106
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At 2nd Avenue from 55 Street to 56 Street, the Triborough Bridge Authority, in connection with the Gowanus Parkway development, acquired the property in order to provide more adequate and modern neighborhood recreational facilities. Several three and four story residences were demolished to make room for the new addition which extends to 55 Street.

The new play area of about one acre contains the following equipment grouped in fence enclosed subdivisions: combination wading pool and volley ball court, brick comfort station, irrigated sand pit, kindergarten slides, swings and seesaws, slides and pipe frame exercise unit, combination basketball and volley ball court, roller skating area and handball courts.

The improvement also includes a flagpole, drainage, irrigation, park lighting, benches and tree planting.

BL 166-731
#21497

At Shore Parkway, East 12 Street, William Court and Homcrest Avenue, the new two acre playground was acquired by condemnation for recreational purposes in the proceedings for the acquisition of the Belt Parkway right-of-way. A considerable amount of side-slope 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 playground marginal walks and the parkway path system.

The playground consists of three main sections with subdivisions bordered by chain link fence, block-surfaced panels, benches and trees. The north section, approximately 200 feet square contains: a brick comfort station, a concrete wading pool, kindergarten apparatus, an irrigated sand pit, apparatus for older children, and four concrete surfaced handball courts.

The central, asphalt surfaced section contains a basketball court with removable goal posts to permit roller and ice skating. The area has been graded to a low central point to facilitate flooding and drainage.

The south section, extending to the parkway, is also asphalt surfaced and is laid out as a softball diamond.

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At Avenue S from East 16 to East 17 Streets, an unused portion of

Water Supply, Gas and Electricity property, was acquired by transfer in 1937 for recreation purposes. Here the area has been developed entirely for children and provided with a comfort station, wading pool, sand pit, kindergarten play apparatus, swings and slides; for older children: volley ball courts and a roller skating rink.

Because 218 temporary playground directors, 185 assistant gardeners and 90 temporary attendants who are normally hired every year to handle additional summer usage of playgrounds, parks and beaches have not been provided for in the budget these areas will be opened only from 10 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. The personnel to man these areas will be drawn from Prospect Park Parade Grounds, Owl's Head Park, Lincoln Terrace Park Playground, Kelly Memorial Field Playground, Dyker Beach Playground and the playground at Avenue L and East 18 Street, thereby causing a curtailment of the operating hours of these older playgrounds. They will now operate from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M.

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, 65 of which have been reconstructed. There are now with these three additions 471 playgrounds in the park system.

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For Release Thursday,
June 4, 1942

The Department of Parks announces the birth of a baby seal in the Central Park Zoo and a bison calf in the Prospect Park Zoo. Both were born on June 3rd.

The pup seal, weighing ten pounds, is the offspring of Barker, the father, now deceased, and Flappy, the mother of four other additions to the Zoo since 1938.

The bison calf weighing forty-five pounds is the daughter of the father, Nickel, and the mother, Nicolette, both of which were born in the Central Park Zoo. This is the first bison calf to be brought into the world in the Prospect Park Zoo.

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Press photographs may be taken at any time.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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My Herald
 For Release Thursday,
 June 4, 1942

City tennis facilities available to members of the
 Army, Navy and Marine Corps in uniform

Special arrangements have been made by the New York City Park Department for the use of public tennis courts by soldiers, sailors and marines in uniform free of charge from Monday until Friday inclusive except on holidays.

Tennis courts are located at

Manhattan:

Central Park-93rd Street and West Drive
 East River Park-Rivington Street, Stanton & East River Drive
 63rd Street and York Avenue
 Harlem Housing Playground-150th Street & Seventh Avenue
 Randall's Island-East of Triborough Stadium
 Ft. Washington Park, West 172nd Street & Riverside Drive
 Riverside Park, West 161st Street & Riverside Drive
 Inwood Hill Park-207th Street & Seaman Avenue

Brooklyn:

Coney Island-Neptune Avenue & West 25th Street
 Fort Green-DeKalb Avenue & Washington Park
 Gravesend-56th Street & 18th Avenue
 Kelly Memorial-Avenue S & East 14th Street
 Lief Eiriksson-66th Street & 7th Avenue
 Lincoln Terrace-Eastern Parkway & Buffalo Avenue
 McCarren-Lorimer Street & Driggs Avenue
 McKinley-75th Street & 7th Avenue
 Marine Park-Fillmore Avenue & Marine Parkway
 Prospect Park-Prospect Park West & 9th Street
 Red Hook-Columbia & Halleck Streets
 Sunset-5th Avenue & 43rd Street

Bronx:

Bronx Park-Brady Avenue & Bronx Park East
 Crotona Park-East 173rd Street & Crotona Avenue
 Mullaly Park-East 164th Street & Jerome Avenue
 Pelham Bay Park-Rice Stadium
 St. James Park-East 193rd Street & Jerome Avenue
 St. Mary's Park-East 146th Street & Trinity Avenue
 Van Cortlandt Park East-233rd Street & Jerome Avenue
 Van Cortlandt Park-242nd Street & Broadway
 Williamsbridge Oval-Bainbridge Avenue & 208th Street

Queens:

Alley Pond-Grand Central Parkway, Winchester Boulevard
 Astoria Park-25th Avenue & 21st Avenue, Astoria
 Baisley Park-155th Street & 118th Avenue
 Brookville-Brookville Boulevard & South Conduit Highway, Rosedale
 Crocheron-East of 215th Place & South of 33rd Avenue, Bayside
 Cunningham-Union Turnpike, North of 193rd Street, Jamaica
 Flushing Memorial-150th Street & Bayside Avenue, Flushing
 Forest Park-Park Lane South & 89th Street, Woodhaven
 Highland-Jamaica Avenue & Cleveland Street, Ridgewood
 Howard Beach-Nolan & Thetford Avenues
 Kissena-Rose Street & Oak Avenue, Flushing
 Liberty Park-172nd Street & Liberty Avenue, Jamaica
 Wayanda-Hollis Avenue & Springfield Boulevard, Hollis
 Equity Playground-89th Avenue & 90th Street, Woodhaven

Richmond:

Walker Park-Bard Avenue, Delafield Place, Davis Avenue
 Silver Lake-Hart Boulevard, Silver Lake Park

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Mr. / Heaslip
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For Release

Wednesday,
June 3, 1942

The super-heated group around Flushing Meadow Park needn't worry about the demolition of the Japanese Building. The Park Department announced long ago that this was scheduled. Salvageable material from the interior was taken out during the winter. The interior will be torn down as soon as the necessary men and equipment are available. Birch wood from the paneling has already been used in repairing many of the slides and other pieces of playground equipment throughout the city. Plumbing, electrical and ventilating equipment have been salvaged and much of it is in use at various places throughout the city. The thin brass trimming below the eaves was salvaged during the winter and turned over with other scrap to the Department of Purchase. It has undoubtedly been sold by this time. What so-called local civic workers call "a monument to a treacherous enemy" is a hollow shell.

The Department has just one crane which must do all our work in all five boroughs. During the spring it has been in use salvaging top soil for the restoration of lawn areas and other planting and digging clay for tennis courts and playgrounds throughout the city. As soon as this can be spared and the necessary Park Department men can be released from the rush of spring work, the shell of the Japanese building will be demolished and remaining salvageable material will be put to good use in the department, or turned over to the Department of Purchase.

For many years before last December 7, the Japanese consistently purchased scrap metal from the United States and made use of much of our waste material. We have taken a leaf out of their book.

CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY,
JUNE 2, 1942

May 28, 1942

Mr. R. C. Geist
Secretary, College Cycle Club
260 West 260th Street
New York City

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of May 23, suggesting various arrangements for the accommodation of bicyclists on parkways, both on Long Island and in the City.

As you have probably read in the local papers, arrangements have been made for bicyclists to travel over the causeways from Merrick Road to Jones Beach.

As to the side paths, both on Long Island and within the City limits, where pedestrians' use is light, bicycling will be permitted and signs will be placed to indicate where this arrangement is in force.

We cannot agree to permit bicycling on the boardwalk at Jones Beach on week-end mornings during the summer. Bicycling on the boardwalks at Rockaway and Coney Island is permitted during certain hours in the wintertime because these are the only places where, under normal conditions, local bicyclists can ride with safety. There would be no point in opening up the boardwalk at Jones Beach for bicycling when, to reach it, the bicyclists would have to ride at least five and a half miles. We believe that a person riding a bicycle to Jones Beach is using the bicycle first as a means of transportation, and that when he gets to Jones Beach he is interested in some other form of activity for recreation.

As to the Bronx River Parkway, we cannot agree to open any portion of it to bicycling at any time. It is narrow, winding, and traffic has not yet dropped to the point where bicycling would be safe.

Mr. R. C. Geist

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May 28, 1942

As to Pelham Parkway, the service roads have always been available to bicyclists, and bicyclists have always been permitted to continue on Eastern Boulevard and the roads in Pelham Bay Park to both City Island and Orchard Beach. At Orchard Beach we have maintained parking racks for bicyclists for several years.

We recognize that as the use of automobiles becomes less and less, due to the effects of rationing and deterioration, the use of bicycles will probably increase in proportion. As the preponderance of use changes from one to the other, regulations governing the use of parkways and related facilities will of necessity have to be adjusted to meet the demand.

Very truly yours,

/s/ ROBERT MOSES

Commissioner

C O P Y

COLLEGE CYCLE CLUB
260 WEST 260TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

May 23rd, 1942

Park Commissioner Robert Moses
The Arsenal
Central Park
New York

Dear Commissioner:

Now that the Sunday auto traffic has greatly decreased on the parkways would it be possible to change the highway regulations and permit bicycles to use at least one parkway in each borough on Sundays for exercise?

You have provided Brooklyn and Queens with adequate bicycle paths but Manhattan and the Bronx have practically nothing in the way of a long path. Manhattan has the mile path in Central Park. The Bronx riders have been deprived of the aqueduct path due to war conditions.

May I therefore suggest that:-

1. All side paths on Long Island and New York City parkways be opened to cyclists at all times
2. The Jones Beach Causeway be opened to cyclists
3. That cycling be permitted on the boardwalk at Jones Beach each Saturday and Sunday until noon
4. Bronx River parkway be opened to cyclists, at least one lane on each side
5. Pelham Parkway to City Island be opened to cyclists.

May I please hear from you,

Very truly yours,

/s/ R. C. GEIST
Secretary

P.S. Many of the highways in and around New York were built with funds contributed by the old League of American Wheelmen back in 1890.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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For Release SATURDAY
May 30, 1942

The Department of Parks announces that the Park Department puppeteers will give a series of open air puppet and marionette shows including "Peter and the Pirates" and "Jack and the Beanstalk", (daily except Sunday), during the month of June to July 4th, inclusive, in various Park playgrounds throughout the five boroughs from a trailer stage especially constructed in the department's work shop.

The first showing will be made beginning Monday, June 1st, at Jay Hood Wright Playground, 175 Street and Fort Washington Avenue, Manhattan, at 11:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

"Peter and the Pirates" consists of three acts lasting for approximately 45 minutes, while "Jack and the Beanstalk" consists of three acts and lasts about 50 minutes. Both shows will be given at each of the morning and afternoon performances.

The shows will continue to be presented at the various boroughs according to the attached schedule:

Manhattan - June 1 to 6 inclusive

Bronx - June 8 to 13 "

Brooklyn - June 15 to 20 "

Queens - June 22 to 27 "

Richmond - June 29 to July 4 inclusive

For the past three months recreation personnel, charged with the responsibility of putting on the shows, have been attending regular rehearsals, where they practiced the various speaking parts peculiar to the characters of both plays. Besides voice cultivation, they have developed the faculty of timely and skillful manipulation of the suspended figures.

Preliminary to all these dramatic preparations, this group had the added burden of revising the original fairy tale texts, suitable only for reading, so as to make them adaptable to a puppet theatre, as well as acting in the capacity of craftsmen by carving, molding, painting and costuming the various figures to a likeness becoming its particular part in the drama.

The trailer stage, is 11 feet 10 inches high, 8 feet 6 inches wide, and 14 feet 4 inches long. It is equipped with electrical wires, lighting fixtures, amplifiers, colored scenery, storage room and an overhead horizontal platform for the puppeteers. Every contrivance, necessary for a first class puppet and marionette theatre has been provided for.

On the exterior of the stage, characters and objects, familiar to every reader of Grimm's Fairy Tales, are painted in variegated colors. Lengthwise, on the face of one side, and to the right, the design portrays the Ginger Bread House, and Hansel and Gretel in a woodland scene; and to the left, Jack and the Beanstalk, and Humpty-Dumpty; on the reverse side, Snow White, Little Bo Peep, and Little Red Riding Hood. On the front panel, there is depicted a performing seal and clown; while the rear panel contains a representation of the Three Bears and the Grandmother's House of Little Red Riding Hood.

CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

SCHEDULE OF TRAILER MARIONETTE THEATRE

June 1942

"PETER AND THE PIRATES" & "JACK AND THE BEAN STALK"

<u>MANHATTAN</u>	Monday	June 1	Jay Hood Wright Playground 175 St. & Ft. Washington Ave.	11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
	Tuesday	June 2	Kelly Playground 17 Street near 8 Avenue	11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
	Wednesday	June 3	Riverside, 148 Street Park	11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
	Thursday	June 4	Mt. Morris East, 120 Street & Madison Avenue	11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
	Friday	June 5	Heckscher Playground 65 Street & Central Park	11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
	Saturday	June 6	Columbus Park Baxter & Worth Streets	11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
<u>BRONX</u>	Monday	June 8	Watson, Gleason & Noble Avenues Playground	11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
	Tuesday	June 9	Waterbury, Edison, Bradford & LaSalle Aves. Playground	11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
	Wednesday	June 10	St. Mary's East Playground 146 Street & Trinity Ave	11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
	Thursday	June 11	Crotona Park, Playground # 9 Crotona Park So. & Clinton Ave.	11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
	Friday	June 12	Van Cortlandt Stadium 240 Street & Broadway	11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
	Saturday	June 13	Claremont Park North Playground Teller & Mt. Eden Avenues	11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
<u>BROOKLYN</u>	Monday	June 15	Red Hook Playground Clinton, Bay & Henry Streets	3:30 p.m.
	Tuesday	June 16	McCarren Playground Driggs & Lorimer Avenues	3:30 p.m.
	Wednesday	June 17	Bushwick Playground Putnam & Knickerbocker Aves.	3:30 p.m.
	Thursday	June 18	New Lots Playground Riverdale Avenue & Sackman Street	3:30 p.m.
	Friday	June 19	Kelly Memorial Playground Avenue S & East 14 Street	3:30 p.m.
	Saturday	June 20	Sunset Playground, 6 Ave. & 44 St,	11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
<u>QUEENS</u>	Monday	June 22	Maurice Playground, Maurice, Borden & 54 Aves., Maspeth	11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
	Tuesday	June 23	Playground at Broadway & 79 St., Jackson Heights	3:30 p.m.
	Wednesday	June 24	Crocheron Park 35 Ave. & 214 Place	11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
	Thursday	June 25	Forest Park Music Grove Main Drive & Woodhaven Blvd.	3:30 p.m.
	Friday	June 26	Liberty Park Playground 173 Street & Liberty Ave.	11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
	Saturday	June 27	Cunningham Park, Grand Central Pkwy., 193 St., Hollis	11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
<u>RICHMOND</u>	Monday	June 29	Levy Playground, Port Richmond	3:30 p.m.
	Tuesday	June 30	Westerleigh Park, Willard & Main Avenues, Westerleigh	3:30 p.m.
	Wednesday	July 1	Lincoln Avenue Playground, Midland Beach	3:30 p.m.
	Thursday	July 2	Clove Lakes Park, Victory Blvd. & Clove Road, West Brighton	3:30 p.m.
	Friday	July 3	Silver Lake Softball Field New Brighton	3:30 p.m.
	Saturday	July 4	Schmul Playground, Wilde Avenue Travis	11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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Mr. Hearlip
 For Release Friday,
 May 29, 1942

The Department of Parks announces the opening of the seventeen outdoor swimming pools on Memorial Day, May 30, 1942, at 10 A.M. The pools are located as follows:

Manhattan:	Hamilton Fish Pool	-East Houston and Pitt Streets
	Colonial Pool	-Bradhurst Ave., West 145 to 147 Streets
	Highbridge Pool	-Amsterdam Avenue and 173 Street
	Thomas Jefferson Pool	-111 to 114 Streets and First Avenue
	23rd Street Pool	-23 Street and East River Drive
	Carmine Street Pool	-Clarkson Street and Seventh Avenue
	60th Street Pool	-60 St. between Amsterdam Ave. & 11 Avenue
	John Jay Pool	-78 Street and East River Drive
Brooklyn:	Sunset Pool	-7 Avenue and 43 Street
	McCarren Pool	-Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street
	Red Hook Pool	-Clinton, Bay and Henry Streets
	Betsy Head Pool	-Hopkinson, Dumont and Livonia Avenues
Bronx:	Crotona Pool	-173 Street and Fulton Avenue
Queens:	Astoria Pool	-19 Street and 23 Avenue
	Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre-Flushing Meadow Park	
Richmond:	Faber Pool	-Richmond Terrace at Faber Street
	Tompkinsville Pool	-Victory Boulevard between Bay Street and Murray Hulbert Avenue

From May 30 to June 19 the pools will be open for week-ends only and from June 20 until the end of the season they will be open daily with the following operating schedule: On week days and Saturdays from 10 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. there will be a free period for children under 14 years of age, during which hours no adults will be admitted to the pool area. After 1 P.M. on week days and all day Sundays and holidays there will be a 9¢ charge for children under 12 years of age and a 25¢ charge for older children and adults.

Groups in swimming, diving, contests and water shows will be organized at all pools. Classes in life saving and first aid will also be included in the Aquatic Program in addition to the yearly "Learn to Swim" campaign which will start on June 20.

Orchard Beach, Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx, Jacob Riis Park Beach and Rockaway Beach in the Rockaway Peninsular, Queens, Coney Island Beach, Brooklyn, and South Beach and Wolfe's Pond Park in Staten Island will also open for bathers on Memorial Day, May 30. Bathhouse accommodations are available at Jacob Riis Park and Orchard Beach.

At Orchard Beach there is a total of 7796 lockers for bathhouse patrons and parking space is provided for 6,000 cars. At Jacob Riis Park the bathhouse accommodates 10,000 people and the parking space 14,000 cars. Parking at both beaches will be 25¢ per car, bathhouse fees 15¢ for children's lockers and 25¢ for adult lockers. Dressing rooms are available at Jacob Riis Park for a fee of 50¢ per person. Recreational areas at Jacob Riis Park and Orchard Beach providing shuffle board, paddle tennis and handball are available to the public. The charge for the use of these facilities will be 10¢ per person, per half hour.

Besides these games areas at Jacob Riis Park there is also an eighteen hole pitch and putt golf course. A charge of 50¢ is made for each round of golf, which includes clubs. A 50¢ deposit is required on golf balls. In addition to these games areas, a special schedule of events is planned for Jacob Riis Park; there will be calisthenics on the beach each day at 2 P.M.; each Wednesday, beginning July 1, will be Children's Day; races, contests and games will be staged in the outfield of the softball area. These special activities are free and patrons of the beach are invited to join in the fun. Similar activities have been scheduled for Orchard Beach.

Beginning Monday, June 15, at Jacob Riis Park, there will be twilight softball games every week day except Saturday, the games starting at 6:30. On Saturdays and Sundays a single game will be played starting at 2:30 P.M. Two leagues have been formed and spectators are sure of fast, interesting softball. Bleachers have been provided for 1,000 persons.

Beach chairs and umbrellas may be rented at Orchard Beach and Jacob Riis Park at a nominal charge and beach shops are provided where bathing accessories can be purchased.

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For Release Friday,
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The Park Department announces that the first Naumburg Concert of the season will be held on the Mall, Central Park, on Saturday, May 30, at 8:15 P. M.

The orchestra will be under the direction of Max Rudolf. The soloist, a soprano, will be Cleonice Montvare, who will sing an aria from Il Trovatore, "Tacea la notte" and a Strauss Waltz "Roses from the South".

This concert series is contributed by Mr. Walter W. Naumburg and Mr. George W. Naumburg in memory of their father, Elkan Naumburg, who donated the bandstand on the Mall in Central Park.

The Naumburg Concerts for the season are Memorial Day, May 30; Independence Day, July 4; July 31 and Labor Day, September 7.

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Mr. Heaslip
For Release Friday,
May 29, 1942

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The Department of Parks announces that on Friday, May 29, at 4 P.M. the new diving pool at the John Jay Swimming Pool at 78 Street and the East River Drive, Manhattan, will be officially opened.

The Hon. Irving V. A. Huie, Work Projects Administrator for the City of New York and the Hon. Fiorello H. LaGuardia, Mayor of the City of New York will speak. The Hon. Robert Moses, Commissioner of Parks, will act as chairman. Following the speeches there will be an aquatic show.

John Jay Park, one of the older City parks, located between East 76 and East 78 Streets, adjacent to and overlooking the East River Drive, has been entirely reconstructed.

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

Numerous benches have been installed under existing shade trees and additional trees have been planted. Concrete bleachers have been provided around the pool.

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, 65 of which have been reconstructed. There are now 468 playgrounds in the park system.

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SENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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 For Release Wednesday,
 May 27, 1942

*Delayed
 12 noon*

The Department of Parks announces that the first Novice Boxing Championships, under the auspices of the Park Department, will take place at the Triborough Stadium, Randall's Island, Manhattan, on Thursday, May 28, at 8 P.M. Admission is free.

These championships were originally scheduled for Friday, May 22, but were postponed because of rain.

All the boxers, who will take part in the bouts next Thursday evening, are novices. They have trained at Park Department boxing centers, under the supervision of park personnel, and have survived the eliminations of a city-wide tournament, just completed.

The standard weight classifications will be contested, ranging from featherweight to heavyweight. Competitors have been further classified into two age groups: Junior (16 to 18 years); Senior (18 years and over).

Judges are Henry Young, Metropolitan Ass'n, A.A.U., and Fred Delaney, Flushing Y.M.C.A. Prizes have been donated by Bernard Gimbel. A point trophy, donated by Edward F. Wagner, will be awarded to the boxing center whose representatives score the greatest number of points.

The National Anthem will be sung by Roberta Keene Hunt, of America's Good Will Union, and the Color Guard will be provided by the Boy Scouts of America. Music will be rendered by the Park Department Band.

The names of the competitors, together with the Park Department centers they will represent, follow:

JUNIOR DIVISION112 lb. class

Dominick Miceli, Crotona Play Center, - Bronx
 William Richardson, Colonial Play Center - Manhattan

118 lb. class

Salvatore Giordano, Crotona Play Center - Bronx
 Gerald DeRosa, Cromwell Play Center - Richmond

126 lb. class

Leo Milito, West 28 Street Gymnasium - Manhattan
 John Peden, McCarren Play Center - Brooklyn

135 lb. class

Abraham Hirsch, Crotona Play Center - Bronx
 Cyril Dixon, Cromwell Play Center - Richmond

147 lb. class

Richard Fuxjazar, Astoria Play Center - Queens
 William Hampton, Colonial Play Center - Manhattan

160 lb. class

Buddy Sorensen, Crotona Play Center - Bronx
 Roy Spangler, Cromwell Play Center - Richmond

175 lb. class

Erick Schauer, East 54 Street Gymnasium - Manhattan
 Jerry Logan, Crotona Play Center - Bronx

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SENIOR DIVISION

118 lb. class

Thomas McGuinness, Crotona Play Center - Bronx
Hayward Chisholm, Colonial Play Center - Manhattan

126 lb. class

Arnold Gee, Cromwell Play Center - Richmond
Percy Hampton, Colonial Play Center - Manhattan

135 lb. class

Leo Matalon, Crotona Play Center - Bronx
Anthony Conenno, Thomas Jefferson Play Center - Manhattan

147 lb. class

John Farina, Cromwell Play Center - Richmond
Sam Brown, West 28 Street Gymnasium - Manhattan

160 lb. class

Donald Braithwaite, Colonial Play Center - Manhattan
Vincent Iacopola, Astoria Play Center - Queens

175 lb. class

James McGuire, East 54 Street Gymnasium - Manhattan
Vincent Miller, McCarren Play Center - Brooklyn

Heavyweight Class

Joseph Byrnes, East 54 Street Gymnasium - Manhattan
Cavaignac Augustin, Colonial Play Center - Manhattan

Randall's Island can be reached by the pedestrian walk across the Triborough Bridge or by Bus.

From Manhattan: Bus at 125 Street and Lexington Avenue - fare 5¢

From Bronx: Bus terminal at 134 Street and Cypress Avenue - fare 5¢

From Queens: Bus terminal at 31 Street and Astoria Blvd. - fare 10¢

Parking is free on Randall's Island. There are accommodations for 5,000 cars.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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For Release MONDAY

May 25, 1942

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of work in connection with the reconstruction of the 6½ acre playground at Gravesend Park located west of 18 Avenue, between 55 and 56 Streets, Brooklyn. This will be opened from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. 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 five 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
- 6 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 parallel 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 two 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, 64 of which have been reconstructed. There are now 468 playgrounds in the park system.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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M. H. Hensley
 For Release ~~Friday,~~
~~May 22, 1942~~

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The Department of Parks announces that the first Novice Boxing Championships, under the auspices of the Park Department, will take place at the Triborough Stadium, Randall's Island, Manhattan, on Friday, May 22, at 8:30 P.M. In the event of rain, they will be held on the following night, Saturday, May 23, at the same time and place. Admission is free.

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The standard weight classifications will be contested, ranging from the featherweight to the heavyweight division. Competitors have been further classified into two age groups: Junior (16 to 18 years); Senior (18 years and over).

Judges for these championships include: John J. Deignan, Metropolitan Association, A.A.U., Fred Delaney, Flushing Y. M.C.A., Stephen Byrne, Trinity Club.

Prizes have been donated through the courtesy of Bernard Gimbel. A point trophy, donated by Edward F. Wagner, will be awarded to the boxing center whose representatives acquire the greatest number of points.

The National Anthem will be sung by Roberta Keene Hunt, of America's Good Will Union, and the color guard will be provided by the Boy Scouts of America.

Music will be rendered by the Park Department Band.

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For Release Thursday,
May 21, 1942

The Department of Parks announces the completion of work in connection with the reconstruction of Gracie House and its immediate surroundings in Carl Schurz Park, Manhattan, as the official permanent residence of the Mayor of the City of New York and his successors.

For some time the present administration had been in doubt as to the proper permanent use of this historic residence. In 1923 the newly incorporated Museum of the City of New York was granted the use of the building for the purpose of displaying exhibits presenting the chronological history of New York City life. The house was repaired in 1927 and fitted with furniture and accessories typical of New York interiors from 1800 to 1860. In 1934 the reorganized Department of Parks, as part of its program of the construction and restoration of monuments, memorials and historic buildings, carefully restored the Gracie House based on painstaking research. Until recently it has been operated as a small post-Colonial museum furnished with pieces loaned to the City either by individuals or by the larger institutions. Rugs and draperies were never made available. Visitors were few and no justification was apparent for wasting thinly spread funds in an unsuccessful competition with the finer exhibits in other large City museums.

The present Mayor and the Board of Estimate agreed that the best use of the property would be as a permanent residence for the Mayors of New York City. The Park Department directed the preparation of the plans for the conversion of the house and the adjacent park grounds. The work was started early in February of this year by the Work Projects Administration using materials purchased by the City.

The old building, erected in 1770, is a two-story frame building with a piazza around three sides in the style of New York's early Dutch settlers. Although it has been essential in the restoration to make some concessions to the needs of modern living, very little was done to disturb the existing floor plans. Great care was taken to preserve the simple charm and dignity of the structure. Containing nine rooms and two generous sized foyers on the two floors with accommodations for servants in the basement, the building, exclusive of the porches, is about 50 feet by 65 feet. Exterior building work consisted of minor repairs and complete repainting.

Very little change was made to the first floor except to modernize the pantry. The entrance hall, library and dining room were repainted and the floors scraped and stained. The living room, to the right of the entrance hall has been similarly treated.

The custodian quarters on the north end of the second floor were removed to permit the restoration of two larger bed rooms. The master bedroom with four windows overlooks the park and river to the east and north. This room and the adjoining converted sitting room which centers on the east facade are the only two rooms with wall paper. Three smaller bedrooms, one of which will be reserved for guests, occupy the other building corners thus providing cross ventilation and wider views. These rooms, painted in colonial blue and white with stained floors, each have baths and closet space. A central hall reached by a winding staircase provides direct connections to all rooms.

A considerable amount of wood trim and doors were installed to match the original. All of the woodwork and floors were repainted.

The heating plant and electric system which were provided in 1934 required little change. Where the building construction permitted, hidden convectors were installed. In many of the rooms free standing radiators have been retained. New electric outlets have been added for radio and utility purposes.

The entire first floor, except the service portion, and the guest bedroom have been provided with furniture and art pieces of the Colonial, Revolutionary and early 19th Century periods. These items are permanent loans from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of the City of New York, the Brooklyn Museum and private donors. All the items have been thoroughly repaired and the furniture coverings newly reproduced. The private quarters of the house on the second floor were furnished by the Mayor.

In furnishing the main rooms of the house, an attempt has been made to bring together furniture and decorations to suit the severly designed background of the neo-classic period. In these high ceiled rooms where the architectural enrichment is concentrated at the fireplaces, cornicos, and architraves, the furniture made after the designs of Hepplewhite, Sheraton, and other interpreters of the Adam style finds an appropriate and logical setting.

Upon entering the house a broad reception hall opens before the visitor by reason of the unusual plan wherein a graceful spiral staircase rises against the far wall. At the left of the entrance is a fireplace framed by a mantel carved with fans and reeding in the typical New York style. Opposite is a satinwood commode and pair of armchairs of the Louis XVI period. This kind of furniture was typical of the finer houses of the new republic; it may be recalled that Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson brought back from France

furnishings for their use in New York and Philadelphia, and Alexander Hamilton ordered furniture closely following French models for his house, the Hamilton Grange, overlooking the Hudson. On the walls flanking the entrance stand a pier table and a pair of shield-back chairs of mahogany and satinwood, American interpretations of Hepplewhite designs. Reflected in the convex mirror above the commode is a portrait of De Witt Clinton, three times Mayor of New York City; the likeness is believed to be a contemporary one by Samuel L. Waldo. At a bend in the staircase landing a handsome grandfather clock, its mahogany case elaborately inlaid with holly and satinwood, strikes the hours. Upon the floor, as in the other principal rooms of the house, is a Turkey carpet, the name given to the variety of Oriental rugs which were brought from the Near East for early American houses in the eighteenth century.

In the living room at the right the same spirit is evident in the style of furnishing as in the entrance hall. Grouped around the white marble mantel of the fireplace are a mahogany and caned settee from the workshop of Duncan Phyfe, and several Hepplewhite oval and shield-back armchairs, upholstered in figured haircloth similar to the original upholstery. The trimming of brass nails also repeats the old style. Between the east windows which give long vistas of the river stands a light mahogany writing desk with tambour doors and delicate framing of inlay. Two carved drop-leaf pedestal tables, probably from the workshop of Duncan Phyfe stand against a pair of modern upholstered sofas, and several easy chairs carry out the rose, yellow and gray colors which are used on the upholstery and window hangings in the room. A variety of small tables--Pembroke, tripod, and "lazy Susan" types, of mahogany and kingwood, are put to various uses here. To the right of the entrance door hangs a portrait of John Alsop King who was born in New York in 1787. The portrait is a copy after John Trumbull and shows the subject as a young boy. On the west wall is a series of aquatints in green and gray tones representing views of the Hudson

Valley selected from The Hudson River Portfolio, engraved by I. Hill after paintings by W. G. Wall. Opposite the fireplace a convex mirror framed with carved and gilt wood is lighted by four candle branches hooded by simple purple glass shades. In this glass are reflected a pair of modern crystal chandeliers which light the room.

