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The Department of Parks announces the completion of a new playground at 20th Avenue from 47th to 48th Streets, Borough of Queens.

Located in the Astoria section of Queens, on land acquired in part by an exchange of property between the Untermeyer Estate and the City of New York, this new recreational area will furnish much needed recreational facilities for this rapidly developing neighborhood.

Separate, completely equipped play areas have been provided for the little tots of pre-school age and for the older children. There is also a sand pit, a wading pool for hot summer days and a comfort station. Shuffleboard courts, basketball courts, volley ball courts, handball courts and a large general play area have been provided for older children.

Numerous benches have been provided throughout the development for guardians of children and the borders of the improvement and separate units have been landscaped profusely with shade trees.

The addition of this new play area brings the total in the park system to 508.

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Two noteworthy concerts will be given on the Mall in Central Park during the Independence Day weekend. On Saturday July 3rd, at 8:30 P.M. The City Amateur Symphony, with the Hon. Leopold Prince conducting, will give their second concert of this summer's series, and on Sunday July 4th, at 8:15 P.M. Mr. Samuel Antek will conduct the Naumburg Orchestra in the second of four memorial concerts given annually in memory of Mr. Elkan Naumburg, who donated the Band Shell on the Mall.

The City Amateur Symphony program will be:

1. Overture - Barber of Seville.....;.....Rossini
2. Ballet Egyptian. . . . .Luigini
3. Group of Songs a) La Calunnia (Barber of Seville). . . . .Rossini  
b) Evening Star (Tannhauser). . . . .Wagner  
Jacob Shorokoff, Baritone . . .
- \*4. Manfred Overture . . . . .Schumann
- \*5. Night on a Bald Mountain . . . . .Moussorgsky
6. Group of Songs a) Madama (Don Juan) . . . . .Mozart  
b) Volga Boatman . . . . .Adaptations by Chaliapino  
Jacob Shorokoff
7. Nails . . . . .; . . . .Dolibes
8. On the Trail. . . . .Grofo
9. Sleeping Beauty Waltz . . . . .Tschaikowsky  
\* Conducted by Mr. Irwin Hoffman, Assistant Conductor

The Naumburg Orchestra will play:

1. Overture "Oberon" . . . . .Weber
2. Symphony No. 5 (Andante and Finale) . . . . .Tschaikowsky
3. Variations . . . . .Boellman  
Joseph Saunders, Violoncello, Soloist
4. Waltz - "Voices of Spring" . . . . .Strauss
5. "Mardi Gras" from "Mississippi Suite". . . . .Grofo
6. Intermzzo from "Goyesca" . . . . .Granados
7. "Czardas" . . . . .; . . . .Monti  
Joseph Saunders, Violoncello, Soloist
8. Three Dances from Ballet "Gayanne". . . . .Katchaturian  
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Sunday, August 1, 1948

FOR RELEASE

Misc.-20M-92347-114 Blue Barron, creator of the "Music of Yesterday and Today", will open the second half of the Name Band Dance series in grand style. These dances, fifty-four in all, are sponsored annually by the Consolidated Edison Company, and they have proved the most popular summertime attraction to be conducted by the Department of Parks.

With the Blue Barron orchestra appearing for a three day engagement, Name Band Dance fans will dance under the stars to music "out of the top drawer of the nation's musical chest". Blue Barron will provide delightful hours for his less active fans too, his soft and sweet music being easy on the listener's eardrums. Betty Clark and Don Burke, his featured vocalists, plus contributions by "Cheerful" Charlie Fisher, Jimmy McDonald, and The Three Blue Notes, give promise of festive evenings, next Monday at Ocean Parkway and Avenue P Playground in Brooklyn; Tuesday evening at Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 25th to 30th Avenues, Queens; and on Wednesday night at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse in the Bronx. All dances start at 8:30 P.M.

Charlie Peterson returns for a second engagement on this summer's series, giving Manhattanites an opportunity to dance to his "smooth rhythm" orchestra on Thursday evening at the Mall in Central Park. Brooklyn dancers too, will have the privilege of dancing to, or only listening to Charlie Peterson's inimitable dance tunes on Friday evening at Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street.

The public is invited by the Consolidated Edison Company and the Department of Parks, to make a date for at least one evening this week to enjoy this exceptional array of musical entertainment.

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Misc-20M-92347 114 Eighty male golfers will tee off in the City-wide Municipal Golf Team Championships to be conducted by the Department of Parks on Sunday, August 1st, at Forest Park Golf Course, Main Drive and Interboro Parkway, Queens.

The players in this Sunday's team championships are the eight survivors from each course out of 1,600 players who originally filed attested score cards in an effort to qualify. The first foursome will tee off at 8 A.M., the others following at seven minute intervals. The second round will start immediately after the completion of the first.

The low scorer from each course will captain his team on Sunday. Peter De Caprio, last year's city-wide champion, will head the team from Mosholu; Charles Amandoles, the 1944 champion, the La Tourette team; Harry Bernstein, the Dyker Beach team; Aurel Warren for Pelham; Bernard Kane for Split Rock; Albert Doerwald for Van Cortlandt; John Brown for Clearview; Dick Young for Kissena; George Baskiel for Forest Park; and Edward Solan for Silver Lake.

Play will consist of 36 holes of medal play. Members of the winning teams, and runners-up will be awarded medals. The 32 low gross scorers will qualify for the City-wide Men's Match Play Championships to be held at Clearview Golf Course on the weekends of August 7th and 14th.

Copies of schedules of foursomes and starting times are attached. Sports writers may secure results by telephoning Forest Park Golf Course, Virginia 9-9145, Sunday evening after 7 P.M.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
CITY OF NEW YORK

G O L F T O U R N A M E N T  
Forest Park Golf Course  
Main Drive and Interboro Parkway, Queens

Sunday, August 1, 1948

CITY-WIDE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS  
36 holes  
Schedule of Starting Times

All Foursomes will follow same order for second round, starting immediately after first round is completed.

<u>STARTING TIME</u>	<u>FOURSOME</u>	<u>COURSE</u>
8:00 A.M.	George Baskiel Dick Young John B. Brown Harry Bernstein	Forest Kissena Clearview Dyker
8:07 A.M.	Aurel Warren Bernard Kane Peter De Caprio Albert Doerwald	Pelham Split Rock Mosholu Van Cortlandt
8:14 A.M.	Edward Solan Charles Amandoles Julius Vogt Armand F. Magnatta	Silver Lake La Tourette Forest Kissena
8:21 A.M.	Harold Southwick Albert Davidson John McKessy Jack Valentine	Clearview Dyker Beach Pelham Split Rock
8:28 A.M.	James Manzone William Blanchfield George Finley Roy Faber	Mosholu Van Cortlandt Silver Lake La Tourette
8:35 A.M.	Vernon Edwards John Desiderio Edward Daddora Louis Kaufman	Forest Clearview Kissena Dyker
8:42 A.M.	Richard Carroll S. Ramsay Edward McFarlane Richard Walsh	Pelham Split Rock Mosholu Van Cortlandt
8:49 A.M.	Gilbert Smith Herbert Barghaan Harry Rohrs Richard Gardner	Silver Lake La Tourette Forest Clearview
8:56 A.M.	Robert Dresser Anthony Fiorello Charles Vance Thomas Keane	Kissena Dyker Pelham Split Rock
9:03 A.M.	Jesse Pugh Albert Keilin A. Hawkins Cameron Thorsten	Mosholu Van Cortlandt Silver Lake La Tourette
9:10 A.M.	Harold Civiello Mario Molinari Henry Gaushesky Anthony Taraglia	Forest Clearview Kissena Dyker Beach
9:17 A.M.	James Vance Joseph O'Connor John Ettore George Kellogg	Pelham Split Rock Mosholu Van Cortlandt

9:24 A.M.	Ian Johnstone George Williams Leon Little Otto Stuhmer	Silver Lake La Tourette Forest Clearview
9:31 A.M.	John Shruntek Rudolph Ontl Frank Di Perna Andrew Scholl	Kissena Dyker Pelham Split Rock
9:38 A.M.	Paul Henrickson Frank Rowe George Anderson William Hayes	Mosholu Van Cortlandt Silver Lake La Tourette
9:45 A.M.	Harry Grauerholtz Alvid Tucker Sil Zizek William Holland	Forest Clearview Kissena Dyker
9:52 A.M.	Jack Dowling Ralph Muranelli Fred Eppolito Louis Peterson	Pelham Split Rock Mosholu Van Cortlandt
9:59 A.M.	J. F. Singleton August Saks, Jr. Sid Thomas Stephen Lucas	Silver Lake La Tourette Forest Clearview
10:06 A.M.	Ray Zizek Donald Cook John Kerb Joseph Roccisano	Kissena Dyker Pelham Split Rock
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<sup>114</sup>The Naumberg Memorial Concert, contributed annually in memory of their father, Mr. Elkan Naumberg, by Mr. Walter W. Naumberg and Mr. George W. Naumberg, will be heard at the Mall in Central Park on Saturday, July 31st, at 8:15 P.M.

Mr. Elkan Naumberg, donator of the bandstand on the Mall, for many years sponsored orchestral concerts in the cause of good music for the people, on three holidays--Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day. His sons have continued the custom in his memory, adding a fourth concert to the Naumberg series on July 31st, the anniversary of their father's death.

On Saturday, the Naumberg Orchestra, with Mr. Maximilian Pilzer, conducting, and Mr. Robert Rounswill, tenor, appearing as guest artist, will perform the following selections:

1. Overture "Coriolan".....Beethoven
2. Symphony No. 4 in E Minor.....Brahms  
Allegro non troppo - Allegro giocoso
3. Aria - "Flower Song" from "Carmen".....Bizet  
Robert Rounswill
4. "Dance of the Hours" from "La Gioconda".....Ponchielli
5. Overture "Oberon".....Weber
6. a. Indian Summer
- b. Badinage.....Herbert
7. Song - "Yours is my Heart Alone".....Lehar  
Robert Rounswill
8. Waltz - "Tales from the Vienna Woods".....Strauss

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Sunday, July 25, 1948

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THE U.S. AIR FORCE BAND TO GIVE CONCERT IN PROSPECT PARK

The Official United States Air Force Band, Major George Sallade Howard, conductor, will appear in concert for the first time in New York, when it will present a concert at Prospect Park on Tuesday, July 27th, at 8:30 P.M.

Numbering 110 men, the organization is a versatile one having drawn its members from such widely varied musical organizations as the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Honolulu Symphony, the Woody Herman dance band, and the Arthur Pryor band. It is one organization that resolves itself into a 110 piece marching band, a 100 piece symphonic band, a 70 piece concert orchestra, a 35 voice glee club, 5 dance bands, and various chamber and instrumental groups.

It has toured extensively in the United States, England, Scotland, France, and Canada, concertizing in such places as London's Royal Albert Hall, Edinburgh's Usher Hall, Ottawa's Parliament Hill, Liverpool's Philharmonic Hall, Toronto's Exhibition Grounds, Chicago's Grant Park, Washington's Constitution Hall, and Paris' Grand Hotel. It has played to 100,000 people nightly for seventeen consecutive nights at Chicago's Soldier

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Field, and has given seven Presidential performances since its inception in June 1942. Guest conductors who have conducted the USAF Band include Alexander Smallens, John Barbarolli, Howard Hanson, Warrick Braithewaite, Pierre Henrotte, and George Weldon. Soloists that have appeared with the band are Gladys Swarthout, Helen Olheim, Vronsky & Babin, Glenn Darwin, Virgil Fox, and Frederick Jagel.

Fourteen members of the USAF Band come from the Empire State, seven of whom are from metropolitan New York. They are T/Sgt. Paul C. Wolfe, first violin and concertmaster, city, who is the son of Jacques Wolfe, composer of "Shortnin Bread", T/Sgt. Harold R. Hirsch, Pianist, from the Bronx who has concertized in Town Hall, S/Sgt. Bernard Linden, violist, from the Bronx, S/Sgt. Murray Panitz, flutist, city, T/Sgt. Joseph Latinski, trumpet, from Jamaica, S/Sgt. Anthony J. Grado, Clarinetist, 4614 Seventh Avenue, Brooklyn, and S/Sgt. Frank Bruinsma, cellist, who lives at 279 St. Marks Avenue, Brooklyn.

The public is invited to come and hear this organization, the newest of the official service bands. The program is contained on a separate page.

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THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BAND  
Washington, D. C.

MAJOR GEORGE SALLADE HOWARD  
CONDUCTOR

CWO SAMUEL KURTZ  
ASS'T. CONDUCTOR

PROGRAM

PROSPECT PARK

TUESDAY, JULY 27th  
8:30 P.M.

Fingal's Cave overture.....Mendelssohn

Valse Durand.....Durand  
Featuring clarinets in a section "soli"

Yankee Doodle.....Gould

Toreador Song from "Carmen".....Bizet  
Vocal solo by M/Sgt. Abrasha Robofsky, baritone

Espani Cani.....Marquini  
Spec. Arr. by Will Beittel

Hora Staccato.....Einicu  
Marimba solo by T/Sgt. Paul M. Dolby

Two Contrasting Dances  
1. The Bamboula.....Taylor  
2. Boogie Woogie Washerwoman.....Spec. Arr.

INTERMISSION

Oberon overture.....Von Weber

Figaro aria from "Barber Of Seville".....Rossini  
Vocal solo by M/Sgt. Abrasha Robofsky, baritone

A Goldman Selection.....Goldman

Ellington Medley.....Ellington  
Spec. Arr. by T/Sgt. Fred Kepner

A Stroll Thru Tin Pan Alley  
Compiled & Arranged by T/Sgt. Kepner  
Featuring USAF Band, Glee Club, Dixie-Land Band, Swing  
Sextet, the Tune Pilots, and vocalists.

Selections by the USAF Band Glee Club, CWO Samuel Kurtz, Director  
1. Now Is The Hour  
2. Ole Man River

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

July 22, 1948.



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Entertaining youngsters in New York City parks is as easy for Peter Pan, the Department of Parks Magic Man, as pulling rabbits out of a hat, and, for a magician, that is elementary, as everyone knows. However, none of Peter's performances would be complete from the standpoint of his young fans unless he includes the trick at every show. Old or new, all of his feats of magic have great entertainment value that is evinced by the gales of laughter or the stillness that falls over the audience at the culmination of a trick. Brooklyn youngsters will watch for the appearance of Peter Pan at five park playgrounds where he will give morning and afternoon performances this week, as follows:

Monday	July 26th	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Carroll Park, Smith and Carroll Streets.
Tuesday	July 27th	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Sheridan Playground, Berry and Grand Streets.
Wednesday	July 28th	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Playground at Cherry and Vandervoort Avenues.
Thursday	July 29th	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	McKibben Playground, McKibben and White Streets.
Friday	July 30th	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Crispus Attucks Playground, Fulton Street and Classon Avenue.

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The Department of Parks Marionette Trailer Theatre will continue its tour of Brooklyn during the coming week, giving nine performances of the "Marionette Circus" at neighborhood Park Department playgrounds.

This marionette prototype of a three ring circus captures the essence of its sawdust counterpart as its buffoonish clowns and energetic acrobats acquit themselves with dash and abandon, and the magician performs with fine flourish. The novelty acts contributed by a tight rope walker, a Jack-in-the box, and the pianist and singer are climaxed by a dance routine in which a line of twelve chorines known as the "Parkettes", exhibit remarkable precision. Credit for this excellent production goes to a group of Park Department playground directors who have developed their hobby to a point where their skill in making marionettes and costumes, building sets and scenery, and the efficiency of their manipulation can meet professional standards.

Youngsters unable to leave the city during the summer months should not be allowed to miss this splendid entertainment treat, which may be seen at the Brooklyn playgrounds listed below, this week. There is no charge for admission.

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Monday	July 26th	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Gravesend Playground, 56th Street and 18th Avenue.
Tuesday	July 27th	2:30 P.M.	Neptune Playground, Neptune Avenue and West 28th Street.
Wednesday	July 28th	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Playground at Atlantic Avenue and Linwood Street.
Thursday	July 29th	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Bushwick Playground, Knickerbocker and Putnam Avenues.
Friday	July 30th	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Lindsay Playground, Lorimer Street and Johnson Avenue.



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114 Senior Metropolitan A.A.U. Swimming Championships and City-wide Park Pool Championships will be conducted by the Department of Parks at Sunset Park Swimming Pool, 43rd Street and 7th Avenue, Brooklyn, on Saturday, July 24th, at 5 P.M.

Eighty-seven swimmers and divers who are members of the Metropolitan Association of the A.A.U., along with the eighty best boys of the 2,589 who competed in elimination meets held in the five boroughs during the past two weeks, will vie for championship honors in this final swimming event of the season.

The eight A.A.U. events on the program will be: 100 Meter Freestyle, 1500 Meter Freestyle, 300 Meter Individual Medley, 200 Meter Freestyle Relay, and the 3 Meter Dive, High Board.

Park Pool Championship events, eight in number, for which boys from 11 through 19 years of age were eligible, will be: for boys up to 11 years of age - 25 Meter Freestyle; for boys 12 and 13 years of age - 25 Meter Freestyle; for boys 14 and 15 years of age - 50 Meter Freestyle and 50 Meter Backstroke; for the 16 and 17 year age group - 50 Meter Freestyle and 50 Meter Backstroke; and for 18 and 19 year olds - 100 Meter Freestyle and 50 Meter Backstroke.

Medals will be awarded to winners of first, second, and third place in every event.

The general public is invited to attend this meet as guests of the Park Department.

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The fifth week of Name Band Dances sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted by the Department of Parks will be highlighted by the music of two stars in the galaxy of "name" dance band leaders - Freddie Slack and Gene Williams.

Freddie Slack vaulted to the top on the strength of several great records: "Con Con Boogie", "Beat Me Daddy, Eight to the Bar" and "Mr. Five by Five". Music critics refer to his solo on "Beat Me Daddy, Eight to the Bar" as one of the best piano bits in the history of popular music. These recordings accounted for the rapid success of the embryo firm known as Capitol Records. The Slack star is firmly fixed in the musical firmament as his busy schedule indicates - personal appearances, recordings, and motion picture assignments. Freddie Slack and his orchestra will play for the first three dances this week, appearing at Bushwick Playground, Knickerbocker and Putnam Avenues, Brooklyn, on Monday evening; Tuesday evening at Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens; and at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx, on Wednesday evening. Featured vocalists are Trudy Richards and Maynard Sloate.

Mr. Young America, Gene Williams, whose individual star in the dance band field is just rising, will play for the Thursday evening dance at the Mall in Central Park, and Friday evening at Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn. Williams' career as a band leader has been short, but most successful, due in part to his long years of experience with Johnny Long, Bobby Sherwood, Vincent Lopez and Claude Thornhill. Williams features Ethyl Shell as vocalist.

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Saturday afternoon, July 24, 1948  
or  
Sunday, July 25, 1948

SPECIAL EVENTS IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 25th

Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park.  
Verdi program.

Monday, July 26th

Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park.  
Gilbert and Sullivan program.

Name Band Dance - sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company -  
8:30 P.M. - Bushwick Playground, Knickerbocker and  
Putnam Avenues, Brooklyn. Freddie Slack Orchestra.

Square Dancing - sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - 8:30 P.M. -  
Riverside Drive and 105th Street, Lower Level, Manhattan.  
Ed Durlacher and the Top Hands.

Learn-to-Swim Campaign - 10 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. each weekday  
morning, Monday through Saturday at all 17 Park Depart-  
ment outdoor pools. Tests for junior swimmers this week.

Junior Boys Golf Tournament - Local course championships at  
all 10 Park Department Golf Courses.

Tuesday, July 27th

Name Band Dance - sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company -  
8:30 P.M. - Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven  
Boulevard, Queens. Freddie Slack Orchestra.

Square Dancing - sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - 8:30 P.M. -  
Mall in Central Park. Ed Durlacher and Top Hands.

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Wednesday, July 28th

Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park.  
Original Band Music.

Name Band Dance - sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company -  
8:30 P.M. - Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse,  
Bronx. Freddie Slack and Orchestra.

Square Dancing - sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - 8:30 P.M. -  
Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th  
Street, Brooklyn. Ed Durlacher and Top Hands.

Square Dancing - Jacob Riis Park Boardwalk - 8:30 P.M. Miss  
Betty Palumbo and Ed Durlacher's Square Dance Band.

Thursday, July 29th

Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music Grove,  
Lincoln Road Entrance. Bach-Handel program.

Name Band Dance - sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company -  
8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park. Gene Williams Or-  
chestra.

Friday, July 30th

Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park.  
Bach-Handel program.

Name Band Dance - sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company -  
Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th  
Street. Gene Williams Orchestra.

Social Dancing - Jacob Riis Park Boardwalk, Queens - 8:30 P.M.

Saturday, July 31st

Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music Grove,  
Lincoln Road. Verdi program.

Naumberg Memorial Concert - 8:15 P.M. - Mr. Maximilian Pilzer,  
conducting. Mr. Robert Rounswill, Tenor, soloist.

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The final concert by the City Amateur Symphony Orchestra will be given at the Mall in Central Park on Saturday, July 24th, at 8:30 P.M. The Hon. Leopold Prince, conductor of the orchestra, has been one of the foremost exponents of musical programs in the public parks.

To conclude their twenty-first season of concerts, the orchestra will play the following selections:

1. Overture "Prometheus".....Beethoven
2. Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2.....Liszt
3. Group of Songs
  - a) Ah! Fors E Lui (La Traviata).....Verdi
  - b) Ich Liebe Dich.....Grieg
  - Lorraine Levy, Lyric Coloratura
4. a) Tango in D.....Albeniz  
b) Sevilla.....
5. Group of Songs
  - a) Je Veux Vivre (Romeo and Juliet).....Gounod
  - b) Ouvre Ton Coeur.....Bizet
  - Lorraine Levy, Lyric Coloratura
6. Two Slavonic Dances.....Dvorak
7. Irish Rhapsody.....Herbert
8. La Danse (Scenes Neapolitaines).....Massenet
9. Stars and Stripes.....Sousa

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Sunday, July 18, 1948

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Each evening this week, in conjunction with the Name Band Dances sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company, the Edison Post American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps will give a concert and demonstration starting at 8 P.M.

The corps of fifty-six members, a drum majorette, and a color guard of six, has been trained and directed by Mr. Leonard B. Hartman. The drum majorette, 15 year old Dorothy Weigand of the Bronx, was the winner of the Junior National Twirling Championships held at St. Paul last February, and she holds fifty-seven other state and national twirling honors.

The Name Band Dances, now in the fifth week of this summer's schedule, will be held each weekday evening, Monday through Friday, and this week, will begin immediately following the conclusion of the drum and bugle corps program.

The Monday, July 19th, dance will be held at Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan, with "Hot Lips" Page and his orchestra providing the music. The Page Orchestra, popular with Name Band Dance fans because of its fast, snappy style, always draws a large attendance of enthusiastic dancers.

Charlie Peterson will play for the next two evenings, Tuesday, July 20th, at Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 25th to 30th Avenues, Queens, and at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx, on Wednesday evening, July 21st. Peterson's smooth style of playing has been a drawing card in these dance series for several years.