Among the smaller ornaments here are a French bronze of Washington on a gilt pedestal, and a collection of blue and white Staffordshire pottery with American scenes, Chinese export porcelain, such as was imported for early American houses, and several pieces of French porcelain in the classical taste arranged on the glazed shelves of a wall cabinet. A pair of silver candlesticks and several old Chinese and Persian oil jars provide the bases for lamps.

In the dining room the cool, oyster-white walls are an excellent foil for the portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Munro and their daughter Olivia Roe Munro which were painted in New York about 1825 by an unknown artist. The furniture is of fine mahogany. In the middle of the room is a double pedestal table and twelve chairs in the style of Duncan Phyfe. The chairs were made for the City Hall about 1815 and are still owned by the City of New York. Above a serving table slightly earlier than the chairs hangs a looking glass framed in green and gold in the neo-classic style, and on the wall facing the fireplace a mahogany and satinwood sideboard of Hepplewhite design supports two oval satinwood knife boxes decorated with painted festoons and flowers. In the middle of the room above the table hangs a finely chiseled bronze chandelier, a copy of an original Louis XVI example in the Wallace Collection in London. Framing the hearth is a pierced and serpentine-shaped copper fender, brightly polished as metal work customarily was in early American days. A small French bronze bust of Lafayette centers on the mantel with a portrait of William Dyckman above.

Adjoining the dining room is the library. Three mahogany bookcases contain several hundred volumes dealing mainly with New York history, permanently loaned by the New York Public Library. A flat-topped desk, which was

probably made by Charles Christian for the City Hall in 1814, is the most important piece of furniture. A pair of chairs with leather seats are of the same period as the desk and a large upholstered sofa and several easy chairs covered in leather make the room an inviting place for study and relaxation. Here, as in the living room, the fireplace is furnished with a brass fronted fire grate. Upon the walls may be seen several lithographs in color - among them "Panorama of the Harbor of New York, Staten Island and The Narrows," "The Life of a Fireman, The Night Alarm" by N. Currier, and a map of the State of New York which was printed in 1826.

Ascending the graceful spiral staircase the visitor commands a full view of the park and the river from the windows of the guest room at the southeast corner. This well-lighted chamber, in addition to the comfortable beds and ample clothes press, contains a handsome mahogany bow-front chest of drawers with colorful Battersea enamel drawer pulls, and a pair of Louis XVI armchairs made comfortable by rose and white silk upholstery of classical design. A looking glass with a carved and gilded frame of the Federal period hangs above the chest of drawers. Three Hudson Valley aquatints, part of the living room series, afford interest to the south and east walls. The fireplace is furnished with a bright polished brass fender and andirons, and upon the mantel above them stand a pair of pewter whale oil lamps adapted to modern usage.

Many of the important pieces of furniture were selected because they were in the style of 1799 when, it is believed, Archibald Gracie largely reconstructed the original house. Standing on a rocky point of land at a bend in the East River about 40 feet above the water, the site permits a fine view northeastward over the river to Hell Gate. The property had many owners from early Dutch times through the eventful days of the Revolution and the War of 1812. Gracie, a wealthy New York merchant, Scottish born, was famed for his hospitality and formal receptions. Many famous Americans including literary men of distinction, as well as distinguished visitors from abroad, were entertained by Gracie.

The property was later sold by the Gracie family and passed through several ownerships when in 1891 the City condemned it for park purposes. Consisting of twelve and a half acres, it was first called East River Park but was later renamed Carl Schurz Park for the German Revolutionary and close friend of Abraham Lincoln.

The park was developed in the informal manner of the times with winding paths bordering many tree dotted lawns. Providing passive recreation only the park remained essentially a sitting area until 1934 when a complete plan for a modern recreational development was prepared and the work started in conjunction with the restoration of the Gracie House. New bench lined walks and promenades divided the park into various use areas for both active and passive recreation. A large playground, wading pool and comfort station were provided for the children who formerly played in the adjoining streets.

No further alterations were made until 1939 when more than half of the park was redesigned and reconstructed in connection with the new East River Drive which forms its eastern boundary. An attractive feature was a broad esplanade atop the drive now called John Finlay Walk. An adult court games area was placed adjacent to the playground, sand pit and sitting areas provided in offsets from the promenade and the adjoining informal areas tied in with the new development by an integrated path system.

The area around the Museum was regraded to permit a depressed treatment of the East River Drive thus preserving a proper setting and maintaining views to and from the Mansion.

The new development of the grounds around the Mayor's House was planned for utmost simplicity and economy and in harmony with the building and dignified surroundings of the entire park. The vehicular entrance to the north of the house utilized an existing gateway and drive leading from East End Avenue at 88th Street. Entrance to the new turn-around on the north side of the house is

protected by a double gateway and police booth. The drive and walks were adapted to existing conditions and the development required the removal of only a few sections of walk and the moving of two trees. New plant material consisting of broadleaf evergreens and the taller growing deciduous shrubs and small flowering trees, were added, to screen the drive and turn-around, to supplement the existing foundation planting and to provide a reasonable degree of seclusion for the Mayor. A 6 foot iron picket fence set adjacent to the broadly oval circumferential public walk supplements a retaining wall skirting the east lawn to discourage undue annoyance to the residents of the Mayor's House.

The public comfort station formerly located in the basement of the Museum was removed. A modern brick comfort station is approaching completion, a few hundred feet to the south of the house near the west marginal park walk. A portion of the basement of the house will be used by park maintenance personnel who will also continue to maintain the grounds of the Mayor's residence.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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Wm Hearsh
Monday,
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City swimming facilities available to members of the
Army, Navy and Marine Corps in uniform

Special arrangements have been made by the City Park Department for the use of public beaches and pools by soldiers, sailors and marines in uniform during the coming summer.

At Jacob Riis Park at Rockaway, Orchard Beach in the Bronx, and Wolfe's Pond on Staten Island, Army, Navy and Marine Corps vehicles will be parked free and soldiers, sailors and marines may use the bathhouses without charge.

At the City swimming pools listed below the usual twenty-five cent charge will be waived.

Manhattan:

Hamilton Fish Pool, East Houston and Pitt Streets
Colonial Pool, Bradhurst Avenue West 145 to 147 Streets
Highbridge Pool, Amsterdam Avenue and 173 Street
Thos. Jefferson Pool, 111 to 114 Streets & First Avenue
23rd Street Pool, 23 Street and East River Drive
Carmine Street Pool, Clarkson Street and 7 Avenue
60th Street Pool, 59 Street between Amsterdam & 11 Avenues
John Jay Pool, 78 Street and East River Drive

Brooklyn:

Sunset Pool, 7 Avenue and 43 Street
McCarren Pool, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street
Red Hook Pool, Clinton, Bay and Henry Streets
Betsy Head Pool, Hopkinson, Dumont and Livonia Avenues

Bronx:

Crotona Pool, 173 Street and Fulton Avenue

Queens:

Astoria Pool, 19 Street and 23 Drive
Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre, Flushing Meadow Park

Richmond:

Faber Pool, Richmond Terrace at Faber Street
Tompkinsville Pool, Victory Boulevard between Bay Street
and Murray Hulbert Avenue

Pools are open to adults after 1:00 P.M. on weekdays and Saturdays and all day on Sundays and holidays.

Robert Moses
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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Mr. Headley
For Release Monday,
May 18, 1942

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of a granite and bronze memorial to former City Comptroller W. Arthur Cunningham who died in 1934, at the age of 40, of a heart attack. Remembered as an able and successful business executive, and for conspicuous service in the first World War, his untimely death ended what promised to be a notable career in public service.

The monument stands adjacent to the Cunningham Memorial Flagpole which was erected and dedicated on the occasion of changing the name of old Hillside Park to Cunningham Park in 1934. This 550 acre country park is located on the Grand Central Parkway in central Queens, the borough where the young lawyer lived and was buried.

The setting for the bronze bust executed by Emil Siebern was designed by the Department of Parks. Slightly over life size the forcefully modeled bust stands on a square monolithic shaft of polished granite placed in front of a larger simple rectangular pylon of polished granite blocks. Centered on the axis between the granite concession building and flagpole the monument has been built into the north retaining wall of the flagstone terrace facing northward into the semi-circular memorial flagpole area. The intimate scale and planting of this garden which overlooks the broad athletic field in the north meadow forms an appropriate setting.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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Mr. Neaslip
For Release Sunday,
May 10, 1942

The Park Department announces that after the evening session at the City Building, Flushing Meadow Park, on Sunday, May 10, 1942, ice skating will be discontinued and only the roller skating rink will be in operation.

Patronage of the ice skating rink has decreased rapidly during the past three weeks, and with the recent warm weather, interest in this sport has become so low that the attendance no longer justifies its continued operation. The ice skating rink will be re-opened early in the fall.

The roller skating rink at the City Building will continue to operate evening sessions from 7:30 to 11:00 P.M. every day; free morning session from 9:00 A.M. to 12 noon on Saturday; afternoon sessions from 2:30 to 5:30 P.M. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays only.

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J W / Heaslip, Jr

May 7, 1942

William H. Latham

Richard C. Jenkins

Coney Island - Fishing

Earlier announcements stated that fishing was permitted twenty-four hours a day year round from the fishing bay on Steeplechase Pier, Coney Island.

Because of dimout regulations, lights on the pier have been turned off for the duration and we have deemed it advisable to close the pier at darkness. Fishing will be permitted from the pier during daylight hours only.

Surf casting has previously been permitted in bays adjacent the pier on a twenty-four hour basis during the winter months and from 10:00 P.M. to 8:00 A.M. during the summer months. It is now advisable to prohibit any surf casting for the summer months and to prohibit night-time casting for the duration.

R. C. JENKINS
Borough Director

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FOR RELEASE - TUESDAY, MAY 5, 1942

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ANOTHER SECTION OF GOWANUS IMPROVEMENT COMPLETED

The Triborough Bridge Authority announces the opening for traffic of the section of the Gowanus Elevated Parkway along Hamilton Avenue from Prospect Avenue to Hicks Street, on Wednesday, May 6, 1942. The Gowanus Improvement from Owl's Head Park to Prospect Avenue was completed last November. Other parts of the work have been delayed because of difficulties in obtaining materials due to priority rules.

The new section extends from the present terminus at Prospect Avenue to the proposed entrance to the Battery Tunnel at Hicks Street. The tunnel will not be completed until after the war, and, in the meantime, the Gowanus Improvement will be made accessible by the widening of Hicks Street to Atlantic Avenue now under way.

In order to eliminate the delays due to bridge openings, the Elevated Parkway was constructed at a high level over Gowanus Canal to provide a clearance of ninety feet above the water. The elevated roadways accommodate three lanes of cars in each direction, divided by a center mall, and are limited to passenger vehicles. Commercial traffic will shortly be taken care of by the nearly-completed lift bridge over the Gowanus Creek and fifty-foot roadways on Hamilton Avenue on either side of the Elevated Parkway. Buses have been substituted for trolley cars on Hamilton and Third Avenues with the cooperation of the Board of Transportation.

The parkway previously opened on November 1, 1941, together with this new section, completes the Belt Parkway from the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge, in Queens, to Hicks Street and the future Battery Tunnel.

The Gowanus Improvement was built by Triborough Bridge Authority at a cost of approximately \$15,000,000 for land and construction. The lift bridge at Hamilton Avenue is being built by The City of New York under the direction of the Department of Parks. There remains only a comparatively small amount of construction, which is progressing rapidly, on the lift bridge and its approaches, on Third Avenue, and on landscaping, to finish the entire Gowanus Improvement. The Elevated Parkway will then be turned over to the Department of Parks, street roadways to the Borough President of Brooklyn, and the Gowanus lift bridge to the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Henslip

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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May 4, 1942

The records of the Department of Parks indicate a steady increase in the use of golf courses since 1936. The following are the comparative figures for the period ending May 2nd for the last seven years.

	<u>1936</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1938</u>	<u>1939</u>	<u>1940</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1942</u>
Rounds of golf for the week of May 2	10,224	12,003	19,367	12,790	22,218	22,371	20,026
Total rounds of golf through May 2	18,340	23,049	37,085	34,676	46,639	59,881	64,241

This increase of more than 300% can be accounted for in several ways: First, increase in the number of courses; second, improvement of condition of the courses; third, reduction in the fee; and, fourth, generally increased interest in the game. This year with the rationing of tires and gasoline the city anticipates an even greater increase in the use of these courses as we get into the summer season.

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FOR RELEASE:
Wednesday, April 29, 1942

The Long Island State Park Commission, Jones Beach State Parkway Authority, New York City Park Department, and the Triborough Bridge Authority have for some time been working with the military, naval, and civilian defense agencies in the metropolitan district on the summer use of state and city public beaches. Various steps have already been taken to comply with orders and requests as to lighting, blackouts, etc.

It has now become necessary to give the public a clear picture of summer beach usage, especially as to closing and restrictions after dark. The attached releases by the City Park Department and Long Island State Park Commission should be readily understandable.

In effect, it will be seen that Jones Beach will, for all practical purposes, be shut down at nightfall although the causeways must still be open. Parking fields, restaurants, the boardwalks and other recreation facilities will have to be closed at 9:00 p. m.

The effect is the same at Jacob Riis Park. The Rockaway boardwalk must, of course, continue to be open but cafeteria and other facilities will close.

This applies also to the boardwalk at South Beach, Staten Island.

Wolfe's Pond Park, Staten Island, will be closed at 9:00 p. m.

At Orchard Beach in the Bronx, the game areas will be closed at nightfall. Lighting will be drastically restricted, but the beach will be open until 10:00 p.m.

(Signed) ROBERT MOSES

LONG ISLAND STATE PARK COMMISSION
BELMONT LAKE STATE PARK
BABYLON, L. I., N. Y.

For Additional information, call C. R. Blakelock
at (day) Babylon 1000 or (night) Babylon 1178.

FOR RELEASE
Wednesday, April 29, 1942

This summer, in order to cooperate fully with the Army and Navy, Jones Beach State Park will be operated only from 8:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m., with no night activities.

The Jones Beach swimming season will start on Saturday, May 23rd, when the West Bathhouse with heated salt water swimming and diving pools, will be opened. On the same date, the Marine Dining Room in the West Bathhouse will be opened for daily daytime operation.

On Sunday afternoon, starting May 24th, and on Decoration Day, free pool shows will be presented at 3:00 p. m. in the West Bathhouse pool. The East Bathhouse, which serves the still water bathing at Zachs Bay in addition to the ocean surf bathing in front of the bathhouse, will open for the season on Decoration Day, May 30th. A special program of spring concerts by Long Island high school bands will be presented in the Music Shell adjacent to the boardwalk on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, starting May 16th and ending June 21st.

The outdoor roller skating rink and various game facilities, including the pitch and putt golf course, are now in operation.

Because of the elimination of night activities, there will be no outdoor dancing at the Music Shell and no water shows at the Marine Stadium on Zachs Bay. Softball games which in the past have been held nightly under floodlights, will be played afternoons and early evenings.

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

For Release Wednesday,
April 29, 1942

The Department of Parks announces that in order to cooperate fully with the Army and Navy, the following schedule of summer operation will be effective at public beaches:

1. CONEY ISLAND, BROOKLYN

The game areas and concession stands under the jurisdiction of the Park Department will be closed at nine o'clock so that no lights will be necessary for their operation. Arrangements have been made with the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity to turn out many of the lights along the boardwalk and to shield the balance of the lights by painting the outshore portion of the globe so that the light will not be visible from the ocean.

2. JACOB RIIS PARK, QUEENS

The entire park will be closed at nine o'clock. This will include concessions, game areas, and parking fields, and will eliminate the necessity for lights.

3. ROCKAWAY BEACH, QUEENS

The game areas will be closed at nine o'clock. The Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity is turning out every other light along the boardwalk and is dimming the balance of the lights on the outshore side so that they will not be visible from the ocean.

4. SOUTH BEACH, RICHMOND

In cooperation with the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, every other light has been extinguished and the outshore side of the remaining lights have been painted so that they will not be visible from the ocean.

5. WOLFE'S POND PARK, RICHMOND

This park will close at nine o'clock.

6. ORCHARD BEACH, BRONX

Game areas will be closed at nine o'clock. The use of floodlights will be eliminated. All lights will be obscured on the outshore side. Otherwise, operation will continue as usual until ten o'clock.

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

For Release Monday,
April 27, 1942

The Department of Parks announces the birth in the Central Park Zoo of a Llama calf on April 23, 1942.

The new arrival, weighing 25 pounds, is the son of Racket and Blackie. Racket, the father, was born in the Central Park Zoo, August 5, 1934, and the mother was procured from L. Ruhe in July 1938.

The baby is on exhibition at the present time and photographs for press purposes may be taken immediately.

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

Mr. Hanslip
For Release Monday,
April 27, 1942

The Department of Parks announces that the preliminaries and quarter-finals of the Park Department City-wide boxing tournament will be held at the gymnasium located at 407 West 28 Street, Manhattan, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, April 27, 29, and May 1 at 8:00 P.M. Admission is free.

This tournament is open only to those novices who have received their training under the supervision of Park personnel at the various boxing centers operated by the Park Department throughout the five boroughs.

Competitors will be classified into two groups: 16 to 18 years, and over 18 years on the following weight basis: 112 lbs., 118 lbs., 126 lbs., 135 lbs., 147 lbs., 160 lbs., 175 lbs.

The semi-finals will be held at Cromwell Play Center, Murray Hulbert Avenue, Tompkinsville, Richmond, on Wednesday, May 6, at 8:00 P.M., with the City championships scheduled to take place at the Triborough Stadium, Randall's Island, Manhattan, at 8:00 P.M., on Friday, May 22.

Appropriate prizes will be awarded to the winners and semi-finalists in each weight division.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

TEL. REGENT 4-1000

Friday,
April 24, 1942

For Release

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Bids were opened today by the Department of Parks at the Arsenal Building, Central Park on three contracts relating to the general park development of additional sections of Flushing Meadow Park, Borough of Queens. The areas to be developed are adjacent to Horace Harding Boulevard on both sides of the Grand Central Parkway.

The work to be done comprises a portion of the revised four year program started in 1941 for reconstructing the former World's Fair site as a well rounded park and recreational development. The current work is part of the 1942 Capital Program designed to provide additional marginal active recreation areas and improvements around the permanent buildings. Playground development will take precedence over the less urgently needed passive recreation areas which will be built later to complete and unify the park.

Existing facilities used during the Fair which will be removed in preparation for the new work include: a comfort station, information booth, pump house, a temporary portion of Horace Harding bridge over Flushing Creek, flagpole and drinking fountain bases and miscellaneous service poles. This demolition work will be a part of the contract which provides for the general reconstruction of the area between the New York State Amphitheatre and Flushing Creek. Also included are a new parking field, walks, drives, bicycle paths, fences, grading, water supply and drainage.

A concession storage room will be built adjacent to the Amphitheatre food bar. A control station for under-water flood lights will also be provided in this building.

The second contract provides for the general planting of the same area. The existing plants, comprising a portion of the trees and shrubs donated by the various exhibitors, will be transplanted in conformance with the new development. This basic planting will be supplemented by new flowering shrubs and small trees, perennials and vines. Lawn areas will be started to complete the Amphitheatre section.

The promenades, malls and walks around the completed play areas west of Grand Central Parkway and opposite the New York City Building will be provided with park lighting under a third contract. The existing system of underground ducts will be utilized and secondary feeders will be installed using cable salvaged from the Fair. No new material or equipment will be required for this work.

It is expected that three additional contracts for the further development of Flushing Meadow Park will be let this year as provided in the Capital Program. These will provide for picnic areas south of Horace Harding Boulevard and

east of Meadow Lake, also affording access to the boat house on the east bank. New playgrounds will be developed along the east margin of the park between Fowler Avenue and Horace Harding Boulevard and the existing playground east of 111th Street opposite the New York City Building will be expanded to include a large athletic field. The work to be done under these contracts involves no strategic material.

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

Contract No. 1 - General Park Development:

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| 1. John Meehan & Son
90 West St., New York City | \$117,174.29 |
| 2. Frank Mascali & Sons, Inc.
4634 Third Ave., Bronx, N.Y. | 118,438.40 |
| 3. Wm. P. McDonald Construction Co., Inc.
33-15 Lawrence Street, Flushing, N.Y. | 128,461.80 |

Contract No. 2 - Planting:

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| 1. Roman Landscape Contracting Co., Inc.
551 Fifth Ave., New York City | \$19,946.10 |
| 2. Grant Park Construction Co.
65 Prospect Ave., Hewlett, N.Y. | 22,261.55 |
| 3. John Gozo
171-08 84th Road, Jamaica, N.Y. | 24,770.70 |

Contract No. 3 - Electrical:

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| 1. Rao Electrical Equipment Co., Inc.
150 East 42 Street, N.Y.C. | \$1,700.00 |
| 2. Elco Installation, Inc.
345 East 23 Street, N.Y.C. | 1,730.00 |
| 3. Welsback Street Lighting Co.
42-30 24 Street, Long Island City, N.Y. | 2,730.00 |

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

For Release Friday,
April 24, 1942

The Department of Parks announces the birth in the Central Park Zoo of a male baby Aoudad on April 21, 1942, at 6 P. M.

The new arrival, weighing four pounds, is the son of Bill and Tuts. The father was purchased from the Mesker Zoo, Evansville, Indiana, August 28, 1940, and the mother, Tuts, was donated by the New York Zoological Society, April 28, 1930.

Although the baby is not on exhibition at the present time, photographs for press purposes may be taken immediately.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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For Release FRIDAY
 April 24, 1942

The Department of Parks announces that "Pet Shows" will be conducted by playground children, in commemoration of "Be Kind To Animals" week, on Saturday, April 25, at 2:00 p.m. at the following locations:

<u>Manhattan</u>	Kelly Playground, West 17 Street & 8 Avenue Riverside Playground at West 74 Street Mt. Morris West Playground, West 122 Street & Nathan Davis Place Payson Avenue Playground
<u>Bronx</u>	Mullaly Playground, 164 Street & Jerome Avenue Williamsbridge Playground, 208 Street & Bainbridge Avenue St. Mary's West Playground, 146 Street & St. Ann's Avenue Crotona #5, Crotona East & 173 Street
<u>Brooklyn</u>	Hecksher Playground, Grove & Wilson Avenue Kelly Memorial Playground, Avenue S & East 14 Street McCarren Park, Driggs Avenue & Lorimer Street James J. Byrne Playground, Third Street & Fourth Avenue Lincoln Terrace Playground, Rochester & Buffalo Avenues Ocean Parkway & Avenue F Playground Prospect Park West & 11 Street

The classifications of the pets, which are to form the basis of the judges' decisions, are many and diversified. Some of them are as follows: the largest and smallest dog and cat; the dog or cat with the most beautiful coat; the cutest litter of puppies; the largest family of rabbits; the largest or most beautiful bird or fowl; best displayed fish; the most unusual pet.

In addition, the attire and behavior of the pet will be considered under such headings as: the most comically dressed pet; the best behaved pet on parade, etc.

Ribbons will be awarded for first, second and third place in each classification. In addition, a bronze medal, the special A.S.P.C.A. award, will be given for the "Best Cared For Animal in the Show."

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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For Release Thursday,
April 23, 1942

The Department of Parks announces the schedule of tournaments, contests, athletic meets and special events including concerts, social and square dancing, which will be conducted in parks, playgrounds, and swimming pools under the jurisdiction of the Park Department during the spring season of 1942.

There will be city-wide tournaments in the following activities:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Finals - Approximate Date</u>
Basketball	Boys - 16 years and under	May 3
Boxing	Junior - 16 to 18 years Senior - 18 years and over	May 22
Marble Shooting	Boys and Girls - 14 years and under	Local tournaments in May and June
Handball(Singles & Doubles)	Boys - 16 years and under 17 to 21 years Men - 21 to 40 years 40 years and older	June 6 and 7
Handball(Singles)	Girls - 16 years and older	June 20
Field Hockey	Girls - 16 years and older	Local tournaments in May and June
Horseshoe Pitching (Singles)	Men and Boys - 17 years and older	June and July

Athletic meets, during the months of May and June, will be held in the various borough playgrounds for boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 19 years; the city-wide championships will take place at the Red Hook Athletic Field, Clinton, Bay and Henry Streets, Brooklyn, on Saturday, June 20, at 2:00 P.M.

The annual Park Department "Learn to Swim" campaign, in cooperation with various civic, health, educational and recreational agencies, will be inaugurated in all outdoor swimming pools operated by the department on or about June 20.

Some of the wading pools will be used during the spring of the year for the sailing of model boats.

Amateur boxing was added to the department's program of recreational activities last December when eight centers were equipped with rings, mats, heavy

and light punching bags, gloves, skipping ropes, etc. Several hundred boys and young men, from 14 to 32 years of age, have been regular attendants at these boxing centers for the past four months. A series of exhibitions has just been completed, at which the outstanding boxers at each center gave demonstrations in the finer points of the art of self defense. Beginning Monday, April 27, the preliminaries of a city-wide boxing tournament for both juniors and seniors in the various weight classifications will get under way, with the championships scheduled for May 22 at a location to be announced later.

Model sailboat regattas will be conducted for boys and girls, 16 years of age and under on Saturday, June 6, at the following lakes:

Manhattan - Conservatory Lake, 72 Street & Fifth Avenue, Central Park

Brooklyn - Prospect Park Lake, Empire Boulevard and Flatbush Avenue

Queens - Linden Park Lake, 104 Street and 45 Avenue

Bronx - Twin Lakes, Bronx Park, Moshulu Parkway & Webster Avenue

Richmond - Martling's Pond, Clove Lakes, Victory Blvd. & Clove Road

Children's Pet Shows will take place at designated Park playgrounds on Saturday, April 25. Ribbons will be awarded to the best animals in each class.

A dance exhibition will be given by the girls of various playgrounds throughout the five boroughs on Saturday, June 27, at the Sheep Meadow, Central Park. Each borough will be represented by three dances - folk, classical and interpretative.

Special programs will be prepared by each playground director in commemoration of Memorial Day, May 30, and also Flag Day, June 14.

Amateur photography contest depicting "Youth and Age" in our city parks and playgrounds will be conducted for both children and adults beginning April 27 and running through September 21, 1942. 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 1942.

Entrants in this contest will be divided into age groups; up to 16 years and over 16 years. All pictures must be submitted, during the contest period, to the Borough Director of the borough in which the contestant resides.

Various rules and regulations regarding Park Department tournaments and contests are:

Only competitors who are amateurs shall be eligible to compete in any of the recreational activities, tournaments and contests conducted by the Department of Parks.

The winning of a city championship in any contest or tournament will be determined only after intra-playground, inter-playground and interborough eliminations.

Prizes will consist of medals, pins and sweatshirts.

While latitude has been given to all age groups in this recreational program from the standpoint of active participation in sports and contests, the Department of Parks, realizing that there are thousands of citizens, young and old, who desire periods of passive recreation, has made arrangements for series of concerts throughout the summer.

The outdoor social dancing season of the Park Department will probably start early in June.

Puppet and marionette shows including "Jack and the Beanstalk", "Hansel and Gretel", "The Lonely Elm" and "Peter and the Pirates", and magic shows comprising hand puppetry, singing and music, have been given every Saturday at 11 A.M. and 3 P.M. since April 4 at various park recreation buildings, and they will continue to be given every Saturday at the same time through May 16, when the outdoor schedule will commence.

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

For Release MONDAY
April 20, 1942

Nine of the city's ten golf courses have been opened since April 4. At the Split Rock Course in Pelham the fairways have dried out and the course was opened for play last Saturday, April 18. During the first two weeks, 22,152 rounds have been played on courses opened on April 4.

Considering the changeable weather, this is a good indication that a large number of players can be expected to use the municipal courses this summer.

Below is a summary of the total number of rounds played on the courses the first two weeks of this year:

Van Cortlandt	-	2082
Mosholu	-	2673
Pelham	-	2741
Clearview	-	2834
Kissena	-	2905
Forest Park	-	2260
Dyker Beach	-	4120
Silver Lake	-	1426
LaTourette	-	1061.

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

Mr. Heaslip
For Release Friday,
April 17, 1942

The Department of Parks announces that the five best One Act Plays, one from each borough, will be presented on Saturday, April 18, at 2:00 P.M. at Mullaly Recreation Building, 165 Street and Jerome Avenue, Bronx.

Approximately 825 children, ranging from 10 to 16 years of age, took part in 80 productions of the various drama groups in the Park Department playgrounds during the past five weeks.

On the basis of acting, diction, costumes and scenery, the following five plays were selected as the most representative for presentation next Saturday afternoon:

"Remember Pearl Harbor"	- Lincoln Terrace Playground, Brooklyn
"The Modern Cinderella"	- McDonald Playground, Staten Island
"A Chinese Puzzle"	- Corona, 102 Street Playground, Queens
"Toby Helps Out"	- Lyons Square Playground, Bronx
"Benjamin Franklin, Journeyman"	- Riverside and 74 Street Playground, Manhattan

Pins will be awarded to the cast of each play.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

TEL. REGENT 4-1000

For Release Friday,
April 17, 1942

The Department of Parks announces that 168 baseball diamonds and 240 softball fields throughout the five boroughs will be officially opened for play on Saturday, April 18.

While there is no charge for the use of these recreation areas, permits are required and they may be obtained by applying to the Borough Director of the borough in which the field is located. Each applicant must enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope with his request.

The names and addresses of the various Borough Directors follow:

Mr. P. J. Cruise, Borough Director
Arsenal Building
64 Street & Fifth Avenue
New York City

Mr. R. C. Jenkins, Borough Director
Litchfield Mansion
Prospect Park West & Fifth Street
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. J. J. Mallen, Borough Director
The Overlook
Union Turnpike & Park Lane
Forest Park, Kew Gardens, L. I.

Mr. G. L. Quigley, Borough Director
Bronx Park East & Birchall Avenue
Bronx, N. Y.

Mr. A. M. Anderson, Borough Director
Clove Lakes Park
1150 Clove Road
West New Brighton, S. I.

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MEMORANDUM
TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE
ON REDUCTIONS
IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FOR THE
PARK DEPARTMENT

April 16, 1942

The 1942-43 Executive Budget fails to provide \$1,115,622.51 needed for operation and maintenance of 38 new and 12 reconstructed playgrounds, 968 acres of new parks, and 10 miles of new parkway. It reduces the total summer operating personnel of the department by 981, which is about 15% of the staff last summer. This reduction will result in a serious curtailment of the city's recreation program, and in extensive damage and heavy depreciation in the city's parks and playgrounds. Following are some of the things which must happen if this proposed budget is approved.

Temporary Playground Directors who are hired every year to handle the additional summer usage of playgrounds will be decreased from 436 to 218. This means that 12 new playgrounds cannot be operated at all, and must be kept closed, and that 206 playgrounds will be open only six to eight hours per day. In effect, this puts the city's recreational system back to where it was in 1937, and throws into discard much of the progress made in playground development during the past eight years. In 1937 there were 8,109 juvenile accidents in the city; in 1941 there were 6,000 such accidents. As the result of closing these playgrounds we can expect an increase of 2,000 juvenile accidents during the forthcoming year; because children for whom we have provided safe facilities will have to play in the streets and other dangerous, uncontrolled areas. From the

attached map and list of playgrounds it can be seen that this condition will be felt throughout most of the city.

Attendants assigned to Coney Island, Rockaway and South Beaches will be reduced from 547 to 355. Each hot day during the summer, 1,850 cubic yards of refuse and garbage are deposited on these beaches. Our experience has shown that the beaches cannot be kept clean with fewer men than those provided last summer. This was demonstrated a few years ago when the assignment of this personnel was delayed, and conditions on the beaches became intolerable. With this reduction in personnel, 700 cubic yards of refuse and garbage will be left on the beaches every day to decay and putrefy. Each succeeding warm day will add its quota to this hotbed for the propagation of infectious germs.

The 10 temporary Foremen hired only for the summer months, normally assigned to the beaches, have been completely eliminated, which means that the 355 Attendants still left in the budget will have no supervision. Without supervision reasonable efficiency cannot be expected of these men. This will aggravate even further, the unsanitary condition of the beaches.

The 14 temporary Auto Enginemen hired other summers, have been completely eliminated, which means that tractors and other automotive equipment on the beaches must be operated by inexperienced, incompetent help. The rate of accidents to the vehicles and to the public will be increased, deterioration of vehicles will be greatly accelerated, and these vehicles after they are worn out cannot be replaced, even if funds are then made available.

In order to reduce the cost to the taxpayers of operating park facilities, I recommended in 1936 that a charge be placed on the use of swimming pools and other facilities. I asked that the income be placed in a separate fund to be used only for the cost of operating these facilities. We were advised at that time that this could not be done without legislation and that all revenue had to be deposited in the General Fund. As a compromise, the budgets for the last six years have shown the cost of operating these facilities as a charge against the Tax Levy Budget. Last year it amounted to approximately \$900,000. The income derived from the operation was deposited in the General Fund and the anticipated receipts in the General Fund were increased accordingly. This year, in order to make the Tax Levy portion of the budget appear lower, this charge was entirely eliminated, and I understand that by a new kind of bookkeeping, the receipts are to be set up in a special account and the operating cost paid in this way.

The operation of 11 indoor swimming pool, bath and gymnasium buildings in Manhattan and Brooklyn will be reduced to one shift of eight hours per day, six days a week, by dropping 44 Attendants, 9 Licensed Firemen, and 2 Stationary Engineers now employed, and by reducing the time of 24 Licensed Firemen and 9 Stationary Engineers one day a week. During the second shift last year these buildings were used by 622,000 individuals. This will also deprive 185,000 school children of their regular swimming instruction arranged in cooperation with the Board of Education.

The heating and other mechanical installations in these buildings are complicated, expensive pieces of machinery, which require constant care by qualified mechanics. By throwing out 9 Licensed Firemen and 2 Stationary Engineers and reducing the time of those remaining, the maintenance of this equipment cannot be kept up, and the city will be faced with repair bills out of all proportion to the slight saving gained by this so-called economy.

Temporary Assistant Gardeners usually hired for the summer season for the care of lawns, shrubbery, and general maintenance work, have been reduced by 185. This reduction means that no maintenance work can be done in a great many of the smaller parks and in 1500 landscaped street malls and triangles throughout the city. This includes such developments as the plots in the center of Broadway above 59th Street in Manhattan, the landscaping of Major Deegan Boulevard in The Bronx, the malls on Linden Boulevard and Kings Highway, Brooklyn, the malls on Queens Boulevard in Queens, and the malls on Drumgoole Boulevard in Richmond. The landscaping of the Hutchinson River Parkway Extension in The Bronx, and recently completed sections of Belt Parkway in Brooklyn, which cost \$250,000, cannot be touched. The lawns and shrubbery will grow up to weeds, and the slopes will be eroded to such an extent that they will have to be reconstructed at some later date.

There will be no men available for the elimination of ragweed, poison ivy, and other noxious plants throughout the park system. It was difficult to keep up with this work last year; it will be impossible this year.

The dropping of these 185 temporary positions from the budget is estimated to save \$201,452. The elimination of these 185 Assistant Gardeners from the summer maintenance force in the parks will result in damage to park lawns and landscaping which it will cost at least that amount to repair or reconstruct; and this is called economy.

The elimination of 90 temporary Attendants normally assigned to public comfort stations throughout the city means that a corresponding number of such stations all over the city will be operated on one eight hour shift instead of two shifts. As a result, many of the persons who normally would use these facilities will commit nuisances at the doorways and in the parks. The ensuing condition will be a health menace and a public nuisance which the reduced force will not be able to remedy.

The department's request for a Foreman of Bridge Painters and 12 Bridge Painters was entirely disregarded. As has been pointed out to the budget authorities, during the past eight years the department has put into use bridges, viaducts and other steel structures, with a total paint surface of 5,494,000 sq. ft. This amounts in other terms to 126 acres, or approximately 50 city blocks. These structures must be painted periodically to preserve them and to save abnormal maintenance and repair costs. They cost millions of dollars to construct; and unless the older ones are repainted immediately, repairs will be far in excess of the cost of maintenance.

This general reduction of park personnel, coupled with additional duties of the Police Department, which have reduced normal police assignments to parks, must result inevitably in increased vandalism, unsanitary conditions, assaults, violence and inability to assure the safety of the public. The recent crime wave in the northerly reaches of Central Park is still in force, as evidenced by the assault and brutal beating and robbing of a 60 year old man in broad daylight only a few days ago. At the time of this occurrence the policeman responsible for the section of the park where the assault took place, had to cover 80 acres, the equivalent of 32 city blocks, and park employees were also attempting to cover impossible areas.

The Executive Budget proposes also to eliminate 177 vacant positions in various titles. Failure to refill these positions, and the 140 vacancies caused by men called to the armed services, has already resulted in substantial damage to numerous park structures and developments because the remaining force was unable to make repairs when needed. This condition will become progressively more serious as time goes on. It is significant that even under the stress of the present emergency, materials for maintenance and repair of existing structures are invariably exempted from procurement regulations established by the War Production Board and other Federal agencies. It is unfortunate that the city budget authorities are so short-sighted as to neglect the maintenance of the city's capital investment.

The proposed Executive Budget fails to recognize the additional burdens to be borne by the park forces because of the war emergency. A number of anti-aircraft and searchlight units are already housed within the park system and more are due. This usage places many additional responsibilities on us. In addition, all of our field men have been designated as Air Raid Wardens or as members of the Public Works Emergency Division. All of the department's equipment has been organized for service under the Public Works Emergency Division for demolition, cleanup, and decontamination. Organization and training of these forces in first-aid and other duties has already taken thousands of man days out of the annual spring work program. It must be evident to the most casual observer that the parkways and parks are not kept clean of litter at all times, and that many standards of department operation have already had to be lowered, and will now decline even more sharply. This condition of litter, shabbiness and neglect in the parks will be the subject of increasing public criticism.

There are already indications that the use of our parks will be abnormally heavy this summer. Many people who were in the habit of finding recreation in the country will be kept at home because of the shortage of rubber and gasoline, war responsibilities and curtailed incomes. Thousands of people whose salaries are static will not be able to afford to send their families and children to beaches and camps this summer, and must get what

recreation they can within city limits.

With the present inadequate force the deterioration of parks from this overload would be extremely heavy. With forces reduced as proposed in the 1942-43 Executive Budget, many parks will revert to conditions as bad or worse than those which obtained eight years ago. It cost the people hundreds of millions of dollars of Federal, State and City funds to bring their park system up to its present condition during the past eight years, and the prospect is that a substantial portion of this investment will be completely lost in the coming fiscal year.



C o m m i s s i o n e r

Attach:

PLAYGROUNDS NOT TO BE OPENED

BROOKLYN

Playground	Belt Parkway and 72 Street
Playground	Belt Parkway, 78 to 80 Streets
Playground	Belt Parkway, 94 to 95 Streets
Playground	Belt Parkway, 98 to 99 Streets
Playground	Belt Parkway, 3 Avenue to 5 Avenue
Playground	10 Avenue, 52 to 53 Streets
Playground	East 16, 17 Streets, North of Avenue S
Playground	Gowanus Parkway, 2nd Avenue, bet. 55 & 56 Sts.
Playground	Shore Parkway, E. 12 St. & Homecrest Avenue

QUEENS

Playground	Central Avenue to 70 Street
Playground	45 Street and 21 Avenue

Parkway South	114 Street, South of World's Fair Boulevard
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PLAYGROUNDS IN PART-TIME OPERATION

MANHATTAN

Lillian D. Wald	Cherry, Monroe and Gouverneur Streets
Playground	Essex and Houston Streets
Corlears Hook Park	Jackson and Cherry Sts., East River Dr.
Jasper Oval	St. Nicholas Terrace, W. 136 to W. 138 Sts
Yorkville	E. 101 Street, between 2 and 3 Avenues
Playground	Cherry, Clinton and Water Streets
Thompson Street	95 Thompson St., Bet. Spring & Prince Sts.
St. Catherine's Park	1st Ave., E. 67 to E. 68 Sts.
Sauer	E. 12 Street, between Avenues A and B
Annunciation Park	Convent Ave., Amsterdam Ave. & W. 135 St.
Columbus Park	Baxter, Mulberry, Bayard & Park Sts.
DeWitt Clinton Park	11 to 12 Ave., W. 52 to 54 Streets
Hamilton Fish Park	E. Houston, Stanton, Sheriff & Pitt Sts.
John Jay Park	East River, Cherokee Pl., E. 76 to 78 Sts.
Tompkins Square	Ave. A to Ave. B, E. 7 to E. 10 Sts.
Carmansville	Amsterdam Ave., W. 151 to 152 Streets
Hamilton Place	Hamilton Place and W. 140 to 141 Streets
John J. Murphy Park	Avenue C, East River Drive, E. 17 Street
East River Drive	E. 119 to East 120 Streets
Playground	6 Avenue and West 3 Street
Playground	Houston and Sullivan Streets
Playground	Houston and 6 Avenue
Playground	Houston, McDougal and Sullivan Streets
Playground	59 Street and 11 Avenue

MANHATTAN continued

DeKovats	East River Drive, York Ave. 91 to 92 Sts.
Queensboro Oval	W. of Sutton Place, bet. E. 59 to E. 60 Sts.
Washington Square	MacDougal to Wooster, Waverly Pl., W. 4 St.
Bernard Downing	Columbia, Delancy, Sheriff and Broome Sts.
Colonial	Bradhurst Avenue and West 151 Street
Harlem Housing	Harlem River and 150 Street
Carl Schurz	E. 84 Street and East End Avenue
Playground	Lewis and Rivington Streets
Playground	E. 54 Street
Playground	150 Street, West of 7 Avenue
Playground	106 Street and 5 Avenue
Playground	106 Street and Lexington Avenue
Playground	Morningside Avenue and West 123 Street
Louis Covillier	1st Avenue to East River, E. 125 to E. 124
Manhattan Bridge App.	Bowery and Bayard Streets
Seward Park	Canal, Hester, Essex & Jefferson Streets
Rumsey	Central Park, East of Mall
Great Lawn	Central Park
Central Park	106 Street
Hudson Park	Hudson, Leroy, Clarkson Sts. & 7 Ave.
Playground	Randall's Island
Highbridge Park	167 Street and Amsterdam Avenue
Highbridge Park	West 173 Street and Amsterdam Avenue
Highbridge Park	West 180 Street and Amsterdam Avenue
Highbridge Park	West 189 Street and Amsterdam Avenue
Thomas Jefferson	1st Avenue and East 111 Street

MANHATTAN Continued

St. Nicholas	St. Nicholas Avenue and West 141 Street
St. Nicholas Terrace	St. Nicholas Terrace and W. 129 Street
Inwood Hill	West 207 Street and Seaman Avenue
Riverside Park	Riverside Drive and W. 74 Street
Riverside Park	Riverside Drive and W. 82 Street
Riverside Park	Riverside Drive and W. 97 Street
Riverside Park	Riverside Drive and W. 102 Street
Riverside Park	Riverside Drive and W. 105 Street
Riverside Park	Riverside Drive and West 107 Street
Riverside Park	Dyckman Street
Riverside Park	Riverside Drive and W. 148 Street
Riverside Park	Riverside Drive and W. 165 Street
Fort Tryon Park	Riverside Drive to Broadway and Dyckman St.
Fort Tryon Park	Bennett Avenue
Fort Tryon Park	191 Street and Overlook Avenue

BRONX

Playground	Bronx Blvd. and Rosewood Street
Playground	Bronx Park East and Reiss Place
Playground	Bronx Park East and Boston Road
Claremont Park	Clay Avenue and 170 Street
Claremont Park	Weeks and Mount Eden Avenues
Crotona Park - #1	Crotona Park North and Crotona Avenue
Crotona Park - #2	Crotona Park North and Marmion Avenue
Crotona Park - #3	Crotona Park North and Waterloo Place

BRONX Continued

Crotona Park - #4	Crotona Park East, opposite 174 Street
Crotona Park - #6	Crotona Park East, bet. Charlotte & Suburban
Crotona Park - #8	Crotona Park East and Wilkins Avenue
Crotona Park - #9	Crotona Park South and Clinton Avenue
Crotona Park - #12	173 Street and Fulton Avenue
Devoe Park	University Avenue and West 188 Street
Playground	150 Street and Park Avenue
Lyons Square	Aldus Street and Longfellow Avenue
Mosholu Parkway	Mosholu Parkway, Northeast of Jerome Avenue
Mullaly Park	River Avenue and 165 Street
Fort Independence	Jerome Park Reservoir & Sedgwick Avenue
Playground	177 Street and Noble Avenue
Orchard Beach	Adjacent to Orchard Beach Parking Field
Saint James Park	Jerome Avenue and East 191 Street
Playground	Watson, Gleason and Noble Avenues
Playground	East 183 Street and Ryer Avenue
Playground	Teasdale Place and East 164 Street
Louis Zimmerman	Olinville Avenue, South of Britton Street
Williamsbridge	East 208 Street and Bainbridge Avenue
Van Cortlandt Park So.	240 Street and Broadway
Vincent Ciccarone	188 Street and Hughes Avenue
Playground	141 Street and Brook Avenue
Playground	Spoffard and Faile Streets
Fort Schuyler	Pennyfield Avenue and East River, Throggs Neck
Playground	East 182 Street and Belmont Avenue
Playground	Cauldwell Avenue

BRONX Continued

Playground	MacCombs Dam Road and Goble Place
Mott Haven Health Cen.	East 140 Street, East of Alexander Avenue
Playground	East 136 Street and Alexander Avenue
Pelham Bay Park - #1	Eastern Boulevard and Willow Lane
Pelham Bay Park - #2	Eastern Boulevard and Sands Place
Saint Mary's Park W.	East 149 Street and St. Ann's Avenue

BROOKLYN

Mount Prospect	Eastern Parkway and Flatbush Avenue
Bushwick Park	Knickerbocker and Irving Avenues
Bushwick	Knickerbocker and Putnam Avenues
Playground	Lafayette and Reid Avenues
Tompkins	Tompkins and Marcy Avenues
Playground	Stuyvesant Avenue and Marian Street
Brower Park	Brooklyn and Prospect Avenues
Rudd	Aberdeen Street and Bushwick Avenue
Playground	Hopkinson Avenue and Dean Street
Playground	Blake and Euclid Avenues
Playground	Pitkin and New Jersey Avenues
Playground	Sullivan Place and Nostrand Avenue
Playground	Riverdale and Snediker Avenues
Playground	Elton Street and New Lots Avenue
Canarsie Park	Seaview Avenue and East 80 Street
Playground	95 Street and Avenue L
Playground	Avenue V and East 13 Street

BROOKLYN Continued

Playground	New York and Clarkson Avenues
Playground	Flatlands Avenue and East 38 Street
Playground	Marine Parkway and Nostrand Avenue
Playground	23 Street and 5 Avenue
Playground	Fort Hamilton Parkway and 52 Street
Playground	Prospect and Greenwood Avenues
Playground	18 Avenue and 83 Street
City Park	Flushing and Park Avenues
Carroll	President and Court Streets
State Street Pier	Foot of State Street
McLaughlin Park	Bridge and Tillary Streets
Playground	Union Street and Van Brunt Street
Playground	Smith Street and Luqueer Street
Playground	Jay and Nassau Streets
Playground	4 Avenue and President Street
Cadman Plaza	Fulton and Tillary Streets
Playground	Park Avenue and Taaffe Place
Lindsay Park	Johnson Avenue and Boerum Street
LaGuardia	Havemeyer and South 4 Street
Playground	Cherry Street and Vandervoort Avenue
Greenpoint	Franklin and Commercial Streets
Playground	Underhill and Prospect Avenues
Williamsburg Bridge	South 5 and Berry Streets
Mc Kibben	White and McKibben Streets
Playground	Broadway and Kent Avenue
Playground	2 Avenue and 56 Street

BROOKLYN Continued

Playground	2 Avenue and 39 Street
Playground	16 Avenue and 70 Street
Playground	38 Street and Dahill Road
Playground	10 Avenue and 42 Street

QUEENS

Woodhaven Park Playgd	88 to 89 Avenues, near 90 St., Woodhaven
Playground	179 Place, north of Jamaica Avenue
Flushing Meadow Park	114 Street, south of Horace Harding Blvd.
Flushing Meadow Park	114 Street and 37 Avenue
Alley Park	No. of Grand Central Pkwy near 76 Avenue
Alley Park	Grand Central Pkwy, Union Tnpg. & Winchester
Cunningham Park	No. of Grand Central Pkwy at parking space
Cunningham Park	Grand Central Parkway opposite 193 Street
Grover Cleveland Park	Grandview Avenue and Stanhope Street
Grover Cleveland Park	Stanhope Street opposite Fairview Avenue
Juniper Valley Park	74 Street and 62 Avenue
Juniper Valley Park	Dry Harbor Road between 62 and 63 Avenues
Newtown	56 Avenue and 92 Street
Raymond M. O'Connor	32 to 33 Avenues
Daniel M. O'Connell	113 Avenue and 196 Street, St. Albans
Bridge Plaza	Crescent & 27 Sts., bet. 42 Road & 43 Avenue
Bridge Plaza	22 and 23 Streets - Bridge Plaza South
Astoria Park	Ditmars Boulevard, 19 St., 25 Ave. & E. River

QUEENS Continued

Astoria Park	Opposite 23 Avenue near Shore Boulevard
Triborough Bridge App.-Hoyt Avenue North to South from 21 to 23 Sts.	
Triborough Bridge App.-Hoyt Avenue North, 29 to 31 Streets	
Albert C. Benninger	Madison Street, West of Fresh Pond Road
Chisholm Park	Poppenhusen Avenue, East River
Crocheron Park	35 Avenue and 214 Place
Playground	Atlantic Avenue, 125 to 127 Streets
Flushing Memorial Fld.-Bayside Avenue, 25 Ave., 149 to 150 Streets	
Playground	Braddock Avenue and 240 Street
Playground	127 to 128 Streets bet. 18 and 20 Avenues
Playground	15 to 20 Avenues, west of Whitestone Pkwy.
Playground	115 Street & 114 Avenue, College Point
St. Albans Memorial	174 Street near 113 Avenue
Howard Beach	Hawtree Basin-Shellbank Basin-Jamaica Bay
Liberty Park	173 Street at 106 Avenue
Liberty Park	Liberty Avenue and 172 Street
Liberty Park	Liberty Avenue and 173 Street
Forest Park - Overlook-Kew Gardens, Park Lane So. & Interborough Pky	
Forest Park-Victory Fld-Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue	
Forest Park	Park Lane South and Freedom Drive
Forest Park	Park Lane South and 79 Street
Forest Park	Park Lane South at Metropolitan Avenue

RICHMOND

Michael J. Mahoney	Beechwood Avenue, Crescent & Cleveland Sts.
Abraham Levy Memorial	Jewett and Castleton Avenues
Playground	Lincoln Avenue & Midland, 10 & Boundary Aves
Clove Lakes	Clove Road
Clove Lakes	Victory Boulevard
John E. White	High St. to Lyman Ave., bet. Sumner & Bay Sts.
Playground	Winter and Bismark Avenues
Wolfe's Pond	Holton to Cornelia Avenues on Raritan Bay
Faber Park	Richmond Terrace, foot of Faber Street
Nicholas De Matti	Tompkins Avenue and Shaughnessy Lane
Reinhard E. Kaltenmeier	Virginia Avenue and Anderson Street
Mariner's Harbor	Harbor Road near Richmond Terrace
Schmul Park	Wild Avenue and Pearson Street
Stapleton	Hygeia Place and Grove Street

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

Mr. Heaslip
For Release Monday,
April 13, 1942

The Department of Parks announces that boxing instruction and training for the coming tournament leading up to city championships will continue until Saturday, May 16, at all the designated boxing centers including those situated in the swimming pool buildings.

These centers are located as follows:

Colonial Play Center, Bradhurst Avenue & West 145 Street, N. Y. C.

Thomas Jefferson Play Center, East 11 Street & First Avenue, N. Y. C.

East 54 Street Gym, 342 East 54 Street, New York City

West 28 Street Gym, 407 West 28 Street, New York City

McCarren Play Center, Driggs Avenue & Lorimer Street, Brooklyn

Astoria Play Center, 19 Street opposite 23 Drive, Astoria

Crotona Play Center, East 173 Street & Fulton Avenue, Bronx

Cromwell Play Center, Murray Hulbert Avenue, Tompkinsville, Richmond

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

TEL. REGENT 4-1000

Plan BL-57-2601

Delivered 4/9/42 P.M.

For Release Friday,
April 10, 1942

The Department of Parks will let contracts this spring for the development of the portion of Marine Park, Brooklyn, between Shore Parkway, Flatbush Avenue and Rockaway Inlet. Funds were set aside for this waterfront improvement by an amendment to the Capital Budget which was approved at yesterday's meeting of the Board of Estimate, following favorable action by the City Planning Commission. The amendment will now be forwarded to the Council for consideration.

In order to compensate for the loss of the Barren Island section of Marine Park which was condemned by the Navy in connection with the expansion of Floyd Bennett Airport, it is planned to fill and improve the low marsh area west of Flatbush Avenue. The work will consist of the construction of an entrance roadway and parking field, approximately 1,000 lineal feet of bulkhead and a storage area for boats adjacent to the end of Deep Creek. Extending southward from Deep Creek and parallel with the shore development a mooring basin will be excavated approximately 1,200 feet by 2,200 feet. The excavated material will be spread over the adjoining low areas and land under water to provide usable park uplands. It is expected that construction will be started early this summer.

The expansion of Floyd Bennet Field makes it imperative to remedy the traffic congestion on Flatbush Avenue between Avenue U and the Marine Parkway Bridge. The Federal Public Roads Administration will construct this improvement as part of its program of access roads leading to defense areas. Adjacent to the Airport between the Shore Parkway and Marine Parkway Bridge, Flatbush Avenue will be widened approximately forty feet on its westerly side. The new roadway treatment will consist of two, thirty-six feet wide roadways separated by a forty foot wide mall. A system of accelerating and decelerating lanes leading to turn-around points in the mall will permit access to the new park area and to the entrances to the Airport from both directions without a direct crossing of traffic. North of the Belt Parkway, in the vicinity of Avenue U, Flatbush Avenue will be widened on its easterly side. A five-span steel viaduct with approach ramps will be constructed in Flatbush Avenue to carry through-traffic on Flatbush Avenue over Avenue U. This viaduct will be forty-eight feet wide and will have two traffic lanes in each direction separated by a dividing curb.

The New York State Department of Public Works is preparing contract drawings for the highway work and construction is scheduled to start this spring.

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

Mr. Hunsley
For Release WEDNESDAY
April 8, 1942

DEV: B-L-210-203
LOC: B-L-210-204

Pix: #21368
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#21370

Del: 4/7/42
2:00p.m.

The Department of Parks announces the opening of a new playground at Third Avenue from 34 to 35 Streets, Brooklyn. This is one of three areas acquired by the Triborough Bridge Authority in connection with the Gowanus Parkway and assigned to the Department of Parks for playground purposes.

Slightly over one acre in area it lies immediately east of the Gowanus Parkway. The improvement includes 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 digger for children bordered with benches for mothers. Also four handball courts are located in the rectangular offset at the south end of the playground.

The work was done by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks. In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs, 63 of which have been reconstructed. There are now with this addition, 468 playgrounds in the park system.

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Mr. Stealey

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

TEL. ROOM 4-1000

For Release MONDAY

April 6, 1942

Dev. B-L-28-1007

Loc: B-L-28-1008

pix:

The Department of Parks announces the completion of a new playground and

#21371

#21372 field house, part of the 40 acre recreational development now approaching completion

#21372

Del: between the Belt Parkway and the Golf Course in Dyker Beach Park, Brooklyn.

4/4/42

12:50 noon

The field house, a one story brick structure, approximately 44' x 100',

is located at the east end of the athletic field in a paved plaza designed as a focal point for the park entrances and boundary walks.

A central lobby and administrative office provides access to the building which contains comfort stations, showers and locker rooms. Exterior entrances to the comfort stations are provided at each end of the field house.

The playground is subdivided into five fence-enclosed units containing a concrete wading pool, a free play area, shuffleboard courts, play slides, play swings, a pipe frame exercise unit, a sand pit, seesaws, kindergarten slides, and chair swings; also basketball, horseshoe pitching, paddle tennis, and handball courts. A battery of nine tennis courts will be available.

The adjacent development which will be completed later this spring consists of three main areas subdivided for various uses. A 30 acre athletic oval will be divided in half by a 100 foot wide tree planted mall flanked by two bench lined promenades. The two fields are being developed symmetrically, each containing two regulation baseball diamonds, three softball diamonds, one football field with removable goal posts, and concrete bleacher with double wings.

The entire field will be bordered by wide bench lined walks with connections to the Parkway path system and marginal sidewalks. A variety of trees and shrubs will be grouped around the grass surfaced fields which will not be opened for play until a suitable turf has become established.

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 467 playgrounds in the park system.

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

Mr. Henslip
For Release **FRIDAY**
April 3, 1942

The Department of Parks announces the opening on Saturday morning, April 4, of nine of the ten municipal golf courses.

The Split Rock Course in the Bronx will not be opened until Saturday, April 18, because the fairways on this layout have not dried out sufficiently.

At Van Cortlandt Golf Course, closed in part last year, the entire 18 holes will be available for play on Saturday.

Permits for season play on the courses have been on sale at all the borough offices for the past two weeks. The cost of the season permit is the same as last year, five dollars. This permits the holder to play on any municipal course on weekdays and an additional charge of 50¢ per round is made on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. 75¢ is the cost of a daily weekday permit and one dollar for daily permits on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Following are the courses to be opened on Saturday, April 4:

Dyker Beach Golf Course - 86 Street & Seventh Avenue, Brooklyn
Van Cortlandt Golf Course - 242 Street & Broadway, Bronx
Mosholu Golf Course - Jerome Avenue & Holley Lane at Woodlawn, Bronx
Pelham Golf Course - Shore Road, North of Hutchinson River Parkway, Bronx
Forest Park Golf Course - Park Lane South & Forest Parkway, Forest Park, Queens
Kissena Golf Course - North Hempstead Turnpike and Fresh Meadow Road, Flushing
Clearview Golf Course - Belt Parkway, Bayside, Queens
Silver Lake Golf Course - Silver Lake Park, Victory Blvd. & Park Road, Richmond
LaTourette Golf Course - Forest Hill & London Roads, Richmond.

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Mr. Neaslip

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

Tel. REcent 4-1000

For Release Wednesday,
April 1, 1942

Loc. BL-193-104

Dev. BL-193-105

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The Department of Parks announces the opening of a new playground

in the two acre recreational development rapidly nearing completion and located in the block bounded by East New York Avenue, Albany Avenue, Lefferts

Del:

3/31/42

12:45 noon

Avenue and Kingston Avenue, Brooklyn.

This property was formerly owned and operated by the Commercial High School Field Association for the exclusive use of the students of the Alexander Hamilton High School. Early in 1940 the property was deeded to the City for use as an athletic field and recreational area for the joint use of high school students and local residents on condition that the City maintain it in perpetuity for its prescribed use.

The old field was completely enclosed by board fence and contained a football field, two sections of bleachers, a small concrete block building with locker space and two handball courts. All of these items were removed in preparation for the new development which consists of a greater variety of facilities organized to permit more efficient use and maintenance.

The area has been completely enclosed by chain link fence, a portion of which, along the north and south property lines, is set on new concrete retaining walls. These structures have permitted the grading and paving of level play surfaces. Two gate controlled entrance stairways from Lefferts Avenue will provide access to the one and one quarter acre grass surfaced athletic field, at the west end of the property. A new five-tier concrete bleacher extending along the north boundary of the field will also serve to retain the south sidewalk along Lefferts Avenue which is 3 to 5 feet above the athletic field.

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The three-quarter acre bituminous surfaced playground adjacent to Albany Avenue is separated from the athletic field by a chain link fence with a connecting gateway. The play area is subdivided into the following units by fencing and block paved panels containing benches and trees:-

School Age Apparatus Area:

- Pipe frame exercise unit
- Play slides
- Battery of swings
- Shower basin
- Drinking fountain

Pre-School Age Apparatus Area:

- Slides
- Battery of chain swings
- Seesaws
- Sand pit - continuous benches on three sides

Court Games Area

- 2 concrete surfaced handball courts
- Basketball court with removable goals

Plans have been completed for a field house and comfort station to be built in the future between the athletic field and playground.

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, 63 of which have been reconstructed. There are now with this addition 466 playgrounds in the park system.

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*Mr. Heasley***DEPARTMENT OF PARKS****ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK**

TEL. REGENT 4-1000

For Release SATURDAY
March 28, 1942

The Park Department announces the opening of the Annual Easter Flower Show at the Greenhouse in Prospect Park (Prospect Park West and 7 Street, Brooklyn) on Palm Sunday, March 29 at 10:00 a.m. The exhibit will be open to the public each day thereafter for three weeks from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The exhibit this year is one of the finest of these annual shows. More than 300 varieties of flowers are represented by 5,000 specimens. The main feature of the show is a huge cross 25 feet high, made up of pure white Bermuda Lilies and beautiful light pink Azaleas and banked with Genistas, Shower of Gold Plant, and pink Rhododendrons at the base of the cross. Leading to the steps of the cross is a path of grass with a Victory Garden of Azaleas in over 100 varieties.

As a background for the central motive, the walls of the Greenhouse are banked with a colorful display of flowers in great varieties, among which are Cinerarias, Calceolarias, Sweet Peas and Snapdragons.

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Press photographs may be taken at any time.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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Mr. Heaslip
For Release Friday,
March 27, 1942

The Department of Parks will present the "KEEP-EM ROLLING REVUE OF 1942" at the New York City Building Rinks on Friday, March 27, 1942.

As in the VICTORY ICE REVUE presented at the building a few weeks ago, the program will include several ballet and group numbers, individual exhibitions, comedy acts and novelties. The performers are amateur skaters developed and trained at the City Building Rinks, and if the overwhelmingly successful ICE REVUE may be considered a criterion, this presentation should prove very interesting and entertaining. A musical accompaniment will be provided by the City Building's popular organist. The admission fee will be the customary evening rate of 40¢ for everyone, and it will entitle patrons to the use of either rink before and after the show. There will be no interruption in ice skating during the REVUE, which will begin at 8:30 P.M. and last approximately an hour.

The rinks may be reached via the I.R.T. or B.M.T. Flushing Lines, 111.Street Station.

The ice rink will remain open through April, and the roller rink will continue to operate through May.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

TEL. REENT 4-1000

For Release SATURDAY

March 21, 1942

The Department of Parks announces that the New York State Indoor Speed Ice Skating Championships will be held on Sunday, March 22, 1942 at 5:30 p.m., in the skating rink at the New York City Building, Flushing Meadow Park, Queens.

Three hundred and seventy-five amateur skaters from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and several other New England States, have registered for these championships, which are sanctioned by the Middle Atlantic Skating Association Inc., Northern New York Skating Association and West New York Skating Association of the Amateur Skating Union of the United States.

Fourteen speed skating events, ranging from the quarter mile to the two mile race are included in the program for Senior Men and Women, Intermediate Boys (under 18 years), Junior Boys (under 16 years), Juvenile Boys (under 14 years), Midget Boys (under 12 years), and Intermediate Girls (under 18 years). Three events, the half mile, one mile and two mile, closed to skaters who are registered members of the Middle Atlantic Skating Association have been included also in the program.

Some of the outstanding skaters in the Men's Division who will compete are: Henry Van Putten, present holder of the North American Indoor Speed Skating Championship as well as the 1942 winner of the Inter-City Indoor Championship, and the Tri-State Outdoor Championship, and Roy Erickson, present title holder of the Metropolitan Indoor Five Mile event.