Thursday and Friday evening dances will feature the music of Les Elgart and his orchestra. Elgart will play at the Mall in Central Park on Thursday, and at Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn, on Friday. The Les Elgart combination is one of the country's leading dance bands, one sure to please those who come to dance, and entertain those who wish to sit on the sidelines and watch the dancers.

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Sunday, July 18, 1948

FOR RELEASE

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The Department of Parks has scheduled ten performances by Peter Pan the Magic Man, at neighborhood Park playgrounds in Manhattan and Brooklyn, this week. Peter Pan's Magic shows, a year-round feature of the Park Department's recreation program, are highly recommended as entertainment for youngsters by parents and educators alike. Being an educator himself, Peter Pan sugar coats lessons on health, good citizenship and safety with his tricks with such finesse that his young audiences eat up the moral as well as the entertainment. Audience participation is Peter's greatest attraction and the children clamor to be selected to assist him in his performances.

This week's Magic shows will be given as follows:

MANHATTAN

Monday	July 19	11:00 A.M.	Heckscher Playground, 62nd Street & West Drive, Central Park
		2:30 P.M.	North Meadow Playground, 100th Street & West Drive, Central Park
Tuesday	July 20	11:00 A.M.	McCray Playground, West 138th Street, between 5th & Lenox Avenues
		2:30 P.M.	Playground at West 140th Street and Lenox Avenue
Wednesday	July 21	11:00 A.M.	Harlem Housing, West 150th Street, west of 7th Avenue
		2:30 P.M.	Annunciation Playground, Amsterdam Avenue and West 134th Street

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Thursday	July 22	11:00 A.M.	Prospect Park West and 11th
		2:30 P.M.	Street Playground
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Friday	July 23	11:00 A.M.	McLaughlin Park, Bridge and
		2:30 P.M.	Tillary Streets
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Nine performances of the "Marionette Circus" will highlight the activities at five Department of Parks playgrounds in Brooklyn this week. The new trailer theatre which houses the presentation was designed especially for the exhibition of puppet shows, and the trailer's improved sound system and backstage conveniences lend smoothness to the performances, thereby increasing audience pleasure in the presentation.

The Department of Parks Marionette Troupe has used an imaginative treatment in their portrayal of a circus. Scenery built to scale adds to the illusion of a life-sized "Big Top" as the miniature acrobats and clowns go through their acts. A bevy of twelve marionette dancers performs with precision second only to the Rockettes. A tight rope walker, magician, Jack-in-the Box, and a piano player and singer complete the cast.

This diverting entertainment may be seen this week at the following Department of Parks playgrounds in Brooklyn.

Monday	July 19	2:30 P.M.	Playground at 34th Street and 3rd Avenue
Tuesday	July 20	11:00 A.M.	Fort Hamilton Playground
		2:30 P.M.	Fort Hamilton Parkway and 52nd Street
Wednesday	July 21	11:00 A.M.	Seth Low Playground
		2:30 P.M.	Bay Parkway and Avenue P
Thursday	July 22	11:00 A.M.	Marine Park
		2:30 P.M.	Fillmore Avenue and Marine Parkway
Friday	July 23	11:00 A.M.	Sunset Playground
		2:30 P.M.	44th Street and Sixth Avenue



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The Department of Parks announces  
that a new baby zebra was born at the Prospect  
Park Zoo at 7 P.M., July 14th.

The mother is "Dolly" and the father  
"Ginger".

Mother and baby are doing well.

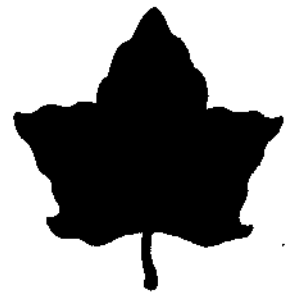
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Press photographs may be taken at  
any time between the hours of 8 A.M. and 5  
P.M.

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Monday, July 19, 1948



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NEW YORKERS INVITED BY PEPSI-COLA COMPANY  
AND DEPARTMENT OF PARKS TO "COME TO THE  
PARKS AND DANCE YOU ALL" AT FREE SQUARE  
DANCES.

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New Yorkers are invited today, Monday, July 19th, to "come to the Parks and dance you all" at the free Square Dances tonight, July 19th, at Riverside Drive, tomorrow night, July 20th, on Central Park Mall, and Wednesday night, July 21st, at Prospect Park, Brooklyn. This series of outdoor dances, sponsored each week by Pepsi-Cola Company under the auspices of the Department of Parks, will continue at the three City Parks throughout the summer until the middle of September.

Ed Durlacher is the Caller and the Top Hands provide the music for all of the events.

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Department of Parks announces that, beginning Monday, July 19, 1948, motorists whose cars are disabled on any of the New York City parkways will be able to receive assistance by simply calling a central number, MUrray Hill 7-2212. The operator will contact the nearest licensed tow company, from which point a tow car will be dispatched without delay.

It is important for the motorist to give the exact location and extent of damage to the vehicle, when requesting assistance.

This new service will help eliminate congestion, generally improve parkway travel, and assure motorists of prompt and dependable assistance at reasonable rates.

Following are rates charged for parkway service:

Gasoline delivered at current station price plus charge for delivery of.....	\$ .75
Removing flat tire and replacing spare tire.....	1.25
For fixing flat tire.....	1.75
This includes removing, repairing and reinstalling the tire.	
Towing to nearest exit.....	1.75
Towing from exit to operator's garage, per mile or fraction thereof.....	1.00
Interlocking bumpers.....	1.00
Removing car from center island.....	3.00
Recovery and preparing wrecked car for towing, per tow truck, per hour.....	5.00
Waiting time of tow truck, per hour.....	3.00
For hoisting undamaged car, preparatory to towing.....	2.00

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SPECIAL EVENTS IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 18th

Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park.  
Italian program.

Men's and Women's Municipal Golf Championships - Local  
Course Tournaments - at all 10 Park Department Golf  
Courses.

Monday, July 19th

Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park -  
Schubert program.

Name Band Dance - sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company -  
8:30 P.M. at Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst  
Avenue, Manhattan. Hot Lips Paige and Orchestra.

Square Dancing - sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - 8:30 P.M.  
at Riverside Drive and 105th Street - Lower Level, Man-  
hattan.

Learn-To-Swim Campaign - 10 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. - for children  
up to 14 years of age at all 17 outdoor Park pools.

Municipal Tennis Tournament - Junior Boys Local Court Cham-  
pionships at all Park Department Tennis Courts.

Tuesday, July 20th

Name Band Dance - sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company -  
8:30 P.M. - Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and  
25th to 30th Avenues, Queens. Charlie Peterson Orchestra.

Square Dancing - sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - 8:30 P.M.  
Mall in Central Park. Ed Durlacher and Top Hands.

Boys Swimming Meet - 5 P.M. - McCarren Pool, Driggs Avenue  
and Lorimer Street, Brooklyn.

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Wednesday, July 21st

Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park,  
Miscellaneous program.

Name Band Dance - sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company -  
8:30 P.M. at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse,  
Bronx. Charlie Peterson Orchestra.

Square Dancing - sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - 8:30 P.M. -  
Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th  
Street, Brooklyn.

Square Dancing - Jacob Riis Park Boardwalk, Queens - 8:30  
P.M. - Miss Betty Palumbo and Ed Durlacher's Square  
Dance Band.

Thursday, July 22nd

Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music Grove,  
Lincoln Road Entrance, Brooklyn. Beethoven program.

Name Band Dance - sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company -  
8:30 P.M. at Mall in Central Park. Les Elgart Orchestra.

Friday, July 23rd

Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park -  
Beethoven program.

Name Band Dance - sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company -  
8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West  
and 11th Street, Brooklyn. Les Elgart Orchestra.

Social Dancing - 8:30 P.M. - Jacob Riis Park Boardwalk, Queens.

Saturday, July 24th

Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music Grove,  
Lincoln Road Entrance, Brooklyn. Italian program.

City Amateur Symphony Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central  
Park. Hon. Leopold Prince, conducting; Miss Rose Reich,  
Contralto, soloist.

Boys City-wide Swimming Championships - 5 P.M. - Sunset Pool,  
42nd Street and 7th Avenue, Brooklyn. Senior Metropol-  
itan Association A.A.U. events, and exhibitions by out-  
standing swimming and diving stars.

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2,200 entries have been received for the 9th Annual Municipal Tennis Championships to be conducted by the Department of Parks.

Local court championship playoffs will get underway at 44 locations, where there are 478 tennis courts, on Saturday, July 17th in the men's division; Monday July 19th for junior boys; and Monday, August 2nd for women. These matches offer the opportunity of participation in competitive play to men, women, and boys, who are deterred from entering other tennis contests because schedules of play conflict with their hours of employment, or because they are outclassed by more experienced tournament players. All matches in the park tournament will be singles, and play will continue until the championships are decided at each area. The winner and runner-up in each division will be awarded medals.

Quarter-finalists from each area will qualify for the borough championship playoffs which are scheduled as follows: August 7th to 15th for men; August 9th to 13th for junior boys; and August 21st to 29th for women.

City-wide Championships will be held at Central Park, 93rd Street and West Drive, all games starting at 2 P.M. Matches for junior boys will be held Saturday, August 21st; for men on Saturday, September 4th; for women on Saturday, September 11th. All quarter-finalists in borough championships will be eligible to play.

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Prizes will also be awarded to winners and runners-up in borough and city-wide championships. The names of the winners will be inscribed on the Park Association trophies.

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## D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S

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Over 2,000 golfers have filed entries for the 9th Annual Municipal Golf Matches to be conducted by the Department of Parks in men's, women's, and junior boys' divisions, at the ten golf courses located in Brooklyn, Bronx, Queens, and Richmond. Competition is always keen in these tournaments, and entrants were required to file attested score cards, the 64 low gross scorers qualifying for their local course championship playoffs which will consist of 18 holes of medal play. The men's and women's matches are scheduled for Sunday, July 18th, and junior boys will tee off on Monday, July 26th.

The eight low gross scorers in the men's division will qualify for the City-wide Team Championships, and all winners and runners-up in the women's and boys' divisions will qualify for the City-wide Championships.

City-wide Team Championships for men will be held at Forest Park Golf Course, Queens, on Sunday, August 1st, the matches to consist of 36 holes of medal play. Prizes will be awarded to members of the winning team and runners-up. The 32 low gross scorers will compete in the City-wide Match Play Championships to be held at Clearview Golf Course, Queens, on the weekends of August 7th and 14th. The champion will have his name engraved on the sterling silver Newbold Morris Trophy, and individual championship and runner-up trophies will also be awarded.

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The Women's and Junior Boys' City-wide Championships will be held on Sunday, August 22nd at Split Rock Golf Course in the Bronx. The championship matches will be 18 holes of medal play. The champions will have their names engraved on the sterling silver Park Association trophies, and individual prizes will be presented to the winner and runner-up in each division.

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The fifth concert, this summer, by the City Amateur Symphony, under the direction of the Hon. Leopold Prince, will be given at the Mall in Central Park, on Saturday, July 17th, at 8:30 P.M. The soloist on Saturday will be Miss Rose Reich, contralto. Performing only the best in classical music, the City Amateur Symphony has won a following of faithful listeners who gather in the thousands for each concert.

Judge Prince has selected the following numbers for this Saturday's concert:

1. Overture "Maritana"..... Wallace
2. Haffner Symphony..... Mozart  
Allegro con spirito  
Andante  
Menuetto  
Finale - Presto
3. Group of Songs  
a) Amour Viens Aider (Samson and Delilah).... Saint-Saens  
b) Still wie die Nacht..... Bohm  
Rose Reich, Contralto
4. Three Dances from "The Bartered Bride"..... Smetana
5. Group of Songs  
a) Caro Mio Ben..... Giordano  
b) Believe Me If All Those Endearing  
Young Charms..... Thomas Moore  
Rose Reich, Contralto
6. Jewels of the Madonna (Intermezzo)..... Wolf-Ferrari
7. Polvetzia Dances (Prince Igor)..... Borodin

The final concert in the City Amateur Symphony series will be performed on Saturday, July 24th.

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Saturday afternoon, July 10th  
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Sunday, July 11th

Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park. Tchaikovsky program.

Monday, July 12th

Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park. Bach program.

Name Band Dance - sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - 8:30 P.M. - Williamsbridge Oval, East 208th St. and Bainbridge Ave., Bronx. Shorty Sherock Orchestra.

Square Dancing - sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - 8:30 P.M. - Riverside Drive and 105th St., Lower Level, Manhattan. Ed Durlacher and Top Hands.

Girls Swimming Meet - 5 P.M. - Crotona Pool, East 173rd St. and Fulton Ave., Bronx.

Learn-To-Swim Campaign - 10 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. - for children up to 14 years of age, at all 17 Park Department outdoor pools every Monday through Saturdays until August 27th.

Tuesday, July 13th

Name Band Dance - sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - 8:30 P.M. at Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens. Shorty Sherock Orchestra.

Square Dancing - sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - 8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park. Ed Durlacher and Top Hands.

Boys Swimming Meet - 5 P.M. - Astoria Pool, 19th St. opposite 23rd Drive, Queens.

Wednesday, July 14th

Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park. French Program.

Name Band Dance - sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - 8:30 P.M., Poe Park, 192nd St. and Grand Concourse, Bronx. Tony Pastor Orchestra.

Square Dancing - sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th St., Brooklyn. Ed Durlacher and Top Hands.

Square Dancing - Jacob Riis Park Boardwalk, Queens - 8:30 P.M. - Miss Betty Palumbo and Ed Durlacher's Square Dance Band.

Girls Swimming Meet - 5 P.M. - Highbridge Pool, Amsterdam Avenue and West 173rd Street, Manhattan.

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**Thursday, July 15th**

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Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road Entrance, Brooklyn. Original Band Music.

Name Band Dance - sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - 8:30 P.M. at Mall in Central Park. Jerry Wald Orchestra.

Boys Swimming Meet - 5 P.M. - Tompkinsville Pool, Victory Boulevard and Bay Street, Richmond.

**Friday, July 16th**

Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park. Original Band Music.

Name Band Dance - sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - 8:30 P.M. at Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Pklyn. Jerry Wald Orchestra.

Dancing - 8:30 P.M. - Jacob Riis Park Boardwalk, Queens.

Girls Swimming Meet - 5 P.M. - Highbridge Pool, Amsterdam Avenue and West 173rd Street, Manhattan.

**Saturday, July 17th**

Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music Grove - Lincoln Road Entrance, Brooklyn. Wagner program.

City Amateur Symphony Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park. Hon. Leopold Prince conducting. Alice Howland, Contralto, soloist.

Municipal Tennis Tournament - Men's Local Court playoffs at all 508 Park Department tennis courts.

Girls City-wide Swimming Championships - 5 P.M. - Flushing Meadow Park Amphitheatre Swimming Pool, Queens. Senior Metropolitan A.A.U. Championship events; also, exhibitions by outstanding swimming and diving stars.



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FOR RELEASE

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CONTINUE TO ATTRACT THOUSANDS OF ENTHUSIASTS

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More Than 50,000 New Yorkers and Brooklynites This  
Season Have Enjoyed This Outdoor Entertainment  
Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company Under the Auspices  
of the Department of Parks.

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The free Pepsi-Cola Square Dances held at the three New York City  
Parks continue to attract thousands of square dance enthusiasts who are  
able to participate in this outdoor entertainment made available by Pepsi-  
Cola Company under the auspices of the Department of Parks.

Over 50,000 New Yorkers and Brooklynites have enjoyed these events  
this season.

The dances take place every Monday night at Riverside Drive and 103rd  
Street, lower level, where they will be held until September 13th inclusive,  
every Tuesday night on Central Park Mall at 72nd Street, to September 14th  
inclusive, and every Wednesday night at Prospect Park West and 11th Street,  
Brooklyn, until September 15th inclusive.

While the Top Hands provide the music, Ed Durlacher calls the dances.



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FOR RELEASE

Because nothing appeals to children more than a circus, it is

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not surprising that the "Marionette Circus", this summer's presentation by the Department of Parks Marionette Trailer Theatre, has won favor with their young audiences, and the praises of their parents. From beginning to end, the antics of all the Lilliputian sawdust performers captivate old and young alike, but in a popularity poll of the youngsters, the acrobats would win, hands down. Mothers of very young children may be sure that their tots will enjoy the show as dialogue has been omitted this year, and music used to accent the action of the performers.

Nine performances of the "Marionette Circus" will be scheduled at Park Department playgrounds in Brooklyn and Queens, as follows:

QUEENS

Monday,	July 12th	2:30 P.M.	Queensbridge Playground, Vernon Boulevard and Bridge Plaza North.
Tuesday	July 13th	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Maurice Playground, 61st to 63rd Street and 54th Avenue.
Wednesday	July 14th	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Grover Cleveland Playground, Grandview Avenue and Stanhope Street.
Thursday	July 15th	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Astoria Park, 19th Street opposite 23rd Drive, Astoria.

BROOKLYN

Friday	July 16th	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Bushwick Park, Sydam Street and Irving Avenue
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FOR RELEASE

Each week's Name Band Dances, the popular outdoor social dances,

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sponsored annually by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted each week-day evening Monday through Friday, under the auspices of the Department of Parks, will feature the music of Shorty Sherock, Tony Pastor and Jerry Wald, three of the nation's foremost dance bands.

Shorty Sherock will play for the first two evenings of dancing: Monday night, July 12th, at Williamsbridge Oval, East 208th Street and Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx; and Tuesday evening, July 13th at Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Queens. Shorty Sherock, ace trumpeter, made his initial appearance with the Name Band Dances last year. His featured vocalist is lovely Elayne Trent.

Tony Pastor, always popular with Name Band Dance followers will play for the Wednesday July 14th dance at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx. Tony is regarded as one of the great stylists in the music field. His saxophone talents, the artists he features: the Clooney Sisters, Stubby Pastor, and Buddy James make a combination that rates as a powerful force in the entertainment world.

Jerry Wald winds up the week playing Thursday, July 15th at the Mall in Central Park, and Friday, July 16th at Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street in Brooklyn.

All dances start at 8:30 P.M.





D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
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FOR RELEASE Peter Pan, the Department of Park's Magic Man, who is currently

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Peter Pan's schedule for this week will be:

MANHATTAN

Monday	July 12	11:00 A.M.	Carmansville Plgd., 152nd St. & Amsterdam Ave.
		2:30 P.M.	Highbridge Playground, 167th St. & Edgecombe Ave.
Tuesday	July 13	11:00 A.M.	St. Gabriel's Park Plgd., 35th St. & 2nd Ave.
		2:30 P.M.	Playground at E. 24th St. and East River Drive.
Wednesday	July 14	11:00 A.M.	Highbridge Plgd., 189 St. & Amsterdam Ave.
		2:30 P.M.	Fort Tryon Extension, Ft. Washington & Northern Aves.
Thursday	July 15	11:00 A.M.	Rumsey Plgd., 71st St. & East River Drive
		2:30 P.M.	St. Catherine's Plgd., 67th St. & 1st Ave.
Friday	July 16	11:00 A.M.	Hamilton Place Plgd., West 140th St. & Hamilton Place.
		2:30 P.M.	Playground at Payson Avenue and Dyckman Street.

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Wednesday, July 7, 1948.

A musical event which will be of interest to all parents of young children is to be held on the stage at the Mall in Central Park on Saturday afternoon, July 10th, at 3 P.M., when the Children's Opera Company of New York presents the fairy opera "Sleeping Beauty".

The Children's Opera Company is an organization of youngsters, founded and directed by Miss Eva Leoni, a veteran in staging such events. The group has appeared in the street scene of various operas given by the San Carlo Opera Company in Rockefeller Center each spring. On June 13th, this year, they presented "Sleeping Beauty" at Times Hall.

Rosario Bourdon will conduct and Miss Helen Barrie is the ballet choreographer.

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Entries are being accepted now for the Jacks, Checkers, and Table Tennis Contests which the Department of Parks will conduct as a three-fold summer sports tournament program under the sponsorship of the New York Community Trust. These activities are open to New York City youngsters up to 17 years of age, who may file their entries at any of the 507 neighborhood park playgrounds located throughout the city, or at Park Department Borough Headquarters.

Girls up to 13 years of age may enter the Jacks Contest, girls up to 14 years are eligible for the Checkers Tournament, and boys and girls from 12 through 17 years of age may compete in the Table Tennis Contest.

Jacks and checkers eliminations will begin at local playgrounds on Monday, July 19th, and the table tennis play-offs get underway on Monday, August 2nd.

The New York Community Trust will award medals to contestants placing first and second in district, borough, and city-wide finals.

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The City Amateur Symphony will give their third concert of the season at the Mall in Central Park on Saturday, July 10th, at 8:30 P.M. Under the direction of the Hon. Leopold Prince, this organization which now numbers 112 musicians, has been giving concerts featuring classical works of popular appeal, for the past twenty-one years.

On Saturday, the Mall will take on an aspect of Old Vienna as the orchestra presents the following program of Viennese musical favorites:

1. Overture - "The Bat".....Johann Strauss
2. Vienna Beauty Waltz.....Ziehrer
3. Group of Songs
  - a) Vienna, City of My Dreams.....Oscar Strauss
  - b) Laughing Song.....Johann StraussLorraine Levy, Lyric Coloratura
4. Old Refrain.....Kreisler
5. Old Vienna.....Godowsky
6. Wiener Blut.....Strauss
7. Group of Songs
  - a) My Hero from Chocolate Soldier....Oscar Strauss
  - b) Primavera Waltz.....Johann StraussLorraine Levy, Lyric Coloratura

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8. a) Pizzicato Polka  
b) Persian March.....Johann Strauss
9. Rosenkavalier Waltz.....Richard Strauss
10. Overture - "Morning, Noon, and Night".....Suppe

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Two evenings of dancing will be conducted by the Department of Parks at the Jacob Riis Park Boardwalk, Queens. Square dancing, with Miss Betty Palumbo calling the dances and music by Ed Durlacher's Square Dance Band, began last Wednesday, June 30th, and will continue each Wednesday evening until August 25th. The social dancing series will be introduced on Friday, July 9th, at the same location, and will continue each Friday evening until August 27th. All dances begin at 8:30 P.M.

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TRULY AMERICAN SQUARE DANCES SPONSORED BY PEPSI-COLA COMPANY AND PARK  
DEPARTMENT FITTING EVENT FOR NEW YORKERS CELEBRATING NATIONAL HOLIDAY

Record Crowds Expected to Attend Fourth Week of Free Outdoor  
Entertainment Scheduled at Riverside Drive, July 5, Central  
Park Mall, July 6, and Prospect Park, Brooklyn July 7

Thousands of New Yorkers and Brooklynites will be able to enjoy  
the truly American Square Dances, sponsored by Popsi-Cola Company under  
the auspices of the Department of Parks scheduled for the fourth week of  
this free outdoor entertainment; those will include the dance at River-  
side Drive, Monday night, July 5 of the National Holiday weekend, as  
well as those to be held on Central Park Mall, Tuesday night, July 6th  
and at Prospect Park, Brooklyn, Wednesday, July 7th.

New Yorkers can continue to enjoy these free dances at Riverside  
Drive and 103rd Street (lower level) every Monday night, on Central Park  
Mall at 72nd Street every Tuesday night, and at Prospect Park West and  
11th Street every Wednesday night at 8:30 P.M.