In the Senior Women's Division, twenty year old Virginia Jahn, of Cresskill, New Jersey, a New York University student, winner of the Silver Skates, 2 mile event, 1942 and the present holder of the 4 mile, Metropolitan Indoor Championship and Alice Burnham, 1942 Metropolitan Outdoor and Indoor Champion, and the winner of the $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of the North American Championship, have registered for the New York State Championships.

Champions in the other age divisions will also compete, including Frank Williams, Junior Division, holder of North American Indoor Championship and John Schneider, Intermediate Division, winner of the 1942 Silver Skates and the National Outdoor Championship.

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded by the Park Department to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner of each event.

Spectators will be admitted to the skating championships by paying the regular admission fee of 40¢. Extra seating has been provided.

The roller skating rink will be open to the public from 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. on the same evening upon payment of the 40¢ admission charge. Roller skates will be furnished without any additional cost.

The cafeteria will be open during the course of the evening, and a variety of food and drinks may be purchased at reasonable prices.

The New York City Building, Flushing Meadow, may be reached by:

- 1.) I.R.T., B.M.T. and 2nd Avenue Lines to 111 Street Station,
- 2.) Flushing Ridgewood Trolley to Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre - walk left into the park,
- 3.) Independent Subway Train marked "E", "F" or "G" to Roosevelt Avenue Station,-
Change for I.R.T. or B.M.T. to 111 Street. The Park may be entered at the following gates: 111 Street and 54 Avenue; Horace Harding Boulevard, 800 feet east of the Grand Central Parkway; Roosevelt Avenue, east of Grand Central Parkway. Adequate free parking facilities are available at both the north and south sides of the building.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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Plans: BL-7-106
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For Release MONDAY

March 16, 1942

The Department of Parks announces the completion of work in connection with the reconstruction of Bensonhurst Park and the addition of a new playground, baseball fields and other recreation facilities. This nineteen acre expanded park lies south of Cropsey Avenue between Bay Parkway and 21st Avenue extending to the bulkhead at Gravesend Bay, Borough of Brooklyn. Intersected by the Belt Parkway the north section had been partially developed along Cropsey Avenue with walks, promenades, grass panels and planting around a comfort station.

The old park area has been increased in size. Fifteen acres were added at the time that the Belt Parkway was constructed. This was done by pumping sand beyond the seawall which was erected at the outshore end of the property.

The two previously undeveloped triangular areas on either side of the parkway have been provided with play areas and ball fields. The north section has a large circular grass plot; a semicircular asphalt surfaced playground adjacent to Bay Parkway containing a concrete wading pool with removable goals for volley ball and basketball, an irrigated sandpit with benches on three sides, swings, slides and seesaws, and a pipe frame exercise unit.

Also a court game area at the northeast corner of this section of the park has been provided with two double handball courts, two basketball courts, four shuffleboard courts, and a combination roller and ice skating area.

A softball diamond with hooded chain link fence backstop is located south of this area adjacent to the parkway.

Between the parkway and the bulkhead promenade a large semicircular fence enclosed field has been seeded and developed with two softball diamonds. These however will not be open for play until such time as the turf will withstand continuous usage. Bench lined asphalt walks encircle this area and connect with the existing bulkhead promenade along which continuous benches have also been installed facing the bay.

A battery of eight bituminous surfaced tennis courts have been built at the east end of this area adjacent to the Gravesend Bay boat yards and wharfs. Several hundred feet of riprap wall adjacent to the tennis courts and at the foot of Bay Parkway were rebuilt.

170 shrubs and over 200 trees including 40 flowering crabapples were planted along the paths, around the play areas and in groups about the newly seeded or sodded lawns.

The project which was built by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks also included storage and maintenance buildings, drinking fountains, benches, flagpole, drainage, irrigation and lighting.

In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs, 63 of which have been reconstructed. There are now with this addition 465 playgrounds in the park system.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

TEL. REAGENT 4-1000

Mr. Heasley

For Release

Friday,
March 13, 1942

*Delivered Only
plus Municipal Building*

The Department of Parks announces that 10,436,000 flounder fry furnished by the United States Fish and Wild Life Service were deposited Thursday, March 12, in the deep channels of Jamaica Bay in the vicinity of the boat house at Cross Bay Boulevard Bridge.

The Rockaway Chamber of Commerce also deposited a similar amount in the waters adjacent to Beach Channel Drive.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

TEL. REGENT 4-1000

W. Heaslip
For Release Wednesday,
March 11, 1942

*Delivered
3/10/42*

The Department of Parks announces the birth in the Central Park Zoo of a baby camel on March 9.

The new arrival weighing 65 pounds is the daughter of "Artie" and "Ally", 7 year old Bactrian camels.

The father and mother valued at \$1500. were a gift to the Zoo by an anonymous donor on November 22, 1941.

The mother and her baby are doing well and are now on exhibition in the antelope house.

Photographs may be taken at any time.

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

Mr. Hensley
For Release WEDNESDAY

March 11, 1942

The Department of Parks announces that season permits for golf and tennis facilities will go on sale, Wednesday, March 18. The price of these permits will be the same as last year, five dollars for golf and three dollars for tennis. A season golf permit is good on week days, but on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays there is an additional charge of fifty cents to permit holders. The daily fee permit for play from Monday to Friday costs seventy-five cents and one dollar for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. A season tennis permit is good for play at any time. A locker permit for the season costs five dollars for golf and two dollars for tennis.

Applicants for permits must furnish photographs, one and one-half inch by one and one-half inch with filled out applications. Permits may be procured by application in person or by mail by applying to the various Borough Offices located as follows:

Manhattan:	Arsenal Building 64 Street and Fifth Avenue
Brooklyn:	Litchfield Mansion Prospect Park West and Fifth Street
Queens:	The Overlook Union Turnpike and Park Lane Forest Park, Kew Gardens, L.I.
Bronx:	Bronx Park East and Birchall Avenue Bronx Park
Richmond:	Clove Lakes Park Clove Road, West of Victory Boulevard

Due to the uncertainty of spring weather, definite dates for the opening of the golf courses and clay tennis courts cannot be set at this time. If weather conditions are favorable, it is expected that the golf courses will open on Saturday, April 4 and the clay tennis courts on Saturday, April 11.

Mr. Hensley

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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For Release Friday,
March 6, 1942

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 #21269 a series of eight will take place at the Park Department Gymnasium located at
 #21271 342 East 54 Street, Manhattan, Friday, March 6, at 8:30 P.M. Admission is free.

This exhibition will consist of eight bouts ranging from 118 lb. through the 175 lb. class. Each boxer will be a novice, who has received his training under the supervision of park personnel, whose knowledge of and practical experience in the art of self defense, qualified them as instructors.

Training for this exhibition began last December, when the Park Department included boxing for the first time in its schedule of recreational activities and adequately supplied 8 centers throughout the five boroughs with all the necessary equipment. During this comparatively short span of two and a half months, the regular attendants at the boxing sessions have gone through a course of body building exercises followed by instructions in the fundamentals such as: the proper position of hands and feet, precision and timing of the left jab, left hook, uppercut, right hand cross, blocking, shifting, etc. While all these points are practiced on the light and heavy punching bags, the real test of their proper execution is obtained in actual bouts.

The program for the exhibition at the East 54 Street Gymnasium next Friday night is as follows:

Thomas Wagner	<u>105 lb. Class</u> vs.	Michael Kotovka
Louis Schuddlo	<u>120 lb. Class</u> vs.	Anthony Gioia
Peter Olmoz	<u>118 lb. Class</u> vs.	Michael Tripone
Silvio DiOrio	<u>150 lb. Class</u> vs.	Joseph Alvarez
Albert Aquila	<u>165 lb. Class</u> vs.	Erich Schauer

Grant Panaroso	<u>170 lb. Class</u> vs.	Eddie Nichols
James Scolard	<u>147 lb. Class</u> vs.	James Hyland
Ossie Rodriquo	<u>120 lb. Class</u> vs.	Angel Borges
Thomas Anzalone	<u>135 lb. Class</u> vs.	Bernard Henrick

The official referee will be Ben Carubbia, a student at the Savage School for Physical Education, and 1941 winner of the Metropolitan A. A. U. 135 lb. Championship.

Included among the guest referees will be John Gaddi, an official referee of the Metropolitan A. A. U., who won three National A. A. U. boxing championships in one tournament at Newark, New Jersey, in 1916; and, Arthur Siskind, popularly known among boxing enthusiasts, as "Young Otto", who is the only professional boxer to win 16 consecutive bouts by knockouts in one minute of the first round.

Judging by the widespread interest and large attendance at the two previous exhibitions, it is expected that East 54 Street Gymnasium will be filled to capacity. A portable ring, constructed at the Park Department shops, will be set up in the center of the gymnasium floor and extra seating has been provided for.

The remaining exhibitions are scheduled as follows:

- West 28 Street Gym, 407 West 28 Street, N. Y. C. - March 10
- McCarren Play Center, Driggs Ave. & Lorimer St., Brooklyn - March 13
- Astoria Play Center, 19 Street opposite 23 Drive, Astoria, Queens -
March 18
- Crotona Play Center, East 173 St. & Fulton Ave., Bronx - March 24
- Cromwell Play Center, Murray Hulbert Ave., Tompkinsville, S.I.-
March 27

Upon completion of these exhibitions, preparations will be made for the city-wide boxing tournament leading up to championship bouts in the late spring, at which prizes will be awarded to the winners of the various weight divisions.

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Mr. Skoshy

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
TEL. RESERV. 4-1000Pix : 21284
Plan: X-L-G-2301Mch. 3/5/42
4:10 P.M.For Release Thursday,
March 5, 1942

The Board of Estimate today accepted a gift of a large tract of land for a park in the Riverdale section of the Bronx. The new waterfront park was donated by the Dodge and Perkins families and is part of the estates which have been held by them for many years. It is one of the most important park gifts received by the city in recent years.

The property lies on a high bluff overlooking the Hudson River west of Palisade Avenue between West 247th Street and West 254th Street. The gift comprises 42 acres of land valued at \$322,000. of which 37 acres will be used for park, and the balance for the opening of Palisade Avenue.

Under the terms of the agreement, the city will acquire an additional eight acres of land to round out the park. This will be acquired by condemnation as an assessable proceeding.

The combined area of the park gift and the parcels to be acquired by the city is 45 acres.

An additional gift of similar land by the Douglas estate south of the Dodge-Perkins donation is pending, and will be placed before the Board of Estimate in a few weeks.

This is a valuable addition to the park system since this section is completely lacking in recreational facilities. Riverdale has been developing rapidly with apartment houses and there are few large open properties left. Because of the high value of waterfront land for residential use, it is doubtful if the city could acquire such a large tract by other means.

The property is rugged in character and will be used primarily as a local scenic and recreational area to preserve its natural characteristics and the excellent view across the Hudson River.

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

*Delivered
Early P.M.
2/28/42*

Henslip
For Release Monday,
March 2, 1942

The Department of Parks announces new arrivals in the Prospect Park Zoo, - twin lion cubs. These recent bundles of fur, weighing one pound each, are son and daughter of Rex I and Helen.

The cubs are the third litter that Helen has presented to the Prospect Park Zoo. The mother and her babies are doing well and are confined in special quarters, awaiting their debut on Sunday, March 8, at which time they will be placed on public exhibition in the lion house.

Both the father and mother are ten-year old African, forest-bred, lions. The father was presented to the Zoo in 1935 by Metro Goldwyn Mayer and the mother was presented in the same year by S. Klein.

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Press photographers may take pictures
starting Monday, March 2.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

TEL. REGENT 4-1000

Mr Hendry
For Release Sunday,
March 1, 19421 pix: Canarsie Pier #20706
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This year many fishing areas have been set aside by the Department of parks for salt water anglers and surf casters of New York City who, because of the tire and auto rationing and the restrictions on off-shore fishing boats, must necessarily find their recreation in nearby boundary waters.

The areas and their season and hours of operation, are located as follows:

QUEENS

- Jacob Riis Park, North Shore - at all times
- Cross Bay Boulevard Bridge - at all times
- Cross Bay Parkway Bridge - at all times
- *Jacob Riis Park Beach, Bay 13 - 8 P.M. to 8 A.M.
- *Rockaway Beach, Beach 17 to Beach 21 Streets - at all times
- *Rockaway Beach, Beach 21 to Beach 73 Streets - 8 P.M. to 8 A.M.
- *Rockaway Beach, Beach 126 to Beach 149 Streets - 8 P.M. to 8 A.M.

RICHMOND

- *Wolfe's Pond Beach - October to May, daylight hours
- *South Beach - October to May, daylight hours

MANHATTAN

- Southwest corner of Randall's Island - all year, daylight hours
- 107 Street Pier, East River - all year, daylight hours

BRONX

- Twin Island, Pelham Bay Park - all year, daylight hours
- Talapoosa Point, Pelham Bay Park - all year, daylight hours
- North of old Hunter Island Bridge, Pelham Bay Park - all year, daylight hours
- Sea wall at parking field adjacent to Huntington Mansion, Pelham Bay Park - all year, daylight hours
- Orchard Beach side of lagoon, Pelham Bay Park - October to May, daylight hours
- Ferry Point Park - all year, daylight hours

BROOKLYN

- Canarsie Pier - at all times
- Shore Parkway, Waterfront Promenade between Ft. Hamilton and Bay 8 Street - at all times
- Steeplechase Pier(abutment) - at all times *Daylight hours only*
- Steeplechase Pier(both sides of Pier, North of building) - October to May, *24 hours Daylight hours only winter months - Summer not at all*
- *Coney Island Beach - October to May, 24 hours
- Bay 14, East & West of pier - May to October, 12 Midnight to 8 A.M.
- Neptune Avenue & West 25 St.(Area on Waterfront Promenade) - at all times

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

TEL. REGENT 4-1000

Pix: 19616(N.Y.C.Bldg.)

For Release Saturday,
February 28, 1942

On Monday, March 2, at 8:15 P. M. a "FOR VICTORY ICE REVUE OF 1942" will be presented at the City Building in Flushing Meadow Park, Queens.

Besides several ballet numbers by the entire cast of forty, all patrons of the rink, Irving Jaffee, Olympic Speed Skating Champion, Wilbur Meyer, Barrel Jumping Champion, Yvonne Sherman, 11-year old sensational skater from New York Figure Skating Club, and Lois Goeller, 14-year old National Skating Champion, who is Cinderella in the Revue, will perform.

In addition, Carol Lynn, acrobatic skating sensation and the "Three Rookies" composed of Neil Rose, Meryle Baxter and Don Arthur, all from "It Happens on Ice" at the Center Theater, have volunteered their services to make this show most entertaining. The "Three Rookies" is the newest act in ice skating and has been proclaimed to be the funniest act ever produced on ice.

Roller skating will be permitted before the ice show, which will last an hour. After the show, both roller and ice skating will be permitted until 11:30 P.M., instead of the usual closing hour of 11 P.M.

There will be no increase in the usual admission fee of forty cents.

The following is the program to be presented:

ACT I

"Sweetheart Polka" - Folk Dance with entire chorus

ACT II

"Spinning Whizzes" - Alphonso Cornetta and Mildred Pigas

ACT III

"Skating School" - Irving Jaffee (Olympic Champion)

ACT IV

"Cinderella Ballet"

Scene 1

- a. "Dance of the Flowers"(Tchaikowski)-Girls' Ballet
- b. "Entrance of Cinderella" - Lois Goeller

Scene 2

- a. "Dance of the Hours"(Ponchielli)-Girls' Ballet
- b. "Meeting of Cinderella and Prince" - Lois Goeller & Lee Clark
- c. Acrobatic Dance - Carol Lynn(Of "It Happens On Ice")

Scene 3

"Wedding Waltz" - Entire Chorus

ACT V

"Speed Exhibition" - Irving Jaffee

ACT VI

"Solo" - Yvonne Sherman(New York Figure Skating Club)

ACT VII

"Speed and Barrel Jump Exhibition"(Distance Record Attempt)-Wilbur Meyer

ACT VIII

"Three Rockies" - Neil Rose, Meryle Baxter and Don Arthur
(Of "It Happens On Ice")

ACT IX

"Military March" - Entire Chorus

ACT X

Finale - Entire Cast

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR RELEASE FRIDAY
February 20, 1942

Pix: DeL: 2/19/42
21263 5:30 p.m.

21264 The Department of Parks announces that 8 boxing exhibitions will take
21265 place at designated centers in the five boroughs beginning Friday, February 20,
21266 and ending Friday, March 27, according to the following schedule:
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<u>Location</u>	<u>Exhibition Date</u>
Colonial Play Center, Bradhurst Avenue & West 145 Street, N.Y.C.	February 20
Thomas Jefferson Play Center, East 11 St. & First Avenue, N.Y.C.	February 27
East 54 Street Gym, 342 East 54 Street, New York City	March 6
West 28 Street Gym, 407 West 28 Street, New York City	March 10
McCarren Play Center, Driggs Avenue & Lorimer St., Brooklyn	March 13
Astoria Play Center, 19 Street opposite 23 Drive, Astoria	March 18
Crotona Play Center, East 173 Street & Fulton Avenue, Bronx	March 24
Cronwell Play Center, Murray Hulbert Avenue, Tompkinsville, Richmond	March 27

Boxing was added to the department's program of recreational activities last December, when 8 centers were equipped with rings, mats, heavy and light punching bags, gloves, skipping ropes, first aid material, etc. Park personnel, who had practical experience in the training of boys and young men interested in boxing, were put in charge of each center.

Of course, the primary objective of this activity is to improve the physical condition of young men in wholesome surroundings. While some boxing champions may be developed at these sessions, the program is intended to teach the participants the fine points of the art of self defense.

Several hundred boys and young men, ranging from 14 to 32 years of age, have been regular attendants at these boxing centers for the past two months. The program includes exercises and calisthenic drills for the purpose of tuning up the body so that it can withstand the exacting ordeal of boxing, where agility in movement, quickness of perception and coordination between mind and muscle are

necessary factors prerequisite to the attainment of boxing skill.

Following this preparatory training, the boys are taught the various points of boxing including the proper position of hands and feet, precision and timing of the left jab, hook, right hand cross, blocking, shifting, etc. While all these points are practiced on the light and heavy punching bags, the real test of their proper execution is obtained in actual bouts.

All the boxers at these scheduled exhibitions will be novices who have received their training under the supervision of Park personnel. They will be classified into three age groups: 14-16 years, 16-18 years and over 18 years, on the following weight basis: 112 lbs., 118 lbs., 126 lbs., 135 lbs., 147 lbs., 160 lbs., 175 lbs. and over Each exhibition will consist of 8 bouts.

The program for the first exhibition at Colonial Play Center, on Friday, February 20, at 8:30 p.m., is as follows:

Leon Russell (14 years)	<u>100 lb. Class</u> vs.	Richard Collins (14 years)
Esme Springer (14 years)	<u>110 lb. Class</u> vs.	Livingston Springer (14 years)
Cliff Thompson (19 years)	<u>165 lb. Class</u> vs.	Buddy Davis (20 years)
Ernie Austin (17 years)	<u>165 lb. Class</u> vs.	Clarence Wood (17 years)
John O'Neil (13 years)	<u>147 lb. Class</u> vs.	Reggie Furber (19 years)
Deotha Rankin (18 years)	<u>147 lb. Class</u> vs.	Billy Bligen (19 years)
Percy Hampton (18 years)	<u>135 lb. Class</u> vs.	Dudley Perdy (18 years)
Al Brown (17 years)	<u>160 lb. Class</u> vs.	Freddy Brenson (18 years)

Upon completion of the exhibitions, preparations will be made for the city-wide boxing tournament leading up to championship bouts in the late spring, at which prizes will be awarded to the winners of the various age and weight divisions.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

TEL. REGENT 4-1000

For Release MONDAY
February 9, 1942

Loc: B-L-215-104

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Del: The Department of Parks announces the beginning of construction on
1:30 p.m.
2/7/42 two playgrounds, one of which is located in Brooklyn and the other is Queens.

The Brooklyn site is adjacent to Public school #35 located in the middle of the block bounded by Sumner Avenue, McDonough Street, Lewis Avenue and Decatur Street. It was acquired in July of ^{20, 1941} last year by the Board of Estimate for school and recreational purposes. The playground will be operated jointly by the Board of Education and the Department of Parks.

In preparation for the new work eighteen two and three story brick buildings are being demolished. The playground, approximately 200 feet square, will lie immediately west of the existing school which is being considerably expanded by the addition of a long wing parallel to McDonough Street. Access will be controlled by three gates, one leading to the school portal and one each to McDonough and Decatur Streets. The following facilities will be provided: softball diamond with hooded chain link backstop, one basketball court with removable standards, ⁴ two concrete surfaced handball courts, two practice basketball standards and thirty-four units of park benches.

Additional property was also acquired for a future playground east of the school building at the corner of Lewis Avenue and Decatur Street. ?

In Queens adjacent to Public School #40 located in the block bounded by Brinkerhoff Avenue, 160th Street, 109th Avenue and Union Hall Street, the Board of Estimate acquired by condemnation the remainder of privately owned property at the south end of this block, slightly over one acre in extent. This parcel together with the 2-3/4 acres south and west of the existing school building, formerly acquired for expansion of the school and development of a playground, will permit more adequate facilities than originally planned.

Located in the South Jamaica section of Queens, a neighborhood of one and two story frame houses occupied by families of low income groups, the new supervised recreational area will provide much needed play facilities for this underprivileged community. The South Jamaica Housing Development, located two blocks west, accomodates 1500 persons, 20% of whom fall within the ages of 6 to 20 and require additional playground service. The large playground at Public School #48 directly west of the Long Island Railroad tracks is inaccessible to this district.

The new playground, to be operated jointly by the Department of Parks and the Department of Education for school and neighborhood play, will utilize the entire block except for the portion occupied by the school building which is now being expanded by the addition of a four story wing. Twenty-three one to two and a half story frame buildings are being demolished in preparation for the new development which will provide the following facilities: eight concrete surfaced handball courts, wading pool, brick comfort station, irrigated sand pit and sitting area, seesaws, slides and swings for pre-school and older children, a pipe frame exercise unit, two large open free play areas, three practice basketball standards, one basketball court with removable standards, two softball diamonds with hooded chain link backstops, three paddle tennis courts and three shuffleboard courts.

Entrances will be easily accessible from the school building and the boundary sidewalks.

The playgrounds 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. RESIDENT 4-1000

M-144-640 Planting For Release Wednesday,
M-144-641 Chain Link January 28, 1942

Bids were opened today by the Department of Parks at the Arsenal Building in Central Park on a contract for the completion of the planting at the west end of East River Park. The existing mall opposite the Vladeck Houses south of East River Drive and extending from Montgomery to Jackson Streets was constructed in connection with the development of the 20 acre Corlears Hook section of East River Park. Approximately 85 feet wide and 1,200 feet long, the mall was provided with a bench lined promenade and tree bordered grass panel. Unseasonal planting conditions made it necessary to defer the balance of the tree and shrub planting until this spring. Two hundred flowering shrubs and twenty-five additional shade trees will be added to the park to screen the parking area and dock structures from the Drive and to provide seclusion for the sitting areas.

Bids were also taken on a contract for the installation of a chain link fence along the south side of the mall to control pedestrian traffic between the adjacent apartments and the water front development.

These two contracts together with a current WPA project for the construction of a small sitting park between East 12th and East 13th Streets at the north end of the $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile shore front park will provide the finishing touches to this 55 acre recreational area.

The three lowest bids on the planting contract were as follows:

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| 1. Grand View Nurseries
6 Grand View Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y. | \$3,912.00 |
| 2. John Gozo
171-08 84th Road, Jamaica, N. Y. | 4,218.00 |
| 3. Roman Landscape Contracting Co.
551 - 5th Avenue, N. Y. C. | 4,483.10 |

The three lowest bids on the fence contract were as follows:

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| 1. Union Fence Construction Co.
342 Madison Avenue, N. Y. C. | \$2,030.00 |
| 2. Ross Galvanizing Works, Inc.
389 Kent Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. | 2,171.00 |
| 3. Anchor Post Fence Co.
9 East 38th Street, N. Y. C. | 2,354.92 |

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MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

Date January 21, 1942

TO:

Mr. [Signature]

FROM:

Mr. Heaslip

Prepare reply for my signature
Prepare reply for signature of
Reply direct
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Give me memorandum on attached
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For your approval X
For your disposition
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REMARKS

D R A F T

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

FOR RELEASE

Saturday
January 24, 1942
OK yes

The Department of Parks announces the completion of a new $1\frac{1}{2}$ acre triangular playground located at the intersection of York Avenue and East River Drive extending from E. 91 Street to E. 92 Street, Manhattan. The site formerly occupied by a garage and gas station was acquired for recreational purposes by the City in connection with the East River Drive development.

The playground consists of two main fence enclosed areas subdivided into smaller units by block paved panels containing benches and trees. At the west end along York Avenue is provided a wading pool and sitting area, irrigated sand pit, 4 seesaws, chair swings, slides, swings, pipe frame exercise unit, 2 shuffleboard courts and a free play area bordered with benches.

In the triangular area adjacent to East River Drive are 4 concrete handball courts and combination free play area with roller and ice skating rink.

A 4 foot high wrought iron picket fence has been installed in back of a new curb along the west side of York Avenue to control pedestrian access to the playground.

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 464 playgrounds in the park system.

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M-100-L NEW PLAYGROUND
EAST RIVER DRIVE & YORK AVE. - MANHATTAN

The Department of Parks announces the completion of a new 1-1/2 acre triangular playground located at the intersection of York Ave. and East River Drive extending from E. 91st St. to E. 92nd St. The site which ~~was~~ formerly occupied by a garage and gas station was acquired by the City in connection with the East River Drive development for recreational purposes.

The playground consists of two main fence enclosed areas which ~~are~~ subdivided into smaller units by block paved panels containing benches and trees. ~~A semi-circular wading pool and sitting area is located at the north end of the section which terminates the rectangular enclosure along York Ave.~~ *West*
~~This section is provided with the following facilities:~~

a wading pool & sitting area,
Pre-School Age Apparatus Area

Irrigated sand pit, (~~10-200-0~~) ~~and sitting area~~
4 Seesaws
Chair swings, (~~4-200-0~~)
2 Slides

School Age Apparatus Area

Swings, (~~4-200-0~~)
~~2 Slides~~
Pipe frame exercise unit
2 Shuffleboard courts *and a*

Free Play Area Bordered with Benches ~~a brick comfort station will be built within this section in the future.~~

In the Triangular area Adjacent to E. R. Drive *are*

4 Concrete handball courts *and*
Combination free play area, *and* roller skating and ice skating rink *with*

A 4 foot high wrought iron picket fence has been installed in back of a new ~~street~~ raised curb along the west side of York Ave. to control pedestrian access to the playground.

For playground & W.P.A.

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

FOR RELEASE THURSDAY
January 22, 1942

The Department of Parks announces that work in connection with the converting of the Gracie Mansion in Carl Schurz Park, Manhattan, into a permanent residence for the Mayors of New York City, will start on Thursday, January 22.

In order to progress these alterations and provide a vehicular entrance, the Mansion will be fenced off and the building closed to the public.

The work is being performed by the W.P.A. from plans prepared by the Department of Parks.

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

For Release

FRIDAY
JANUARY 16, 1942

Admission to spectators at the City Building, Flushing Meadow Park, during the free period for the children on Saturday and holiday mornings, will continue, except that the spectators will only be permitted admission to the balcony; they will no longer be permitted admission to the skating floor area.

Admission price will continue the same as before, 11¢ inclusive of tax.

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

Mr. Hearst
For Release Friday
January 9, 1942

The Department of Parks announces that 205 park areas, in all, have been set aside for ice skating throughout the five boroughs.

For the past three days, several thousand school children, adolescents and adults have used the ice skating facilities at the 15 tennis court areas, 134 wading pools and 29 other suitable recreation areas, all of which were flooded for this particular winter sports activity.

In addition, the following lakes in the large parks are open for ice skating:

Manhattan - 59 Street Lake, Central Park

Conservatory Lake, Central Park (72 Street)

Central Park at 79 Street and Transverse Road

Queens - Bowne Park Lake, 159 Street and 32 Avenue, Flushing

Crocheron Park Lake, 35 Avenue and 214 Place, Bayside

Jackson Pond, 108 Street and 30 Avenue, Richmond Hill

Linden Park Lake, 41 Avenue and 103 Street, Corona

Pea Pond, Hollis Court Boulevard and Grand Central Parkway, Hollis

Captain Tilly Park Lake, Highland Avenue and 85 Avenue, Jamaica

Twin Ponds, Brookville Boulevard and Merrick Road, Rosedale

Bronx - Twin Lakes, Bronx Park North, Moshulu Parkway, East of Webster Avenue

The other lakes will be opened as soon as the ice reaches the $4\frac{1}{2}$ inch standard of thickness.

Ice Skating will be permitted at all lakes and at large floodlighted areas until 11:00 P.M.

Four ice skating carnivals will be held on Saturday, January 10 at 2:00 P.M. at the following locations:

Manhattan - Conservatory Lake, Central Park

Brooklyn - Prospect Park Lake

Bronx - Vancortlandt Park Lake

Queens - Cunningham Park Lake (Sunday - January 11)

Richmond - Clove Lakes near Victory Boulevard and Clove Road

These carnivals will feature events for juveniles, juniors and seniors and special events will be included for members of the Middle Atlantic Skating Association.

A citywide winter sports carnival will be held on Saturday, January 17, at the Conservatory Lake, Central Park, at which the first five winners of each event in 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.

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.

FOR RELEASE: FRIDAY,
January 9, 1942



ROBERT MOSES
COMMISSIONER

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL
64TH STREET AND FIFTH AVENUE
CENTRAL PARK
NEW YORK CITY

GEORGE E. SPARGO
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

WILLIAM H. LATHAM
PARK ENGINEER

JAMES A. DAWSON
SENIOR PARK DIRECTOR

JAMES A. SHERRY
CHIEF CLERK

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Plan: ML 81-200-253

Board of Estimate

Del: Municipal Building

1/9/42 New York City

4:30 p.m.

Gentlemen:

December 29, 1941

The Park Department has for some time been in doubt as to the proper permanent use of the Gracie Mansion, which was completely restored several years ago, and has recently been operated as a small, post-Colonial museum. Most of the furniture has been loaned to the City, either by individuals or by the larger institutions. We were never able to obtain either rugs or hangings. The attendance has been very small, and there is no justification for maintaining this building in competition with much finer exhibits in the Metropolitan Museum, The Museum of The City of New York, and elsewhere and in other fully furnished mansions of greater historic significance.

The suggestion has repeatedly been made that the Gracie Mansion be converted into a permanent residence for the Mayors of New York. It is eminently suited to this purpose. The present Mayor has concluded that this is the best use for this property, and has requested the Park Department to make plans for the conversion of the building. Mr. Aymar Embury, Consulting Architect of the Park Department has made these plans. The work can be done by the WPA. Certain furniture and fittings will be supplied by the Metropolitan Museum, The Museum of the City of New York and the Brooklyn Museum whose directors have generously offered their advice and assistance.

In converting the Gracie Mansion into the Mayors' residence, the public comfort station in the basement will be eliminated. A separate comfort station is being provided as part of the WPA program. The facilities required for the police and the park maintenance forces will be provided in the basement. It is proposed that the building be heated and kept in repair by the City as it has been in the past.

It will be necessary to fence off the Mansion and to provide a vehicular entrance.

The Mayor has asked that this matter be submitted to your Board for its consideration, with a resolution establishing the Gracie Mansion permanently as the residence of the Mayors of New York.

Very truly yours,


Commissioner

WHEREAS, The Board of Street Opening and Improvement of the City of New York, pursuant to Chapter 320 of the Laws of 1887, did select, locate, lay out and acquire the park known as Carl Schurz Park in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, and

WHEREAS, said park, as so selected, located and laid out, contains within its borders a residence known as the Gracie Mansion, and

WHEREAS, this Board deems that a suitable and beneficial public purpose will be served if the Gracie Mansion be hereafter the official residence of the Mayor of the City of New York,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK:

That the Gracie Mansion, located in Carl Schurz Park, is hereby designated and made available to the use of the Mayor of the City of New York, as the official residence of the Mayor and his successors during their incumbency in office.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Parks is hereby directed to make such alterations in the Gracie Mansion as are necessary and required for its immediate occupancy as the official dwelling of the Mayor, and to continue to maintain and repair said building, reserving for the operation and policing of Carl Schurz Park so much of the basement as may be needed.

THE GRACIE MANSION HISTORY

The Gracie Mansion is particularly fortunate in its situation, standing on a rocky point of land jutting into the East River and commanding a beautiful view of Hell Gate. From Dutch times this point of land has been called Horen Hook, or Horn's Hook, and figured in the stormy days of the Revolution.

In the seventeenth century, the first known owner was Sibout Claessen in 1646, who came from Hoorn, on the Zuyder Zee, and presumably named the point of land after his native village. The property passed through many subsequent hands until acquired by the well-known Delamater family in 1690, who in turn sold it to the Waldrons in 1710.

Samuel Waldron thus acquired a large farm of over a hundred and fifty acres, partly by purchase and partly by inheritance, a part of which was Horn's Hook, on which the Gracie Mansion now stands. The Waldrons owned this property for about fifty years.

About 1760 Jacob Walton, at the time of his marriage to Polly Cruger, daughter of the Mayor of New York, purchased Horn's Hook from William Waldron and erected here an "elegant mansion" for his young bride. Here they lived on the site now occupied by the Gracie Mansion until they were forced to leave at the time of the Revolution, when the house was commandeered for the use of troops. Here the American forces erected a redoubt of nine guns, called Thompson's Battery, to protect New York from the English forces coming down the river.

In 1791 at the death of Jacob Walton, the property was inherited by his four children from whom in 1798 Archibald Gracie purchased it. It is not known whether Gracie enlarged Walton's house or had it removed and built a new one, but judging from the style, the house was remodeled about 1800. The construction of the fireplaces is similar to 18th century ones, and the window

embrasures in certain parts of the house suggest the period of about 1760. It is probable that Walton's house was used as a tavern during the period from 1783, when the Revolutionary soldiers evacuated Manhattan Island, to the time of its purchase by Gracie in 1798.

Mention of such a tavern is made in "Annals of New York City" for 1786. If it had undergone such hard usage at the hand of troopers and then as a tavern, Gracie would most certainly have been obliged to renovate the entire house. The mantels and other ornamental detail show Sheraton influence and must date from about 1800, at which time this style came into fashion. One white marble mantel with pillars in the Classic style would belong to an even later period.

Archibald Gracie was a wealthy merchant whose ships were "familiar on every sea," flying a red and white private flag. The Gracie Mansion as his summer home became noted for its gracious hospitality, and it is said that not infrequently as many as fifty guests sat down to dinner.

Here were entertained among many notables, Washington Irving, Josiah Quincy, and last but not least, Louis Philippe, of the royal house of France. Washington Irving came often to the fireside and his inspiration for "Astoria" was received and part of his labors were pursued here and at the Astor Mansion nearby. In 1813 Irving writes, "I find a very warm reception at the fireside of Mr. Gracie. Their country-seat was one of my strongholds last summer, as I lived in its vicinity. It is a charming, warm-hearted family and the old gentleman has the soul of a prince."

Josiah Quincy, after being entertained at the Gracie Mansion, wrote, "The mansion is elegant in the modern style and the grounds laid out with great taste in gardens." A mighty elm tree that stood at the point of land, overlooking Hell Gate, was a landmark to every sailor and was considered the largest tree on the Island of Manhattan.

In 1819 Rufus King, whose son, James Gore King, had married Archibald Gracie's daughter, acquired the Gracie Mansion, and he in turn sold it shortly afterwards to Joseph Foulke in whose possession it remained until his death in 1852. The following year his heirs divided the property into lots for sale and the house and land passed through many hands until in 1891 the City condemned it for a park. It formed the northern boundary of East End Park and a new name was given it, "Carl Schurz Park."

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

Mr. Hensley
For Release Wednesday,
January 7, 1942

Plan: Contract No. Q-83-142

*Delivered
11:10 AM
1/7/42*
Bids were opened today by the Department of Parks at the Arsenal Building

in Central Park on a contract for the construction of a traffic divider on the Interboro Parkway and Grand Central Parkway in the Borough of Queens.

This safety device, which will be installed along the center line of the parkways, will provide a physical barrier between opposite moving vehicles. Motorists should be cautioned however that it will not prevent cross-over of uncontrolled cars at high speed. The problems of designing this special center curb involved existing narrow rights-of-way between walls and under bridges which would not permit the widening of the pavement in preparation for the installation of a typical dividing wall. It was necessary to keep the width of the curb to a minimum which in turn controlled its height to prevent the scraping of bumpers and mudguards. For aesthetic reasons also it would not be desirable to erect high solid barriers. The new curb consists of a reinforced concrete section 20 inches wide and 14 inches high above the pavement. It will be poured in place in a channel 3 inches deep and 20 inches wide which will be cut along the center line of the existing pavement. Curved side walls will blend with the parkway surface thus permitting cars travelling at reasonable speed and direction to climb safely to the continuous circular bumper rail which will force the wheels to return to the pavement.

The new divider will connect with a similar installation constructed in 1940 at the western end of the Interboro Parkway in the Cypress Hills Cemetery section. It will extend easterly with branches throughout the Connecting Loop at Kew Gardens and along the Grand Central Parkway to the Nassau County Line, a distance of approximately seven miles.

In order to maintain a safe flow of traffic during construction, the first item of work will be the painting of new white traffic lane markers. The exit roadway from Grand Central Parkway to Queens Boulevard will be widened and approximately 1,000 lineal feet of wrought iron fence installed on each side of the Interboro Parkway at Queens Boulevard.

The contract, which must be completed in six months, also includes the removal and replacing of concrete curbing, concrete and bituminous sidewalk, stripping and spreading topsoil, transplanting trees and shrubs and alterations to drainage structures.

The three lowest bids were submitted by the following:

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|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Harris Grand | \$146,564.00 |
| 888 Montgomery St., Brooklyn, N.Y. | |
| 2. Gould & Kress | 158,325.00 |
| 342 Madison Ave., Smithtown, L.I. | |
| 3. Melwood Construction Corporation | 159,782.50 |
| 507 Fifth Ave., New York City | |

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

Tuesday,
For Release January 6, 1942

The Department of Parks announces the completion of a reconstructed one half acre playground located at the east end of the block, formed by 78th Street, 79th Street, 68th Road and 69th Avenue in Middle Village, Queens.

The old development consisted of a dirt surfaced area enclosed by 8 foot high chain link fencing, a few pieces of play apparatus and a handball court with wooden backstop. The reconstruction provided for resurfacing the playground with asphalt to provide for all year usage and setting the existing boundary fence on a special concrete curb varying in height up to three feet. The purpose of the new wall which extends around the playground was to permit the grading of level play surfaces. A single gate controlled stairway entrance provides access from 79th Street.

The project included the installation of new facilities and the relocation of existing facilities as follows:

Brick comfort station
 Free play area
 Relocation of 2 practice basketball standards
 New double handball court enclosed by 16 foot
 high chain link fencing

Kindergarten Apparatus Area

Existing battery of swings protected by new
 4 foot high chain link fencing
 Relocation of 4 seesaws
 One new slide

School-Age Apparatus Area

Relocation of a battery of swings protected
 by new 4 foot high chain link fencing
 Two new slides
 Relocation of pipe frame exercise unit

A five foot tree planted border of block paving extends around three sides of the playground along the new wall. The existing concrete boundary walks were widened and a border of block paving installed along the property line.

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, 63 of which have been reconstructed. There are now 463 playgrounds in the park system.

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

'For Release Monday,
January 5, 1942

The Department of Parks announces the completion and opening of a new three acre playground located on the north side of Shore Parkway at the end of 17 Avenue on Gravesend Bay in the Borough of Brooklyn. The property was acquired by condemnation in connection with the extension of Shore Parkway to provide something for the neighborhood in connection with the arterial improvement. This new recreational area serves the residents of the thickly populated section of Bensonhurst north of Cropsey Avenue.

Located on a knoll on the center line of 17 Avenue extended is a semi-circular overlook sitting area commanding an unobstructed view over Gravesend Bay and the Lower New York Bay. A concrete ramp skirts the brick surfaced retaining wall which supports the overlook and connects with a 30 foot wide tree and bench lined mall. This sitting area and pedestrian connection leads to the footbridge over the parkway and divides the playground into two fence enclosed play areas.

The smaller western section which is subdivided into six use areas by fencing, benches or tree planted block paved malls, contains the following facilities: brick comfort station, shower basin, irrigated sand pit and sitting area, swings, slides, seesaws and play houses for pre-school children; a pipe frame exercise unit, swings and slides for older children; and paddle tennis, shuffleboard and horseshoe pitching courts in the court games area.

East of the dividing mall is a grass surfaced softball diamond with hooded backstop. The northern half of this section contains two concrete surfaced handball courts and two basketball courts.

In addition to these facilities which were constructed by the Work Projects Administration from Department of Parks' plans the following miscellaneous items were included in the improvement: 5 drinking fountains, flagpole in overlook area, park lighting and drainage, 44 Oriental Plane trees, 53 Norway maples, 1350 Japanese Honeysuckle for slope protection and 7 Boston Ivy on the brick comfort station.

In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs; 62 of which have been reconstructed. There are now with this addition 463 playgrounds in the park system.

7/1	66	9 more Name Band Orchestras July 2 - 14, sponsored by Con Ed
7/2	67	Summer schedule for outdoor swimming pools
7/3	68	Independence Day Program track and field championships
7/6	69	61 concerts to be sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company
7/7	70	Athletic fields to be open for candidates for Police exam.
7/10	71	Horse shoe pitching tournament at Heckscher Playground, Central Park
		JULY, 11
7/10	72	3 new playgrounds opened in Queens

7/14/42	73	Con Edison sponsors concerts and dances with name band orchestras July 15 - 23
7/25	74	5 new playgrounds as part of 2 and a quarter $\frac{1}{4}$ mile development from Owl's Head Park to Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn
7/28	75	Closing of Orchard Beach due to July 27 downpour
7/28	76	Swimming championship for men of 3rd naval district
7/30	77	3rd in series of 4 Naumberg Memorial concerts, July 31, on the Mall
8/4	78	New outdoor roller skating rink at Rockaway Beach
8/7	79	Municipal Tennis Championships in Central Park to start August 8
8/8	80	2 municipal golf championships on Split Rock Golf Course, Bronx, on Aug 9
8/21	81	Annual Swimming championship at Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre
8/22	82	Finals in Boys and Men's Division of Municipal Tennis championship in Central Park
8/22	83	Municipal Golf Championships at Split Rock Golf Course rained out 8/8 to take place Aug. 23
8/26	84	Finals of Jacks Contest at Heckscher Playground, Central Park
8/26	85	Square Dancing at 105 St. and Riverside Playground
8/29	86	Harvest Dance contest for novices in all five boroughs
9/4	87	Robert Moses attacks Pierce Trowbridge Wetter for being active in I.W.W. in 1924
9/4	88	Finals of Paddle Tennis Tournament in East River Park
9/6	89	17 outdoor swimming pools and 5 beaches closed on Sept. 7
9/6	90	Harvest dance contest eliminations announced
9/6	91	Last of Naumberg Memorial Concerts in Central Park, Sept. 7
9/7	92	Completion of baseball field in four and a half acre plot at West Farms Road and East Tremont Ave., Bronx
9/8	93	New St. playground to open and also dedication of memorial flagpole at Park Avenue and Floyd St, Brooklyn
9/12	94	New playground to open on Central Avenue at 70 and 71 Sts. Queens
9/15	95	Closing date of Amateur Photo Contest on Sept. 19
9/15	96	Fall Harvests at 10 department children's gardens in 5 boroughs
9/16	97	1 and a quarter acre playground completed at Aberdeen Street near Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn
9/17	98	Postwar sewage disposal and future bathing beaches and waterfronts at Coney Island, Riis Park, Rockaway Beach, Orchard Beach, South Beach and Wolfe's Pont
9/18	99	Chess and checkers tournament in Heckscher Playground on Sept 19 and 20
9/22	100	Harvest dance contest championship on Mall Central Park Sept 22
9/23	101	New playground at P.S. 35 at Summer Avenue, McDonough St, Lewis Avenue and Decatur St., Brooklyn
9/27	102	Finals of Softball tournament at Macombs Dam Park, Bronx
10/1	103	Roller and ice skating rinks to open at City Building, Flushing Meadow Park, Queens
10/2 1	104	Commemoration of opening of 21 playgrounds with special programs

10/9	105	Shuffleboard finals at North Meadow, Central Park Oct. 10
10/10	106	Marionette, Magic and Music Program in Mall, Central Park, Oct. 11
10/11	107	Recreation activities for Fall and Winter Season at gymnasia, indoor pools and playgrounds
10/16	108	one acre playground opened at Park Avenue, Madison Avenue, 108 and 109 Sts, Manhattan
10/24	109	Winners announced at Amateur Photo Contest
10/27	110	Bids opened on reconstruction of seawall on Randall's Island
10/31	111	Closing of clay tennis courts Nov. 1
10/31	112	Commemoration of opening of 12 playgrounds with birthday party programs.
10/31	113	Boxing exhibitions for Fall and Winter
11/7	114	Annual Fall Chrysanthemum show at Prospect Park Greenhouse 11/8
11/19	115	Baby aoudad born Central Park Nov. 17, 1942
11/19	116	New playground opened at Fulton and Truxton Streets, Brooklyn
11/20	117	Volleyball tournament for girls in Seward Park, Manhattan
11/25	118	New playground at East River Drive and 102 and 105 Streets, Manhattan
11/27	119	Finals Roller Hockey Tournament at 105 Street and River side Park Manhattan 11/29
11/28	120	10 golf courses and the pitch and putt at Riis Park to close 11/29
11/30	121	Anniversary of 9 playgrounds to be celebrated with birthday party programs
12/11	122	Ping Pong finals at Mullaly Recreation Bldg, the Bronx, 12/12
12/12	123	Thin ice warning to all to keep off ice of lakes and ponds
12/13	124	Christmas program of 26 puppet and marionette shows depicting "Hansel and Gretel"
12/20	125	21 Christmas trees in parks Dec. 17
12/18	125	254 park areas set aside for ice skating.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
TELEPHONE REGENT 4-1000

Haslip
FOR RELEASE SUNDAY
December 20, 1942

Del:
12/19/42
11:30 AM
The Park Department announces that ceremonies in connection with twenty-one Christmas trees, which have been erected and decorated in parks throughout the five boroughs, will take place on *Friday* ¹⁷ ~~Monday~~, December ¹⁷ ~~21~~, 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, Queens, and Borough Hall, Richmond.

At City Hall Park, the ceremonies will be broadcast over Station WNYC. Mayor LaGuardia will deliver his annual Christmas message and will *Compt. Luc Waldrich's 4 yr old daughter* throw the switch lighting the tree at 5:25 p.m., officially starting New York City's observance of the Christmas season. Borough President Edgar J. Nathan, Jr. and Newbold Morris, President of the Council, will also participate in the exercises. Selections will be played by the *Sanitation* Department's 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, 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 depicting the Three Wise Men proceeding to the Star in the East, centered in a holly wreath ten feet in diameter, will be erected over the main entrance of the Park Department Headquarters at The Arsenal, Central Park.

~~In compliance with regulations...~~ *from out* The trees will be lighted each evening from whatever hour in the afternoon it is dark enough to make them effective until *10 P.M.* ~~Christmas trees have been erected~~ Christmas trees have been 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 there will also be a Christmas tree in Flushing Meadow Park, Queens, located inside the City Building between the ice and roller skating rinks.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
Tel. REgent 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

FRIDAY
December 18, 1942

Sent: 12/18/42
6:15 p.m.

The Department of Parks announces that 254 park areas have been set aside for ice skating throughout the five boroughs. These facilities consist of 27 lakes, 8 tennis court areas, 40 flooded areas and 130 wading pools which will be opened for skating when the ice is thick enough to be safe. Attached is a list of ice skating locations.

In addition, 32 hills in the various parks of the five boroughs have been designated for coasting, together with 17 areas suitable for skiing. The attached list gives the location of these various areas.

In accordance with army dim-out regulations there will be no floodlighting of any of these facilities. In general, lakes, ponds and large flooded areas where park lighting is available will operate from 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Where no lighting is available the facilities will be operated during daylight hours except on bright moonlight nights.

In the event of snow, a contest in snow sculpture and snow architecture will be held in the various playgrounds in January.

Plans are underway to conduct Ice Skating Carnivals at the following locations. Weather permitting, they have been tentatively scheduled for the weekend of January 9 and 10.

Manhattan:	Conservatory Lake, Central Park	January 9
Brooklyn:	Prospect Park Lake	January 9
Queens:	Victory Field	January 10
Richmond:	Clove Lake #2	January 10
Bronx:	Van Cortlandt Park	January 10

ATTACH

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
CITY OF NEW YORK

ICE SKATING AREAS
1942-43

MANHATTAN

Lakes

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

Tennis Courts

93 Street and West Drive, Central Park

Flooded Areas

East River Drive and Broome Street
Riverside Drive and 148 Street

Wading Pools

Twenty-nine wading pools will be prepared for skating.

BROOKLYN

Lakes

Prospect Park Lake

Tennis Courts

Fort Greene Park, Myrtle Avenue and St. Edwards Street

Flooded Areas

Bushwick Playground, Putnam & Knickerbocker Avenues (baseball field)
Playground, Douglas and Third Avenue (softball area)
Gravesend Playground, 13 Avenue and 56 Street
Homecrest Avenue and Belt Parkway Playground
Kelly Memorial Playground, East 14 St. & Avenue S (softball field)
Lincoln Terrace Park, Buffalo & East New York Aves. (softball field)
McCarren Playground, Driggs Avenue & Lorimer Street
Playground, Ocean Parkway and Avenue P
Red Hook Recreation Center, Clinton, Bay & Henry Streets
Seth Low, Bay Parkway & Avenue P

Wading Pools

Fifty-two wading pools will be prepared for skating

BRONX

Lakes

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

Tennis Courts

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

Flooded Areas

Pelham Park, Pelham Parkway, Eastern Boulevard & Middletown Road
Pulaski Park, 133 Street and Willis Avenue
Playground, Waterbury, La Salle and Edison Avenues

Wading Pools

Twelve wading pools will be prepared for ice skating

QUEENS

Lakes

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

Tennis Courts

Alley Pond Park, Grand Central Parkway & Winchester Blvd., Hollis
Astoria Park, 25-21 Avenues, Astoria
Cunningham Park, Union Turnpike & 192 Street, Hollis
Wayanda Park, Hollis Avenue & Springfield Blvd., Hollis

QUEENS (cont.)

Flooded Areas Playground, Atlantic Ave. & 88 Street, Ozone Park, (softball field)
Playground, 95 Ave. & 125 Street, Richmond Hill, (softball field)
Braddock Playground, Braddock Avenue & 240 Street, Queens Village
Playground, Broadway & 78 Street, Jackson Heights, (roller skating area)
Playground, Central Avenue & 70 Street, Glendale (softball field)
Chisholm Park, Poppenhausen Ave. & 115 Street, College Point
Grover Cleveland Playground, Grandview Avenue & Stanhope Street
Flushing Memorial Playground, 149 Street & 25 Avenue, Flushing
Glendale Playground, 74 Street & 78 Avenue
Corona 111 Street, 111 Street & 46 Avenue, Corona
Jackson Heights Playground, 84 St. & 30 Avenue
Playground, Jewel Avenue & Utopia Parkway (softball field)
Liberty Park, Liberty Avenue & 172 Street, Jamaica (paddle tennis area)
Long Island City, 45 Avenue & 21 Street, (softball field)
Marconi Playground, 155 Street & 108 Avenue, Jamaica
Maurice Playground, Maurice, Borden & 54 Avenue, Maspeth
O'Connell Playground, 196 Street & 113 Avenue, St. Albans
Parkway North Playground, 114 Street & 37 Avenue, Corona
Rockaway, Broadwalk & 80 Street
Riis Park, Neponsit (Parking Field)
Playground, 30 Road & 45 Street, Astoria (softball field)
Victory Field, Woodhaven Blvd. & Myrtle Avenue

Wading Pools Thirty-four wading pools will be prepared for ice-skating.

RICHMOND

Lakes Brooks Pond, Slosson Avenue off Clove Road
Clove Lakes #2, Victory Boulevard
LaFourette Pond, Rockland Avenue & Forest Hill Road
Martlings Pond, Slosson Avenue & Clove Road
Willowbrook Lake, Richmond Avenue & Victory Boulevard
Wolfe's Pond Park, Holton & Cornelia Avenues

Flooded Areas Silver Lake Golf Course, Parking Area, Victory Boulevard

Wading Pools Four wading pools will be prepared for ice-skating.

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MANHATTAN

Central Park - Cedar Hill, 79 Street & East Drive
Burns Lawn, 79 Street & West Drive

BROOKLYN

Prospect Park - Lookout Hill, Southwest of Music Grove, Empire Boulevard
entrance

QUEENS

Dyker Beach Golf Course, 92 Street & Seventh Avenue
Clearview Golf Course, Willets Pt. Blvd., Whitestone (Where designated by
Crocheron Park, 35 Avenue & 214 Street, Bayside supervisor)
Forest Park Golf Course, 3rd Tee, down to 2nd Fairway (for beginners)
and 4th Fairway for more experienced skiers.
Kissena Park Golf Course, area designated by supervisor
Alley Pond Motor Parkway, From Horace Harding Blvd. to Alley Pond Park
Van Cortlandt Golf Course, 18th Tee and Fairway

BRONX

RICHMOND

Silver Lake Golf Course, Forest Avenue & Silver Lake Park Roadway
7th Fairway
LaTourette Golf Course, Rockland Avenue & Forest Hill Road
2nd, 14th, and 18th Fairways

COASTING LOCATIONS

MANHATTAN

Central Park - 83 Street & East Drive, North of Museum of Art
79 Street & East Drive (short run for small children)
Pilgrim Hill, southwest of Conservatory lake, 72 Street
& East Drive
Cedar Hill, 79 Street & East Drive
72 Street north of boathouse
60 Street & West Drive (near Heckschere Playground)
72 Street & West Drive
Burns Lawn, 79 Street & West Drive
72 Street & East Drive, southeast of Conservatory Lake
East Meadow, 99 Street off 5th Avenue
Henry Hudson Parkway, 83 Street East of Playground
108 Street
116 to 120 Streets
J. Hood Wright Park, section of hill located on Haven Avenue side of
park (west to east)

BROOKLYN

Prospect Park - Southwest of Music Grove (Lookout Hill), Empire Boulevard
entrance
Long Meadow, 3rd Street & Prospect Park West entrance
Long Meadow North, on east drive, Main entrance
Maryland Monument Hill, 16 Street & Prospect Park West
entrance
Dyker Beach Golf Course, 92 Street & Seventh Avenue
Owl's Head Park, Colonial Road & 67 Street
McKinley Park, Seventh Avenue & 75 Street

QUEENS

Alley Pond Motor Parkway, from Horace Harding Boulevard to Alley Pond
Park
Chisholm Park, Poppenhausen Avenue & 115 Street, College Point
Clearview Golf Course, Willets Point Boulevard, Whitestone
Crocheron Park, 35 Avenue & 214 Place, Bayside
Forest Park Golf Course, old 18th Tee of Golf Course, Main Drive below
Golf House, near 82 Street, Woodhaven
Highland Park, Lower half of Snake Hill from turn to Jamaica Avenue,
opposite Elton Street, Brooklyn
Kissena Golf Course, area designated by supervisor

BRONX

Van Cortlandt Golf Course, 18th Tee and Fairway
Bronx River Parkway and East 226 Street

RICHMOND

Silver Lake Golf Course, Forest Avenue & Silver Lake Park Roadway
7th Fairway
LaTourette Golf Course, Rockland Avenue & Forest Hill Road
2nd, 14th & 18 Fairways

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR RELEASE Sunday,
December 13, 1942

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Delivered 12/11/42 at 3:30 P.M.

The Department of Parks announces a Christmas program of playground children's activities which will feature 26 puppet and marionette shows depicting the famous fairy tale "Hansel and Gretel".

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 15, and running through Thursday, December 31, in accordance with the attached schedule. With five scenes in "Hansel and Gretel", the entire performance will last approximately one hour.

In addition, 29 magic shows lasting one hour and including a variety of magical tricks and hand puppetry will be given at other playgrounds in the five boroughs, beginning Tuesday, December 15, and continuing through Thursday, December 31.

Christmas trees will be provided for the various playgrounds where there are recreation buildings. Many of the tree decorations have been made by the children and Christmas parties have been planned for the youngsters, including games, songs, refreshments and last but not least, a visit from Santa Claus himself. The parties will be held at various times beginning December 23 and continuing through December 31.

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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

Richmond

Tuesday Dec. 15 - 3:30 p.m. - Joseph H. Lyons Recreation Center, Murray Hulbert Avenue & Victory Blvd., Tompkinsville.
Wednesday Dec. 16 - 3:30 p.m. - Faber Park, Richmond Terrace, Port Richmond

Queens

Thursday Dec. 17 - 11 a.m. - Astoria Play Center, 19 Street opposite 23 Drive
3:30 p.m. - Same as above
Friday Dec. 18 - 11:00 a.m. - Von Dohlen Playground, 138 St. & Archer Avenue
3:30 p.m. - Same as above
Saturday Dec. 19 - 11 a.m. - Raymond O'Connor Playground, 32-33 Avenue & 210 St.
3:30 p.m. - Flushing Memorial Playground, Bayside Avenue & 25 Avenue at 149 Street

Manhattan

Monday Dec. 21 - 11 a.m. - Mt. Morris East, East 120 St. & Madison Avenue
3:30 p.m. - Harlem Children's Center, 28 West 134 Street
Tuesday Dec. 22 - 11 a.m. - Annunciation Playground, 135 St. & Amsterdam Ave.
3:30 p.m. - Thomas Jefferson Recreation Center, East 112 St. & First Avenue
Wednesday Dec. 23 - 11 a.m. - Gulick Playground, Delancy, Broome & Sheriff Sts.
3:30 p.m. - East River Drive, 11 Street & East River

Bronx

Thursday Dec. 24 - 11 a.m. - Mullaly Recreation Building, 162 Street & Jerome
3:30 p.m. - Same as above (Avenue)
Saturday Dec. 26 - 11 a.m. - Williamsbridge Playground, East 208 Street &
3:30 p.m. - Same as above (Bainbridge Avenue)
Monday Dec. 28 - 11 a.m. - St. Mary's Park West, East 146 St. & St. Ann's Ave.
3:30 p.m. - Same as above

Brooklyn

Tuesday Dec. 29 - 11 a.m. - Children's Museum, Brooklyn Avenue & Park Place
3:30 p.m. - Same as above
Wednesday Dec. 30 - 11 a.m. - Red Hook Housing Community Center, 110 W. 9 Street
3:30 p.m. - Same as above
Thursday Dec. 31 - 11 a.m. - Sunset Park Recreation Center, 6 Ave. & 44 Street
3:30 p.m. - McLaughlin Playground, Bridge & Tillary Streets.

CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

SPECIAL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

"Christmas is the time for cheer
So come ye children far and near
To music, magic and puppetry
Songs and fun prepared for thee."

BRONX

Tuesday Dec. 15 - 11:00 a.m. - St. James Playground, Jerome Ave. & 193 Street
3:30 p.m. - Fort # Four Playground Reservoir, Sedgwick & Webb Avenues

Wednesday Dec. 16 - 11:00 a.m. - Williamsbridge Oval, East 208 Street & Bainbridge Avenues
3:30 p.m. - Zimmerman Playground, Olinville Avenue & Britton Street

Thursday Dec. 17 - 11:00 a.m. - St. Mary's Park West, East 146 St. & St. Ann's Ave.
3:30 p.m. - Lyons Square Playground, Aldus Street, Bryant and Whitlock Avenues

BROOKLYN

Friday Dec. 18 - 11:00 a.m. - Lindsay Playground, Lorimer Street & Johnson Ave.
3:30 p.m. - Vandervoort & Cherry Streets Playground

Saturday Dec. 19 - 11:00 a.m. - Betsy Head Recreation Center, Hopkinson & Dumont Avenues
2:00 p.m. - Bill Brown Playground, Befford Ave. & Ave. X

Monday Dec. 21 - 11:00 a.m. - Bay Parkway Playground, Bay Pkwy. & Avenue P.
3:30 p.m. - James J. Byrne Playground, 3 Street & 4 Avenue

MANHATTAN

Tuesday Dec. 22 - 11:00 a.m. - J. Hood Wright Park, West 173 St. & Ft. Washington Ave.
3:30 p.m. - Highbridge Recreation Center, W. 173 Street & Amsterdam Avenue

Wednesday Dec. 23 - 11:00 a.m. - McCray Playground, 138 St. bet. 5th & Lenox Aves.
3:30 p.m. - Yorkville Playground, East 101 Street & 2 Ave.

Thursday Dec. 24 - 11:00 a.m. - Sauer Playground, East 12 St. bet. Aves A & B
3:30 p.m. - Playground, 83 Roosevelt Street
4:30 p.m. - Downing Street Playground

RICHMOND

Saturday Dec. 26 - 11:00 a.m. - Joseph H. Lyons Recreation Center, Murray Hulbert Avenue & Victory Boulevard, Tompkinsville
3:00 p.m. - DeMatti Playground, Tompkins Avenue, Rosebank

Monday Dec. 28 - 11:00 a.m. - Levy Playground, Jewett & Castleton Avenue, Port Richmond
3:00 p.m. - McDonald Playground, near Broadway & Forest Avenue West Brighton

QUEENS

Tuesday Dec. 29 - 11:00 a.m. - Grover Cleveland Park, Stanhope St., Grandview & Fairview Avenues
3:00 p.m. - Dry Harbor, 80 Street & Myrtle Avenue

Wednesday Dec. 30 - 11:00 a.m. - Playground, Corona Avenue & 102 Street
3:00 p.m. - Raymond O'Connor Playground, 32 Ave. & 210 Street

Thursday Dec. 31 - 11:00 a.m. - D. M. O'Connell Playground, 113 Avenue & 196 Street
3:00 p.m. - Von Dohlen Playground, 138 Street & Archer Avenue

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Saturday,
December 12, 1942

THIN ICE

With the advent of cold weather and ice skating, the Department of Parks requests the cooperation of all parents, civic groups, schools and others in cautioning children and instructing them in safety measures on ice.

The first cold snap always serves as an invitation to youngsters to test thin and treacherous ice often with disastrous results.

The Park Department has posted all lakes and ponds under its jurisdiction, with danger signs to warn children.

Once the ice is safe for skating the Park Department will announce it in the daily papers.

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12/10/42 1:45 pm

Membership
FOR RELEASE Friday,
December 11, 1942

The Department of Parks announces that the city-wide finals of the ping pong tournament will take place at Mullaly Recreation Building, 162 Street and Jerome Avenue, Bronx, on Saturday, December 12, at 2:00 P.M.

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

Junior	- Children up to 14 years
Intermediate	- Persons 14 to 18 years of age
Senior	- Persons 18 years of age and older

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

Prizes will consist of sweatshirts for the city champions and gold pins for the runner-up in each division; silver pins will be awarded to the borough winners.

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Sent: 11/30/42 - 3:15 pm

Mr. Paslip

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR RELEASE MONDAY
November 30, 1942

The Department of Parks announces that the anniversary of the official opening of nine 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 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, a junior commando exhibition and a variety of birthday party games, with refreshments and prizes for the winners.