Ed Durlacher calls all of the dances while the Top Hands provide  
the music.



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The enthusiastic reception accorded to the Department of Parks Marionette Trailer Theatre at all nine performances of its first week's tour in the current schedule, indicated that the new show, "The Marionette Circus", will be the most popular play in the puppet theatre's repertoire. The characters in the show a Strong Man, Tight Rope Walker, Jack-in-the-Box, the Magician, a Piano Player and Singer, a chorus line of twelve marionettes, and of course a Clown (no circus could do without one), have won the hearts of all children. Mechanical improvements incorporated in the new trailer have added much to the success of the entertainment. A treat is in store for all who see this enchanting show this summer.

The show will continue its tour of Queens by giving performances at the following Park Department playgrounds:

Tuesday	July 6	2:30 P.M. Cunningham Park, Union Turnpike and 192 Street, Hollis.
Wednesday	July 7	11:00 A.M. O'Connor Playground 2:30 P.M. 32nd Avenue and 210th Street, Bayside.
Thursday	July 8	11:00 A.M. Forest Park, The Overlook 2:30 P.M. Park Lane and Union Turnpike, Kew Gardens.
Friday	July 9	11:00 A.M. Juniper Valley Playground 2:30 P.M. Dry Harbor Road and 63rd Street
Saturday	July 10	2:30 P.M. Jacob Riis Park, Rockaway Beach.





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SPECIAL EVENTS IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 4th

Naumburg Memorial Concert - 8:15 P.M. - Mall in Central Park

Monday, July 5th

Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park, American Music

Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - 8:30 P.M. at  
Colonial Park, 146 Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan, Don Redman  
Orchestra.

Square Dancing - Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - 8:30 P.M. - Riverside  
Drive and 105 Street, Manhattan.

Magic Show - 11 A.M. - Mt. Morris East Playground, 120 Street and 5 Ave. Man.  
2:30 P.M. - Playground at 130 Street and 5th Avenue, Manhattan.

Tuesday, July 6th

Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - 8:30 P.M. at  
Jackson Heights Playground, 84 Street and 25 to 30 Avenues, Queens.  
Larry Clinton and Orchestra.

Square Dancing - Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - 8:30 P.M. Mall in Central  
Park.

Marionette Circus 2:30 P.M. - Cunningham Park, Union Turnpike and 192 Street,  
Hollis.

Magic Show - 11 A.M. - Tompkins Square Park, 10 Street and Avenue A, Manhattan.  
2:30 P.M. - Playground at East River Drive and 12 Street, Manhattan.

Boys Swimming Meet - 5 P.M. - Crotona Pool, East 173 Street and Fulton Ave. Bronx

Learn-To-Swim Campaign - 10 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. for children up to 14 years  
of age, at all 17 outdoor Park Pools. Every weekday, Monday through  
Saturday, July and August.

Wednesday, July 7th

Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park. Symphonic program.

Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - 8:30 P.M. at Tooe  
Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx. Larry Clinton Band.

Square Dancing - Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - 8:30 P.M. Prospect Park  
Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11 Street, Brooklyn.

Square Dancing - 8:50 P.M. - Jacob Riis Park Boardwalk, Rockaway Beach.

Girls Swimming Meet - 5 P.M. - Astoria Pool, 19 Street opposite 23 Drive, Queens

Marionette Circus - 11 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. - O'Connor Playground, 32 Avenue and  
210 Street, Bayside, Queens.

Magic Show - 11 A.M. - Seward Park, Canal and Essex Streets, Manhattan.

2:30 P.M. - Gulick Playground, Sheriff and Delancey Streets, Manhattan.

Thursday, July 8th

Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn,  
Bach program.  
Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - 8:30 P.M. at  
Mall in Central Park. Larry Clinton Orchestra.  
Boys Swimming Meet - 5 P.M. - Thomas Jefferson Pool, First Avenue and 111th  
Street, Manhattan.  
Marionette Circus - 11 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. - Forest Park Overlook, Park Lane  
and Union Turnpike, Kew Gardens.  
Magic Show - 11 A.M. - Morningside Playground, 123 Street and Madison Avenue,  
Manhattan.  
2:30 P.M. - Playground at 97 Street and Riverside Drive, Manhattan.

Friday, July 9th

Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park. Guggenheim Memorial  
Concert.  
Name Band Dance - Sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company - 8:30 P.M. -  
Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11 Street, Brooklyn.  
Larry Clinton Orchestra  
Girls Swimming Meet - 5 P.M. - Sunset Pool, 42 Street and 7 Avenue, Brooklyn.  
Marionette Circus - 11 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. - Juniper Valley Playground, Dry  
Harbor Road and 63 Street, Queens.  
Magic Show - 11 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. - Amphitheatre, East River Drive and  
Broome Street, Manhattan.

Saturday, July 10th

Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music Grove, Brooklyn  
Tchaikovsky program.  
City Amateur Symphony Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park.  
Marionette Circus - 2:30 P.M. - Jacob Riis Park, Rockaway Beach.



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Sunday, July 4, 1948

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114 Dancing under the stars in New York City parks enters the third week of this summer's series with dances scheduled this week for each weekday evening, Monday through Friday. The dances are an annual contribution by the Consolidated Edison Company in the interests of public recreation and they are conducted under the auspices of the Department of Parks. No more agreeable pastime can be found in sultry summer weather than to dance in the cool of the evening to the music of the nation's most famous dance bands.

Don Redman, one of the foremost composers and arrangers, and author of "How'm I Doing" and "Wasn't Told To Me, I Only Heard", will play for Monday night's dance at Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan. Dolores Brown and Dick Vance are featured artists.

Larry Clinton, equally well known for scores of song hits, among them, "My Reverie", "Our Love", and "The Dipsy Doodle", will play for the remainder of the week's dances. Larry, born and schooled in Brooklyn, has won nation-wide acclaim with his sparkling instrumental arrangements, such as "Study in Brown", "In A Persian Market", and "Bolero in Blue". Larry features no less than six individual singers, plus the "Dipsy Doodlers", a vocal group. This interesting array of talent and entertainment may be heard Tuesday evening, July 6th, at Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 25th to 30th Avenues, Queens; Wednesday, July 7th, at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx; Thursday July 8th, at the Mall in Central Park; and on Friday July 9th at Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11 Street.

All dances start at 8:30 P.M. and continue until 10:30 P.M.



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Peter Pan, the Department of Parks Magic Man, will continue his summer tour of Park Department playgrounds by giving ten performances this week in the borough of Manhattan.

It would be difficult to select one of Peter Pan's feats of magic as the one that is most pleasing to his young fans. His store of tricks is seemingly endless, ranging from those based on bibilival stories right up to the latest comic strip characters. With an eye tuned to the welfare of his audiences, Peter Pan has keyed many of his rountines to educational themes featuring safety, health, and citizenship.

His performances this week are scheduled as follows:

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Monday July 5 11:00 A.M. Mount Morris East, 120 Street and Madison Avenue

2:30 P.M. Playground at 130 Street and Fifth Avenue

Tuesday July 6 11:00 A.M. Tompkins Square Park, 10 Street and Avenue A

2:30 P.M. Playground at East River - 12 Street

Wednesday July 7 11:00 A.M. Soward Park, Canal, Essex and East Broadway

2:30 P.M. Gulick Playground, Sheriff, Broome & Dolancey Streets

Thursday July 8 11:00 A.M. Morningside Playground, 123 Street and Madison Avenue

2:30 P.M. Playground at 97th Street and Riverside Drive

Friday July 9 11:00 A.M. Amphitheatre, East River Drive and Broome Street

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of work on and the opening of four new parking fields adjacent to the Rockaway Beach Boardwalk, at Beach 32nd, 52nd, 64th, and 69th Streets. The four fields have a total capacity of 1,000 cars and will relieve to a great extent the fire and panic hazards resulting from parking adjacent to the boardwalk and will provide off street parking space for patrons to the beach and local residents. They will be operated for free public usage from 8 A.M. to 12 midnight. Starting Friday night, July 2nd, the Police will hang tag ~~summons~~ on all cars still remaining in these fields after 12 midnight.

The development of these parking areas, funds for which were provided in the 1948 Capital Budget, is another stage in the improvement of seventeen parcels between Beach 9th Street and Beach 71st Street, which are to be assigned to the Department of Parks to provide for beach improvement. The entire project will cost approximately \$6,500,000.

The ultimate development, which will continue to be carried on in stages, will include paddle tennis and handball courts, playgrounds containing apparatus and games areas, softball diamonds, sitting areas and parking fields for 2,000 cars. For this purpose the Department will request the allocation of \$580,000. in the 1949 Capital Budget. It is expected that the completion of these facilities will relieve some of the confusion and overcrowding adjacent to the boardwalk particularly week-ends and holidays.

The further reconstruction of the boardwalk which started a few years ago continues between Beach 73rd Street and Beach 85th Street, and east of Beach 33rd Street. This work costing \$200,000. consists of the removal of unsafe sections of the wood decking and supporting beams, the reconstruction with creosoted beams and salt-treated Douglas Fir decking, and incidental work such as the resetting of benches, drinking fountains, railing and lamp posts.

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## NATIVE HOLLIES GIVEN TO THE CITY

The Department of Parks announces an anonymous gift of \$1,000 for the improvement of Jacob Riis Park. The letter accompanying the gift reads as follows:

"Enclosed please find check for \$1,000.00 for the benefit of Riis Park Bathing Beach. Please do not acknowledge it; you couldn't anyway, because I'm not giving my address, well anyway I've enjoyed the park so much that I would like to do something for it-in a breezy natural way-hence no acknowledgement."

After some thought we have decided to use this contribution for the purchase and planting of native holly trees. The Christmas holly (*Ilex opaca*) and Inkberry, the small leaved holly (*Ilex Glabra*) will be planted at the south end of the Mall, flanking the west entrance to the beach and boardwalk. Other native shore front plants, to enframe and protect the native hollies will include bayberry (*Myrica pensylvanica*) beach plum (*prunus maritima*) and the favorite ground cover of beach patrons bear berry (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*).

One of the lasting impressions carried away by the visitor to the outer beaches of Fire Island, particularly at Point O'Woods, is the variety and beauty of the native plants, including hollies, back of the dunes where they are protected from the drying winds which sweep over the beaches in the winter. Some of the Christmas Hollies have attained a diameter near the base of fifteen inches or more. The height is always governed by the height of the protective dunes between the trees and the ocean.

The protected location in which the hollies will be planted at Jacob Riis will assure their normal growth to maturity even in the face of winter blasts and hurricanes, but only to the height of the protective shelters at the beach which in this case are the concession building and the massed planting around the hollies.

The native hollies, particularly *Ilex opaca*, have rapidly disappeared with the destruction of the native flora with which they are associated in their natural habitat.

In establishing this planting of one of our most interesting and beautiful plants our anonymous donor has rendered a fine service to the park system.

A bronze plaque will be placed adjacent to the planting to record this act of generosity.

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Monday, June 28, 1948

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Department of Parks Square Dances become a weekly feature at Jacob Riis Park in Queens this summer when the first dance is held at 8:30 P.M. on Wednesday, June 30th, and every Wednesday evening thereafter until August 25. They will be held at the Dance Area located in the central portion of the boardwalk at Riis Park.

The revival of square dancing, which is taking place all over our country, gains added momentum as beginners learn how much fun it is to take part in these traditional American square dances. The Department of Parks has fostered the rebirth of this type of dancing in New York City, and, with the Riis Park series, extends the opportunity of participation to the multitudes who visit Riis Park.

The caller for this series will be Miss Betty Palumbo, former Wave lieutenant and protege of Ed Durlacher who for the past few years has been calling for square dances at Riverside Drive, Central Park, and Prospect Park. The music will be provided by Ed. Durlacher's Square Dance Band. Newcomers, young and old, will be able to keep in step after a few brief instructions from Miss Palumbo. There is no charge for admission, and the public is invited to attend these seaside dances where fun for the entire family will be the keynote of the evening.





# DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

## ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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Sunday, June 27, 1948

FOR RELEASE

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New York City is a Mecca for all vacationers, native New Yorkers as well as the countless visitors who are drawn by the great variety of attractions the city has to offer. Not the least of these attractions are the recreational facilities of the Department of Parks, all of which are ready to cater to the recreation preferences of all ages of people. The New York City Park Department has kept pace with popular demand on the part of the public by providing equipment and space for the increasing variety of activities which a modern public park system must accommodate. Everything in this category, from archery to zoos, is available in New York City parks.

Swimming, naturally, is the most popular summertime sport, and the attractive 17 outdoor park pools and the six park beaches, which are located in the five boroughs, invite an ever-increasing attendance. Last year more than seventy-five and a half million people found relief from the heat at these aquatic oases. The moderate fees charged - 25 cents for lockers and 50 cents for dressing rooms at the beaches, and at all pools the admission fee is 9 cents for children under 12 years of age and 26 cents for all other persons, plus the fact that there is a free period from 10 to 12:30 each morning, Monday through Saturday, makes it possible for all to enjoy the use of public bathing facilities.

The time-honored custom of listening to concerts in the park gains added enthusiasts each year because of the expanding opportunities provided by the Park Department. There is something going on at the Mall in Central Park each evening. After 31 consecutive years, the Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Memorial Concerts, given by the Goldman Band under the direction of Edwin Franko Goldman, need no publicizing to the music lovers of New York City. These concerts may be heard

at 8:30 P.M. each Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday on the Mall in Central Park. On Thursday and Saturday evenings, the Goldman Band plays for Brooklynites at the Prospect Park Music Grove. The Guggenheim series will continue until September 15th. The City Amateur Symphony, conducted by Hon. Leopold Prince, will give concerts at the Mall on Saturday evenings, July 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th, at 8:15 P.M. The annual Naumburg Memorial Concerts, given in memory of Mr. Elkan Naumburg who donated the Band Shell on the Mall, will be heard there on July 4th, July 31st, and September 6th, starting at 8:15 P.M.

The popular Name Band Dances, a series of 54 sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company, begin on the Mall on Thursday evening, June 24th. Top notch dance bands provide the music for these weekday evenings of dancing, under the stars, which on Tuesday evenings alternate between Victory Field and Jackson Heights Playground in Queens, and which will be held every Wednesday evening at Poe Park in the Bronx, each Thursday night at the Mall in Central Park, and Friday evenings at the Prospect Park Dance Area in Brooklyn. Monday evening dances will be given at various locations in the boroughs. Last year a half million Name Band Dance fans participated in this pleasant form of nocturnal recreation.

Square dancing, indigenous to our country, has in recent years made a successful comeback, losing its rural setting but none of its rustic flavor, under the sponsorship of the Pepsi-Cola Company. This summer's series, already attracting large crowds, began on June 14th, and will continue until September 15th, with sessions held Monday evenings at Riverside Drive and 105th Street, Manhattan; Tuesday evenings at the Mall in Central Park; and Wednesday nights at the Prospect Park Dance Area in Brooklyn. All dances start at 8:30 P.M., with Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands providing the calling and the music for the colorful squares and figures. Ed's masterful directions make it easy for beginners to get into the swing of things and soon they can dos-a-dos and allemande along with the old timers.

In addition to the beaches and pools, the Park Department has 507 neighborhood playgrounds equipped with 6000 swings, 1700 see-saws, 1000 handball courts, 600 shuffleboard courts, 450 paddle tennis courts, 350 horseshoe pitching courts, 400 basketball courts, 300 jungle gyms, 200 sandpits, and 188 wading pools. These playgrounds providing both active and passive recreational opportunities for young and old, are under the direct supervision of a permanent staff of 420 trained Playground Directors, a staff which is augmented by 300 additional temporary summer recreation personnel, to take care of the expanded summertime activity program, and to provide for extended hours of operation. While the demand for the use of the Park Department's 309 softball and 151 baseball diamonds far exceed the supply, periods are still available to take care of a reasonable number of teams at most of

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these locations. Teen-agers may find special areas set aside for model yachting, kite flying, model airplane flying, as well as bicycle paths in the larger parks and along the parkways. A number of organized tournaments for boys and girls will be conducted by the Park Department. These include a softball competition open to boys 14, 15, 16, and 17 years of age, for which entries close on July 2nd; a track meet for Queens' youngsters at Astoria Park on August 8th; twelve swimming meets for boys up to 19 years of age and girls up to 17 years of age, will be held at outdoor pools in the five boroughs. Championship events scheduled for these meets are sanctioned by the Metropolitan Association, A.A.U., and are open to swimmers registered with that organization. Municipal Tennis and Golf Championships, to be conducted this summer are open to junior boys, men, and women, play starting in mid-July. A summerlong Learn-To-Swim Campaign for boys and girls up to 14 years of age, gets under way at all 17 outdoor park pools during the free period for youngsters, on July 6th. Summertime finds the 10 Park Department golf courses, which are among the finest municipal courses in the country, teeming with activity from morning until dusk. The Knickerbocker Golf Tournament will be held in late summer on these courses. 508 tennis courts in the five boroughs, afford recreation for net fans, for the modest fee of \$3.00 for a season permit. Adults may spend many pleasant hours on bridle paths, bowling greens, bocci courts, or in fishing at 32 designated areas in the city. Entire families may plan outings at the 19 Park Department picnic areas which are equipped with fire places, tables, and benches; or at the Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn, or Richmond zoos.

With such an extensive variety of facilities and equipment, New Yorkers can find recreation and relaxation without leaving the city, or they may supplement their out-of-town vacations by spending extra hours in the sun and fresh air in the New York City parks.



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Four Name Band Dances, sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company, will be conducted by the Department of Parks this week. Dancing under the stars to the music of top notch dance bands is one of the most popular features of the Park Department's summer recreation program, attracting thousands of dancers and those who come to listen each evening.

Randy Brooks and his famous Golden Trumpet, will give Queens and Bronx dancers a chance to exhibit their terpsichorean talent when he plays for the Tuesday evening dance at Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Queens, and for Wednesday night's dance to be held at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx. Randy Brooks was ace trumpet man with many well-known dance bands - Claude Thornhill, Rudy Vallo, Art Jarrett, Ruby Newman, and Les Brown. Forming his own band after this apprenticeship, he quickly rose to the top, gaining third place in the latest Down Beat Magazine's nationwide popularity poll.

Boyd Raeburn, who needs no introduction to local dancers, will play for the remaining dances, Thursday evening at the Mall in Central Park, and Friday night at Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11 Street, Brooklyn. Boyd Raeburn features Ginnie Powell as his vocalist.

All dances begin at 8:30 P.M. and the public is invited to attend.



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NEW YORKERS URGED BY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND PEPSI-COLA COMPANY  
TO "COME ONE COME ALL" AS FREE SQUARE DANCES ENTER THIRD WEEK

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Over 30,000 Have Already Enjoyed Outdoor Entertainment This Season  
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New Yorkers were urged on Monday, June 28th, to "Come one  
come all" to the free Square Dances entering their third week to-  
night at Riverside Drive, Tuesday night at Central Park Mall, and  
Wednesday night at Prospect Park; the outdoor entertainment is  
sponsored each week at the three city parks by Popsi-Cola Company  
as a public service under the auspices of the Department of Parks.  
Over 30,000 have already enjoyed the outdoor entertainment this  
season.

Ed Durlacher calls the dances and the Top Hands provide the  
music for all events. At the opening of each dance Ed Durlacher  
instructs beginners so that in a few minutes they can execute the  
Squares like veteran Square Dancers.



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Misc.-20M-92347 400 children from Department of Parks playgrounds in Queens will present their annual dance festival at King Park Lawn, 150 to 153 Streets and Jamaica Avenue Jamaica, on Saturday June 26, at 2 P.M. Nine colorful folk and novelty dances, each lasting about 10 minutes, will be performed on the green lawn which, bordered by shade trees, makes a perfect stage for the festival.

The perennial event is a highlight in the Department of Parks program of activities for youngsters. For several weeks the girls who are participating have been making their attractive costumes under the supervision of Park Department playground directors. Mothers and older sisters helped to make the dances a community project by assisting in fitting and sewing garments.

The festival will open with the dancers parading onto the green to form a giant horseshoe within which the dances will be performed. Seats are provided for the spectators, among which will be parents and friends of the children.

The following are the dances on Saturday's program and the name of the playgrounds participating in them.

The Schottische	Jackson Pond and Highland Lower Playground
The Swedish Dal Dans	Raymond O'Connor, Flushing Memorial, & Chisholm Playground
The Russian Handkerchief Dance	Long Island City and Queensbridge Playgrounds.
The Mexican Dance	St. Albans Memorial, P.S. 40, & Liberty Park Playgrounds.
The Tarantella	Grover Cleveland, Benninger, & Thomson Hill Playgrounds.
Kalvelis	Jackson Heights and Junction Boulevard Playgrounds.
The Butterfly Dance	Newtown and Corona and 102 Street Playgrounds.
The Sailor's Holiday	Jamaica-179 Place, Laurelton, & O'Connell Playgrounds.
Masquerade	Cunningham and Jewel Avenue Playgrounds.

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The first of this summer's Nemo Band Dances to be conducted by the Department of Parks, will be held at 8:30 P.M. on Thursday, June 24th, at the Mall in Central Park, 72 Street and Center Drive, Manhattan. On Friday, June 25th, the second dance in the series will be presented at the Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn. On both evenings, Ray Anthony and his brilliant young band, one of the most heralded musical combinations in the country, will provide the danceable sweet and swing arrangements that have won them outstanding acclaim during their cross-country tours. Ray Anthony features extra attractions in the persons of Frances Foster Tommy Thompson, a comical trio called The Three Problems, and Knobby Lee, America's newest valve trombone sensation. Gala evenings of fun are in store for everyone as "Music in Action" is offered in typical Ray Anthony style.

The entire series of 54 Nemo Band Dances, which will continue until September 10th, is sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company as a public service to New Yorkers seeking recreation and relaxation out-of-doors in the city's parks. The dances will alternate between Victory Field and Jackson Heights Playground on Tuesday evenings, and will be held Wednesday nights at Poe Park in the Bronx, each Thursday evening at the Mall in Central Park, and Friday evenings at Prospect Park. Monday evening dances will be held at various locations in various boroughs, so that other communities may have an opportunity to "dance under the stars" to the music of top-notch dance bands.

Other Nemo Band leaders who are scheduled for dances during the next two weeks are: Randy Brooks, Boyd Raeburn, Don Redman, and Larry Clinton.

There is no charge for admission at any of these dances, and whether you come to dance, or just to watch and listen to the music, a cordial invitation to attend is extended by the Consolidated Edison Company and the Department of Parks.