The December schedule for playground birthday celebrations is as follows:

<u>Borough</u>	<u>Playground and Location</u>	<u>Opened</u>	<u>Time of Celebration</u>
Manhattan	82 Street & Riverside Drive	Dec. 4, 1937	3:30 p.m.
	Highbridge Park, Edgecomb Avenue & West 167 Street	Dec. 5, 1936	3:30 p.m.
Brooklyn	Underhill & Prospect Avenues	Dec. 3, 1938	3:30 p.m.
	McLaughlin Park, Tillary & Jay Streets	Dec. 11, 1936	3:30 p.m.
	Heckscher Playground, Grove Street & Wilson Avenue	Dec. 19, 1935	2:00 p.m.
	Greenwood & Prospect Avenues	Dec. 19, 1935	3:00 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.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
Arsenal, Central Park
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M. Sealip
For Release SATURDAY
November 28, 1942

*Sent 13:10 pm
11/27/42*

The Department of Parks announces the closing of ten municipal golf courses and the pitch and putt course at Jacob Riis Park, at the close of play on Sunday, November 29th.

During the past season, more than 558,929 rounds were played over the ten courses, and approximately 16,619 rounds were played on the pitch and putt course. The courses were open to the members of the armed forces free of charge and some 2,347 soldiers, sailors and marines took advantage of these facilities.

The Park Department also announces that after November 29th 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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Dr. Hensley

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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*Delivered
11/25/42
4:50 PM*

FOR RELEASE Friday,
November 27, 1942

The Department of Parks announces that the finals of the Roller Hockey Tournament for boys of Park playgrounds, who are under 19 years of age will take place at 105 Street and Riverside Park, Manhattan, on Sunday, November 29, at 2:30 P.M.

Interborough contests have been held during the past three weeks and the teams representing Manhattan and Queens will participate in next Sunday's contest to determine the city championship.

Sweatshirts will be awarded to the winning team and gold pins to the runner-up. Silver pins will be given to the borough winners.

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Wednesday
 For Release Nov. 25, 1942

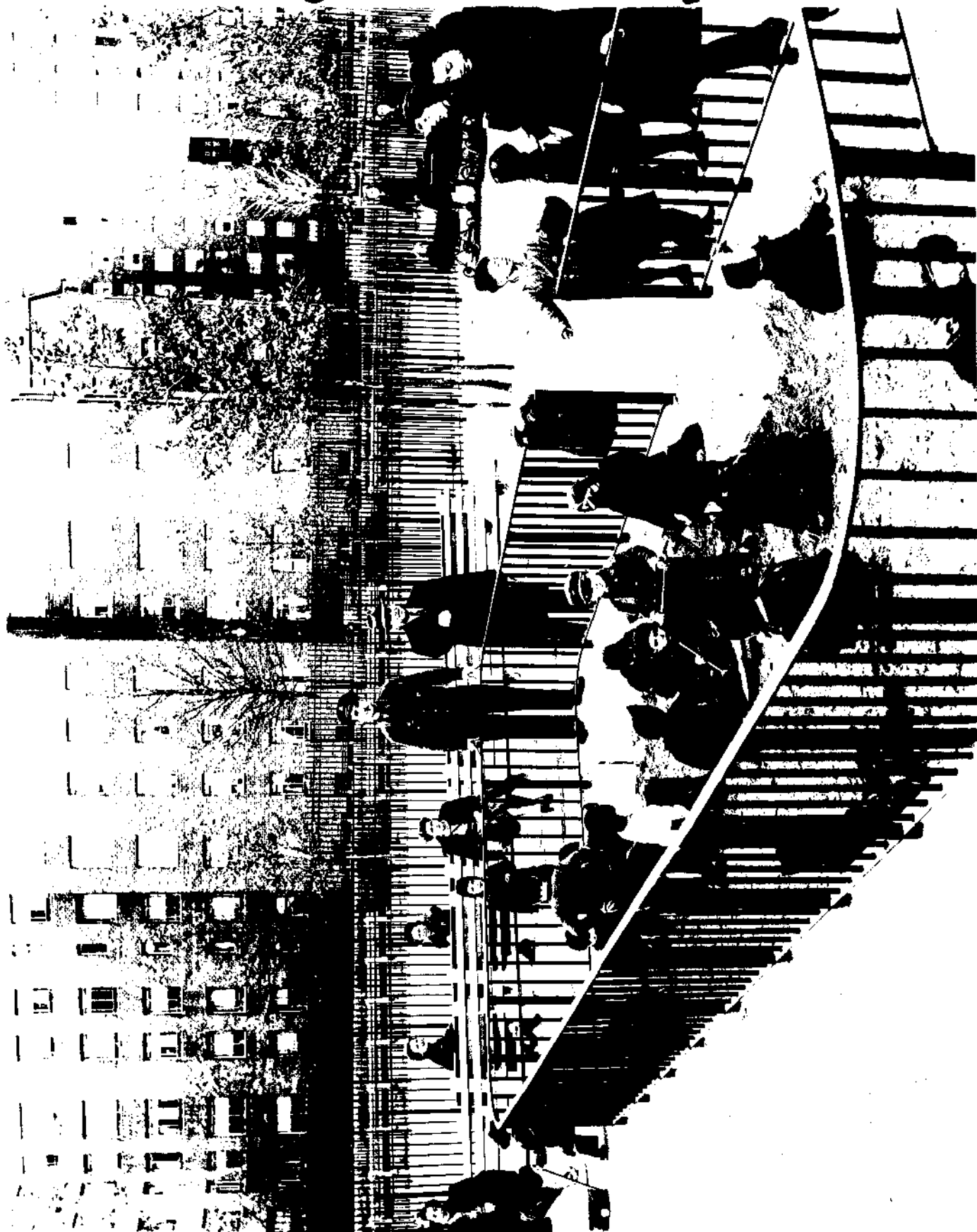
The Department of Parks announces the opening of a new playground on the west side of East River Drive between 102nd Street and 105th Street, Manhattan. Approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres in extent, the site is under the jurisdiction of the New York City Housing Authority as part of the East River Houses development. A former transfer of improved Department of Parks property, a portion of which occupied the new playground site, was based on the future development of a recreational area as part of the housing development. This new facility is now available to the entire neighborhood as well as the residents of the East River Houses.

The Housing Project made ^{it} necessary ^{to close} the ~~closure~~ of 103rd Street and 104th Street between 1st Avenue and East River Drive. The Housing Authority constructed a low granite wall around three sides of the proposed play area providing three entrance points. A seven foot wrought iron picket fence with gates has been set in a concrete foundation just inside the existing granite wall and along the East River Drive sidewalk. A 40 foot wide strip running east and west through the middle of the playground has been paved with concrete but will be reserved, clear of obstruction, for a future ramp approach to the proposed Wards Island Footbridge. A comfort station will be built in the playground under this approach.

The north half of the playground contains a concrete wading pool, irrigated sand pit, sitting area, seesaws, slides, a battery of chair swings; pipe frame exercise unit and a battery of swings.

The south end has been provided with court games including: basketball, shuffleboard and paddle tennis courts.

The improvement which was constructed by the Works Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks also included a drinking fountain, tool storage building, flag pole, drainage, irrigation and lighting. In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs, 66 of which have been reconstructed. There are now with this new addition 485 playgrounds in the park system.



W. H. Heaslip

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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For Release Friday,
November 20, 1942*Delivered 11/18/42
2 30 PM*

The Department of Parks announces that the Volleyball Tournament for girls of the Park playgrounds, who have not reached their seventeenth year, will take place Saturday, November 21, at 2:00 P.M. in Seward Park, East Broadway and Canal Street, New York City.

Interborough contests have been held during the past three weeks, and the teams representing Brooklyn and the Bronx will participate in next Saturdays match to determine the city championship.

Sweatshirts will be awarded to the members of the winning team and gold pins to the runner-up. Borough winners will be awarded silver pins.

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Mr H
For Release Thursday,
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21881*Delivered 2 30 PM
11/18/42*

The Department of Parks announces the opening of a new playground at Fulton and Truxton Streets, Brooklyn. This property slightly over three and a half acres, divided into two sections by Sackman Street, is bounded by Eastern Parkway, Fulton Street, Truxton Street and Van Sinderen Avenue. Originally acquired by the Board of Transportation for subway purposes it was transferred in 1940 to the Department of Parks. Restrictions were placed on construction because of the existing subway.

The Board of Transportation, in connection with the building of a subway entrance, has provided 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 now open to the public, includes retaining walls and a stairway entrance; a sitting area with a memorial flagpole, a roller skating track; a comfort station; a sand pit, wading pool and several pieces of kindergarten play apparatus.

The large triangle east of Sackman Street when completed will contain two basketball, six shuffleboard, three paddle tennis, three handball, two bocci, and four horseshoe courts, and a sitting area near the subway entrance. A large central open play area will serve for roller skating and softball.

The construction of the playground was done by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks. In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs, 66 of which have been reconstructed. There are now with this new addition 484 playgrounds in the park system.

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Mr. H
For Release Thursday,
November 19, 1942

*Delivered
11/18/42
2:30 PM*

The Department of Parks announces the birth in the Central Park Zoo of a baby Aoudad on November 17, 1942 at 5:30 P.M.

The new arrival, weighing six pounds, is the second offspring this year of Bill and Tuts. The father was purchased from the Mesker Zoo, Evansville, Indiana, August 28, 1940, and the mother, Tuts, was donated by the New York Zoological Society, April 28, 1930.

The baby is on exhibition.

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For Release Saturday,
November 7, 1942

The Park Department announces that the Annual Fall Chrysanthemum Show in the Prospect Park Brooklyn Greenhouse will open on Sunday, November 8, 1942, at 10 A.M.

The Greenhouse is located at Prospect Park West and Ninth Street, Brooklyn, and may be reached by way of the I.R.T. Subway, Grand Army Plaza Station; the Independent Subway, Seventh 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 Exhibit will be open every day from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. for three weeks and the Park Department extends a cordial invitation to view the display.

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 Greenhouse are numerous smaller size chrysanthemums in 75 varieties, such as the Pompons, the Anemone and the Single Daisy type.

In the class of varieties in all shades of bronze, red, yellow and white, some of the outstanding chrysanthemums to be exhibited are the Crimson Red, Purple Queen, Red Rover, Orchid Beauty, Cleopatra and New York.

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Press photographers may take pictures on Friday, November 6, between 1 and 4 P.M. and Saturday, November 7, between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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445 PM
For Release Saturday,
October 31, 1942

The Department of Parks announces that a program of Boxing Exhibitions has been planned for the fall and winter season according to the following schedule:

- November 13 - Colonial Play Center, 153 St. & Bradhurst Ave., Manhattan
(Intra-playground exhibition)
- November 20 - McCarren Play Center vs Faber Play Center at
Faber Play Center, Richmond Terrace, Port Richmond, S.I.
- November 27 - East 54 Street Gym vs Crotona Play Center at
Mullaly Playground, 161 Street & Jerome Ave., Bronx
- December 4 - West 28 Street Gym vs Colonial Play Center at
West 28 Street Gym, 407 West 28 Street, Manhattan
- December 11 - Crotona Play Center vs Thomas Jefferson Play Center at
Thomas Jefferson Play Center, East 111 St. & First Ave., Man.
- December 11 - Colonial Play Center vs Carlton YMCA, Brooklyn at
Colonial Play Center, 153 Street & Bradhurst Avenue, Man.
- December 18 - Astoria Play Center vs McCarren Play Center at
McCarren Play Center, Driggs Ave. & Lorimer St., Brooklyn
- January 3 - East 54 Street Gym vs Astoria Play Center at
Astoria Play Center, 19 Street opposite 23 Drive, Queens

All the exhibitions will start promptly at 8:30 P.M.

These schedules are a part of a boxing program for young men conducted at the above listed gymnasiums.

The boxing is under the supervision of Park personnel who have had training in the art of self-defense.

The program includes calisthenics, gymnastics, track athletics and the various styles of boxing. Boxing gloves, punching bags, skipping ropes, mats are provided by the Park Department at all locations.

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10/29/42

For Release Saturday,
October 31, 1942

The Department of Parks announces that the anniversary of the official opening of 12 Park Department playgrounds will be celebrated by the children of these recreation areas during the month of November 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 basketball 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 and a variety of birthday party games, with refreshments and prizes for the winners.

The November schedule for playground birthday celebrations is as follows:

<u>Borough</u>	<u>Playground Location</u>	<u>Opened</u>	<u>Time of Celebrations</u>
Manhattan	Chelsea Roof Plgd., 9 Ave. & West 27 St.	Nov. 27, 1937	3:30 P.M.
	Harlem Housing, W. 150 St. & Harlem River	Nov. 28, 1937	2:30 P.M.
Brooklyn	Playground at Neptune Ave. & West 23 St.	Nov. 7, 1936	11:00 A.M.
	Shiplacoff Plgd., Pitkin Ave. & Powell St.	Nov. 11, 1937	11:30 A.M.
	Playground at Marion St. & Hopkinson Ave.	Nov. 24, 1938	4:00 P.M.
Bronx	Playground at East 183 St. & Ryer Avenue	Nov. 11, 1936	2:00 P.M.
	Devoe Park, University Ave. & West 188 St.	Nov. 22, 1935	4:00 P.M.
Queens	Playground at 95 Avenue & 125 Street	Nov. 1, 1939	2:00 P.M.
	Maurice Plgd., Borden, Maurice & 54 Aves.	Nov. 3, 1940	3:00 P.M.
	Flushing Memorial Plgd., Bayside Ave. & 25 Avenue	Nov. 9, 1934	11:00 A.M.
	Corona 102 Street Playground	Nov. 12, 1934	3:00 P.M.
	O'Connor Playground, 32 Ave. & 210 St.	Nov. 22, 1935	3:00 P.M.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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October 31, 1942

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The Department of Parks announces the closing of the clay tennis courts on Sunday night, November 1, 1942.

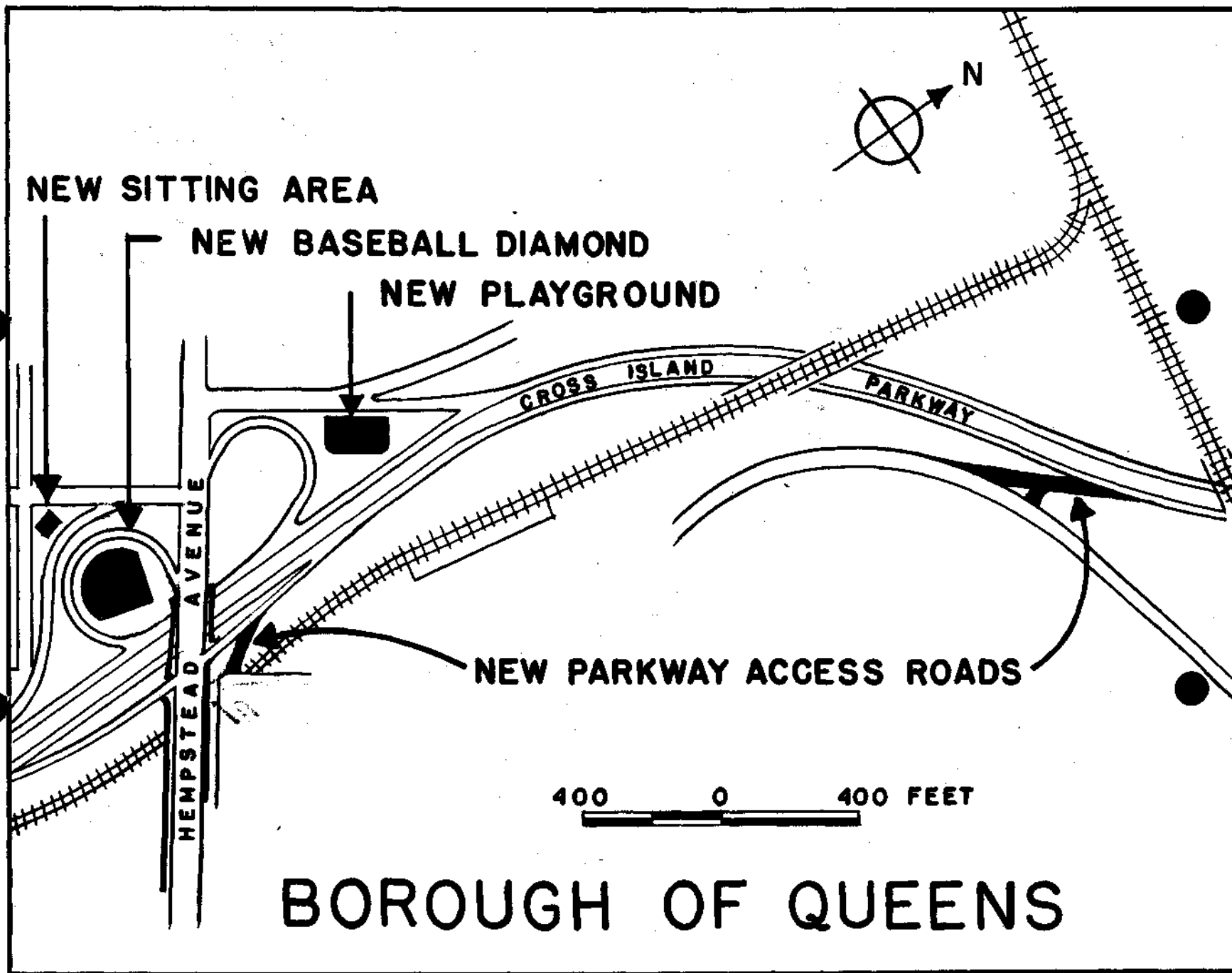
The hard surface courts will remain open until November 29th. After that date, players who bring their own equipment including nets, will be permitted to use these courts free of charge.

During the 1942 season, 14,345 players took advantage of the 525 courts scattered throughout the five boroughs by paying the \$3.00 seasonal permit fee.

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PLAYGROUNDS & ACCESS ROADS
AT HEMPSTEAD AVE & BELT (CROSS ISLAND) PARKWAY
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Bids were opened today by the Department of Parks at the Arsenal Building in Central Park on a contract for the reconstruction of the stone seawall along the south and west shore of Randall's Island, Borough of Manhattan.

The old wall is approximately one mile long and extends from the Manhattan approach of the Triborough Bridge to the south end of the island at Hellgate Bridge. Short sections of the wall are completely washed out and the entire profile is irregular from stones being dislodged into the river. This condition in addition to exposing the earth to erosion presents an unsightly appearance from East River Drive on the opposite side of the Harlem River.

The contract provides for new construction and rebuilding the dry masonry wall to a smooth profile following the contours of the island. Grass lawns will be developed adjacent to the wall on new fill and sections of the marginal park walk will be repaved.

The three lowest bids were submitted by the following:

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| 1. Nicholas DiMenna & Sons
1525 Blondell Avenue
New York City | \$22,330.00 |
| 2. Albert G. MacInnis
15 Park Row
New York City | 24,990.00 |
| 3. F.P.S. Contracting Co., Inc.
2861 Coddington Avenue
Bronx, New York | 28,185.00 |

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The Department of Parks announces that out of 180 pictures 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 - "Sunday Artist" by Martin Kleinman, Age 14 years
 1932 East 13 Street, Brooklyn
- 2nd Place - "Slide Susan Slide" by Gladys Klein, Age 12 years
 1699 East 2 Street, Brooklyn
- 3rd Place - "For Defense" by Emanuel Turner, Age 15 years
 1055 Walton Avenue, Bronx

Honorable Mention was given to the following contestants:

Paul Hoffman, 1945 East 32 Street, Brooklyn
 George Horn, 1401 Avenue S, Brooklyn

Senior Division - (over 16 years of age)

- 1st Place - "Ball In The Air" by Mrs. E. J. O'Connor
 86 East End Avenue, Manhattan
- 2nd Place - "Girl Feeding A Pigeon" by Jack Garber
 308 East 5 Street, Brooklyn
- 3rd Place - "Steeplechase Winner" by John P. Connolly
 34 Hillside Avenue, Manhattan

Honorable Mention was given to the following contestants:

Morton Bernstein, 1752 Monroe Avenue, Bronx
 John P. Connolly, 34 Hillside Avenue, Manhattan
 Percy J. Hussakof, 380 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn
 Mrs. John J. Tehan, 1503 Metropolitan Avenue, N. Y. C.
 Florence Ward, 238 Madison Avenue, Manhattan

The prizes consist of the following:

- First Place in each division - \$10 in War Savings Stamps
- Second Place in each division - \$5 in War Savings Stamps
- Third Place in each division - \$3 in War Savings Stamps

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

The judges of the contest were: Paul J. Wolf, Paul Schum, Joseph Cormier and E. V. Smith.

All the prize pictures, together with those credited with honorable mention, will be on display in the American Museum of Natural History, 79 Street and Central Park West, Manhattan, beginning October 22 and continuing through Saturday, October 31, from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. with the exception of Sunday, October 25, when the hours will be from 1 P.M. to 5 P.M.

Presentation of prizes to the winning competitors will take place on Sunday, October 25, at 3:30 P.M. at the Museum of Natural History.

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Friday,

For Release October 16, 1942

The Department of Parks announces the opening of a new one acre playground in Manhattan located in the eastern half of the block bounded by Park Avenue, Madison Avenue, East 108th Street and East 109th Street.

The entire block was acquired by the City in 1941 for a school site and playground. Clearing the densely built up area of old four and five story brick and brownstone dwellings was started in September of last year. All buildings on the western half of the block were demolished by the Board of Education in preparation for the future construction of a public school. The school site has been leveled and surfaced with a mixture of sand and cinders.

The shortage of critical war materials which became acute after the construction of the playground was started made it necessary to omit temporarily all chain link fencing and metal goal standards and also prevented the completion of the brick comfort station. Because of the lack of bituminous material, concrete in various finishes was substituted for surfacing the play areas.

The following facilities have been completed: four handball courts, three shuffleboard courts and a softball diamond.

Paved areas for volleyball and basketball have been provided but will be used for open play until equipment is available.

New concrete sidewalks and street trees have been installed around the playground but only a few of the required number of benches have been provided.

Although the playground lacks necessary equipment it will serve in part the local recreational needs until material is available at the conclusion of the war.

The construction of the playground was done by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks. In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs, 66 of which have been reconstructed. There are now with this new addition 483 playgrounds in the park system.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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Sunday,

For Release October 11, 1942

Delivered 12 noon
10/10/42

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

All the gymnasias have adequate shower and dressing facilities and will be open from 2 P.M. to 10 P.M. daily with the exception of Cherry and Oliver, which will operate from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. The program of activities includes basketball, handball, shuffleboard, volleyball, badminton, ping pong, track, gymnastics, group games, magic demonstrations, puppet and marionette shows, club meetings, roller skating carnival, roller hockey tournament and calisthenics.

Boxing will be conducted at seven designated Park Department indoor recreation areas.

The various gymnasias are located as follows:

BoroughGymnasias and Locations

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 & Oliver - Cherry and Oliver Streets
Brooklyn	President Street - President Street and 4 Avenue
Richmond	Cromwell Center - Victory Boulevard & 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 Director at the following locations:

Manhattan - Philip J. Cruise, Arsenal Building, 64 Street & 5 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, S.I.

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 pool at 23 Street and Avenue A, opened from 11 A.M. to 7 P.M. and one at Bedford and Metropolitan Avenues, Brooklyn, operating from 3 P.M. to 10 P.M. daily and 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. on Saturdays.

Swimming classes are conducted for beginners at all these pools. At various intervals throughout the fall and winter seasons, swimming tournaments will be held for all age groups.

Twelve of the outdoor pools have been converted into active play areas. 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, basketball, shuffleboard, softball and various group games.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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M. Henslip
For Release Saturday,
October 10, 1942

Delayed
10/8/42 3:30 PM

The Department of Parks announces that a holiday program of Marionettes, Magic and Music for children will be presented on the Mall, 72 Street and Center Drive, Central Park, Manhattan, Sunday, October 11, at 2 P.M. In case of rain, the performance will be given on Monday, October 12.

The main feature of the program will be "Peter and the Pirates", a marionette show. In addition, there will be clown acts, magic, a bag punching demonstration, a mock operetta, band selections and ventriloquism.

These performances will serve as a climax for the series of open air demonstrations given by these special groups in the parks and playgrounds throughout the past season, to an audience of approximately 180,000 children. Besides the entertainment value of such demonstrations, the children have been instructed in the art of carving, moulding and costuming puppets from discarded stockings, rubber balls, and paper bags, as well as learning the technique of many magical tricks.

Arrangements are being made for a series of indoor puppet, marionette and magic shows at designated recreation buildings for the remainder of the year.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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Mr. Heaslip

For Release Friday,
October 9, 1942

*Delivered
10/8/42 3:30 PM*

The Department of Parks announces that the city-wide finals of the shuffleboard tournament will be held at North Meadow, 97 Street and East Drive, Central Park, Manhattan, on Saturday, October 10 at 2:00 P.M.

There will be two divisions, one for men and one for women. The minimum age in both classifications is 18 years.

Playground, district and borough eliminations have been going on for the past six weeks to select the champion in each borough to compete for the city championship next Saturday afternoon.

Sweatshirts with the Park emblem, the sycamore leaf, will be awarded to the winner in each division. Gold pins will be given to the runner-up and silver pins to the borough finalists.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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For Release Friday,
 October 2, 1942

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

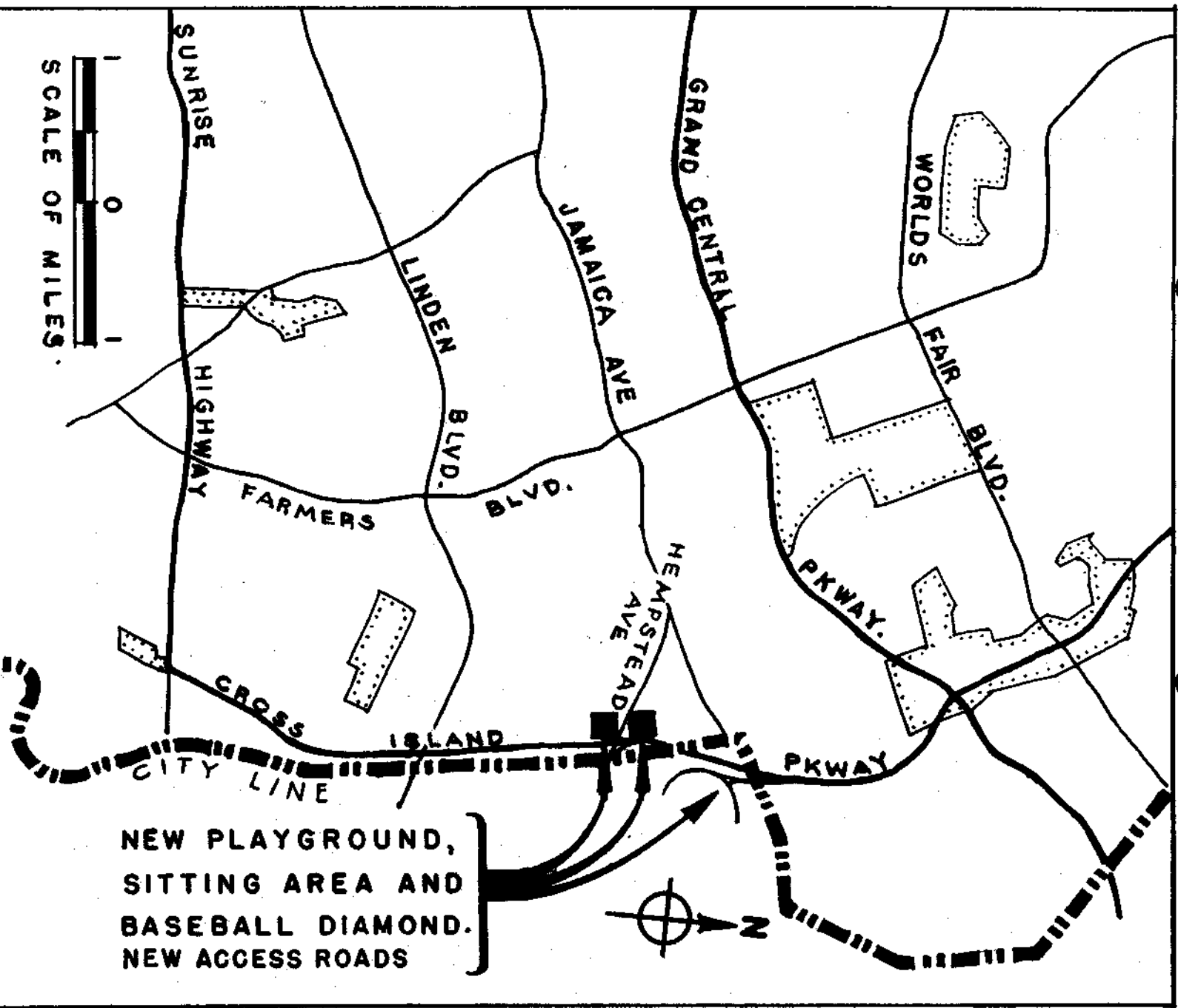
In addition to the usual activities such as basketball, volleyball, handball, shuffleboard, football and roller skating, there will be a variety of special events consisting of novelty races, singing of community and patriotic songs, birthday party games, salute to the flag, Junior Commando Specialty, square dancing, instrumental and vocal selections.

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>
Manhattan	Heckscher Playground, Central Park, 62 Street & West Drive	October 4, 1936	3:00 P.M.
	Playground at Essex & Houston Streets	October 5, 1934	3:30 P.M.
	Columbus Playground, Baxter & Worth Streets	October 12, 1934	4:00 P.M.
	Colonial Playground, Bradhurst Ave. and West 153 Street	October 16, 1936	3:00 P.M.
	Lillian D. Wald Playground, Cherry, Monroe & Gouverneur Streets	October 18, 1934	3:30 P.M.
	Gulick Playground, Delancey, Broome & Sheriff Streets	October 25, 1934	3:30 P.M.
Brooklyn	Playground at Gerittsen Avenue & Avenue X	October 2, 1936	3:30 P.M.
	Carroll Playground, Smith & Carroll Streets	October 2, 1936	3:30 P.M.
	Leiv Eiriksson Playground, 5 Avenue & 66 Street	October 12, 1934	2:00 P.M.
	Bill Brown Memorial Playground, Bedford Avenue & Avenue X	October 14, 1935	3:30 P.M.
	Crispus Attucks Playground, Fulton Street & Classon Avenue	October 26, 1934	2:00 P.M.
	Taaffe Place Playground, Myrtle Avenue & Taaffe Place	October 28, 1934	3:30 P.M.
	Williamsburg Housing Playground, Manhattan Ave. & Scholes Street	October 29, 1937	4:00 P.M.
	Playground at Dahill & 38 Street	October 29, 1937	4:00 P.M.
Queens	Baisley Park Playground, 116 Avenue & 155 Street	October 19, 1940	3:30 P.M.
	Thompson Hill Playground, Greenpoint Avenue & 47 Avenue	October 25, 1937	2:00 P.M.
Bronx	Pulaski Playground, East 133 Street & Willis Avenue	October 11, 1939	4:00 P.M.
	Pelham Bay Park Playground, #1 & #2 Eastern Blvd., & Willow Lane	October 11, 1941	3:30 P.M.
	Playground at East 164 Street & Teasdale Place	October 14, 1935	3:30 P.M.
	Fort #4 Playground, Sedgwick and Reservoir Avenues	October 14, 1934	3:30 P.M.
	Playground at Spofford Avenue and Faile Street	October 14, 1935	3:30 P.M.