June 21, 1948



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Sunday June 20, 1948

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**SPECIAL EVENTS IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, June 20th**

United States Army Band Concert - 2:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Drive, Manhattan  
Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park  
Track Meet - sponsored by Kiwanis Clubs of Queens - 2 P.M. at Liberty Park, 173 Street and 106 Avenue, Jamaica, Queens

**Monday, June 21st**

United States Army Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road Entrance, Brooklyn  
Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park  
Magic Show - 11 A. M. - Thomson Hill Playground, 47 Avenue and 43 Street, Long Island City  
4 P.M. - John Andrews playground, 49 Avenue west of Vernon Boulevard, Long Island City  
Marionette Circus - 11 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. - Playground at 234 Street and Bailey Avenue, Bronx

Square Dancing - Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - 8:30 P.M. - Riverside Drive and 105 Street, lower level, Manhattan

**Tuesday, June 22nd**

United States Army Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Poo Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx  
Square Dancing - Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - 8:30 P.M. Mall in Central Park  
Marionette Circus - 3:30 P.M. - Playground at Bronx Boulevard and Rosewood Street, Bronx  
Magic Show - 4 P.M. - Van Wyck Playground, 111 Avenue and 134 Street, Ozone Park, Queens

**Wednesday, June 23rd**

United States Army Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Forest Park Music Grove, Main Drive, west of Woodhaven Boulevard, Glendale, Queens.  
Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. Mall in Central Park  
Square Dancing - 8:30 P.M. Prospect Park Dance Area - Prospect Park West and 11 Street, Brooklyn  
Marionette Circus - 3:30 P.M. - Playground at Bronx River Parkway and 203 Street, Bronx  
Magic Show - 11 A.M. and 4 P.M. - Cunningham Park, Grand Central Parkway opposite 193 Street, Queens.



Thursday, June 24th

United States Army Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Clove Lakes Park, Clove Road  
and Victory Boulevard, Richmond  
Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road  
Entrance, Brooklyn  
Consolidated Edison Name Band Dance - 8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park,  
Ray Anthony Orchestra  
Marionette Circus - 11 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. - Poe Park, 192 Street and  
Grand Concourse, Bronx

Friday, June 25th

Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park  
Consolidated Edison Name Band Dance - 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Dance Area,  
Prospect Park West and 11 Street, Brooklyn, Ray Anthony  
Orchestra.  
Marionette Circus - 11 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. - Crotona Park Playground # 9.  
Clinton Avenue and Crotona Park South  
Magic Show - 11 A.M. and 4 P.M. - Brookville Park, Sunrise Highway, east of  
216 Street, Rosedale, Queens

Saturday, June 26th

United States Army Band Concert - 2:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park  
Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln  
Road Entrance, Brooklyn  
City Amateur Symphony Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park, Judge  
Price conducting.  
City-wide Marble Championships - 2 P.M. - Heckscher Playground, 62 Street  
and West Drive in Central Park, Manhattan

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This Golden Jubilee year is an excellent time to turn back the pages of history and look at the developments in the City park system since 1898. Fifty years ago, at the dawn of the twentieth century, when on January 1st, 1898, the City of Brooklyn, all of Staten Island, and what is now Queens County, became part of the City, they had a population of over 3,000,000 and covered nearly 200,000 acres.

The Park Board, consisting of Commissioners Clausen, Brower and Moebus, in their annual report for the year 1898, informed the Hon. Robert A. Van Wyck, the first Mayor of the City of Greater New York, that there were 155 parks, small gores and roadways, both developed and undeveloped in the newly created city. They totaled 6,919.5 acres in area, ranging in size from the 0.001 acre Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx. Park roads, and the then so-called parkways, were designed for horse-drawn vehicles. The best of them, Ocean and Eastern Parkways in Brooklyn, were surfaced with Hudson River gravel and screenings which had to be continuously rolled, sprinkled and repaired. The effect of heavy traffic made expensive repairs constantly necessary, and in wet weather the roads were a sea of mud. Bronx and Pelham, and Mosholu Parkways in the Bronx, and Shore Road in Brooklyn were under construction. The Harlem River Driveway in Manhattan, upon which horses could be driven without restriction as to speed, was also under construction.

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Below 59th Street, at the present Bryant Park site, plans were being prepared for the removal of the Forty-second Street Reservoir and the building of foundations for the New Public Library. Lack of funds had prevented the improvement of Hamilton Fish Park and Seward Park although the site was cleared of buildings. Hudson Park, on the site of the old St. John's Cemetery, was opened for public usage in 1898. In other older downtown parks, such as Battery, City Hall and Bowling Green, work was restricted to maintenance, clearing and repairs.

Recreational activities in the parks were confined chiefly to bicycling, concerts, picnics, baseball, lawn tennis and croquet, with the latter two by far the most popular. However, there was a definite demand at that time for playgrounds as we know them today.

It is interesting to note that new construction by the department during 1898 was interrupted and delayed by lack of funds even though there was an immediate serious need for the expansion of the park system. This was caused by the constitutional limitation of the City's borrowing capacity, particularly affected new work in the Borough of Manhattan, and was similar to the situation in which the City finds itself today.

Another paragraph in their report reads as follows:

#### PARKS IN RICHMOND BOROUGH

"A study of the Staten Island Park situation resulted only in the discovery of two small pieces of park property, neither of which had sufficient area to make it important or presented any such advantage as that of water-front. Nothing

could be done with them beyond providing labor to care for the grass and trees and keep them clean. An important park proposition was presented in the legislation creating a commission to condemn Silver Lake Park for public uses. In March an inquiry was made of the Corporation Counsel to ascertain whether the Park Commissioner for the Boroughs of Manhattan and Richmond, under the provisions of Section 616 of the Charter, had any jurisdiction over the park in question. The answer was that he had not, as title to the property was not vested in the County of Richmond prior to consolidation, and furthermore that the provisions of Chapter 434 of the Laws of 1897, relative to the vesting of this park in the County of Richmond, had not been complied with."

The two aforementioned small pieces of property were Washington Square at Bay, Water and Canal Streets, Stapleton; and Port Richmond Park, Broadway, Bennett Street, Huberton Avenue and Vreeland Street, Port Richmond. By 1902 these small squares were remodeled, provided with walks, lawns, lighting and drainage, and personnel was assigned to keep them in proper condition. By 1908 Silver Lake and Westerleigh Parks had been added to the Richmond list.

However, it remained until January 1934, for the five separate borough Park Departments, under the jurisdiction of five separate commissioners, to be consolidated by law into a single unit under one commissioner. This immediately permitted economies in operation, standardization of methods and equipment, expansion on city-wide rather than borough or local basis,

and the establishment of proper relations with other city activities and improvements and State and County developments in the suburbs.

From 1934 to 1948, except during the war, there was a great and steady expansion in the number of parks and playgrounds, and a rapid extension of the parkway system. New York City, once far back in the field of municipal recreation and parkway improvements, took the lead among American cities. The new improvements were financed by the City, State and Federal funds, by contributions from the Triborough Bridge Authority, by gifts from private civic-minded citizens, and through the frugal use of relief labor and materials. Tompkinsville Swimming Pool and the Barrett Park Zoo in Richmond, are excellent examples of the prudent use of work relief efforts and construction. Landscaped recreational facilities were added to other public improvements with initial cost properly chargeable to these projects and not to parks. Refuse dumps and marsh lands were turned into parks, the former Marine Park, now known as Great Kills Park, ranking high on this list. New properties were acquired by gift, condemnation and transfer. Neglected neighborhood and historical parks and buildings were rehabilitated or redesigned and rebuilt. Children's playgrounds increased from 119 to 516, seventeen of which are in Richmond, a four hundred percent increase over 1934 figures. Neglected memorials of every description, form and size, subject to natural deterioration and vandalism, were restored and rehabilitated slowly and steadily by a small but competent group of

artisans. New swimming pools were built so that today there are seventeen large outdoor modern pools and nine indoor pools and gymnasias. Coney Island, Rockaway and Jacob Riis Park beaches were rebuilt and modernized. Orchard Beach, with its extension, parking field and bath house, replaced a private tent colony in Pelham Bay Park. Eighty-three miles of parkways, with incidental playgrounds, waterfront promenades, bicycle paths and other recreational facilities were added to the park system.

Further expansion is still necessary to meet the continued pressure and demand for additional park and recreational facilities in the old denser populated neighborhoods and in the newly developed communities in the outlying sections. To meet this situation, we have planned the construction during the next two years of forty-four playgrounds, two of which will be in Richmond.

The current modest construction program for the years 1948 and 1949 will relieve to a slight extent the over-crowding at the existing beaches, such as Coney Island and Rockaway. It will also permit partial opening of Great Kills Beach on Staten Island along the shoreline of lower New York Harbor, where construction of the second stage of this improvement including roadways, parking fields, comfort stations and a maintenance building on the beach adjacent to the site of the future bath house, will be placed under construction this year.

The rehabilitation of older parks throughout the park system will continue as it has in the past.

Pier 6, better known as Cromwell Center, has been returned to the Park Department by the U. S. Navy and it will be re-opened as an improved recreation center next fall.

As to future expansion, plans prepared during the war as part of the Postwar Construction Program, will permit the further logical development of a park system designed to be adequate to meet the increasing needs of this growing city. Highlighting this list is the completion of the 1256-acre, waterfront Great Kills Park on Staten Island, a complicated fill job started years ago by the W.P.A. It will be patterned after Jones Beach, and will include a 10,000 foot bathing beach, boardwalk in back of the beach, boat basin, boathouse, playgrounds, bicycle paths, court games, dancing, roller skating and picnic areas, softball, hardball and baseball diamonds, an eighteen-hole pitch-putt golf course, comfort stations, food concessions and parking areas.

At Roosevelt Boardwalk and Beach, two new playgrounds and two parking areas are in the future program to provide for suitable parking and increased recreation. New playgrounds will be built adjacent to the South Beach Houses and Public Schools Nos. 49, 14 and 18. These will be operated jointly by the Board of Education and the Department of Parks so that the facilities will be open to the public at all times. Allison Park, adjacent to Sailors Snug Harbor will be redesigned and reconstructed.

At Conference House Park, additional land will be acquired to provide recreational facilities adjoining the present property.

The 12-acre Arthur Van Breisen Park, adjacent to Ft. Wadsworth and fronting on the Narrows, will be developed for park purposes.

The Barrett Park Zoo will be improved and enlarged with a Children's Zoo and the Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences will be rebuilt to provide additional exhibition and storage space.

Richmond and Willowbrook Parkways, the backbone of the future Richmond arterial system, about which much has been said in the local press for the past few years, are being worked out in close cooperation with the Office of the Borough President of Richmond. When completed, they will tie the Borough park system together and make accessible the many and various recreational facilities and provide through-scenic routes to the ferries. Both parkways will be built by the Park Department for through passenger traffic, without crossings at grade and traffic lights. They will have incidental play spaces and bicycling and pedestrian paths along their borders to serve the residents of the adjacent communities.

/s/ ROBERT MOSES





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FREE PEPSI-COLA OUTDOOR SQUARE DANCE SERIES GOES INTO SECOND WEEK WITH  
DANCES AT RIVERSIDE DRIVE, JUNE 21, CENTRAL PARK MALL, JUNE 22  
AND PROSPECT PARK, BROOKLYN, JUNE 23

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New Yorkers and Brooklynites of All Ages Enjoyed Dances  
Held in the Three City Parks During Opening Week, Made Available  
by Pepsi-Cola Company under Auspices of the Department of Parks.

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Over 15,000 Attended 1st Week's Events

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The free Pepsi-Cola outdoor square dance series will go into its second week with dances at Riverside Drive Monday night, June 21, on Central Park Mall, Tuesday night, June 22 and at Prospect Park, Wednesday night, June 23, it was announced by the Department of Parks and Pepsi-Cola Company which is sponsoring the combined series of 42 dances at all three of the localities.

Over 15,000 New York and Brooklynites of all ages enjoyed the outdoor entertainment during the opening week.

The dances take place Monday nights at Riverside Drive and 163 Street (lower level) and will be held there each Monday night to September 13 inclusive, Tuesday night dances will be on the Mall, Central Park to September 14th inclusive, and Wednesday nights at Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn, where they will be held every Wednesday night to September 15th inclusive. All the dances are held from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M.

Ed Durlacher calls the dances with music by the Top Hands.



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ANNUAL BROOKLYN SQUARE DANCE SERIES OPENS TONIGHT (WED., JUNE 16)  
WITH SPECIAL GROUP OF 14 FREE DANCES SCHEDULED THROUGH THE  
COURTESY OF PEPSI-COLA COMPANY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

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Success of Last Year's Events Leads to Resumption  
of Prospect Park Dances for the Coming Season

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Over a Quarter of a Million New Yorkers of all Ages  
Attended Entire Series of 42 Dances Held in the  
Three New York City Parks Last Year

With the opening tonight (Wed., June 16) of the annual Brooklyn summer series of square dances, Brooklynites will enjoy a special group of 14 free public outdoor dances again this year as a result of the success of last year's events, through the courtesy of Pepsi-Cola Company and under the auspices of the Department of Parks, it was announced by Walter S. Mack, Jr., President of Pepsi-Cola Company, and by the Park Department.

Tonight's dance takes place at Prospect Park, Prospect Park West and 11th St., from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M., and will be held there every Wednesday night to September 15th inclusive. The opening dance for New York was held at Riverside Drive and 103rd St., (Lower Level) Monday night, June 14th, and will take place there every Monday night until September 13th inclusive, from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M., on Tuesday night, June 15th, a series opened in Central Park Mall, from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M., which will run there every Tuesday night to September 14th inclusive.

Ed Durlacher and the Top Hands will again provide the calling and music for all events. Last year over a quarter of a million Brooklynites and New Yorkers of all ages enjoyed the entire series of 42 square dances held in the three City Parks.

Members of the Junior Auxiliary of the American Women's Voluntary Services, Y.W.C.A., Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls, and other groups will be among those taking part in the dances which are participated in by New Yorkers of all ages from 8 to 80.



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More than 1,000 children from the Department of Parks playgrounds in Manhattan and the Bronx, will take part in their annual dance festivals next Saturday afternoon, June 19th. The Manhattan festival will be held on Central Park's Sheep Meadow, 67th Street near Central Park West, at 2:30 P.M. Bronx youngsters will perform at Williamsbridge Oval, 208th Street and Bainbridge Avenue, at 2 P.M.

These dance festivals are among the oldest and most colorful events in the Park Department's varied program of year-round activities for the youth of New York City. While the children will not be dancing in competition, a spirit of rivalry prevails among the participating playgrounds, and so, each group has been busy perfecting their dance in order to perform with the greatest precision, grace, and rhythm. Costumes for the dances, designed to be both novel and colorful, play an important part in the unofficial competition. For the past few weeks, the youngsters, under the supervision of Park Department playground directors, have been sewing their costumes as part of their handcraft project.

Both festivals will open with a mass procession as all the dancers parade around the green to form a giant horseshoe within which the children will perform. Seats for the thousands of spectators, including parents and friends of the children, will be placed on all sides of the field to provide an excellent view of the dances.

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The following dances, and the playgrounds/*thom*, will be performed at the Manhattan festival:

"Four Leaf Clover"	West 45th Street, McCaffrey, Chelsea, Chelsea Roof, East 24th Street, and St. Gabriel's Playgrounds.
"Dance of the Feathered Serpent"	Inwood, Payson, Ft. Tryon, J. Hood Wright, Highbridge and 189th, Highbridge and 170th, Highbridge and 167th Playgrounds.
"Morry Widow"	60th and York, Carl Schurz, St. Catherine's Machine and Metal Trades, Thomas Jefferson, John Jay, Yorkville, Covillier.
"Meitschi Putz Di" (Swiss Dance)	Columbus, Roosevelt, Gulick, Soward, Lewis and Rivington Street Playground.
"Miss New York Marches On"	Corlears, Tompkins Square, Sauer, East River Drive, Downing Street, and Kelly Playgrounds.
"Doll Dance"	Heckscher, North Meadow, Rumsey, Riverside & 74th, Riverside and 83rd, Riverside and 97th, Riverside & 103rd, Morningside and 123rd Street Playgrounds
"Fun and Fancy Free"	Harlem Health Roof, Mt. Morris East and West, McCray, 140 and Lenox, Colonel Charles Young, Harlem Housing, Colonial, Carmansville, Hamilton Place, Annunciation, Sheltering Arms, St. Nicholas Terrace Playgrounds.

The Bronx program is as follows:

"Irish Dance"	Williamsbridge, P.S. #21, Zimmorman, Mosholu and Waterbury Playgrounds.
"Philippine Dance"	Ciccarone Playground
"Tarantella"	Mullaly, 166 Street and Morris Ave., 183 Street & Ryer Avenue, St. James, and Devoc Playgrounds.
"Hopak"	Van Cortlandt and Fort # 4 Playgrounds.
"Scandinavian Dance"	St. Mary's and 141 Street and Brook Ave. Playground
"French Dance"	Crotona and Lyons Square Playgrounds.

The general public is cordially invited to view these festivals this Saturday.

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4TH ANNUAL SQUARE DANCE SERIES OPENS TONIGHT (MONDAY, JUNE 14)  
THROUGH COURTESY OF PEPSI-COLA COMPANY, UNDER THE AUSPICES  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

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Over a Quarter of a Million New Yorkers of All Ages  
Attended Series Last Summer

With the opening tonight of the annual summer series of 42 square dances, New Yorkers will enjoy their fourth season of this free public outdoor entertainment, through the courtesy of Pepsi-Cola Company as a public service, under the auspices of the Department of Parks, it was announced today by Walter S. Mack, Jr., President of Pepsi-Cola Company, and the Park Department. This year's series of dances will all be held under the stars in three of the City Parks.

Tonight's dance takes place at Riverside Drive and 103rd St. (Lower Level), and will be held there every Monday night to September 13th inclusive, from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M. This year's Central Park Mall series will open tomorrow night, Tuesday, June 15th, on the Mall at 72nd St., from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M., (instead of Saturday afternoons as in previous years) and will run every Tuesday night to September 14th inclusive. Wednesday, June 16th, a series opens in Prospect Park, Prospect Park W. and 11th Street, Brooklyn, from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M. running there every Wednesday night to September 15th inclusive.

Ed Durlacher and the Top Hands will again provide the calling and music for all events.

The success of last year's events, which were attended by over a quarter of a million New Yorkers of all ages, led to the resumption of the dances for New Yorkers, Brooklynites, and visitors in town for the summer.

Members of the Junior Auxiliary of the American Women's Voluntary Services, N.W.C.A., Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls, and other groups will be among those taking part in the dances which are participated in by New Yorkers of all ages from 8 to 80.



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The Goldman Band, with Edwin Franko Goldman conducting, will open its 31st season of Guggenheim Memorial Concerts on Friday June 18th at 8:30 P.M. on the Mall in Central Park. These concerts have been arranged by Harry F. Guggenheim, president of the Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Foundation, as a service to the citizens of New York City. A chorus of 250 voices will augment the program at the initial concert which will present original band music featuring Berlioz' Symphony for Band as the major work. The first Brooklyn concert will be given the following evening, Saturday, June 19th, also at 8:30 P.M., at the Prospect Park Music Grove.

The fifty-one concerts in this summer's schedule will be given on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings at the Mall in Central Park, and on Thursday and Saturday evenings at Prospect Park Music Grove, with the final concert being played at Central Park on Sunday, August 15th.

Of all the musical events to be heard in the city parks, none can claim as large a following as the Goldman Band. It has been estimated that 26,000,000 people have heard these concerts. Their popularity indicates the appreciation of New Yorkers for fine music.

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Old time songs, sung in the melodious four-part harmony that emanated from

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barber shops in the Gay Nineties, will reverberate on the Mall in Central Park on Wednesday, June 16 at 8:30 P.M. when the leading male quartets in New York City compete in the Department of Parks 14th Annual American Ballad Contest for Barber Shop Quartets. Each of the competing quartets has claimed the honor of representing their home borough by winning elimination contests held last week in the five boroughs. Costumed in the fashion of the good old days, the quartets will bring back a bit of old New York as they render their tuneful ballads for the city-wide championship.

The five quartets competing on Wednesday will be the Village Four, representing Manhattan, Richmond's South Shore Four, The Queen's Men, The What Four from the Bronx, and the Four Mail Bags from Brooklyn. Among the added attractions will be Harry Hershfield, famous wit, radio star and raconteur; The Charioteers, famous quartet of radio; a chorus of 60 voices from the Manhattan Chapter of the S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. (Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc.) led by Richard W. Grant; and to round out the program, the Police Department Band, through the courtesy of Commissioner Arthur W. Wallander, will contribute instrumental selections under the direction of Capt. Eugene La Barre.

Harry Armstrong and Richard H. Gerard, co-authors of "Sweet Adeline", William C. Handy, author of the immortal "St. Louis Blues," James J. Evans, Hinson Stiles, J. Bailey Harvay, Douglas Paige, Charles U. Powell, Paul T. Winslow, Luther S. Steward and George E. Spargo, will serve as judges in the competition.

The Department of Parks extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend on Wednesday evening, there is no charge for admission, and more than 15,000 seats are available. In case of rain, the competition will be held at the Hunter College Auditorium, 69 Street between Park and Lexington Avenues.

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NEW YORKERS AGAIN TO ENJOY 42 FREE PUBLIC OUTDOOR SQUARE DANCES THIS YEAR THROUGH COURTESY OF PEPSICOLA COMPANY, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

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4th Year of Annual Square Dances Opens on New Schedule With  
All Dances Being Held at Night

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Over a Quarter of a Million New Yorkers of All Ages  
Attended Series Last Summer

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The first of the three separate series, (which altogether total 42 summer dances,) starts tomorrow, Monday, June 14th, at Riverside Drive and 103rd St. (lower level), running every Monday night to September 13th inclusive, from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M. This year's Central Park Mall series will be held Tuesday nights on the Mall: at 72nd St., from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M. (instead of Saturday afternoons as in previous years) and will run every Tuesday night from June 15th to September 14th inclusive. Wednesday, June 16th a series opens in Prospect Park, Prospect Park West and 11th St. Brooklyn, from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M. running there every Wednesday night to September 15th inclusive.

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The Department of Parks Marionette Trailer Theatre, succumbing to the trend of fashion, has donned a "new look" for the thousands of fans who have been anticipating its annual appearance at their neighborhood Park Department playgrounds. On Monday, June 14, the first of 104 performances of this year's presentation, "The Marionette Circus" will be given at Pulaski Playground, East 133 Street and Willis Avenue in the Bronx.

The members of the Marionette Troupe have chosen the circus theme as one which is certain to delight their young-in-heart, as well as their young audiences during the coming summer. Since the close of their winter tour, this talented group of puppeteers has been busy in their workshop, constructing new marionettes by the dozen, fresh scenery, stage properties, and costumes, as well as writing the novel script for the animated entertainment. Proviews at the rehearsals gave evidence that the show will be an appropriate vehicle for the unveiling of the streamlined vehicle.

The Marionette Trailer Theatre will tour the Bronx for the first two weeks of its schedule, with appearances in Queens, Brooklyn, Richmond and Manhattan to follow. The first week's performances are:

### BRONX

Monday,	June 14	3:30 P.M.	Pulaski Playground, East 133 Street and Willis Avenue.
Tuesday,	June 15	11:00 A.M. 3:30 P.M.	St. Mary's Park East, Trinity Avenue and East 146 Street
Wednesday,	June 16	11:00 A.M. 3:30 P.M.	Playground at Watson, Gleason and Noble Avenues
Thursday,	June 17	3:30 P.M.	Playground at Waterbury, Edison and LaSalle Avenues.
Friday,	June 18	11:00 A.M. 3:30 P.M.	Mullaly Recreation Center, 164 Street and Jerome Ave. Claremont Park, Teller and Mt. Eden Avenues
Saturday,	June 19	11:00 A.M. 3:30 P.M.	St. James Park, Jerome Avenue and 191 Street.