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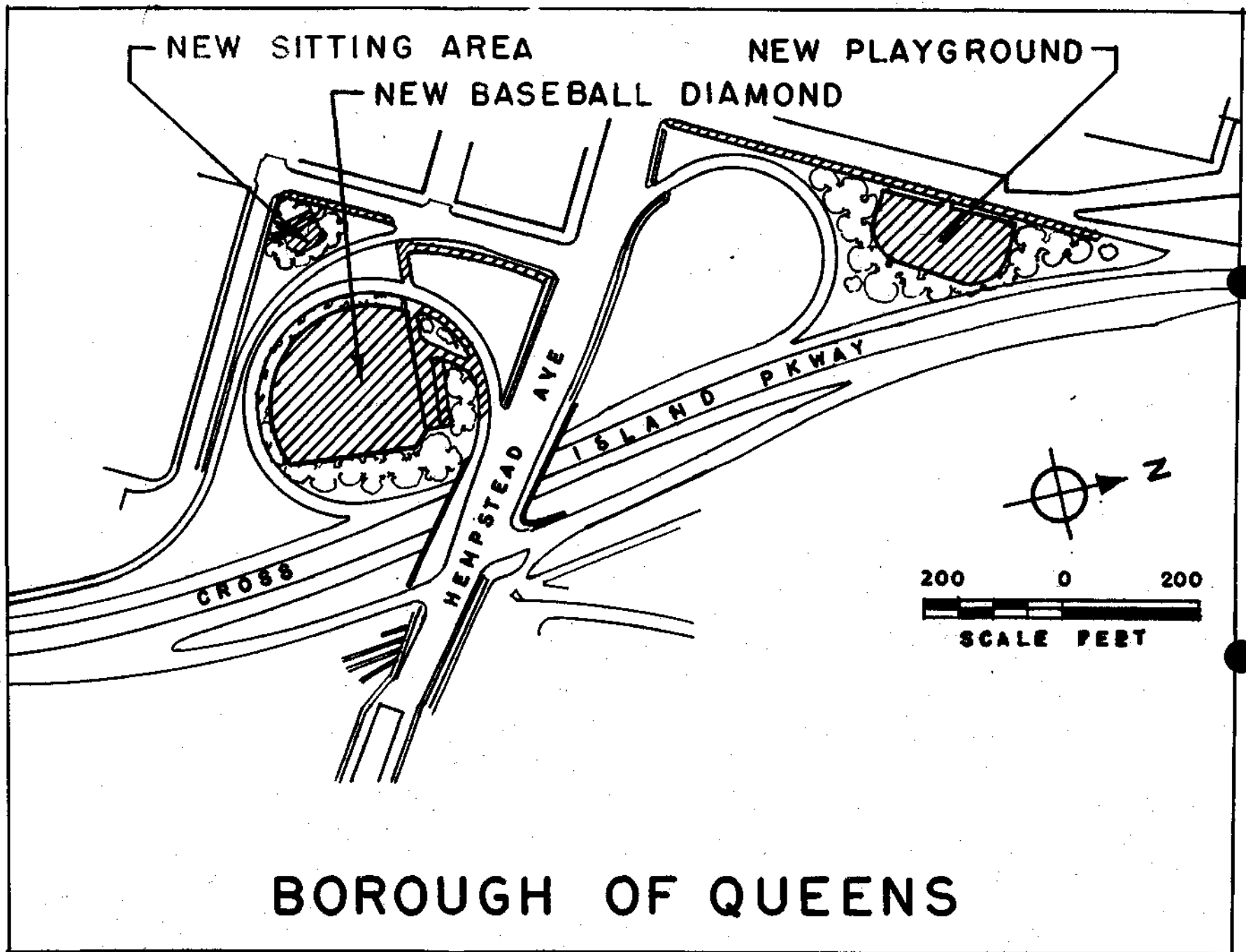


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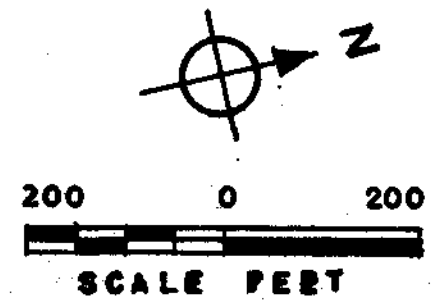
NEW PLAYGROUND,
SITTING AREA AND
BASEBALL DIAMOND.
NEW ACCESS ROADS

PLAYGROUNDS AT HEMPSTEAD AVE.
& BELT (CROSS-ISLAND) PARKWAY - QUEENS
DRAWN BY W.C. 10/6/41

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BOROUGH OF QUEENS



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For Release Thursday,

October 1, 1942

The Department of Parks announces that both the roller and ice skating rinks at the City Building in Flushing Meadow Park, Queens, will open for the 1942-43 season on Friday, October 2, at 8:00 P.M.

Admission on the opening night will be free. There will be entertainment with exhibitions of dancing, roller skating and ice skating, free public dancing and free roller and ice skating until midnight. Music for the occasion will be provided by "The Rolling Styles" of Reggie Childs and His Orchestra featuring Loretta Vale and Paul Carley, furnished through the courtesy of the Consolidated Edison Company.

The program is as follows:

Organ Music

Call to Colors

National Anthem and Raising of Flag

Public Dancing

Dance Exhibition by

Park Department Harvest Dance Festival
 1942 All-Round Champions

Park Department Harvest Dance Festival
 1942 Jitterbug Champions

Solo and Pair Roller Skating Exhibitions by
 National Champions

Solo and Pair Ice Skating Exhibitions by
 National Figure Skating Champions

Ice and Roller Skating

Since the rinks closed last spring the roller floor has been resurfaced and other alterations made so that skating may be enjoyed at its best.

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Starting Saturday, October 3, the building will be operated on the following schedule: Free morning sessions for children under fourteen years of age, on Saturdays, school vacation days and holidays except Christmas day, from 9:30 to 12 noon; afternoon sessions, admission 20¢ including tax, on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 2 to 5 P.M. and also on week days from 2:30 to 5:30 P.M.; evening sessions, 7:30 to 11 P.M., admission 40¢ including tax.

Ice skates can be rented at a charge of 50¢, roller skates are issued free of charge. General admission for spectators to the building is 9¢ for children under twelve years of age and 11¢ including tax for all others. There will be a special speed ice skating session every Saturday evening from 5:15 to 6 P.M. with the regular admission of 40¢. There is no additional charge for checking clothes.

Excellent eating facilities are provided at reasonable prices for the convenience of the patrons. There is also private dining room space on the balcony overlooking the skating rink where special banquet parties may be conducted by organizations and groups.

In accordance with the department's policy established early this year admission to members of the Allied Forces in uniform will be free.

The building may be reached via the following transit lines:

IRT, BMT subways to 111th Street, Corona Station. Pedestrian walk to the building.

Independent lines to Grand Avenue Station, Flushing Ridgewood trolley to Horace Harding Boulevard and Grand Central Parkway. Pedestrian walk to the building.

Free automobile parking space is provided adjacent to the building.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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Mr. Hendricks
For Release Sunday,
September 27, 1942

The Department of Parks announces that the city-wide finals in the softball tournament for girls 16 years of age and older and men over 21 years will take place at Macombs Dam Park, Bronx, on Sunday, September 27, according to the following schedule.

In the girls event the borough of Richmond will play Bronx at 12 noon.

Simultaneously, in the men's division, the winning team from Richmond will play that of Brooklyn. The winner of this semi-final game will play the team from the Bronx to decide the city championship at 2:00 p.m.

Sweatshirts bearing the sycamore leaf emblem of the Park Department will be awarded the members of the winning team and gold pins to the losers. Silver pins will be given to the borough winners.

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For Release Wednesday,
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The Department of Parks announces the completion and opening to the public of a new playground adjacent to Public School Number 35 located in the middle of the block, bounded by Summer Avenue, McDonough Street, Lewis Avenue and Decatur Street, Brooklyn.

The site was acquired in July of 1941 by the Board of Estimate for school and playground purposes. During school hours the playground will be operated by the Board of Education and at all other times by the Department of Parks for general community use.

In preparation for the playground, 18 two and three family buildings had to be demolished. The playground, approximately 200 feet square, lies immediately west of the existing school which will be considerably expanded after the war. Access to the facility is controlled by three gates, one leading to the school and one each to McDonough and Decatur Streets.

A softball field with hooded backstop, one basketball court with removable standards, two practice basketball standards and four handball courts have been provided.

The construction of the playground was done by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks. In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs, 66 of which have been reconstructed. There are now with this new addition 482 playgrounds in the park system.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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For Release Tuesday,
 September 22, 1942

The Department of Parks announces that the first city-wide championship in the Harvest Dance Contest will be held on the Mall, Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Drive, Tuesday, September 22, at 8:30 P.M. In the event of rain, the contest will be held at the same location on the following night.

On the judges stand will be the following personages well known in the field of dancing: Arthur Murray, director of the Arthur Murray School of Dancing; Oscar Duryea, director of the Duryea Dancing Studios; Donald Sawyer, director of the Sawyer studios; Florence Doughty, director of the Florence Doughty Dance Studios and Lawrence A. Hostetler, Author of "The Art of Social Dancing" and faculty member of New York University. Also present as invited guests and Honorary Judges will be Mayor LaGuardia, Al Smith, Park Commissioner Robert Moses, Floyd L. Carlisle, Chairman of the Board of Consolidated Edison Company, Clarence L. Law, Vice-President, Consolidated Edison Company, Rear Admiral E. J. Marquart, U. S. N., Commandant, 3rd Naval District, and Major General T. A. Terry, U. S. A., Commanding General, 2nd Corps Area.

During the past two weeks, the preliminary competitions were held in each of the five boroughs. Large audiences turned out to witness the terpschorean art in all its forms and expressions. The devotees of the waltz and the fox trot were hard pressed for audience interest by the up and going jitterbugs. The judges of the respective borough contests, after much deliberation, decided that ninety-five couples qualified for the city-wide finals on September 22. This selection was predicated on a comprehensive variety of factors, including posture and appearance, tempo and rhythm, proper execution and variety.

Throughout the preliminaries, two items of unusual interest have been: the special division for the men of the Armed Forces, and the Old Timers Waltz, whose finalists will appear on this same evening.

Each couple will be permitted to demonstrate its ability in a limited period of time, and will be adjudged according to the Olympic Scoring System.

Handsome prizes of substantial value will be awarded to each contestant who attains first place in each of the five classifications. In addition, there will be a trophy for the best all 'round dancing team.

Dick Rogers and his orchestra will officiate for the evening with Sid Garris acting as Master of Ceremonies. To add to the evening's entertainment, Mr. Fred Carattini and Miss Bessie Larotonda, the winners of the recent Daily News Harvest Moon Ball, will give a demonstration of their technique which merited them first place.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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W. Sealup
For Release FRIDAY
September 18, 1942

Del: 9/17/42 - 1 p.m.

The Department of Parks announces that the City-wide finals of the chess and checkers tournament will take place at Heckscher Playground, Central Park, on Saturday, September 19. The junior group, consisting of boys and girls who have not reached their 17th birthday, will begin at 11 a.m. The two remaining groups of contestants, ranging from 17 to 50, and those over fifty, will play at 2 p.m. Chess finals will be held at the same location on Sunday, September 20, at 10 a.m.

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.

Gold and silver pins 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 THURSDAY
September 17, 1942

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POST-WAR SEWAGE DISPOSAL

FUTURE BATHING BEACHES AND
OTHER PARK WATERFRONT IMPROVEMENTS

The City now has twelve miles of public bathing beaches located at Coney Island, Brooklyn; Jacob Riis Park and Rockaway Beach, Queens; Orchard Beach, Bronx; and South Beach and Wolfe's Pond, Richmond. Each year these beaches receive increasingly heavy use and it is generally recognized that in years to come they will be inadequate.

The water at these beaches has been affected little, if any, by the sewage pollution of the City's bounding waters. There was a time when safety of the water at Coney Island was seriously jeopardized, but this condition was remedied in 1935 by the construction of the first unit of the Coney Island disposal plant and will be entirely corrected upon the completion of the present program. There had been some slight pollution of the waters at Orchard Beach by the sewers at City Island, but the plant on Hart's Island started treatment of this sewage a few days ago, so that now there is no danger from pollution of the waters at any of the public beaches.

There are still many miles of undeveloped beach frontage in park areas which will be suitable for public bathing when pollution, brought about by the indifference of former administrations, has been removed. Much of this additional beach area is more readily accessible to congested neighborhoods, and when developed will make bathing available to thousands of people who are unable to use existing beaches.

With the exception of the Coney Island and Hart's Island plants, the sewage disposal systems already in operation have had little effect on the condition of water at the established beaches. The other plants at

Ward's Island, Bowery Bay, and Tallman's Island were intended primarily to clean up the indescribably filthy condition of the waters in the heart of the City.

The post-war program of construction of public improvements contemplates the completion of almost the entire sewage disposal system in the City. Some of the additional plants are under construction and will be in partial or complete operation even before the end of the war, although only contracts presently in force can be completed because of priorities and other conditions incident to the war effort.

Along the north shore of Jamaica Bay there are three miles of publicly owned beach. Taking advantage of the clean-up of the waters of Jamaica Bay, the development of the upland area between Spring Creek Basin and Fresh Creek Basin, and the construction of a bathing beach at Canarsie Park, will be the first major step toward the development of Jamaica Bay for recreation purposes. The development of the upland areas will provide picnic grounds, parking fields and game areas, while the construction of a beach at Canarsie will provide the first bathing beach in these waters. This beach will form a part of the development of Canarsie Park, which is already partially completed. The Jamaica disposal plant now under construction, located at the head of Bergen Basin, will be completed and placed in operation this year. The 26th Ward plant, just east of Canarsie, is under construction but cannot be completed until after the war. It is expected, however, to be placed in partial operation next year. The immediate operation of these plants will partially clear up the pollution of Jamaica Bay, but the complete purification of the bathing area at Canarsie cannot be expected until after the war, when the 26th Ward Plant and the Rockaway Plant,

to be built on Beach Channel just east of Beach 116 Street, can be completed.

At Little Bay on the north shore of Queens, and at Ferry Point Park in the Bronx, there are more waterfront areas which are planned for bathing, to provide the additional facilities so badly needed in the Bronx and relieve the pressure and crowds at Orchard Beach. On the opposite side of the East River, south of Throggs Neck, Little Bay forms a natural location for a bathing beach. This development is adjacent to the Cross Island Parkway and the Clearview Golf Course. The purification of the waters at these beaches depends upon the treatment of sewage coming from the northerly section of Queens, east of Flushing. This requires the construction of an intercepting sewer to carry the sewage to the Tallman's Island plant.

The balance of pollution in this area will be remedied by the construction of the Hunts Point plant in the Bronx, which will serve the whole east half of the Bronx. Plans are now being drawn for the construction of this plant, but no construction can be undertaken until after the war.

The completion of construction of the Rockaway, 26th Ward, and Hunts Point plants, and the north Queens intercepting sewer, will make safe bathing conditions for an additional mile and one-half of public beach. In general, it will take about two years for this construction, and one year thereafter for pollution of the waters to eliminate itself. This means that these beaches will be safe for public use within three years after the end of the war.

At Dykers Beach it is not likely that the construction of the Owl's Head plant will be sufficient to make the beach safe for bathing. The Passaic Valley sewer outfall at Robbins Reef, in the center of the Upper Bay, discharges 150 million gallons per day of partially treated sewage, which undoubtedly will still be felt at Dyker Beach. This sewer is specifically exempted

from the jurisdiction of the Interstate Sanitation Commission. Some years ago the City started legal action to clean up this condition, but the case was thrown out of court because the City itself had accomplished little or nothing in the purification of its own sewage. With this as a precedent, it is apparent that the City must clean its own house before it can hope to force the New Jersey communities to take the necessary action to clean up this last major source of pollution of the City's recreational water frontage. However, to supplement the existing swimming pools and to serve the crowded areas of Dyker Heights and Bensonhurst, it is planned to construct a swimming pool in Dyker Beach Park. Together with additional playground and recreation facilities, this will complete the development of Dyker Beach Park, facilities of which have recently been increased by the field sports and playground areas along the Shore Parkway.

Besides these beach developments, there are other waterfront park improvements under way or proposed. Sound View Park on the East River at the mouth of the Bronx River, when completed, will not only be one of the most intensively developed waterfront parks, but also an example of what can be accomplished by regulated water and land fills jointly controlled by the Departments of Sanitation and Parks. In addition to the general park areas for passive recreation and the playgrounds and game areas on its borders, designed for the use of the adjoining neighborhood, which includes the Clason Point Houses development, it will be provided with two large field sports areas, field houses, and ample provisions for spectators.

Filling of this park is now well under way. The bulkhead which will border the waterfront promenade has now been completed and the Department of Sanitation is rapidly filling the area.

In Bronx Park, north of the Botanical Garden, in the area now being developed as a playground, we plan a swimming pool, provided proper arrangements can be made with the New York Botanical Garden.

Hunter Island, one of the most intensively used picnic areas in the City, is scheduled for improvement. This native woodland with its attractive shore line will be developed with the proper facilities for handling even larger numbers of picnickers. It will be provided with additional fireplaces and tables, walks, sanitary facilities and concessions.

At Ward's Island, considerable progress has been made in the program for clearing the island of the hospitals. A portion of the island has already been developed and plans for a pedestrian bridge to connect with the upper east side of Manhattan, have been drawn which will make the island readily accessible to the most congested neighborhood in the City. Eventually, there will be 207 acres of park recreation facilities available. The State post-war program will provide hospitals which will permit the removal of patients from Ward's Island and the completion of the park.

In order to provide additional recreation for the southeasterly section of the Bronx, arrangements have been made to construct a pedestrian overpass which will provide access to Randall's Island for those now living in this section of the Bronx. It has been impossible to find areas of sufficient size to provide field sports, but construction of this overpass across the railroad and the Bronx Kills, will be an ideal solution.

At Inwood Hill Park, the development of one of the most picturesque park sites in Manhattan has been substantially completed. A boat basin was created by straightening the Harlem River Ship Canal and joining the resulting island to Manhattan. A boat house and dock will be completed after the war.

Considerable progress has already been made in the conversion of Flushing Meadow Park from a fair site to a park and recreation area, by locating athletic fields and playgrounds for neighborhood use along the boundaries. The next stage in the development will be the completion of the portion west of Grand Central Parkway between Horace Harding Boulevard and the Long Island Rail Road, and the development of additional areas in the vicinity of the Amphitheatre, now a permanent outdoor swimming pool, and along Lawrence and Rodman Streets.

The development of the tidal swamp at Alley Park east of the Belt Parkway, will reclaim this area and provide recreational facilities, including field sports, small playgrounds for local use, picnic areas, and continuation of the Cross Island Parkway bicycle path. A part of the fill for this area has already been placed.

With the completion of the development at Great Kills, Richmond, as a boat basin, bathing beach, and recreation area, Marine Park will provide one of the largest and most complete waterfront parks in the City. Several million additional yards of fill will have to be placed by the Department of Sanitation before other work can proceed. Meanwhile, funds have been provided for contract plans which will be ready to let at the end of the war.

For several years, the Park Department has requested funds for the construction of additional facilities in Marine Park, Brooklyn, to supplement playgrounds built by the WPA. Each year, Capital Budget request has been denied. However, as part of the post-war program, funds have now been provided to do extensive work in this large waterfront park, and an adequate amount is available for detailed plans. In addition to the usual recreation and park features, a boat basin, golf course, and additional picnic areas are provided.

This post-war waterfront program, added to what has already been done, will restore to public use New York's greatest natural heritage.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

TEL. REGENT 4-1000

For Release WEDNESDAY
September 16, 1942

The Department of Parks announces the completion of work in connection with the reconstruction of a 1- $\frac{1}{4}$ acre playground on the north side of Aberdeen Street near Bushwick Avenue in the Borough of Brooklyn.

The Property was originally acquired by the City for subway purposes to permit the installation of ventilating structures. The Department of Parks was granted a permit in 1934 to develop the surface as a playground. A circular wading pool and playground apparatus were installed in a fence enclosed bituminous area built on two levels.

The current project for reconstruction just completed included a brick comfort station, relocation of slides, swings and seesaws for kindergarten and older children and a new irrigated sand pit. Repairs were made to the existing chain link fence and new sections and gates were added. The old benches were repaired and new ones installed.

The work of reconstruction which was done 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, 66 of which have been reconstructed. There are now 481 playgrounds in the park system.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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For Release TUESDAY

September 15, 1942

Del: 9/14/42

4:45 p.m.

The Department of Parks announces the beginning of the fall harvests at the ten Park Department Children's Gardens in the five boroughs. On Wednesday afternoon, September 16, at 4 p.m., the Seward Park Gardens will hold its harvest.

Seward Park, at East Broadway and Canal Street, is on the lower east side of the City, an unlikely spot to see corn, beets, broom corn, and peanuts growing. The crops to be harvested by the children from their individual 4' x 8' plots are: corn, beans, carrots, Swiss chard, beets, and kohlrabi.

The seeds, tools, and instruction in gardening are furnished by the Department of Parks as part of its annual recreation program. Other small plots were planted with flowers, cotton, peanuts, broom corn, and other novelties.

Children from the garden club of the Educational Alliance will also participate in the harvesting of the crops.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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For Release TUESDAY

September 15, 1942

Del: 9/14/45
4:45 pm
The Department of Parks announces that entries for the Amateur Photo Contest will be accepted until the closing date, September 19.

This contest, consisting of two divisions namely, children through 16 years of age and persons 17 years and older, has for its subject matter pictures showing recreational activities of children or adults in playgrounds, parks, swimming pools, golf courses, tennis courts or zoos under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks.

Pictures submitted in the junior division need not be any special size, but must be mounted. The senior division entries must be 8" x 10" and mounted on stiff cardboard.

When submitting entries the contestant should write his name, age, address and location where the picture was taken, on the reverse side of the mounting. All negatives should be kept available. Contestants may submit not more than five pictures. The Department of Parks shall have the right to reproduce any picture submitted for Park purposes. Suitable prizes will be awarded in each group.

Entries may be submitted to:

Manhattan	- C. Stark, Supervisor of Recreation, 64 Street & Fifth Avenue, N.Y.C.
Brooklyn	- J. Downing, Supervisor of Recreation, Litchfield Mansion, Prospect Park, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Bronx	- J. McCormack, Supervisor of Recreation, Bronx Park East & Birchall Avenue, Bronx, N.Y.
Queens	- J. Murray, Supervisor of Recreation, The Overlook, Kew Gardens, Queens
Richmond	- Miss McEvoy, Supervisor of Recreation, Clove Lake Field House, New Brighton, Staten Island

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

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M. J. L. J.
For Release SATURDAY

September 12, 1942

del: 9/11/42 - 4:30 p.m.

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1 dev. plan QL: 290-103

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The Department of Parks announces the completion and opening

to the public of a new playground on Central Avenue between 70th Street and 71st Street, Queens.

A portion of this 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 were demolished to provide much needed recreational space for the neighborhood.

The new development includes a brick comfort station, handball and basketball courts, a softball diamond and a free play area. Swings, slides, seasaws and a jungle gym have been installed for the children.

The entire area is enclosed and bordered by shade trees.

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, 65 of which have been reconstructed. There are now with this new addition 481 playgrounds in the park system.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL CENTRAL PARK
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Heaslip
TUESDAY
For Release September 8, 1942

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The Department of Parks announces the completion and opening of a new playground and also the dedication of a memorial flagpole at Park Avenue and Floyd Street, Brooklyn, on September 8 at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor LaGuardia, Borough President Cashmore, Assemblyman Robert J. Crews and Major Irving V. A. Huie, Work Projects Administrator for the City of New York, will participate as speakers. Robert Moses, Commissioner of Parks, will preside.

The one acre rectangular plot occupying a portion of the block between Park Avenue and Floyd Street was acquired February 20, 1941 by condemnation for playground purposes. It is located in one of the older underprivileged neighborhoods where no recreational facilities were available.

Since the land for this playground was acquired, it has been decided to establish one of the new state housing developments in this neighborhood. As part of this plan, the new playground will be expanded so that when the housing development is completed the playground will be twice as large.

Eight three and four story frame residences had to be demolished before work could start on the playground. The playground is built on two levels with a connecting stairway and with entrance gates provided on Park and Floyd Streets. It contains a brick comfort station, shuffleboard, basketball and handball courts, a roller and ice skating area, a wading pool and play apparatus.

The memorial flagpole which will be dedicated contains the following inscription:

In Memory of
Private Samuel V. Crews
World War Veteran
Transportation Corps
Company 875

Samuel Crews was born April 30, 1887 and died July 13, 1929. He was a member of the 47th New York Infantry Post No. 147 and a brother of John R. Crews, Republican leader of Kings County and also of Robert J. Crews, member of the New York State Assembly.

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, 65 of which have been reconstructed. There are now with this addition 480 playgrounds in the park system.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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W. Hensley
 For Release MONDAY
 September 7, 1942

Del: 11:45 PM - 9/15/42

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of a regulation size baseball field on the $4\frac{1}{2}$ acre park at the corner of West Farms Road and East Tremont Avenue, Borough of the Bronx.

This irregular shaped parcel, located in a bend of the Bronx River was acquired by the city in August 1941 by foreclosure proceedings. It was then leased for parking purposes with a cancellation clause permitting development for public purposes.

The property was assigned this summer to the Department of Parks for recreational purposes. A work relief project was immediately engaged in the clearance of the site including minor structures, and the salvage of automobiles and an assortment of scrap materials.

This new park, which was opened to the public on Labor Day will serve a section of the Bronx lacking adequate recreational facilities, especially for baseball and other active games for older boys and adults. The future development will include a field house, bleachers and boundary tree planting.

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

H. Henslip
For Release Sunday,
September 6, 1942

The Department of Parks announces that the last of a series of four Naumburg Memorial concerts will be given on the Mall, Central Park, on Labor Day, September 7, 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, Elkan Naumburg, who donated the bandstand on the Mall.

The concert will be given by the Naumburg orchestra, with Victor Bay as conductor, and Private William Horne as the tenor soloist. The program will include various selections from such famous artists as: Tschaikowsky, Liszt, Bizet, Moussorgsky and Weber.

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

Mr. Healey

For Release Sunday,
September 6, 1942

The Department of Parks announces that the eliminations for the Harvest Dance Contest will take place according to the following schedule:

Brooklyn - Prospect Park, 11 Street & Prospect Park West
Tuesday, September 8, at 8:15 P.M.

Manhattan - Mall, Central Park, 72 Street & Central Park
Wednesday, September 9, at 8:15 P.M.

Bronx - Poe Park, 192 Street & Grand Concourse
Thursday, September 10 at 8:15 P.M.

The winners in these borough eliminations will be eligible to compete in the finals to be held on the Mall, Central Park, on Tuesday, September 22, at 8:15 P.M. Suitable prizes will be awarded to the borough winners.

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

mo Henslip
For Release Sunday,
September 6, 1942

The Department of Parks announces the closing of the 17 outdoor swimming pools and 5 beaches under its jurisdiction on September 7, 1942. 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 30.

Immediately after closing, the following listed pools will be converted into active play areas and reopened for use on Saturday, September 12.

MANHATTAN

Hamilton Fish Pool	- East Houston and Sheriff Streets
Colonial Pool	- Bradhurst Avenue, West 145 and 147 Streets
Highbridge Pool	- Amsterdam Avenue and 173 Street
Thomas Jefferson Pool	- 111 to 114 Streets and First Avenue

BROOKLYN

Sunset Pool	- 7th Avenue and 43 Street
McCarren Pool	- Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street
Red Hook Pool	- Clinton, Bay and Henry Streets
Betsy Head Pool	- Hopkinson, Dumont and Livonia Streets

BRONX

Crotona Pool	- 173 Street and Fulton Avenue
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QUEENS

Astoria Pool	- 19 Street and 23 Drive
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RICHMOND

Faber Pool	- Faber St. 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.

During the season, now closing, 1,955,966 persons have availed themselves of the swimming facilities provided by the 17 outdoor pools, of these, 583,680 were children admitted during the free periods; 792,796 were children who paid 9¢ and 533,274 were adults who paid 25¢ admission. 46,226 members of the armed forces were admitted free during the season.

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

Mr. Heaslip
For Release Friday,
September 4, 1942

*Delivered
9/3/42*

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 East River Park at 10 Street on Saturday, September 5, according to the following schedule:

Girls Junior Division(14 to 17 years)	- 11:00 A.M.
Girls Senior Division(18 years and older)-	2:00 P.M.
Boys Junior Division(14 to 17 years)	- 11:00 A.M.
Boys Senior Division(18 years and older) -	2:00 P.M.
Mixed Doubles Junior Group	- 11:00 A.M.
Mixed Doubles Senior Group	- 2:00 P.M.

Gold pins will be awarded to the finalists in each division and silver pins to the borough winners.

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

For Release IMMEDIATELY,
September 4, 1942

With further reference to Pierce Trowbridge Wetter, his lawyer, William Bradford Roulstone, and Battery Park.

I see that Wetter's counsel has had time to catch his breath and to make some more mis-statements on behalf of his client.

We are now informed that Wetter was a young Quaker pacifist who got into bad company in the last war which he opposed on conscientious grounds. We are further informed that a wicked judge by the name of Landis sent him up for five years for no good reasons, and that a number of distinguished people, most of them now dead, subsequently gave Wetter a clean bill of health.

This is a lovely story, but it happens not to be true. Wetter was one of a gang of thugs and saboteurs who interfered with the military and civil works of the United States in the World War. He was mixed up with such pleasant little pacifists as Haywood and other I.W.W. leaders. He did not have a single characteristic of a Quaker, and I never heard of a Quaker behaving as he did.

The testimony at his trial covers many pages and is a public record. The decision in the case was made not by a single judge but on appeal in a review of the entire proceedings, by the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Did Wetter behave like a Quaker after he got out? He did not. Let me quote two short paragraphs from an article in the New York Times of July 19, 1923, which will indicate that Wetter, then twenty-eight years old, was not much of a patriot and upholder of American institutions: The Times article was entitled "20,000 I.W.W.'s Move On Port Arthur, Texas." Here are the quotations: "According to Pierce C. Wetter, 107 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, who is one of the leaders here, about 200 members of the Marine Transport Workers' branch have

already started for the Texas town. Within a few days, he said, a second call would be sent out which would call the workers from the wheat fields of the Middle West. According to Wetter, 20,000 I.W.W.'s are expected to march on Port Arthur." ---

"The plan, according to Wetter, is to 'overrun the town' with jobless I.W.W.'s and thus create a problem for the local authorities. At the same time, resolutions of protest will be forwarded to the Mayor."

Does this end the record? By no means. Only a few weeks ago Wetter was one of a group of people who made the wildest and most irresponsible charges against the present Mayor of New York, presented them to the Governor and asked that the Governor remove the Mayor. The Governor, of course, promptly dismissed the charges as deserving no further action.

Mr. Roulstone uses some choice mixed metaphors about stabs in the back, bricks back of the ear and hitting below the belt. It is obvious that he knows little of sports and sportsmanship. When men of the Wetter type gratuitously fling mud on honest and conscientious public officials and pick a fight with them, they can't expect to get up a new set of rules which will make them immune from a good public sock in the jaw.

/s/ ROBERT MOSES

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

Mr. Henrichs
For Release SATURDAY
August 29, 1942

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12 noon
9/28/42

The Department of Parks announces a Harvest Dance Contest for novice dance teams, open to all novice dancers who are at least 16 years of age. The contest will consist of five separate divisions and teams may compete in as many classifications as they choose. The five divisions will be the Fox Trot, the Waltz, the Rhumba, Jitterbug, and Waltz for Old Timers. In the Waltz for Old Timers, the combined ages of the couple must total at least 75 years, but the ages of the individuals will not be published.

Entries are being received at the five borough offices of the Park Department, particularly from those dance areas that have enjoyed the City-wide program of social dancing, which the Department of Parks has been conducting in the parks of the five boroughs all summer.

Entries will close on September 5th, and must be in the borough recreation offices of the Department of Parks, on or before that date.

Park Department Borough Offices:

MANHATTAN - Arsenal Building, 64 Street & Fifth Avenue
 BROOKLYN - Litchfield Mansion, Prospect Park
 BRONX - Bronx Park East & Birchall Avenue
 QUEENS - The Overlook, Kew Gardens, Forest Park
 RICHMOND - Clove Lakes, New Brighton, Staten Island

No change in partners will be permitted after an application is filed. Acrobatic, stunt, and trick novelty dances will be barred. Suitable prizes will be awarded to borough winners, and to the City-wide winners in the finals.

The following are the dates and locations of the elimination contests in the respective boroughs:

BROOKLYN - Prospect Park - 11 Street & Prospect Park West
 on Tuesday, September 8 at 8:15 p.m.

MANHATTAN - Mall, South of 72 Street, Central Park
 on Wednesday, September 9, at 8:15 p.m.

BRONX - Poe Park - 192 Street & Grand Concourse
 on Thursday, September 10, at 8:15 p.m.

QUEENS - Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue & Woodhaven Blvd., Forest Park
 on Tuesday, September 15, at 8:15 p.m.

RICHMOND - McDonald Playground, Forest Avenue near Broadway,
 West New Brighton
 on Wednesday, September 16, at 8:15 p.m.

The winners in the borough eliminations will be eligible to compete in the Finals to be held on the Mall, Central Park, Tuesday; September 22, at 8:15 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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For Release Wednesday,
August 26, 1942

Among the many recreational activities of the Department of Parks has been the square dancing at the 105th Street and Riverside Playground. On every Wednesday evening from seven to nine, trained Park Department personnel can be heard twanging - "Do Si Do Your Partner" and "Allemande left with the lady on your left". The vigor with which the farmers of Manhattan enter into the familiar patterns would put their country cousins to shame. While several thousand less enterprising hayseeds clap their hands in rhythm, forty square or more take the "Lady Round the Lady", and see "Their Darling Nellie Home."

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

Mr H
For Release Wednesday,
August 26, 1942

*Delivered
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The Department of Parks announces the city finals of the Jacks Contest for girls will be played at Heckscher Playground, Central Park, on Wednesday, August 26, at 2:30 P.M.

The finalists will be chosen from two divisions. The first is the "Midget" division, for girls up through nine years of age. The second group is for girls from 10 to 15 years of age.

Eliminations have been taking place during the past few weeks in the playgrounds throughout the five boroughs. The best player in each division in each of the five boroughs will compete on Wednesday for the title of "City Champion".

A gold pin will be awarded to the winner in each division, and a silver pin to the runner-up. Bronze pins will be awarded to the borough winners.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

TEL. REGENT 4-1000

For Release SATURDAY
August 22, 1942

The Women's and Junior Boy's Municipal Golf Championships originally scheduled at the Split Rock Golf Course on Sunday, August 8, but washed out due to heavy rain, will be held on Sunday, August 23. Due to the condition of the Split Rock Course as a result of the repeated storms, the tournaments have been moved to the Clearview course, Bayside, Queens.

Southpaw "Pat" Shanahan, winner of the women's title for the past two years will defend her title against a field of 19 others in 36 holes of medal play. Ten of the women taking part in this tournament are champions on one of the ten Municipal Courses and the other ten are their runners-up.

Among those who are expected to afford the greatest competition for "Pat" Shanahan are Jean Stuhler, a Queens College freshman who played number two position on the College Men's Golf Team; Annette Reyl, former Municipal Champion from 1937 to 1939; Helen Gilligan, a sister alumnus of "Pat's" from Hunter College whose 81 on the Dyker Beach Course gave her the course title.

In the Junior Boy's Division Roger Shephard, the Silver Lake Course champion, The Municipal Junior Title holder in 1940 and who tied for second, four strokes behind the winner in 1941, is favored to regain his Municipal Title. Shephard's team mate, Sven Martinson is expected to be the former title holder's greatest opposition. John Goward, the Clearview Champion with the advantage of playing on his home course may prove to be a real contender.

This tournament is a part of the Department of Parks Third Annual Sports Tournament under the sponsorship of the Park Association of New York City.

Immediately following the end of the matches, the champions will be taken to the Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre in Flushing Meadow Park where the New York State and Men's and Women's Swimming Championships will take place, and receive their trophies.

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

For Release Saturday,
August 22, 1942

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The final round in the Junior Boys Singles and the Men's Doubles Divisions of the Municipal Tennis Championships will be held at the courts at Central Park, 93rd Street and the West Drive on Saturday, August 22. On the same day the semi-final round in the men's singles will start at 4:30 P.M. with the finals on Sunday at 2:00 P.M.

Ted Schein former N.Y.U. tennis captain, Manhattan Champion and seeded number one will play the winner of the Al Doyle-George Lashley match. Doyle, seeded number four was the former Queens title-holder.

In the lower half of the draw Vincent Paul, the Long Island and Queens titleist, who has taken part in all of the national tournaments this season will play Don Hume of Brooklyn. Hume, former captain of Brooklyn College seeded third, is expected to be a worthy opponent for Paul.

In the Junior Boys singles Harry Burdick, Brooklyn champion will play Roy Weissman, the Manhattan king for the Municipal crown at 11 A.M. on Saturday.

On Thursday evening Natasha Irwin, the perennial Bronx Champion defeated Ester DeFarkas of Queens 6-4, 6-3 to enter the final round of the women's singles. In the other half of the draw Virginia Burrell the recent winner of the Manhattan crown will play Lucille Matlow for the right to play in the finals.

The men's doubles division will have Ted Schein and Michael Kraft play the winner of the Randy Rothstein and Bernard Levy VS Ralph Axelrod and George Zito at 4:00 P.M. on Saturday.

The women's doubles have just reached the semi-final round with Virginia Burrell and Mary Dene of Manhattan playing Lucille Matlow and Margaret Neven also of Manhattan, while Natasha Irwin of the Bronx teams with her 15 year old daughter Nina, to play Ester DeFarkas and Betty Waizman of Queens. Both of these matches are scheduled at 3:30 P.M. Saturday and the finals at 10:30 A.M. Sunday.

Immediately following the completion of the singles, Sunday afternoon, the winners and runner's-up will be taken to the Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre, where the New York State A.A.U. men and women's championships will take place, and receive their trophies.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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Mr. Hearsh
 For Release FRIDAY
August 21, 1942

The greatest collection of swimming stars ever gathered in the Metropolitan area will take part in the Department of Parks Annual Swimming Championships this Saturday and Sunday at Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre, Flushing Meadow Park, Queens. For the first time in the history of the State Championships all of the men's and women's events will be held in the same place. On the same day there will also be held the Tri-State championships for members of the Y.M.C.A. New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, the Military Championships for members of the Allied Armed Forces, the Municipal Employees Championships and a series of events for novice boys and girls 17 and under.

The Women's State Championships will include a collection of National, Junior National, State and Metropolitan Champions. Gloria Callen of the Women's Swimming Association, national backstroke champion and holder of over 31 national records for backstroke, will defend her state title in the 100 meter backstroke. In a special event, Miss Callen will attempt to better her national record for the 50 meter backstroke which she set last year in the same pool.

Anne Ross, representing the Dragon Club of Brooklyn, the women's national one meter and three meter outdoor diving champion will attempt to add the New York State title to her collection of championships. Dot Williams of the Women's Swimming Association, who was runner-up to Anne Ross for the women's national championship last week, will defend her state title in the three meter event.

The team from the W.S.A. will defend their team title with such national stars as Mildred O'Donnell, Marilyn Sahner, Betty Lawson, Rose Anne Hamilton and Phoebe Rosen. The strongest competition that the W.S.A. will have for the team title will be the Dragon Club of Brooklyn, who will be represented by such outstanding champions as Margaret Buda, Jean Dean, Phyllis Smithwick, Catherine Sullivan, Norma Dean and Eileen Safarik together with many others.

In the 100 meter breast stroke Lorraine Fisher, former National Medley Queen and holder of over 26 national records will defend her title. Florence Milligan of the Sholton Dolphins, Metropolitan breast stroke champion has also entered the 100 meter breast stroke championship.

Mike Priano, Flatbush Boys Club, national long distance champion and recent winner of the national 300 meter medley relay championship, has entered the Pentathlon. Last year Priano won the Metropolitan Pentathlon championship.

The Dragon Club will try to dethrone the N.Y.A.C. as the state title holder and have entered Authur Campbell the defending champion in the 100 meter backstroke and the senior Metropolitan 100 meter free style champion, Arthur Andreson,

Lester Kaplan, former inter-collegiate and metropolitan breast stroke title holder will wear the colors of the Dragon Club in the 200 meter breast stroke championship.

The N.Y.A.C. will be well represented with former state, metropolitan and inter-collegiate champion, Jack Smith who will defend his title in the three meter dive. Tom Finnerty, Parnell Callahan, John Sorman and James McNeil will defend their state 300 meter medley and 400 meter free style relay championship. In the military events members of the Coast Guard, Army, Navy and Air Forces have placed men in the finals.

The Orange Y.M.C.A. winners of the Tri-State Championship for the past two years are a heavy favorite to retain their title but they will find plenty of opposition from a strong Bridgeport Y.M.C.A. team.

The Municipal Employees champions, Father Knickerbocker's Fire Eaters are expected to dethrone the Police Department.

There will be no admission charge and arrangements have been made to handle over 7,000 spectators.

Besides the swimming championships there will be a Pool Show and special exhibition on Saturday and Sunday.

These swimming championships will bring to a close the Department of Parks Third Annual Sports Tournament sponsored by the Park Association of New York City. At the conclusion of the swimming events, the awards will be presented to the winners of the Municipal Golf, Tennis and Swimming Championships.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

TEL. REGENT 4-1000

For Release Saturday
August 8, 1942

Split Rock Golf Course in the Bronx, will be the scene of two Municipal Golf Championships on Sunday, August 9th. The Junior Boys will tee off at 9 A.M. and the Women's Championship will start a half hour later.

These tournaments will really be tournaments of Champions with the winner and runner-up in each course championship tournament playing 36 holes at medal play.

Miss Patricia Shanahan, the champion for the past two years, will defend her title against a field of twenty of the best players from the Municipal Courses. "Pat" as she is known by her associates, is the only south paw in the tournament but can hit from the right side if she finds it necessary.

Her 83 for 18 holes won the title at Mosholu for the fourth year in a row.

"Pat's" quest for her third title will find a great deal of opposition from some of the new course champions as well as those who have repeated. Jean Stuhler, an 18 year old Queens College lass, won the title at Clearview with an 88 and deposed the defending champion, Annette Royle, who scored an 89. Miss Royle held the Municipal title in 1937, 1938, and 1939. Helen Gilligan, another collegian from Pat Shanahan's alumni, Hunter College, shot an 81 to win at Dyker Beach. The lowest score turned in by any of the City Wide Course Champions in winning a Course Title, was that of the Van Cortlandt titleist for the past three years, Adele Ernst, who shot a 71.

Some of New York's outstanding college freshman and P.S.A.L. golfers will take part in the Junior Boys Championship.

Roger Shephard, the Silver Lake Course Champion, the Municipal Junior Title holder in 1940 and who tied for second, four strokes behind the winner in 1941, is favored to regain his Municipal Title. Shephard's team mate, Sven Martinson is expected to be the former title holder's greatest opposition. Sol Hartman, Captain of the New Utrecht High School's Golf Team, who also doubles as captain of the Tennis Team, Cheer Leader and President of the Arista Society, won the Dyker Beach title for his second year and should find Split Rock to his liking.

Larry Morganstern, Mosholu Course Champion, Frank Marone a member of Stuyvesant High School Golf Team and runner-up at Split Rock and Jack Breakstone from Van Cortlandt, whose 71 was the lowest in the city, will provide stiff competition throughout.

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For Release Friday,
August 7, 1942

Play in the Municipal Tennis Championships will start on Saturday, August 8, at the Central Park courts, 93 Street and the West Drive. Tournaments will be held to decide the champion in the junior boys' singles, men's singles and doubles, and the women's singles and doubles divisions.

This tournament is the culmination of a series of tournaments held on 35 different batteries of courts during the month of June. The quarter-finalists in the local tournaments then played on selected courts in each borough for the borough championships. The city-wide finalists are those who reached the quarter-final round in their borough tournament. In all, over 2,500 public park players have competed in these tournaments.

Play will continue on Sunday with the semi-finals on Saturday, August 15, and the finals Sunday afternoon, August 16.

The men's singles will have the runner-up in last year's play and the present Manhattan champion, Ted Schein, seeded number one. Second seeded is Vincent Paul, the Long Island and Queens Public Park Tennis titleist, who has been playing excellent tennis all season in national tournaments. Don Hume, of Brooklyn, former Brooklyn College tennis captain and holder of that borough's crown for a number of years, is seeded third. In fourth position is Al Doyle, former Queens Public Park champion and finalist this year with Paul in the Queens championship.

In the women's ranks, top seeding went to the former National Public Park champion and Municipal title holder for the past ten years, Helen Germaine. Last month Miss Germaine won the New Jersey State Women's championship. Betty Morris, colorful Bronx player, won the women's title in that borough last week,

and is seeded second. In winning the title, Betty ended the eight year reign of Natasha Irwin who, as the result of that defeat, was seeded third. Virginia Burrell, the former Manhattan title holder, is seeded fourth.

The seeding in the junior boys division is made up of P.S.A.L. tennis stars. Harry Burdick, Brooklyn champion is first, Jack Moltzer, Bronx titleist, second, Bob Weissman, Manhattan king, third, and Ed Wilowski, Queens title holder, is fourth.

The men's doubles is made up of many of those who are also performing in the singles tournament. The Manhattan champion, Randy Rothstein and Lou Levy, drew first seeding as a result of their excellent playing this season. Vincent Paul, teaming up with the former Municipal junior champion and the present Eastern Scholastic titleist, Tom Burke, is seeded second. Arnold Rubin and Milt Joseph from the Bronx are in the third seeded position, followed by Ted Schein, a member of the 1941 Municipal doubles championships team, who is coupled this year with Al Kahn.

The women's doubles will start on Saturday, August 15.

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For Release ~~Tuesday~~
August 4, 1942

*Delivered
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3:30 P.M.

A new outdoor roller skating rink to accommodate 500 skaters has been opened by the Department of Parks at Rockaway Beach. Located at 80th Street and the Parkway it is adjacent to the boardwalk.

There is no charge for admission and anyone who has skates may use the rink. For those who would like to rent skates the charge will be 10¢ for clamp skates and 25¢ for shoe skates.

Recorded music will continue throughout the day from a public address system.

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For Release Thursday,
July 30, 1942

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The Department of Parks announces that the third in a series of four Naumberg Memorial concerts will be given on the Mall, Central Park, on Friday, July 31, at 8:15 P. M.

This concert series is contributed by Mr. Walter W. Naumberg and Mr. George W. Naumberg, in memory of their father Elkan Naumberg, who donated the bandstand on the Mall.

The concert will be given by the Naumberg orchestra, with Pvt. John Barnett as conductor, and Marjorie Fulton as the violin soloist. The program will include various selections from such famous artists as: Gounod, Rimsky-Korsakoff, Tschaikowsky, Auber and Dinicu Heifetz.

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For Release Tuesday,
JUL 28 1942

The Department of Parks will conduct a swimming championship for the men in the Third Naval District at Red Hook Pool, Brooklyn, on Tuesday, July 28, at 6:30 P. M.

Since the members of the Marine Corps and Coast Guard are under the jurisdiction of the U. S. Navy it is expected that every event will be keenly contested.

In between the various events there will be a pool show, and selections from the U. S. Navy Band.

The water show will consist of a water ballet of twelve girls and the Aquabats, a clown troupe from McCarren Pool, Brooklyn. Miss Gloria Callen, world's backstroke record holder will attempt to better her own American Record for the 100 yard backstroke and Lorraine Fisher, Marilyn Sahner and Gloria Callen, all of the W.S.A., the present 150 medley relay champions will also attempt to set a new American Standard for their speciality. "Sherry" Gabrielson, age 3, who has been swimming since she 22 months old will give an exhibition and George Fissler, former U. S. Olympic Swimming Champion will show the evolution of swimming.

Members of the U. S. Navy will demonstrate swimming aids used during emergencies such as the practical use of life rafts and various types of life preserver jackets, and the technique used when swimming with a surface film of burning oil.

There will be no admission charge. Adequate seating has been provided for spectators.

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For Release Tuesday Morning,
July 28, 1942

The Department of Parks announces that due to the unusual downpour Monday in the Bronx and Westchester Counties, it is necessary to close Orchard Beach on Tuesday, July 28, to the public.

This time is required so that park forces can regrade the sand on the beach which has been shifted around by the storm, drain off surface water, pump and clean out the basement of the building, re-fire the hot water boilers and repair electrical motors and pumps necessary for the operation of sewage disposal.

All men and equipment at the department's command are being used to get the facility ready for opening on Wednesday.

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Mr. Headly
For Release ~~Saturday,~~
~~July 25, 1942~~

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The Department of Parks announces the opening of five new playgrounds constructed as part of the two and a quarter mile recreation development from Owl's Head Park to Fort Hamilton along the Brooklyn shore of the Narrows.

The playgrounds located between the old Shore Road and the Shore Parkway section of the Belt Parkway are at 79 Street, 83 Street, Ridge Boulevard, 99 Street and 3rd Avenue.

Besides the children's playgrounds the entire development is completed except for a few items of work delayed because of priorities. Included are 3 comfort stations, 1 field house, 2 athletic fields, court games area, bicycle paths, promenades along the upper level of Shore Road and the lower level of the Belt Parkway. A portion of the park between Bay Ridge Avenue and 72 Street was completed and opened to the public last summer. Here is an excellent example of a parkway border turned into a shoestring park with recreation facilities, pleasant vistas and offscapes.

Benches and drinking fountains and irrigated sandpits have been placed along the promenades and in the play fields. Elms, Oaks, Planes, Hawthornes, Flowering Crab Apples, Beach Plums, Sweet Ferns, Elderberries, Bayberries, Sumacs and several varieties of bank binding roses have been used in the landscaping.

Access to the waterfront promenades has been provided by parkway grade separations at Bay Ridge and 4th Avenue and by pedestrian bridges over the parkway at 80 and 92 Streets.

Because of a reduction in the budget of the number of temporary playground directors, assistant gardeners and temporary attendants normally hired each year to handle summer usage of playgrounds, parks and beaches, these playgrounds will be opened only from 10 A.M. to 8 P.M. Personnel to man the facilities will be drawn from Marine, McCarren, Prospect, Owl's Head and Sunset Parks and from the playgrounds at Neptune Avenue and West 25 Street, New Utrecht Avenue and 70 Street, and Avenue V and East 14 Street, thereby causing a curtailment of the operating hours of these older areas.

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, 65 of which have been reconstructed. There are now with these five additions 479 playgrounds in the park system.

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For Release

TUESDAY

July 14, 1942

The Department of Parks announces the schedule of Name Band orchestras for the period July 15-23, as a continuation of the series of 53 concerts and dances sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company in cooperation with the Park Department, in the promotion of its ~~summer program of music and social dancing~~, at various large parks and playgrounds throughout the city.

Benny Goodman will open this period on Wednesday, July 15, 8:00-10:00 P.M., at the dance area in Prospect Park located at Prospect Park West and 11 Street, and the program will be broadcast by the Municipal Broadcasting Station WNYC from 8:00-8:30 P.M.

Georgie Auld will appear at the following locations:

July 20 - McCarren Play Center, Lorimer Street and Driggs Avenue, Brooklyn

July 21 - Van Cortlandt Park, 241 Street & Broadway, Bronx

July 23 - East River Park, East River Drive and Rivington Street, Manhattan

Ray McKinley will play on July 16 at the playground located at 30 Road & 45 Street, Queens; Benny Carter on July 17 at Claremont Park, Clay Avenue near 170 Street, Bronx; and Hal McIntyre, on July 22, at Jackson Heights Playground, 25th Avenue and 84 Street, Queens.

All the orchestras will start playing at 8:30 P.M. and continue until 10:30 P.M., with the exception of Benny Goodman's at Prospect Park on July 15 which will start at 8:00 P.M. and continue until 10:00 P.M.

When the schedule of those Name Bands is completed, it will mean that 21 of the Consolidated Edison series of 53 dances will have been presented by orchestras of national reputation in the city's parks since June 16.

The schedule of other Name Bands in this series will be announced as soon as the necessary arrangements have been completed.

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7/9/42
3:30 P.M.

For Release Friday,
July 10, 1942

The Department of Parks announces the opening of three new playgrounds in the borough of Queens.

Dev. QL 292-103
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At Far Rockaway Boulevard and Mott Avenue, the one quarter acre parcel of land was transferred in 1940 from the Department of Public Works to the Department of Parks for recreation purposes. Located between a small public library and firehouse it was necessary to demolish a one-story brick structure prior to the development of the playground.

An existing brick wall along the library property line was retained. The remainder of the area is bordered by chain link fence and block paved panels containing benches and trees. A single gate controlled entrance provides access from Far Rockaway Boulevard.

The development includes kindergarten swings, slides, seesaws, and an open play area which may be used for roller skating.

Dev. QL 294-103
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At Utopia Parkway and 73 Avenue, the property, triangular in shape, 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 former school house was demolished and its former site converted into a grass surfaced softball diamond. Also included in the improvement are two basketball and two handball courts as well as fence enclosed play areas for various age groups containing a wading pool and typical play apparatus. A bench lined mall separates the active recreation area from the sitting area at the narrow end of the park.

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21676 extending from 45 Avenue to 45 Road was acquired in 1941 by purchase and condemnation for recreational purposes.
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A wide mall, lined with benches and trees in block paved panels, divides the area into two main fence enclosed sections. Gate controlled entrances are provided at each end of this mall leading to the centrally located brick comfort station and plaza. From this point access is provided to the various subdivisions of the playground.

East of the comfort station and centered on the plaza a World's Fair "Court of Communications" flagpole has been erected. A large wading pool centered in the east half of the playground is flanked by apparatus areas for kindergarten and school-age children.

The western half of the playground is a large bituminous surfaced open play area designed for many uses including roller skating, ice skating, basketball and other group games.

Because of a reduction in the budget of the number of temporary playground directors, assistant gardeners and temporary attendants normally hired each year to handle additional summer usage of playgrounds, parks and beaches, these three areas will be opened only from 10 A.M. to 8 P.M. Personnel to man the areas will be drawn from Rockaway Beach, Jackson Heights Playground and Cunningham Park thereby causing a curtailment of the operating hours of these older areas.

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, 65 of which have been reconstructed. There are now with these three additions 474 playgrounds in the park system.

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D. Howard
7/9/42 3:30 P M
For Release Friday,
July 10, 1942

The Department of Parks announces that the city-wide finals of the horseshoe pitching tournament, singles and doubles, for boys and men, 17 years of age and over, will take place at Heckscher Playground, 62 Street and West Drive, Central Park, on Saturday, July 11, at 2:00 P. M.

Several hundred have participated in the preliminaries, conducted at the 459 horseshoe pitching courts of the Park Department, throughout the five boroughs, during the past three weeks.

Five doubles teams and five singles players, all of them winners of their respective borough contests, will compete for the city-wide championship next Saturday afternoon.

Gold and silver pins will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place winners respectively, in both the singles and doubles.

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For Release Tuesday,
July 7, 1942

Delivered
7/6/42

The Department of Parks announces that the following athletic fields, with running tracks, are available from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. daily, for candidates preparing to take the physical test in connection with the Civil Service examination for Policeman:

Manhattan - East River Park, 5 Street and East River Drive

Brooklyn - Red Hook Stadium, Clinton, Bay and Henry Streets

Queens - Jackson Heights Playground, 30th Avenue, 84 & 85 Streets

Bronx - Macombs Dam Park, 161 Street and Ruppert Place

Richmond - Clove Lakes Park, Victory Boulevard and Clove Road

Each of these fields has also been especially furnished with dumb-bells, bar-bells, hurdles, barriers, vaulting box and fence, in accordance with specifications officially established by the Civil Service Commission, for the examination. Of course, this equipment is likewise available for those candidates during the same hours.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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For Release Monday

July 6, 1942

The Department of Parks announces that a series of 61 concerts by the Pepsi-Cola Band under the sponsorship of the Pepsi-Cola Company in cooperation with the Park Department, will be presented at various large parks of the city, beginning with the first concert on Monday, July 6 at the Music Grove, Prospect Park, and continuing until Tuesday, September 15, according to the attached schedule.

Twenty of these concerts are listed for the Mall, Central Park, Manhattan; nineteen at the Music Grove, Prospect Park, Brooklyn; ten at Forest Park Music Grove, Queens, and Poe Park, Bronx; and, two at Silver Lake Park, Richmond. They will start at 8:00 p.m. and last until 9:45 p.m. Admission is free.

The 45 piece Pepsi-Cola Band is under the direction of John Meiszner and it will be accompanied by prominent guest artists at various concerts during the series.

CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

PEPSI-COLA BAND CONCERTS

Mon. July 6 - Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn	Tues. Aug. 11 - Central Park Mall
Tues. July 7 - Central Park Mall	Wed. Aug. 12 - Prospect Park, Brooklyn
Wed. July 8 - Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn	Thurs. Aug. 13 - Forest Park, Queens
Thurs. July 9 - Forest Park, Queens	Sat. Aug. 15 - Central Park Mall
Sat. July 11 - Poe Park, Bronx	Sun. Aug. 16 - Poe Park, Bronx
Mon. July 13 - Prospect Park, Brooklyn	Mon. Aug. 17 - Prospect Park, Brooklyn
Tues. July 14 - Forest Park Music Grove	Tues. Aug. 18 - Central Park Mall
Wed. July 15 - Silver Lake Park, S.I.	Wed. Aug. 19 - Prospect Park, Brooklyn
Thurs. July 16 - Central Park Mall	Thurs. Aug. 20 - Forest Park, Queens
Sat. July 18 - Poe Park, Bronx	Fri. Aug. 21 - Central Park Mall
Mon. July 20 - Prospect Park, Brooklyn	Sun. Aug. 23 - Poe Park, Bronx
Tues. July 21 - Central Park Mall	Mon. Aug. 24 - Prospect Park, Brooklyn
Wed. July 22 - Prospect Park, Brooklyn	Tues. Aug. 25 - Central Park Mall
Thurs. July 23 - Central Park Mall	Wed. Aug. 26 - Prospect Park, Brooklyn
Fri. July 24 - Forest Park, Queens	Thurs. Aug. 27 - Forest Park, Queens
Sat. July 25 - Poe Park, Bronx	Fri. Aug. 28 - Central Park Mall
Mon. July 27 - Prospect Park, Brooklyn	Sun. Aug. 30 - Poe Park, Bronx
Tues. July 28 - Central Park Mall	Mon. Aug. 31 - Prospect Park, Brooklyn
Wed. July 29 - Prospect Park, Brooklyn	Tues. Sept. 1 - Central Park Mall
Thurs. July 30 - Central Park Mall	Wed. Sept. 2 - Prospect Park, Brooklyn
Fri. July 31 - Forest Park, Queens	Thurs. Sept. 3 - Forest Park, Queens
Sat. Aug. 1 - Central Park Mall	Fri. Sept. 4 - Central Park Mall
Sun. Aug. 2 - Poe Park, Bronx	Sun. Sept. 6 - Poe Park, Bronx
Mon. Aug. 3 - Prospect Park, Brooklyn	Mon. Sept. 7 - Silver Lake Park, S.I.
Tues. Aug. 4 - Central Park Mall	Tues. Sept. 8 - Central Park Mall
Wed. Aug. 5 - Prospect Park, Brooklyn	Wed. Sept. 9 - Prospect Park, Brooklyn
Thurs. Aug. 6 - Forest Park, Queens	Thurs. Sept. 10 - Forest Park, Queens
Sat. Aug. 8 - Central Park Mall	Fri. Sept. 11 - Central Park Mall
Sun. Aug. 9 - Poe Park, Bronx	Sun. Sept. 13 - Poe Park, Bronx
Mon. Aug. 10 - Prospect Park, Brooklyn	Mon. Sept. 14 - Prospect Park, Brooklyn
	Tues. Sept. 15 - Central Park Mall

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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For Release ~~FRIDAY~~
 July 3, 1942

The Department of Parks announces that the Independence Day Program on Saturday, July 4, will be highlighted in the various boroughs by borough-wide track and field championships, for playground boys and girls. They are scheduled to take place at 2:00 p.m. at the following locations:

<u>Manhattan</u>	- East River Park	- 12 Street & East River Drive
<u>Brooklyn</u>	- Red Hook Stadium	- Clinton, Bay, and Henry Streets
<u>Bronx</u>	- Macombs Dam Park	- 161 Street and Ruppert Place
<u>Queens</u>	- Victory Field	- Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue

It is expected that several hundred boys and girls of various classifications, ranging from the 85 lb. to the unlimited class, will participate in these meets.

All the competitors have demonstrated their superior athletic ability by placing in the preliminaries conducted in the various playgrounds throughout the boroughs. In addition, they have been thoroughly trained in the fine points of dashing, long distance running, baton passing, bread jumping, and high jumping.

Prizes will be awarded to those who place 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each of the following events listed on the program.

Boys Events

<u>85 lb. class</u>	<u>100 lb. class</u>	<u>120 lb. class</u>
50 yd. Dash	60 yd. Dash	70 yd. Dash
Potato Race	Running Broad Jump	High Jump

Unlimited
 100 yd. Dash
 880 yd. Dash
 880 yd. Relay

Girls Events

<u>85 lb. class</u>	<u>110 lb. class</u>	<u>Unlimited</u>
40 yd. Dash	50 yd. Dash	60 yd. Dash
	Potato Race	

There will be two separate events for service men including the 220 yard and 880 yard dash. Appropriate prizes will also be awarded to those who place 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each of these events.

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For Release Thursday
July 2, 1942

The summer schedule of the Department of Parks outdoor swimming pools will go into effect in 13 of the 17 pools today, when they will close at 10 p.m.

The pools will be open at 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday through Saturday, free for children under 14 years of age. During this period instructions in swimming, diving and life-saving will be carried on. Adults and children may use the pools from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays and holidays, in all but the four pools mentioned below. The charge for children 12 years and under is nine cents and for adults, twenty-five cents.

The four pools operated at John Jay Park, Carmine Street, 60th Street, and 23rd Street will close at 8:30 p.m. due to lack of underwater lighting and dim-out regulations.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

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For Release Wednesday,
July 1, 1942*Delivered
6/30/42 4:20 P.M.*

The Department of Parks announces the schedule of 9 more Name Band Orchestras, which will play in various large parks and playgrounds of the city, during the period of July 2-14, as part of the Consolidated Edison's Summer Concert and Dance Program in cooperation with the Department of Parks.

Such popular dance orchestras as that of Jimmy Dorsey, Charlie Spivak, Dick Stabile, Van Alexander, Clyde Lucas, and Richard Himber are included in this period.

On the Mall, Central Park, the following orchestras are scheduled to play: Dick Stabile, with Gracie Barrie as vocalist, Thursday, July 2; Clyde Lucas, Thursday, July 9; and Jimmy Dorsey, Tuesday, July 14.

At the Music Grove, Prospect Park, Brooklyn: Richard Himber, Friday, July 3; and Van Alexander, Friday, July 10.

Clyde Lucas will also appear at the following locations:

Monday, July 6 - Chelsea Park Playground, 23 Street & 10 Avenue,
Manhattan

Tuesday, July 7 - Park Playground, Watson, Gleason & Noble
Avenues, Bronx

Wednesday, July 8 - Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard &
Myrtle Avenue, Queens

Charlie Spivak will make his first appearance in this series of park dances on Monday, July 13, at Colonial Park, Bradhurst Avenue and West 153 Street, Manhattan.

All these dances will start at 8:30 P.M. and continue until 10:30 P.M.

When the schedule of these Name Bands is completed, it will mean that 14 of a series of 53 concerts and dances will have been presented by orchestras of national reputation in the city's parks, since June 16, under the sponsorship of the Consolidated Edison Company.

The schedule of other Name Bands in this series will be announced as soon as the necessary arrangements have been completed.

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