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Peter Pan, the Department of Parks Magic Man, begins his summer tour of Park Department playgrounds on Monday, June 14, by giving the first of 120 performances of his enchanting conjurations for youngsters at Queensbridge Playground, Vernon Boulevard and Bridge Plaza, Long Island City. His superabundant supply of tricks never fails to delight his audiences, many of whom are called upon to assist him in his necromancy. Peter Pan's diverting tricks range from the laugh provoking comical stratagems through the droll and absurd, to the baffling sleight of hand feats that defy detection. All of them receive the unqualified approval of his fans.

His Queens appearances will continue until the end of this month, to be followed by performances in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Richmond and the Bronx. His schedule for the first week will be:

QUEENS

Monday,	June 14	4:00 P.M.	Queensbridge Playground, Vernon Boulevard and Bridge Plaza North, Long Island City.
Tuesday,	June 15	4:00 P.M.	Linden Park Playground, 41 Avenue and 104 Street, Corona
Wednesday,	June 16	4:00 P.M.	Grover Cleveland Playground, Stanhope Street and Grandview Avenue, Ridgewood.
Thursday,	June 17	4:00 P.M.	Playground at Broadway and 78th Street Jackson Heights.
Friday,	June 18	4:00 P.M.	Juniper Playground (Now), Dry Harbor Road and 62nd Avenue, Middle Village.

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The Department of Parks announces, the completion of a new playground at Lexington Avenue and East 114 Street Manhattan.

Located within the 1,310 apartment James Weldon Johnson New York City Housing project this new playground provides urgently needed recreation facilities for the children in the housing development, as well as the surrounding neighborhood. It is also adjacent to Public School No. 57 and is jointly operated by the Board of Education and the Park Department. During school hours it is under the school authorities and at all other times it is operated by the Park Department.

The playground is fenced off into five separate areas, one contains basketball courts and a large permanent surfaced area for group games and roller skating; two are separate areas for children of kindergarten age, both equipped with swings, slides, see-saws and sand pits, a fourth is a completely equipped area for older children, and the fifth is a school farm garden.

Numerous benches have been provided throughout the development for spectators and guardians of children, and the perimeter of the various areas have been landscaped with shade trees.

This recreational development replaces a former inadequate playground operated by the Park Department under permit, on the roof of the East Harlem Health Center on the corner of East 115th Street and Lexington Avenue.

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During the past week three additional new Red Deer arrived at the Central Park Zoo. All three were sired by Felix.

Of the three mothers, Lena gave birth to her offspring on May 30th, Ruby hers on June 5th and Scarlet hers on June 6th.

All three fawns, their mothers and father are on display in their run adjacent to the antelope house.

Press photographs may be taken at any time.

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of a new playground in St. Nicholas Park, adjacent to St. Nicholas Avenue from West 132nd Street to West 134th Street, Manhattan.

This new recreation area located in one of the most congested sections of the city and one of the most heavily used parks has been urgently needed for some time. It will augment the existing playground at 141st Street and relieve the pressure there. It will also take considerable pressure off the general park lawns and shrubbery areas.

Included in the new improvement are a comfort station, handball courts, basketball courts, two areas equipped with slides, see-saws, swings etc., one of which is for smaller children; a shower basin and a sand pit. The playground has been landscaped, enclosed with chain link fence for control purposes and numerous benches provided under shade trees for parents and guardians of children.

With the addition of this new playground there are now 507 playgrounds in the City park system.

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NEW YORKERS AGAIN TO ENJOY 42 FREE PUBLIC OUTDOOR SQUARE DANCES THIS  
YEAR THROUGH COURTESY OF PEPSI-COLA COMPANY, UNDER THE AUSPICES  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

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4th Year of Annual Square Dances Opens on New Schedule With  
All Dances Being Held at Night

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Over a Quarter of a Million New Yorkers of All Ages  
Attended the Series Last Summer

New Yorkers will enjoy their fourth series of annual free public outdoor square dances through the courtesy of Pepsi-Cola Company as a public service, under the auspices of the Department of Parks, it was announced by Walter S. Mack, Jr., President of Pepsi-Cola Company, and by the Park Department. This year's series of dances will all be held at night under the stars in three of the City Parks.

The first of the three separate series, which altogether total 42 summer dances, starts Monday, June 14th, at Riverside Drive and 103rd St. (Lower Level), running every Monday night to September 13th inclusive, from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M. This year's Central Park series will be held Tuesday nights on the Mall at 72nd St., from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M., (instead of Saturday afternoons as in previous years) and will run every Tuesday night from June 15th to September 14th inclusive. Wednesday, June 16th a series opens in Prospect Park, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn, from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M. running there every Wednesday night to September 15th inclusive.

Ed Durlacher and the Top Hands will again provide the calling and the music for all events. The success of last year's events, which were attended by over a quarter of a million New Yorkers of all ages, led to the resumption of the dances for New Yorkers, Brooklynites, and visitors in town for the summer.

Members of the Junior Auxiliary of the American Women's Voluntary Services, Y.W.C.A., Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls, and other groups will be among those taking part in the dances which are participated in by New Yorkers of all ages from 8 to 80.

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Manhattan Eliminations for the Barber Shop

Quartet Contest sponsored by the Daily Mirror and conducted by the Dept. of Parks Draws 14 Quartets. The American Airlines Chorus consisting of 50 voices under the direction of Leonard Temme, and the Three Flames jive happy instrumentalists and vocalists will appear as Guest Stars.

The contest to select the quartet to compete in the City-wide Championships will be held on the Mall in Central Park at 8:30 P.M. on June 7th., 1948. Some Quartets competing are, - N.Y.U. Freshman Four, Post Office Four, American Airlines Flagship Four, Aviation Trades High School Four, and the Roosevelt Park Four.

The Judges are J. Wesley Mapletoft Chairman of the Committee on admissions of the University Glee Club. Paul Hollenback past president of the University Glee Club. Arthur Matthews Ass't Director of the Manhattan Chapter of the S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.





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The Fourteenth Annual American Ballad Contest for Barber Shop

Quartets will be conducted by the Department of Parks on the Mall in Central Park, on Wednesday evening, June 16th at 8:30 P.M. The contest is open to all amateur male quartets residing in New York City. The competing foursomes must select songs which were popular during the "Gay Nineties". This broad classification includes all the songs which lend themselves so well to the mellow "barber shop" type of harmony, such as, "Banks of the Wabash", "Dear Old Girl", and "My Evaline", to mention only a few.

Each of the five boroughs will hold a preliminary contest next week to select the quartets which will compete in the City-wide Championships at the Mall on June 16th. Entries, which are now being accepted for these borough contests, will close next Saturday, June 5th. The borough contests are scheduled as follows:

Monday, June 7th - 8:30 P.M. - Manhattan contest on the Mall in Central Park

Tuesday, June 8th - 8:30 P.M. - Queens contest at Music Grove, Forest Park

Wednesday, June 9th - 8:30 P.M. - Richmond contest at McDonald Playground, Forest Avenue and Broadway, Richmond

Thursday, June 10th - 8:30 P.M. - Bronx contest at Mullaly Recreation Building, Jerome Avenue and 162nd Street

Friday, June 11th - 8:30 P.M. - Brooklyn contest at Music Grove, Prospect Park

The Judges, in selecting the winning quartets, will consider tone, rhythm, technique, originality, interpretation, expression, phrasing, costume, and stage presence. Prizes will be awarded to the winning quartet in each borough, and to the winners of first, second and third place in the city-wide contest.

Entry blanks may be obtained at all Park Department borough head-

quarters: in Manhattan - Arsenal Building, 64th Street and Fifth Avenue; Brooklyn - Litchfield Mansion, 5th Street and Prospect Park West; Bronx - Bronx Park East and Birchall Avenue; Queens - The Overlook, Union Turnpike and Park Lane, Kew Gardens; Richmond - Clove Lakes Park, Victory Boulevard and Clove Road.

June 2, 1948



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The All High School Band will give the second of its three concerts next Sunday, June 6th at 2:30 P.M. at the Mall in Central Park, Center Drive at 72nd Street, Manhattan. Mr. George H. Gartlan, Director of Music, of the Board of Education, has arranged this series of concerts. The 65 musicians in the band have been selected from the various High School Bands in New York City.

Sunday's program will consist of the following selections:

The Thunderer, March . . . . .	Sousa
Conducted by Mr. Jerome Jacobs	
Egmont, Overture . . . . .	Beethoven
Overture in C . . . . .	Mendelssohn
Selections . . . . .	Victor Herbert
High School Cadets, March . . . . .	Sousa
Conducted by Mr. Franklin Grapel	
Orpheus in Hades, Overture . . . . .	Offenbach
New Moon Selection . . . . .	Romberg
Gayanna Ballet . . . . .	Khachaturian
Porgy and Bess Selections . . . . .	Gershwin
Semper Fidelis . . . . .	Sousa
Conducted by Mr. Joseph Rosenthal	

The third and final concert will be played on Sunday, June 13th at 2:30 P.M. at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx.

June 2, 1948



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
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Tuesday, June 1st, 1948

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The new playground adjacent to Lew Wallace Junior High School at Sutter and Stone Avenues, and the playground adjacent to P.S. 125 at Rockaway and Blake Avenues, Brooklyn, will be officially opened with ceremonies at 2:30 P.M. on June 1st, 1948.

Dr. Nagleberg, principal of the Junior High School, the Hon. Thomas F. Farrell, Chairman of the New York City Housing Authority and the Hon. John Cashmore, President of the Borough of Brooklyn will participate. Park Commissioner Robert Moses will preside. The entire student body will participate with a salute to the flag; and the faculty will play against the student in a softball game.

These two recreation areas are located within the Brownsville Housing Project. They are being operated jointly by the Board of Education and the Park Department to provide urgently needed recreational facilities for the school children, the residents of the housing project and the surrounding neighborhood.

The playground adjacent to Junior High School # 66 is in two sections. The westerly section contains swings, slides and soo-saws for both the younger and older children, as well as a sand pit and comfort station; the easterly section contains a large free area for group games, a softball diamond, handball courts, and basketball and volley ball courts.

The other playground adjacent to Public School #125 contains swings, slides and exercise unit and basketball and volley ball courts.

Both play areas are landscaped with trees and provided with benches for those using the facilities as well as those watching others at play.

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Two oriental deer have been born  
in the Central Park Zoo. One fawn was born  
May 24th and the other on May 26th.

Both fawns are cavorting around the  
cage and are on public display.

Press photographs may be taken any  
day from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M.

May 27th, 1948



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...tial concert in the 1948 series of musical events to be held under the auspices of the Department of Parks, will be heard on the Mall in Central Park on Decoration Day, Sunday, May 30, at 8:15 P.M., when the Naumburg Orchestra with Sigfried Landau conducting, presents the first of its four annual concerts. These concerts are contributed by Mr. Walter W. Naumburg and Mr. George Naumburg in memory of their father, Mr. Elkan Naumburg who donated the Bandshell on the Mall. Mr. Elkan Naumburg through his many years of practice of contributing Orchestral Concerts of high quality, was impressed with the need of an adequate bandstand in Central Park. He lived to see it put to the purpose he had in mind of creating a Temple of Music. His sons have continued his custom of presenting concerts on three holidays, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, and Labor Day, and have added a fourth concert on July 31st, the anniversary of their father's death. These dates are remembered by lovers of good music.

The program for the Memorial Day concert, at which Margaret Roberts, soprano, will appear as guest soloist, will include the following selections:

1. Overture "Alcesta"..... Gluck
2. Symphony No. 7 in A Major (First Movement)..... Beethoven
3. Aria - "Pace, pace mio Dio" from "La forza del Destino".....Verdi  
Margaret Roberts
4. "Agnus Dei" and "Farandole" from "L'Arleziennette Suite" No. 2.....Bizet
5. Overture "Egmont".....Beethoven
6. Fantasy "Romeo and Juliet".....Tchaikowsky
7. Song - "Les Filles de Cadix".....Delibes  
Margaret Roberts
8. Waltz - "Artist Life".....Strauss

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The All High School Band will give the first of a series of three band concerts in the parks of Brooklyn, Manhattan and Bronx, starting next Sunday, May 23rd, at 2:30 P.M., at Prospect Park, Brooklyn. The series of concerts was arranged through Mr. George H. Cartlan, Director of Music, Board of Education. The band will consist of (65) High School Musicians selected from all of the High School Bands in New York City.

A concert will be given at the Mall , in Central Park, on Sunday June 6th at 2:30 P.M., and the third and final concert will be played on Sunday, June 13th at 2:30 P.M., at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse.

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The Park Department received today, May 14th,  
at 11:45 a.m., by railway express, two male Bengal tigers  
from Captain Roman Prosky's North Miami Zoo, Florida.

Jack and Jimmie were born in Florida, in January  
1946, and are the gift to the Zoo of an anonymous donor.

Press photographs may be taken Saturday morning,  
May 15th, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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Friday, May 14, 1948

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The Department of Parks announces that construction in connection with two new playgrounds has been completed and that the areas will be opened for public usage on May 14th, 1948.

The two new recreation areas are adjacent to Public School #125, at Rockaway and Blake Avenues, and Junior High School #66 at Sutter and Stone Avenues, Borough of Brooklyn. Both of these schools are within the Brownsville Housing Project. The new playgrounds replace former Board of Education play areas and will be jointly operated by the Board of Education and the Park Department. They will provide urgently needed recreational facilities for the school children and residents of both the surrounding neighborhood and the housing project.

The playground adjacent to Junior High School #66 and located on the southerly side of Sutter Avenue between Osborne Street and Stone Avenue is in two sections. The westerly section contains swings, slides and see-saws for both the younger and older children, as well as a sand pit and comfort station; the easterly section contains a large free area for group games, a softball diamond, handball courts, and basketball and volley ball courts.

The other playground adjacent to Public School #125 is located on Rockaway Avenue south of Blake Avenue. It contains swings, slides and exercise unit and basketball and volley ball courts.

Both play areas are landscaped with trees and provided with benches for those using the facilities as well as for those watching others at play.

With the addition of these two new playgrounds there are now 506 playgrounds in the park system.

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The City-wide Finals in the Senior Division of the Department of Parks One Act Play Contest, will be held on Saturday, May 15th, at 2:00 P.M., at the Amphitheatre, East River Park at Grand Street. Five plays, the dramas of five borough-wide elimination contests, will be presented in the competition by groups of playground children.

The boys and girls competing, from 14 to 17 years of age, have received their training from the Department of Parks playground directors in the neighborhood playgrounds throughout the city.

Miss Iris Vinton, of the Boys' Clubs of America, and Miss Sonny Adams, Radio and Television Artist will serve as judges. The plays will be judged for diction, acting, costumes, and for the suitability of the selection of the play.

The following are the plays to be given and the playgrounds presenting them:

"The Happy Prince", Ciccarone Playground, the Bronx

"The Ring and the Look", Lincoln Terrace Playground, Brooklyn

"Papa's Trousers", Lincoln Avenue Playground, Richmond

"Madness in Triple Time", Mt. Morris East Playground, Manhattan

"With the Help of Pierettes", Newtown Playground, Queens

There is no charge for admission to the Amphitheatre.

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The City-wide Finals, in the junior division of the Department of Parks One Act Play Contest, will be held on Saturday, May 8th at 2 P.M., at the Amphitheatre, East River Drive and Grand Street, Manhattan. The five plays to be presented are the winners of elimination contests held in each of the five boroughs during the past six weeks. The youthful thespians, all under 13 years of age, have been coached and directed by Park Department playground directors in the neighborhood playgrounds.

Miss Hester Conway, Librarian, Mrs. Fredi Washington, stage and screen actress, and Mrs. S. Ferdinand Carstens, Jr., playwright, will serve as judges to select the city-wide winners on Saturday. They will rate the presentations according to the diction, enunciation, and smoothness of performance of the players; costuming, make-up, and stage properties; and appropriateness of the selection of the play.

The five plays in Saturday's competition, and the playgrounds presenting them are:

"Rip Van Winkle", McCray Playground, Manhattan

"The Crystal Slipper", Levy Playground, Richmond

"The Devil and the Blacksmith", Queensbridge Playground, Queens

"The Three Witches", Moshulu Playground, Bronx

"The Family Tree", Marine Park Playground, Brooklyn

There is no charge for admission to the Amphitheatre, and the general public is invited to attend this performance.

May 5, 1948



D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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Saturday, April 17, 1948

FOR RELEASE

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The New York City Park Department will open to the public without ceremonies on April 17, a new 1.5 acre playground at Vermont Street and Stanley Avenue, Brooklyn.

The new area is located in the Veterans' Linden Houses Emergency Project, and the property was turned over to the City by the New York City Housing Authority and transferred to the Park Department for recreational purposes. It will provide for the recreational needs of the tenants of the housing project and those of the adjacent neighborhood.

The playground is divided into two sections with the southerly half containing play equipment, a sand pit and shower basin for small and older children, and handball and horseshoe pitching courts for adolescents and adults. The northerly half is a large permanent surfaced area containing a softball diamond, basketball, volley ball and shuffleboard courts. It can also be used for roller skating, and during sub-freezing temperatures it can be used for ice skating.

The area also contains a flag polo and a comfort station and is landscaped with shade trees and enclosed with an eight-foot chain link fence.

With the addition of this new area there are now 504 playgrounds throughout the park system.

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City-wide Championships in the Department of Parks Boxing Tournament sponsored by Gimbel's, will be held Friday evening, April 16th at 8:30 P.M. at the 60th Regiment Armory, 26th Street and Lexington Avenue. These seven junior, and six senior division bouts, climax a tournament in which 753 boys, between 14 and 18 years of age, competed in Department of Parks gyms throughout the five boroughs.

During the fall and winter months, all the youngsters in the tournament were required to attend classes, held at 17 boxing centers conducted by Park Department playground directors, where they received expert instruction, training and conditioning.

The boys boxing in Friday's bouts are the survivors of borough-wide elimination contests and city-wide semi-final matches in two divisions: junior for boys 14, 15, and 16 years of age, and senior for 17 and 18 year olds.

Gimbels will award medals to champions and runners-up in each division and class. A special award, the John F. Murrey Memorial Trophy, will go to the borough winning the greatest number of points in the City-wide Championships. The boys who will vie for top honors in these championships are:

JUNIOR DIVISION

90 Pound Class	Patrick Elassar, Brooklyn	vs	Robert Carmichael, Bronx
100 Pound Class	Ernest Anthony, Manhattan	vs	Sol Ostrach, Brooklyn
105 Pound Class	George Torzian, Manhattan	vs	Charles Brow, Bronx
112 Pound Class	Joseph Wamsley, Manhattan	vs	Joseph Shannon, Bronx

118 Pound Class	James Scott, Manhattan	vs	Donald Hadala, Queens
126 Pound Class	George Elsasser, Brooklyn	vs	Manuel Vinho, Queens
135 Pound Class	Thomas McKenzio, Bronx	vs	Joseph Bonelli, Queens

SENIOR DIVISION

118 Pound Class	Michael Borardi, Manhattan	vs	Thomas Robinson, Brooklyn
126 Pound Class	Albert Maggett, Manhattan	vs	Tim Thomas, Bronx
135 Pound Class	Rubin Hernandez, Manhattan	vs	Noel Dyson, Bronx
140 Pound Class	James Sideris, Manhattan	vs	Donald Ward, Queens
147 Pound Class	Anthony Scott, Bronx	vs	Edward Esposito, Brooklyn
160 Pound Class	Patrick Thomas, Manhattan	vs	Stanley Rosenstein, Brooklyn

April 13, 1948

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FOR RELEASE

Sunday, April 11, 1948

Misc.-20M-92347 114 Cries of "Play Ball" will be heard on Saturday, April 17th, when the Department of Parks officially opens its 151 baseball and 309 softball diamonds for public play. From dawn to dusk, these fields will be in use continuously until the season's end, and such is the popularity of our national pastime, that requests for permits far exceed the number of facilities available for the sport.

Early morning players compose teams whose members are employed in the evenings. They are followed by the teen-agers and aggregations from various club groups. The industrial and commercial leagues, as well as the married men's teams, play from late afternoon until dark.

Permits for use of diamonds are issued on a monthly basis, and may be secured by sending applications to the Park Director in the borough in which the team desires to play.

Borough offices are located as follows:

Manhattan - Arsenal Building, 64th Street and Fifth Avenue, New York 21, N.Y.  
Brooklyn - Litchfield Mansion, 5th Street & Prospect Park West, Brooklyn 15, N.Y.  
Bronx - Administration Building, Bronx Park East & Birchall Avenue, Bronx 60, N.Y.  
Queens - The Overlook, Union Turnpike & Park Lane, Forest Park, Kew Gardens 15, N.Y.  
Richmond - Clove Lakes Park, 1150 Clove Road, West Brighton, Staten Island 1, N.Y.



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The last of the City-Wide Semi-Finals in the Department of Parks Boxing Tournament, which is sponsored by Gimbel's, will be held Monday evening, April 5th at 8 P.M. at Mullaly Center, Jerome Avenue and 164th Street, Bronx. These matches are senior division bouts for boys 17 and 18 years of age, who have qualified by winning the championships of their respective boroughs, and are now competing for a spot in the City-Wide Championships scheduled for April 16th at the 69th Regiment Armory. Junior division semi-finals were held last week.

The contestants and the weight classes in which they will compete on Monday evening, are as follows:

118 Lb. Class

Edward Fario, Manhattan  
Frank Randazzo, Brooklyn  
Ralph Luigo, Bronx

126 Lb. Class

Albert Maggott, Manhattan  
Joseph Pagano, Brooklyn  
Tim Thomas, Bronx  
Paul Kafalas, Queens

135 Lb. Class

Rubin Hernandez, Manhattan  
Joseph Folico, Brooklyn  
Neal Dyson, Bronx  
Albert Rossi, Queens

140 Lb. Class

Albert Natoli, Manhattan  
John Reid, Brooklyn  
Martin Kittle, Bronx  
Donald Ward, Queens

147 Lb. Class

Edmond Carbia, Manhattan  
Edward Esposito, Brooklyn  
Anthony Scotty, Bronx  
Gerald Leone, Queens

160 Lb. Class

Patrick Thomas, Manhattan  
Stanley Rosen, Brooklyn  
Alfred Edwards, Bronx  
John Venter, Queens

Medals will be awarded by Gimbel's to the winners and runners-up in each of the borough-wide championships, and to the champions and runners-up in each division of the City-Wide Championships on April 16th.

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## D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S

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The Department of Parks announces the completion and opening to the public of a new playground at Third Avenue from 64th to 65th Streets. Brooklyn

This 1.51 acre plot of ground was acquired for a neighborhood recreation area on June 12, 1940, by condemnation as part of the Gowanus Parkway and paid for with funds provided by the Triborough Bridge Authority.

The construction of this playground was started by the W.P.A. and left in an uncompleted condition when the Works Progress Administration was abolished in 1942.

The new playground provides three handball courts, basketball, volley ball, shuffleboard, paddle tennis and horseshoe pitching courts, a wading pool, comfort station, drinking fountains and benches. There is a separate area with a sand pit for children of pre-school age containing kindergarten swings, see-saws and slides on the 64th Street side, opposite on the 65th Street side are slides, swings, and an exercise unit for older children.

The entire area is landscaped with shade trees and enclosed with eight-foot chain link fence.

With the addition of this new area there are now 302 playgrounds throughout the park system.

March 30, 1948.

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of the construction of a recreation field and a marginal playground along the northerly boundary of Soundview Park, the Bronx.

The recreational facilities are the first stage in the development of this park located on the East River at the mouth of the Bronx River. It will be one of the most intensively developed waterfront parks in the city, with general park areas for passive recreation and playgrounds and game areas along its borders, designed for the use of the adjoining neighborhood.

The present improvement will provide for the present recreational needs of the tenants of the adjacent Bruckner Veterans Emergency Housing, and will be available for use by all residents in the neighborhood.

The new recreation field will contain three (3) softball diamonds and one grass surfaced regulation baseball diamond with backstop.

The fence enclosed marginal playground located on the Lafayette Avenue side of the park opposite Stratford Avenue contains batteries of kindergarden swings, slides and see-saws, a sand pit, exercise unit and shower basin for hot weather usage. Numerous benches under shade trees have been provided for parents and guardians of children.

With the addition of this new playground, there are now 503 playgrounds in the City park system.

March 29, 1948.

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March 29, 1948

City-wide Semi-Finals in the Junior Division Boxing Championships will be conducted by the Department of Parks at Lost Battalion Hall, 92-29 Queens Boulevard, Queens, on Tuesday evening, March 30th, at 8 P.M. These contests are sponsored by Gimbel's, who are awarding prizes to the winner and runner-up in the borough and city-wide championships.

The boys who will take part in these contests are the cream of the 550 junior boys originally entered in the tournament, and they have already won the championships of their respective boroughs. The boys who will box on Tuesday evening are:

90 Lb. Class

Vernon Rivers, Manhattan  
Nick Volpe, Brooklyn  
Robert Carmichael, Bronx  
George Turner, Queens

112 Lb. Class

Joseph Wamsley, Manhattan  
Sam Conigliaro, Brooklyn  
Joseph Shannon, Bronx

100 Lb. Class

Ernest Anthony, Manhattan  
Sal Ostracho, Brooklyn  
George Birch, Bronx

118 Lb. Class

James Scott, Manhattan  
Chip Huber, Brooklyn  
John Conway, Bronx  
Donald Hadala, Queens

105 Lb. Class

George Terzan, Manhattan  
Walter Monforte, Brooklyn  
Charles Brew, Bronx  
Frank Nasta, Queens

126 Lb. Class

George Simmons, Manhattan  
George Elsasser, Brooklyn  
John Kittle, Bronx  
Manuel Vinho, Queens

135 Lb. Class

William Reginio, Manhattan  
Sal Berlenti, Brooklyn  
Tom McKenzie, Bronx  
Joseph Bonelli, Queens



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The Department of Parks, Queens announces that a softball league for play at Jacob Riis Park, 149th Street, Neponsit, L.I. is being formed now for adult uniformed teams.

The Paddys Red Rockets, 1947 Champions and Ryans, runners-up are ready to take on all new comers.

An Organization meeting will be held at Jacob Riis Park on Friday, April 9th, at 8:00 P. M. All managers must be present at this meeting in order to enter their team in the league. No teams will be considered after this meeting. Eliminations will be held from May 1st through May 29th and league play will start on Sunday, May 30th.

Teams interested in applying for membership into the league are asked to write to the Department of Parks, Kow Gardons 15, N.Y. or call Virginia 9- 4600.

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Immediately March 25, 1948

Misc.-20M-92347 114 Over 500 entries have been received for the Second Annual Egg Rolling Contest, sponsored by Arnold Constable, which will be conducted by the Department of Parks on the Great Lawn in Central Park, 80th to 84th Streets, on Saturday, March 27th at 2 P.M.

Arnold Constable will award prizes to first, second and third place winners in each event. The boys will receive a velocipede, a scooter and a beach ball, and roller skates; and the girls will receive a doll carriage, a large doll and a beach ball, and roller skates. Other winners will receive Merchandise Certificates for \$50, \$35, and \$25. The winning boy and girl in the 12, 13, and 14 year group will receive a trip to Washington D.C., as well as a \$50 Merchandise Certificate. The boys placing second and third will be given certificates for \$35 and \$25.

This colorful Lenton festival for the younger set, departs from tradition in but one respect - the "eggs" will be harder than the hardest ten minute egg, for once again wooden eggs will pinch hit for real eggs. Eggs and spoons will be provided for all contestants at the Great Lawn. The youngsters, ranging from 5 through 13 years of age, will compete in events arranged according to age and sex.

Dorothy Killgallon and Dick Kollmar, the famous "Dorothy and Dick" heard on Station WOR, will serve as Honorary Judges along with Susan Reed, well known folk singer, George Koane, who is appearing currently in the musical hit "Brigadoon", and Irene Beasley, star of the Grand Slam program heard over Station WCBS. Competitors and spectators will be entertained by a pair of clowns, and the music of a small but talented band.

The general public is invited to witness these contests.



## D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S

FOR RELEASE

Wednesday, March 24, 1948

Misc.-10M-82346 114

The Park Department announces the opening of the Annual Flower Show at the Greenhouse at Prospect Park, Prospect Park West and 7th Street, Brooklyn, on Good Friday, March 26 at 10:00 A.M.

The severe winter and the necessity of conserving fuel delayed the growth of the plants so that the exhibit can not be opened as in former years on Palm Sunday.

More than 200 varieties of flowers will be on exhibit. The main feature of the show is a huge cross, twenty feet high, made up of Mexican Lilies with an edging of Pink Azaleas. Leading to the steps of the cross is a path of grass with beds of azaleas in over 50 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 Sweet Peas, Snap Dragons, Camolias and many other plants.

Press photographs may be taken daily starting Friday, March 26th.

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# DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

## ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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FOR RELEASE

Monday, March 22, 1948

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The Second Annual Egg Rolling Contest, sponsored by Arnold

Constable, will be conducted by the Department of Parks on the Great Lawn in Central Park, 80th to 84th Streets, on Saturday, March 27th, at 2 P.M. Dorothy Killgallen and Dick Kollmar, the famous "Dorothy and Dick", commentators heard on Station WOR, will serve as Honorary Judges along with Susan Reed, well known folk singer, George Keane, who is appearing currently in the musical hit "Brigadoon", and Irene Beasley, star of the Grand Slam program heard over Station WCBS. Competitors and spectators will be entertained by the antics of a pair of clowns, and by the music of a small but talented band.

This colorful Lenten festival for the younger set, departs from tradition in but one respect - the "eggs" will be harder than the hardest ten minute egg, for once again wooden eggs will pinch hit for real eggs. Eggs and spoons will be provided for all contestants at the Great Lawn.

The youngsters, ranging from 5 through 13 years of age, will compete in events arranged according to age and sex. Group I, for 5, 6, and 7 year olds, will cover a 20 yard course; Group II, 8, 9, and 10 years, will go 30 yards; and Group III, 11, 12, and 13 years, will roll a 40 yard course.

Arnold Constable will award worthwhile prizes to first, second, and third place winners in each event. For Group I these prizes will be a velocipede, a scooter and a beach ball, and roller skates, while the girls will receive a doll carriage, a large doll and a beach ball, and roller skates. Group II winners will win Merchandise Certificates for \$50, \$35, and \$25, in that order. The winning boy and girl in Group III will receive a trip to Washington D.C., as well as a \$50 Merchandise Certificate. The boys and girls placing second and third will be given Merchandise Certificates for \$35 and \$25.

Entries may be filed on or before Wednesday, March 24th, with Park Department Playground Directors, or at the Boys and Girls Department Booths on the second floor at Arnold Constable, 5th Avenue and 40th Street.



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK  
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FOR RELEASE

Misc.-20M-92347 114

Sunday, March 14, 1948

The Park Department Borough Boxing Championships will be completed this week when borough finals will be held in the boroughs of Queens, Bronx and Manhattan. These events are sponsored by Gimbel's, who are furnishing medals for the winner and runner-up in each borough contest, and for the City-Wide Finals.

The following classes will be conducted: In the Junior Division - 90 lb., 100 lb., 105 lb., 112 lb., 118 lb., 126 lb., and 135 lb. classes. Senior Division classes will be: 118 lb., 126 lb., 135 lb., 140 lb., and 160 lb.

Boxing classes have been held at seventeen boxing centers conducted by Park Department playground directors. Five hundred and thirty-three juniors and 220 seniors have participated in these classes.

The Borough Finals to be held this week are as follows:

Tuesday, March 16th - Queens Finals - Lost Battalion Hall, 93-29 Queens Boulevard, Queens.  
Thursday, March 18th - Bronx Finals - Mullaly Center, 165 Street and Jerome Avenue, Bronx.  
Friday, March 19th - Manhattan Finals - 342 East 54th Street Gymnasium, Manhattan.

The Five Borough Quarter Finals, and City-Wide Semi-Finals will be held according to the following schedule:

Wednesday, March 24th - Five Borough Quarter Finals - 342 East 54th Street Gymnasium, Manhattan.  
Tuesday, March 30th - City-Wide Semi-Finals - Junior Division - Lost Battalion Hall, 93-29 Queens Boulevard, Queens.  
Monday, April 5th - City-Wide Semi-Finals - Senior Division - Mullaly Center, 165th Street and Jerome Avenue, Bronx.  
Friday, April 16th - City-Wide Finals - 69th Regiment Armory, 26th Street and Lexington Avenue, Manhattan.

Boxing fans who desire to witness the finals at 69th Regiment Armory on April 16th, may secure guest tickets by writing to the Department of Parks, 64th Street and 5th Avenue, New York 21, N. Y., and enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.





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FOR RELEASE

Immediately

Misc.-10M-82346 114

The Boston Park Department basketball champions, who defeated the New York Bronx Park Department champions last Saturday night at the Boston Arena, are coming to New York to play a return match at Madison Square Garden on Saturday, March 13th. Ned Irish of the Madison Square Garden Corporation, and the Boston Garden officials are sponsoring the inter-city series. Last week the Boston players broke up a very even game by shooting four baskets in the last few minutes of the game, defeating the New York players by a score of 26 to 17.

The Boston players will arrive at Grand Central Terminal at 12:45 P.M. on Saturday. The game at Madison Square Garden will start at 7:15 P.M. when half of the game will be played. The other two quarters will be played between the halves of the New York University - Texas, and the North Carolina State - De Paul games.

The New York park officials are planning to take the Boston boys on a tour to visit some of the New York City parks, and other points of interest before they return to Boston on the three o'clock train on Sunday.

March 11, 1948

## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

FOR RELEASE Immediately

Misc.-20M-92347 114

The State Department of Public Works has awarded a contract in the amount of \$87,000 for the construction of twenty-six emergency turnouts for the parking of disabled automobiles on the Henry Hudson Parkway between 72 Street and the George Washington Bridge. All costs will be paid by the State with Federal aid. The work will be done by The Del Balso Construction Corporation of Brooklyn, and will start this spring.

The greater portion of the section of Henry Hudson Parkway below the George Washington Bridge is either on a viaduct or adjacent to sharply sloping ground or other structures with shoulders too narrow to permit motorists with disabled or crippled cars to pull off the pavement and out of moving lanes of traffic for repairs or to await for the arrival of a tow truck.

Generally the turnouts will be eighteen feet wide, seventy feet long from exit to entrance, and paved with stone blocks. They will be separated from the moving traffic by two feet wide concrete curbs and brick islands.

Twelve of the turnouts will be constructed along the southbound lane and fourteen along the northbound lane.

The spacing of these turnouts, designed to eliminate delays and serious traffic tie-ups will be close enough to determine their effectiveness as a substitute for a continuous shoulder to accommodate disabled cars. If they prove successful they will be installed on other city parkways where because of narrow right-of-way it was not possible to provide normal width shoulders.

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The New York City Park Department, The New York Zoological Society and the State of Wyoming have cooperated to provide Sadie and her daughter Elsie, cow elks at the Central Park Zoo with a new papa.

A bull elk, which was shipped from Rock Springs, Wyoming, will arrive in New York on Thursday, March 4th, 1948. He is the best of several that were captured, corraled, and observed by Mr. James R. Simon, Director of the Jackson Hole Wildlife Park, Moran, Wyoming, who acted as the New York City Park Department agent.

A scientific permit to capture and ship the animal was issued by the Game and Fish Commission of the State of Wyoming.

Sadie was obtained in 1942 from the Palisades Interstate Park Commission herd at Bear Mountain and Elsie was born in Central Park on July 8, 1944. Ginney her father died in 1944.

Press photographs may be taken at any time.

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The first of a "home and home" basketball series between the New York City Park Department Bronx champions and the Boston Park Department champions will be played at the Boston Arena on next Saturday, March 6th. Ned Irish, of the Madison Square Garden Corporation, is sponsoring the trip of the New York City boys to Boston. The Boston Garden will sponsor the return game, when the Boston Park Department champions will play at Madison Square Garden on Saturday, March 13th.

The New York team, the Bronx Ravens, will leave the Grand Central Station for Boston, on Saturday March 6th at 10 A.M. When they arrive in Boston, they will be taken on a sight-seeing trip by Boston Park Department officials. The game on Saturday, which is to be played at the Boston Arena, will be a preliminary to the Harvard and Yale varsity and junior varsity games. The boys will be accompanied by Robert Nugent of the Park Department, manager of the team, and Simon Lyons, their coach. The following boys are on the team: Alan Saland, Raynor Pike, Anwar Raschid, Robert Hoffman, Maurice Siegall, Herbert Blumenfeld, Herbert Weintraub, and Burton Kaplan.

The Boston team will arrive in New York on March 13th at 1 P.M. and will be received by the New York Park Department officials, and taken on a tour to visit interesting places in New York City.

March 3, 1948

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

FOR RELEASE Sunday, February 8, 1948

Six basketball clinics will be conducted at Park Department recreation centers in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Bronx and Queens during the next five weeks. These are the last of the series of twenty which were made possible through the cooperation of Ned Irish and the Madison Square Garden Knickerbockers. An average of 300 boys has turned out at each session to learn both the fundamental and the more advanced basketball techniques from the outstanding college stars who compose Coach Joe Lapchick's Knickerbocker squad.

Among the great stars who will conduct the six clinics will be Bud Palmer, Carl Braun, Stan Stutz, Sid Tannenbaum, Van Breda Kolff, Dick Holub, Tommy Byrnes, Lee Knorek, Ray Kuka and Paul Noel. By means of lectures, demonstrations and motion pictures, these players will teach the youngsters big league methods of passing, dribbling, setting up offensive and defensive plays, and the use of team signals. The enthusiastic reception given to the clinics is an indication of the healthy response on the part of the city's juveniles, to expert, constructive leadership and guidance in sports activities.

Park Department indoor recreational facilities will be used for the clinics according to the following schedule:

February 9th - 8 P.M. - Mullaly Playground, East 164 Street and Jerome Avenue, Bronx

February 16th - 8 P.M. - President Street Gymnasium, 4 Avenue & President Street,  
Brooklyn

March 1st - 8 P.M. - Gymnasium, 407 West 28th Street, Manhattan

March 2nd - 8 P.M. - Astoria Play Center, 19 Street and 23 Drive, Astoria, Queens

March 8th - 8 P.M. - Crotona Play Center, East 173 Street and Fulton Avenue, Bronx

March 11th - 8 P.M. - McCarren Play Center, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street  
Brooklyn

All boys up to twenty years of age are invited to attend.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK  
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FOR RELEASE Immediately

Four Ice Skating Carnivals will be conducted by the Department of Parks during the coming weekend, three on ~~Saturday~~, January 17th and the fourth on Sunday, January 18th. Saturday's carnivals are borough elimination contests and will be held at 1:30 P.M. at the following locations:

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

Brooklyn - Prospect Park Lake, Flatbush Avenue and Lincoln Road

Richmond - Martling's Pond, Clove Lakes Park, Martling's Lane near Slosson Avenue

Borough Eliminations were held last Sunday in the Bronx and Queens. Qualifying skaters from all borough meets will participate in the fourth carnival, the City-wide Championships, to be held at 1:30 P.M. on Sunday at Conservatory Lake.

Eight events for boys and girls 17 years of age and under are scheduled for each of these meets. Juvenile class events, for children 9, 10 and 11 years of age will be: 75 Yards for boys and 60 Yards for girls; Junior Division boys, 12, 13, and 14 years of age will compete at 100 Yards, and the girls at 75 Yards. In the Intermediate group for the 15, 16 and 17 year olds, the boys events will be the 220 Yards and the 440 Yards, girls events, the 100 Yards and 220 Yards.

The first five skaters in each event will be eligible for the City-wide Championships. At each of the four meets, skaters placing first, second and third will be awarded medals by the Department of Parks. Post entries will be accepted by officials at Saturday's meets.

Date



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FOR RELEASE

*Sat. January 29, 1949*  
*Sunday, February 28, 1949*

Misc.-20M-92347 114 The ten municipal golf courses operated by the Department of Parks will be opened for play for the 1948<sup>9</sup> season on Saturday, April 3<sup>2</sup>. All of the courses are readily accessible by transit facilities. The food and refreshment bars and golf shops in the clubhouse will also open for the season at that time.

Golf permits for the season cost ~~\$5.00~~<sup>10.00</sup>. An additional charge of ~~10¢~~<sup>25¢</sup> will be made to permit holders on weekdays and an additional charge of 50¢ on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. Daily golf fees: ~~25¢~~<sup>51.00</sup> on weekdays Monday through Friday and ~~\$1.00~~<sup>1.25</sup> on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Complete listing of the golf courses can be found in the telephone directory.

Starting ~~Tuesday~~<sup>Tuesday</sup> February ~~24th~~<sup>1st</sup>, golf permits can be secured at any of

the five borough offices listed below, either by personal application or by mail with a self-addressed, stamped envelope enclosed; a face photograph of passport size taken not more than 30 days previous to date of application is required; address should include postal unit number.

Season tennis permits which cost \$3.00 and are good on all the City's 50 public tennis courts, which will be open for play on April 16<sup>16</sup>, may be secured in the same manner and at the same time.

MANHATTAN - Arsenal Building - Telephone: REgent 4-1000  
64th Street and Fifth Avenue  
New York 21, New York

BROOKLYN - Litchfield Mansion - Telephone: SOuth 8-2300  
Prospect Park West and Fifth Street  
Brooklyn 15, New York

QUEENS - The Overlook - Telephone: VIrginia 7-4600  
Forest Park  
Union Turnpike and Park Lane  
Kew Garden 15, N. Y.

BRONX - Administration Building - Telephone: TAlmadge 9-5200  
Bronx Park East and Birchall Avenue  
Bronx Park 60, New York

RICHMOND - Clove Lakes Park - Telephone: GIBraltar 2-7640  
1150 Clove Road  
West New Brighton, Staten Island 1, N.Y.



More than 124,000,000 visits were made by adults and youngsters to the city's parks and playgrounds during 1947, an increase of eleven million over the record attendance of 1946. These figures reflect the ever-increasing demand on the part of New Yorkers for public recreational facilities within the metropolitan area. Of the forty-three activities carried on by the Park Department, beach and pool attendance again showed the greatest increase, seventy-five and a half million people finding relief from the heat during the summer months. Basketball and softball, stimulated by city-wide competitive contests, had an increase of 16,000,000 participants. The Park Department's varied facilities are designed to meet seasonal activities. 189 wading pools, in which two and a half million youngsters splashed during July and August, resounded to the ringing steel of ice skates in the winter. Swimming pool buildings, converted into indoor recreation centers at the end of the summer offered opportunities for youngsters to engage in basketball, boxing and quiet recreational pursuits during the fall and winter months.

Despite a mild winter, park lakes, flooded areas and coasting and skiing hills were used by half a million winter sports enthusiasts. Softball and baseball held the center of the stage in the spring, continuing throughout the summer, and attracting more than two million boys and men to the national pastime. In the fall, these same fields drew another million and a half soccer and football players searching for healthful outdoor exercise. At other times of the year, special sports facilities such as archery ranges, bicycle paths, bridle paths, bowling greens, horseshoe pitching courts, golf courses, tennis and paddle tennis courts took care of the recreational needs of another three million citizens.

Flood lighting equipment made possible the use of facilities for enjoyable summer evening activities for many thousands of New Yorkers. Concerts by the Goldman Band, the City Amateur Symphony Orchestra, and the Naumburg Memorial

concerts were heard by 500,000 in the various parks. Name Band Dances, sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company, and the Papsi-Cola Square Dances entertained 800,000 during the summer months. Barber Shop Quartet and Harvest Dance Contests closed the summer season activities on a festive note. Youngsters received special attention through the tours of the Marionette and Magic troupes who entertained thousands of young followers in the playgrounds of the five boroughs.

A series of special contests and tournaments were featured all through the year, by thirty-two thousand children, young men and women, in the Learn to Swim Campaign, marbles contest, swimming meets for boys and girls, softball tournament, and the golf and tennis tournaments. These contests were witnessed by 300,000 spectators.

The cinder paths and athletic fields teemed with activity as 4,000 boys and girls participated in the five meets sponsored by the New York Athletic Club, two sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Queens, and in the Junior Olympics at Randalls Island. A million more youngsters practiced and competed on the Park Department's 17 running tracks and 3 cross country courses during the year.

In addition to these colorful and exciting competitive sports, the Department of Parks provided a daily program of supervised activities to keep the city's youngsters engaged in healthful and educational play. Playground Directors taught arts and crafts, drama, dancing, gardening, athletics, games, and supervised the use of slides, swings, and other equipment in the 499 playgrounds of the Park Department system. Two thousand girls between the ages of six and sixteen learned to dance in neighborhood playgrounds and performed their colorful dances at festivals held in each of the five boroughs in August.

The Department of Parks is planning another calendar of activities for 1948, and January will usher in a city-wide basketball tournament, ice skating meets and a snow sculpturing contest, for all of which, entries are now being accepted at all neighborhood playgrounds.

# August - December 1948

1. 8/3 Recondstruction of roofs of Metropolitan Museum
2. 8/4 32 players left in Municipal Golf Tournament
3. 8/8 Attendance figures at Park
4. 8/8 Con Ed sponsored Dancing Schedule
5. 8/8 Pepdi - Cola square dancing schedule
6. 8/8 Special events in N. Y. for week
7. 8/11 Semi-finals of Golf Championship
8. 8/12 Children's dancing festival
9. 8/15 Peter Pan Schedule
- 10./ 8/15 Marinnette Circus schedule
11. 8/15 Harvast dance contest
12. 8/13 Con Ed name band dancing
13. 8/22 Pepsi-Cola sponsored Square Dances
14. 8/22 Peter Pan schedule of performances
15. 8/22 Con Ed name band dances
16. 8/25 City wide jacks contest
17. 8/26 New fungus disease found in park
18. 8/29 Marinnette Circus schedule
19. 8/29 Con Ed name band dances
20. ~~9/1~~ Fishing permitted in park for those under 16
21. ~~9/1~~ Attendance for summer in park
22. ~~9/2~~ Con Ed name band dances
23. ~~9/3~~ New signs for littering
24. 9/4 Closing of 17 outdoor swimming pools
25. 9/5 Final Naumberg Memorial concert
26. 9/5 Pepsi - Cola square dances
27. 9/8 Nine gymnasia Parks open
- 28/ 9/10 Construction of new playground starts
29. 9/12 Final week of Pepsi - Cola square dances
30. 9/15 Beginning of work of Great Kills Park
31. 9/16 Completion of a new playgrouns in Fresh Meadow Village
32. 9/16 1200 Knickerbocker handicaps golf tournament
33. 9/ 17 Record of use of park facilities
- 34/ 9/20 First Conviction of aviator under new law
35. 9/23 Finalists in Knickerbocker golf tournament
36. 9/24 New playground opening
37. 9/29 Golden Jubilee Planting program display
38. 10/~~1~~ Reconditioning of 99 football fields into baseball fields
- 39/ 10/7 Schedule of cross county runs
- 40/ 10/7 Fishing permits issued to those under 16
41. 10/13 New playground opens
42. 10/19 New playground opens
43. 10/21 Construction of new playground starts
44. 10/21 Sixth annual Chrysanthemum display
45. 10/29 Annual Fall Indoor Chrysanthemum show
46. 11/4 Construction of new playground
47. 11/4 Construction of new playground
48. 11/15 Two new equestrian statues of Latin American heroes
49. 11/17 N. Y. Knickerbocker basketball team to have 10 indoor clinics
50. 11/19 Clermont Inn to be turned into Museum

51. 11/19 Closing of all golf courses
52. 12/15 Lighting of 24 Christmas trees
53. 12/15 New male albino leopard presented to C. P. Zoo
54. 12/17 Annual exhibit of season's flowers
- 55/ 12/21 Christmas holiday performances of Marionette show
56. 12/29 5 D. of P. Ice skating carnivals
57. 12/29 Peer 6 (Cromwell Center) reopened



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FOR RELEASE

Immediately

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The Department of Parks announces that, on Monday, January 3d, at 4 P.M., it will reopen for public usage, Pier 6, better known as Cromwell Center, in Staten Island.

Used by the United States Navy during the war and returned to the department, it has been altered, particularly on the second floor, and restored as an improved recreation center. This is the first indoor year round recreation center to be opened and operated by the Park Department with complete modern facilities. It will serve as a model for those planned for other boroughs.

Hon. G. Joseph Minetti, Commissioner of Marine & Aviation; Hon. Cornelius A. Hall, President of the Borough of Richmond; and Mayor O'Dwyer will participate in the exercises. Robert Moses, Commissioner of Parks, will preside.

Music will be provided by the Department of Sanitation Band.

December 29, 1948.



D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

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The simultaneous arrival of Santa Claus and Jack Frost has given youngsters a chance to practice on their new skates in preparation for the five Department of Parks Ice Skating Carnivals to be held at borough lakes on Sunday, January 9th, at 1:30 P.M. Eight park playground races are scheduled for each borough carnival, and seven Middle Atlantic Skating Association events for skaters registered with that organization will be conducted in conjunction with the Manhattan carnival.

Skating has been good for the past week on twenty park lakes and on many of the flooded areas and wading pools. If the cold spell continues, it is hoped that all 258 park skating locations will be opened to the public. Boys and girls 9 to 17 years of age may file their entries for the ice skating carnivals at their local playgrounds as well as at skating locations. The park playground races will be: Juvenile Class - 9, 10, 11 years - 75 yards for boys and 60 yards for girls; Junior Class - 12, 13, 14 years - 100 yards for boys and 75 yards for girls; Intermediate Class - 15, 16, 17 years - 220 and 440 yards for boys and 100 and 220 yards for girls. Middle Atlantic events are 220 yards for Midget Boys, 440 yards for Juvenile Boys, 660 yards for Junior Girls and 440 and 880 yards for Junior Boys, and 880 and 1 Mile for Intermediate Boys.

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The borough carnivals will be held at these lakes:

Manhattan - Central Park Lake, 72nd Street and Fifth Avenue  
Brooklyn - Prospect Park Lake, Flatbush Avenue and Lincoln Road  
Bronx - Van Cortlandt Park, 242nd Street and Broadway  
Queens - Cunningham Park Tennis Area, Union Turnpike and 196th  
Street, Hollis  
Richmond - Martling's Pond, Martling's Lane near Slosson Avenue

The first five winners in each event will represent their borough at the city finals which will be held at the Central Park Lake on Sunday, January 16th, at 1:30 P.M. Medals will be awarded to skaters placing first, second, and third in each event at all carnivals.

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FOR RELEASE

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Misc.-20M-92347 114

The Department of Parks' annual Christmas holiday performances of marionette shows will be given daily at the Amphitheatre, East River Drive at Grand Street, Manhattan, from Sunday, December 26th, to Friday, December 31st. The shows are for children only, and there is no charge for admission. Of course, children too young to travel alone may bring along an adult.

The Park Department's Marionette Troup has selected three popular children's stories for their holiday repertoire: "Jack and the Beanstalk", "The Shoemaker and the Elves", and "Hansel and Gretel". Their version of Jack's adventures preserves all the fantasy of the original fable - the magic beanstalk that really grows before the eyes of the delighted youngsters, the Hen That Lays Golden Eggs, and the Magic Harp. "The Shoemaker and the Elves" - the story of a tired old man and the two funny elves, Longfellow and Shortfellow - is embellished by whimsical touches, such as, the array of shoes that dance by themselves. "Hansel and Gretel" is an exciting portrayal of the perennially favorite fairy tale. Packed with spine-tingling adventures and magical spells, the play never fails to enchant its young audience.

The shows are scheduled as follows:

Sunday, December 26th	2 P.M.	"Jack and the Beanstalk"
Monday, December 27th	11 A.M. and 2 P.M.	"Jack and the Beanstalk"
Tuesday, December 28th	11 A.M. and 2 P.M.	"The Shoemaker and the Elves"
Wednesday, December 29th	11 A.M. and 2 P.M.	"The Shoemaker and the Elves"
Thursday, December 30th	11 A.M. and 2 P.M.	"Hansel and Gretel"
Friday, December 31st	11 A.M. and 2 P.M.	"Hansel and Gretel"

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Sunday, December 19, 1948

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

This year's display comprises over 1,500 colorful Poinsettia blooms in pink, white and red. Some of the Poinsettias measure 12 to 15 inches in diameter. Other well known and attractive plants, such as the Cyclamen, in various colors, are also attractive. Camellias are to be seen grouped with Poinsettias.

The exhibit will be open every day from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., starting Monday, December 20, 1948. It will close January 2, 1949.

December 17, 1948.

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## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

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Misc.-20M-92347 114

A male albino leopard, named Jinx, said to be the only one in captivity, has been presented to the Central Park Zoo by Janet Jarvis.

In addition to the albino leopard, which has fox red fur with light spots and pink eyes, Mr. Ernest G. Jarvis, president of Continental Copper and Steel Industries Co., Inc., has presented a spotted male leopard, named Ken, and a laughing hyena, both unusual because of their exceptionally large size.

Trapped in the wilds of Portuguese Africa, the animals were imported to this country by Henry Trefflich, 228 Fulton Street, New York City, and purchased by the Jarvises as their Christmas gift to the Central Park Zoo and the children of New York. Due to the recent difficulties at the piers, they were confined on board ship for two weeks and delayed in their transfer to the Central Park Zoo.

The animals will go on display Thursday, December 16th, at 11:00 A.M.

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NOTE: Press photographs may be taken at 10:30 A.M., Thursday.

December 15, 1948.

## D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S



FOR RELEASE

Misc.-20M-92347 114

Wednesday, December 15, 1948.

The Park Department announces that ceremonies in connection with the lighting of twenty-four Christmas trees, which have been erected and decorated in parks throughout the five boroughs, will take place on Friday, December 17th, 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, Manhattan, the ceremonies will be broadcast over Station WNYC. Mayor O'Dwyer will deliver his annual Christmas message and throw the switch lighting the sixty-foot high tree, officially starting New York's observance of the Yuletide season. Vincent R. Impellitteri, President of the City Council, and Borough President Hugo E. Rogers will also participate in the exercises. Selections will be played by the Department of Sanitation Band, and Christmas carols will be sung by the Police Department's Glee Club, and a boys' choir from Saint Vincent Ferrer Church.

Borough Presidents Cashmore, Lyons, Burke and Hall will light the trees in their respective boroughs, where exercises will be conducted under the borough Park Directors who have arranged appropriate programs.

When the Mayor throws the switch lighting the tree, he will also light a special decorative scheme depicting the Three Wise Men proceeding to the Star in the East, centered in a traditional red and green wreath, eighteen feet in diameter, over the main entrance of the Park Department Headquarters at the Arsenal, 64th Street and Fifth Avenue, Central Park, Manhattan. In keeping

with the holiday spirit, Park Department gardeners made the wreath by ingenious use of simple, inexpensive materials, such as attractive holly, laurel, rich brown pine cones, moss, soft hemlock - the most graceful of all evergreens, and large clusters of Red Ruscus, more brilliant than holly berries. In all, there are 19,288 selected branches of various materials mounted on a wooden frame, braced and reinforced with 3/8 inch steel rods. The wreath weighs approximately two thousand pounds. The foliage across the frame is six feet wide and the depth of the foliage and filling from the face of the wreath to the base of the frame is over three feet.

The trees and the wreath will be lighted each evening from 4:30 P.M. until midnight, up to and including January 1, 1949.

Christmas trees have been erected at the following locations:

Manhattan

- \* City Hall Park, Broadway and Murray Street
- Tavern on the Green, Central Park West and 67th Street
- Thomas Jefferson Park, First Avenue and 111th Street
- Roosevelt Park, Block 7, Forsyth and Canal Streets
- Mt. Morris Park, center line of Fifth Avenue, top of hill
- Ft. Tryon Park, Dyckman Street and Broadway
- Carl Schurz Park, 85th Street and East End Avenue
- Bellevue Hospital, East River Drive and 26th Street
- Washington Square Park, Washington Arch
- Madison Square Park, Fifth Avenue and 23rd Street

Brooklyn

- \* Borough Hall Park, Fulton and Joralemon Streets
- Grand Army Plaza, Prospect Park, Flatbush Avenue and Union Street
- Leiv Eiriksson Park, 67th Street between Fourth and Fifth Avenues
- McCarren Park, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street
- Dyker Beach Park, southwest corner of 86th Street and Seventh Avenue

Bronx

- \* Joyce Kilmer Park, 161st Street and Grand Concourse  
St. Mary's Park, St. Ann's Avenue and East 144th Street  
St. James Park, center of oval lawn, East 191st Street  
and Jerome Avenue

Queens

- \* Borough Hall, Queens Boulevard and Union Turnpike  
King Park, Jamaica Avenue and 151st Street  
Flushing Park, Northern Boulevard and Main Street  
Highland Park, Jamaica Avenue and Elton Street  
Forest Park, Park Lane South and 108th Street

Richmond

- \* Borough Hall, Bay Street and Borough Place
- \* Principal Ceremony

In addition to the ceremonies at the larger trees, there will also be 100 children's Christmas parties held between December 17th and the New Year, in the neighborhood playgrounds throughout the five boroughs. In general, the parties will include carol singing, tree trimming, and special Christmas games.

The largest of the children's parties in Manhattan will be at Roosevelt Playground and Heckscher Playground on December 21st, and the playground at 74th Street and Riverside Drive on December 22nd. Brooklyn's largest parties will be at McLaughlin Playground on December 22nd, and at Sunset Park on December 27th. The gayest parties in the Bronx will be at St. Mary's West Playground, and at Mullaly Playground on December 22nd. Three hundred Bronx children will also present a dance program on December 28th at Mullaly Recreation Building. Queens will hold its largest parties at Jackson Heights Playground on December 17th, and O'Connor Playground and Flushing Memorial Playground on December 23rd. In Richmond, parties of unusual interest will be held on December 23rd, at DeMatti Playground, and at McDonald Playground at December 24th.

*City Editor's Sports Writers*



D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

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The Department of Parks announces the closing of the ten municipal golf courses in the various boroughs and the pitch putt course at Jacob Riis Park, Queens, at the close of play on Sunday, November 28, 1948.

During the past season, more than 673,177 rounds were played over the ten courses, and approximately 38,387 rounds were played on the pitch putt course.

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## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Sunday, November 21, 1948

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Thousands of New York City's youngsters will have an opportunity to increase their "know how" about playing our national indoor game when the Department of Parks and the members of the New York Knickerbocker basketball team cooperate in conducting ten clinics during the coming season at Park Department indoor recreation centers located in the five boroughs.

By means of demonstrations, lectures, and motion pictures, the Knickerbocker stars - John Palmer, Carl Braun, Lee Knorek, Ray Kuka, Paul Noel, Tommy Byrnes, and Bill Van Breda Kolff - will show the boys and girls the various skills and techniques that have made them standout basketball players at college and with the New York Knickerbockers.

The ten clinics, all starting at 8 P.M., have been scheduled as follows:

November 22nd, 1948	East 54th Street Gymnasium, 342 East 54th Street, Manhattan
December 6th, 1948	Astoria Recreation Center, 19th Street, opposite 23rd Drive, Astoria, Queens
December 15th, 1948	Crotona Recreation Center, East 173rd Street and Fulton Avenue, Bronx
December 23rd, 1948	Betsy Head Recreation Center, Hopkinson and Dumont Avenues, Brooklyn

January 10th, 1949	McCarren Recreation Center, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street, Brooklyn
January 18th 1949	Highbridge Recreation Center, West 173rd Street and Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan
January 24th, 1949	Mullaly Recreation Center, 164th Street and Jerome Avenue, Bronx
February 1st, 1949	Sunset Recreation Center, 7th Avenue and 43rd Street, Brooklyn
February 28th, 1949	Carmine Street Gymnasium, Carmine and Varick Streets, and 6th Avenue, Man- hattan
March 7th, 1949	Cromwell Recreation Center, Murray Hulbert Avenue, near Hannah Street, Tompkins- ville, Richmond

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
Department of Parks

Arsenal  
64th Street and Fifth Avenue  
Central Park  
New York 21, N. Y.

November 19, 1948

Board of Estimate  
Municipal Building  
New York 7, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I ask that the Board of Estimate consider the following and decide the future of Claremont Inn.

Claremont is a more or less famous landmark with some definite historic associations. It occupies a magnificent site closely associated with Grant's Tomb. Its hearly history is somewhat confused although it seems to have been first erected as a country mansion by George Pollock in 1783. He sold it in 1803 to Joseph Alston who lived in it only three years, selling it in 1806 to Michael Hogan, formerly British Consul in Havana. The mansion was re-named Claremont by Hogan after Claremont in Surrey, England, the seat of the Duke of Clarence, who later became King William IV, with whom Hogan had served as a midshipman in the Royal Navy. In March, 1812, Hogan conveyed the property to Herman LeRoy, William Bayard and James McEvers, trustees, who leased it for several years to Joel Post, who finally purchased it in February, 1821, and lived there the remainder of his life. By 1860, Claremont was well known as a roadhouse. In 1873, when Riverside Park was established, the building was acquired by the City from the heirs of Joel Post and the City continued to operate it as an inn.

Claremont has been a restaurant for many years, originally a rather aristocratic place with a menu at very high prices. Recently we made a number of changes to popularize the place, reduce prices and bring it within the reach of moderate incomes. In its heyday it was open throughout the year. However, with the gradual decline of the surrounding neighborhood and the rerouting of most of the automobile traffic from Riverside Drive to the Henry Hudson Parkway, it has become less popular and it has only been financially possible to operate during the summer months. The gross income to the City for the last ten years has averaged slightly less than \$11,000 per year.

The building requires extensive repairs. There are many violations of the sanitary and building codes, and the entire heating, plumbing and electrical systems must be replaced. Major reconstruction of walls, roof and floors must be provided, not to speak of complete repainting of exterior and interior. Its use as

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a restaurant must now be discontinued unless the City is willing to spend about \$165,000 for rehabilitation. Unless this sum is provided in the 1949 Capital Budget, it will be impossible to reopen the restaurant for the 1949 season.

There are two alternatives. The first is to set the building aside for some other public purpose, such as a museum. It has no value to the park system and would have to be completely reconstructed even for museum use. I do not know what would be exhibited there and the upkeep of such an institution would be very expensive. This burden would inevitably fall upon the City in the end.

The second is to demolish Claremont and to reconstruct the area as an overlook sitting park closely associated with the Grant Monument. This will cost about \$80,000 and is the action I recommend. A sketch indicating the treatment of the Claremont site and the memorial plaque indicating the history of Claremont is attached.

If we eliminate boarding up Claremont and attempting to convert it into a museum as wholly impractical, there remain the other two plans, namely rehabilitation or clearing of the site for a vista and sitting park. If the Board takes the nostalgic view and decides on a new lease of life for Claremont, we shall rebuild and reopen the restaurant. If the decision is to abandon the old building, we shall substitute a fitting addition to the Grant Monument and a new coign of vantage overlooking the Hudson.

Inasmuch as there is certain to be sentiment for the retention and repair of the building, I ask that the Board of Estimate consider the various possibilities and, by appropriate amendment to the proposed 1949 Capital Budget, provide the funds to carry out the policy decided upon.

Very truly yours,

/s/ ROBERT HOSES

Commissioner

Attachment

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF NEW YORK  
City Hall  
New York 7, N. Y.

FOR RELEASE: Monday, November 15, 1948.

The Mayor today announced plans of the Park Department for the erection of two equestrian statues of two Latin-American heroes, at the north and south ends of the Avenue of the Americas.

A statue of General Jose de San Martin, an heroic, bronze equestrian figure, similar in size to the General Sherman equestrian statue at 59th Street and Fifth Avenue, will be located on the east side of the Avenue of the Americas between Washington Place and West Fourth Street, in a formal landscaped setting.

The statue is a gift to the City of New York from the City of Buenos Aires and is an exact replica of an existing equestrian figure now standing in the heart of that city. It is being presented as a gesture of friendship reciprocating a gift some years ago by the people of North America to the City of Buenos Aires of a statue of George Washington now standing in front of the American Embassy in Buenos Aires, the Capital of Argentina.

General Jose de San Martin was a South American patriot, often compared with George Washington. He is referred to as "Argentina's Liberator", "Knight of the Andes" and "Protector of Peru". He was born February 25, 1778, at Yopeyn on the River Uruguay, educated in Madrid, Spain, for a military career, and

served in the struggle against Napoleon. In 1812, he offered his services to the Government of Buenos Aires in its war for independence. From 1817 to 1821, he raised, equipped and led armies to liberate Chile and Peru from the Spaniards. In 1824, he retired to Europe to live a peaceful private life until his death at Boulogne, France, on August 17, 1850.

The existing statue of Simon Bolivar now in Central Park on the West Drive opposite 83rd Street will be moved to a new location in that park at the north end of the Avenue of the Americas.

The memorial to Simon Bolivar was presented to the City of New York by the Government of Venezuela in 1921. It is a fifteen foot high heroic, equestrian statue on a high granite pedestal, embellished with bronze seals of Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia. It has an overall height of twenty-three feet, nine inches; a width of ten feet, five inches; and a length of seventeen feet. In 1940, the monument was cleaned and repaired, and cleaned again in 1941, prior to the celebration of the Pan-American Congress.

In its new location, at the northeast corner of Central Park South and the Avenue of the Americas, it will be set in a broad plaza with the figure facing south towards the center of the Avenue.

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## D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S



FOR RELEASE

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Immediately

The Department of Parks announces that work has started in connection with the construction of a playground between 77th and 78th Streets, north of 34th Avenue, Queens.

The work includes demolition of existing structures, excavation and grading, the construction of a comfort station, including electrical, plumbing and heating work, the construction of a wading pool, a sandbox, flagpole, curbs and sidewalks, fences, a completely equipped playground, drainage, irrigation and lighting systems, and landscaping of the area.

Located in an intensely populated section of Jackson Heights, containing numerous large apartment houses and private dwellings without play areas within a radius of half a mile, it will provide urgently needed recreational facilities. When completed, the area will include handball courts, shuffleboard courts, table tennis courts, basketball courts, volleyball courts, a softball diamond, and a roller skating area, which will be flooded to provide ice skating when sub-freezing temperatures permit. These new facilities will also be available to residents of the nearby Northern Boulevard Veterans' Housing Project.

*Att. -**Plans # Q-L-303-102 & 103.*

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## D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S



FOR RELEASE

Misc.-20M-92347 114

Immediately

The Department of Parks announces that work has started in connection with the construction of a new playground adjacent to Public School 195 between Jaffray and Irwin Streets, south of Shore Boulevard, Brooklyn.

The work entails the construction of a comfort station, including electrical, heating and plumbing work, a sand pit, curbs, walks, fences, benches, flagpole, recreation areas equipped with playground apparatus, a school farm garden, drainage, irrigation and lighting systems, and the landscaping of the area.

When completed, this 1.257 acre recreation area will be operated by the Board of Education during hours when school is in session, and at all other times by the Park Department. It will provide urgently needed recreation facilities such as handball courts, shuffleboard courts, basketball courts, and a softball diamond for the school children, residents of the adjacent community and also residents of the nearby temporary veterans' housing project on land formerly part of the Sheepshead Bay Coast Guard Training Station.

*Att.**Plans # B-L-G-13002 & 13003.*

November 4, 1948.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

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Immediately

The Park Department announces that the Annual Fall Indoor Chrysanthemum Show in the Prospect Park Greenhouse, Brooklyn, will open to the public on Sunday, October 31, 1948 at 10:00 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, 7th Avenue Station; and by the Vanderbilt Avenue 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 three 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 Queens, Red Rover, Orchid Beauty, Cleopatra, and New York.

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(Press photographs may be taken any time.)

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Friday, October 22, 1948

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The New York City Park Department's Sixth Annual Outdoor Chrysanthemum Display is presently coming into full bloom in the Borough of Manhattan at Central Park Conservatory Gardens, 104th Street and Fifth Avenue; the Plaza, Fifth Avenue and 59th Street; Bryant Park, 42nd Street and Avenue of the Americas; Bowling Green Park, Broadway and Whitehall Street; and the Park Avenue plots from 34th to 39th Streets; and at Cadman Plaza, Fulton and Tillary Streets, in Brooklyn. The display will last through the first week in November.

These permanent and colorful massed plantings, bursting into bloom when other flowers will soon be killed by frost, are the gift of Mrs. Albert D. Lasker of New York City to the Department of Parks, in memory of her mother, and are known as the Sara Woodard Memorial Chrysanthemum Plantings. Mrs. Woodard, who died in New York City on January 8, 1940, was one of the founders of two public parks in Watertown, Wisconsin, and a member of the Park Association of New York City, Inc., as well as a member of the Outdoor Cleanliness Association.

Over 11,000 individual plantings have been used in this year's display. Massed solidly in beds in large-scale plantings, the flowers range in color from white through pale

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yellow to pink to the various shadings of red. The plants range in size from the small dwarf varieties to plants more than three feet in spread.

All the plants in New York City's display are seedlings and cuttings from the "Chicago" strain of winter-hardy chrysanthemums developed by Dr. E. J. Krause, Chairman of the Botany Department of the University of Chicago. Dr. Krause, stimulated by the desire to create a flower that could be used by the amateur gardener to extend the blooming period of a garden by as much as six weeks, began his experiments in 1934. He wanted to develop a chrysanthemum whose flower would withstand severe frost, and whose plants would survive sub-zero temperatures.

Each year, thousands of seedlings were grown, and, out of these, fifty to one hundred outstanding plants were selected for further testing. In the Fall of 1941, twelve varieties of these winter-hardy mums were selected and made available to the public through nursery-men and commercial growers, and new varieties have been developed in recent years.

In the Spring of 1942, Mrs. Lasker gave the seeds and funds to establish the original plantings at the Conservatory Gardens and at Bryant Park to the New York City Park Department. The additional plantings were made in the succeeding years. The Park Department has found this chrysanthemum one of the few flowers that will bear up under frost, and the only plant having a wide range of color that is suitable in this section of the country for mass fall plantings.

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## D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S



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The Department of Parks announces that work has started in connection with the construction of a playground between Dean and Bergen Streets, east of Sixth Avenue, Brooklyn.

This new playground is located in a congested section of Brooklyn sorely lacking in recreational facilities of any kind. It lies in the center of a block publicized last year as being the worst block in Brooklyn because of the many serious cases of juvenile delinquency.

The present contract, awarded to Grifeth Construction Corporation, 401 Broadway, New York City, entails the construction of a comfort station including electrical, heating and plumbing work, basketball courts, volleyball courts and paddle tennis courts, drainage, lighting and water supply systems, and play areas equipped with play apparatus.

While the Park Department has title to the entire site, only the vacant area will be developed under this contract. The remaining area will be developed at a later date, after tenant relocation problems have been solved.

*Att. -**Plans # B-L-G-12702 + 12703.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



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The Department of Parks announces the completion of work in connection with the construction and the opening to the public of a new playground adjacent to Marcy Houses on Myrtle Avenue between Nostrand and Marcy Avenues, Brooklyn.

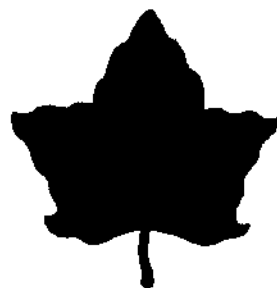
This 3.2 acre playground replaces a much smaller play area, formerly located on Floyd Street between Park and Nostrand Avenues, within the housing site. It will provide recreational facilities for the tenants of the housing area and the residents of the surrounding congested neighborhood.

The New York City Housing Authority contributed \$160,000 for the development of the playground, which, for the purpose of control, has been divided by fencing into six separate units, the borders of which have been landscaped with shade trees. The playground contains swings, slides, see-saws, a sand pit, wading pool, comfort station, shuffle-board courts, paddle tennis courts, basketball and volleyball courts, and handball courts. There is also a large bituminous surfaced flood-lighted area to provide for softball and other group games and which can be used for roller skating in the spring, fall and summer months, and which may be flooded during sub-freezing temperatures for ice skating.

*Att.-**Plans # B-L-G-8600 & 8601**Photos # 25692 & 3*

October 19, 1948.

## D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S



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Another new playground, bounded by Lafayette, Turnbull, Olmstead and Castle Hill Avenues in the Bronx, will be opened by the New York City Park Department on October 13, 1948.

Although only 2.6 acres in extent, this area, with a 200 feet frontage on Olmstead Avenue and 570 feet frontage on Turnbull and Lafayette Avenues, will provide for the present recreational needs of the children of the tenants of the adjacent Castle Hill Emergency Housing project, housing 2000 persons, and will be available for use by the children of the rapidly developing surrounding community previously lacking in essential recreational facilities.

The new playground contains five separate areas. Handball courts, horseshoe courts, shuffleboard courts, and playgrounds on the east end of the improvement are fenced off from each other for control purposes. The playground section is completely equipped with swings, slides, see-saws, sand pit and shower basin for hot weather. There is a small building housing comfort facilities and maintenance headquarters.

The westerly end of the improvement is developed for group games such as softball, basketball and volley ball, and surfaced with permanent materials to provide for roller skating.

The entire perimeter of the area is fenced and bordered with shade trees. Numerous benches have been provided for mothers and guardians of children.

With the addition of this new area, there are now 509 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

*Att:**Plans XL-151-101 & XL-151-102**Photo # 25691**# 25690*

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Young fishermen who have been privileged to fish in the 72nd Street Lake in Central Park, for the past five weeks, will have an opportunity to take home more than their catch on Saturday, October 9th, when the Department of Parks will present prizes for the first fish caught after 10 A.M., and for the two largest fish caught between 10 A.M. and 3 P.M. Peter Pappas, the row boat concessionaire at the lake, has donated the prizes - handsome rod and reel outfits, complete with lines, hooks, and bobs.

The young anglers must, of course, abide by the few regulations set up by the Department of Parks. They must be under sixteen years of age, and use fishing rods, or rod and reel equipment, as hand lines are prohibited. Their fishing must be confined to the specified areas, clearly defined by signs, which are located as follows: the peninsula on the west side of the lake opposite West 75th Street and adjacent to the West Drive; the shore opposite the peninsula; the shore on the north side of the lake, east of the bridge; and the shore on the south side of the lake, west of the bridge. Other than that, the Department of Parks extends a cordial invitation to all youngsters to participate in the competition on Saturday.

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Among the hundreds of high school and college boys training on the cross country course maintained by the Department of Parks at Van Cortlandt Park, there may be the future champions who can better the U. S. showing in future Olympic long distance and cross country events.

Interest in hill and dale running is fostered by a dozen organizations whose regularly scheduled races provide ample opportunity for eastern athletes to participate and compete in this sport.

The following are the cross country runs which are to be conducted at the Van Cortlandt Park course starting next Saturday, October 9th:

October 9th	10:30 A.M.	Public School Athletic League Run - Group III
	12:30 P.M.	Dual Meet - Manhattan College vs Syracuse University
October 16th	10:30 A.M.	Public School Athletic League Run - Sponsored by New York University
	12:30 P.M.	Dual Meet - Manhattan College vs Dartmouth
October 23rd	10:30 A.M.	Interscholastic Run - Sponsored by Manhattan College
	12:30 P.M.	Dual Meet - Manhattan College vs Seton Hall
October 30th	10:30 A.M.	Public School Athletic League Run - Sponsored by Fordham University

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November 2nd 2:00 P.M. Metropolitan Intercollegiate 5 Mile Varsity Run  
2:00 P.M. Metropolitan Intercollegiate 3 Mile Freshman Run

November 6th 10:30 A.M. Public School Athletic League - 5 Separate Borough Championships  
11:30 A.M. 10th Annual Heptagonal Run  
1:00 P.M. Catholic High School Athletic Run

November 7th 2:30 P.M. Metropolitan A.A.U. Junior Run

November 13th 10:30 A.M. Public School Athletic League City Championships

November 15th 2:30 P.M. 40th Annual ICAAAA Freshman Run  
3:00 P.M. 40th Annual ICAAAA Varsity Run

November 20th 10:30 A.M. Public School Athletic League City Championships - Alternate Date

November 21st 2:30 P.M. Metropolitan A.A.U. Senior Run

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# DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

## ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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Though football is having difficulty replacing baseball in the limelight due to the deadlocked American League pennant race, the Department of Parks has reconditioned its 99 football fields after summerlong use as baseball fields, and the gridirons will be ready for use when the season officially starts in the city parks on Monday, October 4th. Football players have been using some of the fields for practice, but all goal posts will be erected for the opening day.

Permits to play on the fields listed below, as well as on the 36 soccer fields located in various parks, are issued free of charge by Department of Parks headquarters in each borough. These permits may be secured by applying in person, or by mail to the borough offices.

### Manhattan:

Central Park, Heckscher Park, 63rd Street and West Drive  
Central Park, North Meadow, 97th Street  
East River Park at 5th Street  
East River Park at Grand Street  
Inwood Park, 207th Street and Seaman Avenue  
Randalls Island  
Riverside Park at 103rd Street  
Riverside Park at 148th Street  
Riverside Park at Dyckman Street

### Brooklyn:

Avenue U and East 58th Street Playground  
City Park, Flushing Avenue and Navy Street  
Coney Island Creek, Bay 49th Street and Shore Parkway  
Marine Park, Fillmore Avenue and Stuart Street  
McCorren Park, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street  
Parade Grounds, Coney Island and Parkside Avenues  
Playground, Bay 8th Street and Cropsey Avenue  
Playground, Blake and Euclid Avenues  
Playground, Colonial Road and 83rd Street  
Playground, Neptune Avenue and West 28th Street  
Playground, Shore Road and 74th Street  
Playground, Shore Road and 95th Street  
Playground, Gerritsen and Seba Avenues  
Red Hook Recreation Center, Bay and Columbia Streets

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Bronx:

Bronx Park East and Unionport Road  
French Charlie's, Bronx River Parkway and 204th Street  
Harris Park, Goulden Avenue and 200 Street  
Macombs Dam Park, River Avenue and 161 Street  
Pelham Bay Park, Bruckner Boulevard and Middleton Road  
Pelham Bay Park, Rodman's Neck, City Island Road  
Van Cortlandt Park Stadium, 242 Street and Broadway  
Van Cortlandt Park, Parade Field, 246 Street and Broadway  
Van Cortlandt Park, Woodlawn, 233 Street and Jerome Avenue  
West Farms, East 177 Street and West Farms Road  
Williams Bridge Oval, Bainbridge Avenue and East 208th Street  
St. Mary's Playground, East 145 Street and Trinity Avenue

Queens:

Alley Park, Grand Central Parkway and Winchester Boulevard  
Astoria Park, Shore Boulevard and Hoyt Avenue  
Baisley Park, 116 Avenue, Rockaway Boulevard, South Ozone Park  
Broad Channel, Bert and 2nd Avenues  
Brookville Park, Southern Parkway and 149 Avenue, Rosedale  
Cunningham Park, Union Turnpike and 193rd Street, Hollis  
Crocheron Park, 35 Avenue and 214 Place, Bayside  
Chisholm Park, Poppenhusen Avenue and 115 Street, College Point  
Field, Cross Bay Boulevard, Sunrise Highway, Ozone Park  
Flushing Meadow Park, 111 Street, 46 to 53 Avenue, Corona  
Flushing Memorial Park, Bayside and 25th Avenues  
Forest Park, Victory Field, Myrtle Ave. and Woodhaven Blvd., Glendale  
Frank M. Charles Memorial, Hawtree and Shellbank Creek, Howard Beach  
Highland Park, Lower, Jamaica Avenue and Elton Street, Cypress Hills  
Highland Park, Upper, Highland Boulevard and Heath Place  
Jacob Riis Park, Beach 149 - 169 Streets, Neponsit  
John Adams Playground, Rockaway Boulevard and 102 Street, Ozone Park  
Juniper Valley Park, 80 Street and 63 Avenue, Middle Village  
Kissena Park, Rose and Oak Avenues, Flushing  
Liberty Park, Liberty Avenue and 173 Street, Jamaica  
Martins Field, 46 Avenue and 164 Street, Flushing  
Maurice Park, Maurice, Borden, and 54th Avenue, Maspeth  
Pals Oval, Whitelawn and 88 Streets, N. Conduit Boulevard, Ozone Park  
Field, Lefferts Avenue and Belt Parkway  
Playground, 95th Avenue and 125th Street, Richmond Hill  
Queensbridge Park, Bridge Plaza S., 41 Ave., Vernon Blvd., L.I.C.  
Rainey Park, Vernon Boulevard, 34 Avenue, East River, L.I.C.  
St. Albans Park, Merrick and Linden Boulevards  
Springfield Pond Park, Springfield Blvd., Sheffield Ave., 183 Street  
Tudor Field, N. Conduit Ave., Sunrise Highway, 80 Street, Ozone Park  
Whitestone Playground, 14th Avenue, 20th Road, Parson Boulevard

Richmond:

Grove Lakes Park, Grove Road and Victory Boulevard  
Walker Park, Delafield Place, Bard and Davis Avenues  
Willowbrook Park, Richmond Avenue and Victory Boulevard

October 1, 1948

## D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S



FOR RELEASE

Misc.-20M-92347 114

Thursday, September 30, 1948.

Park Commissioner Moses today gave his enthusiastic support to the Golden Jubilee Planting Program announced by the Park Association of New York City, Inc. The Commissioner said:

"Planting flowering trees and shrubs in parks and along parkways is a splendid way of commemorating fifty years of progress in the Greater City of New York. The park system itself is an excellent example of modern public services and facilities made available, on a large scale, by one central agency, to residents in all parts of the expanded city. The colorful new plantings will bring added pleasure to the millions of all ages who look to our parks and parkways for daily recreation, rest and play.

We are greatly indebted to the Park Association, which is sponsoring the program, and the public-spirited citizens and organizations who have already made their contributions. I urge that this program receive the wide general public support which it heartily deserves."

September 29, 1948.

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## D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S



FOR RELEASE

Immediately

Misc.-20M-92347 114

The Department of Parks announces the completion of work in connection with the construction of and the opening for public usage of a playground between Brooklyn-Queens Expressway and Boody Street from 30th Avenue to 31st Avenue, Queens. The playground is adjacent to the Northern Boulevard Emergency Housing Project and will provide recreational facilities for residents of the housing project. It is located in part on lands acquired in connection with the Brooklyn-Queens Connecting Highway improvement and transferred to the Park Department for park purposes.

This 3.4 acre triangular shaped play area, known as St. Michael's Playground, contains a sand pit, a flagpole, a wading pool, a comfort station, swings, slides and see-saws for both young and older children, handball courts, basketball courts, volley ball courts, and horseshoe pitching courts. It also contains a large grass-surfaced hardball baseball diamond, with backstop and concrete bleachers for spectators.

The entire development has been landscaped with shade trees, adequately provided with benches for guardians of children at play, and fenced off into separate units for control purposes.

At the northeast corner of the development, at 30th Avenue and Boody Street, a separate sand pit diggery has been provided for small pre-school children.

With the addition of this new play area, there are now 508 playgrounds in the City Park System.

September 24, 1948.



ST. MICHAELS PLAYGROUND

30<sup>TH</sup> AVE. TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AVE. - BKLYN-QUEENS EXPRESSWAY.

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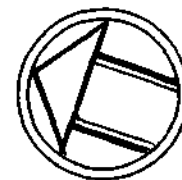
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# ST. MICHAELS PLAYGROUND

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30<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE

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BROOKLYN-QUEENS

HANDBALL

PLAY AREA

BASKETBALL

COMF.  
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WADING  
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SAND  
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31<sup>ST</sup> AVE.

BOROUGH  
OF QUEENS

ST. MICHAELS PLAYGROUND  
30<sup>TH</sup> TO 31<sup>ST</sup> AVE. - BROOKLYN-QUEENS EXPRESSWAY  
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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



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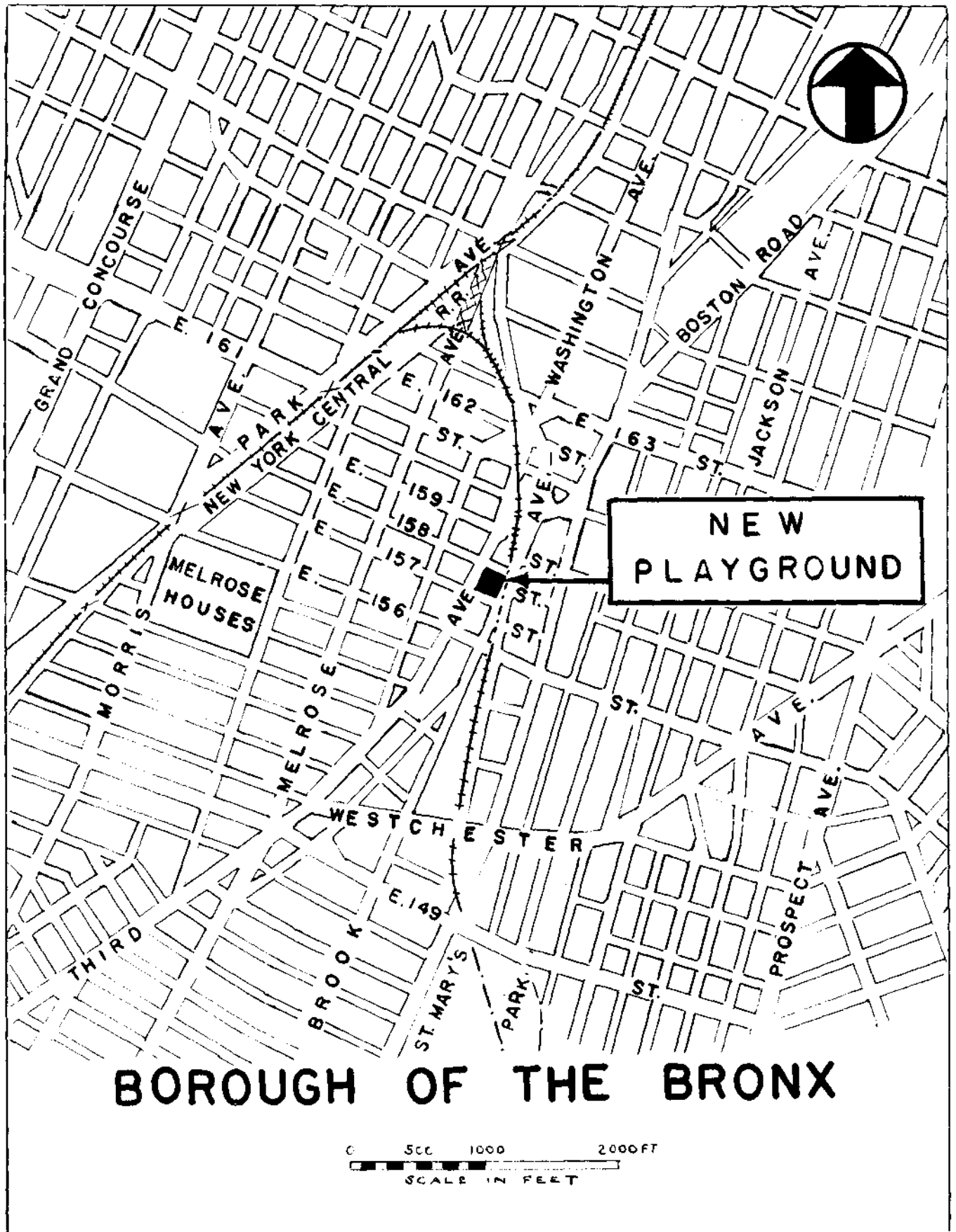
Immediately

The Department of Parks announces that work has started in connection with the construction of a new playground between Third Avenue and Brook Avenue from East 157th Street to East 158th Street, Borough of The Bronx.

The contract, awarded to Acme Construction Corporation, 60 - 86th Street, Brooklyn, entails the construction of a comfort station including electrical, heating and plumbing work, the construction of a wading pool, flagpole, curbs, fences, benches, drainage, irrigation and lighting systems, landscaping, and play areas equipped with swings, slides and see-saws, shuffleboard courts, handball courts, basketball and volley ball courts. There will also be a large area for roller skating and ice skating when sub-freezing temperatures permit.

The playground occupies the site of the former Mount Morris High School Annex, the buildings of which were abandoned, demolished and the property assigned to the Park Department for a playground urgently needed to provide recreational facilities for the residents of the surrounding congested community.

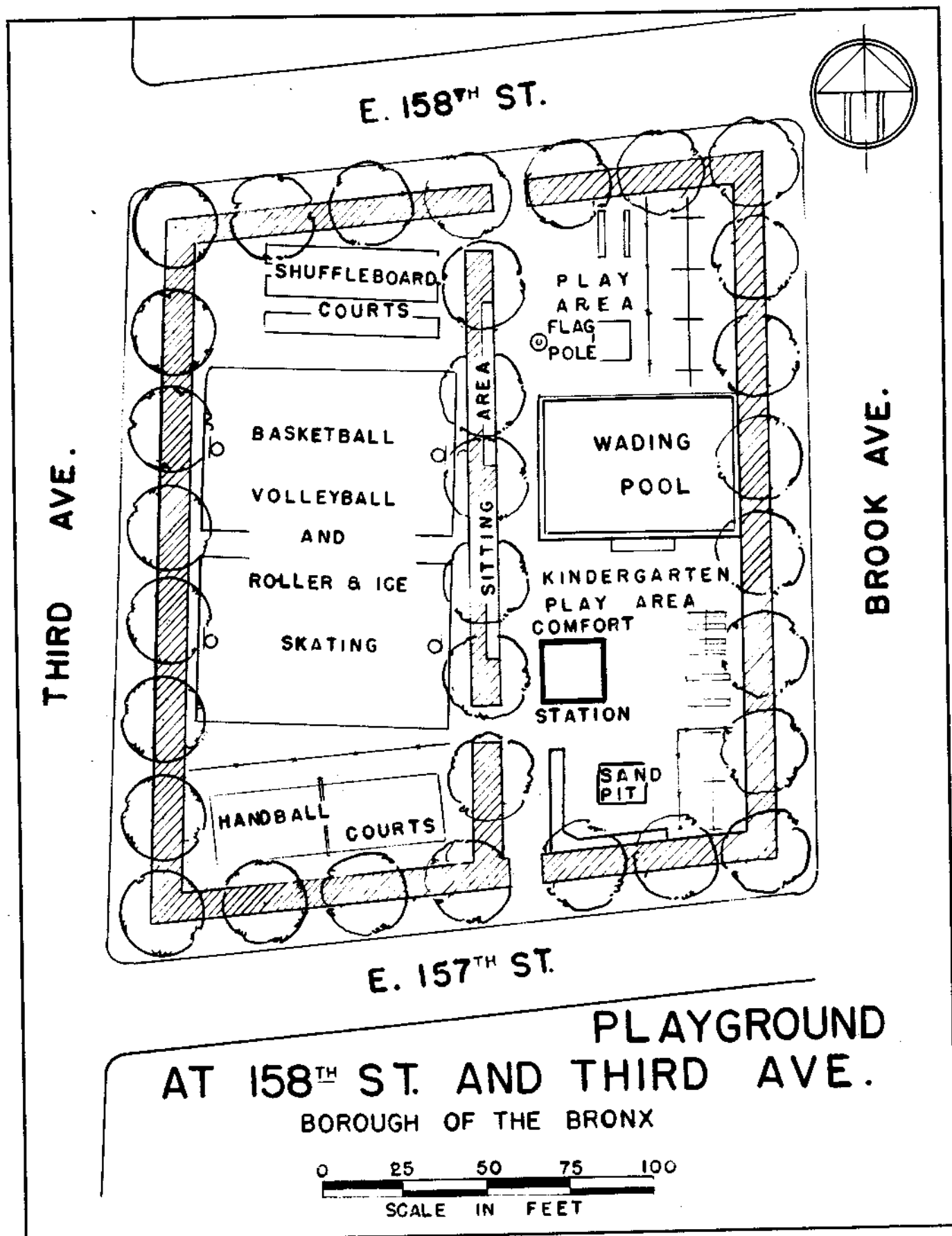
September 23, 1948.



PLAYGROUND BETWEEN 157TH AND 158TH ST.  
AND THIRD AVE & BROOK AVE. - BRONX  
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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Immediately

Misc-20M-92347 114

Twenty golfers, representing the ten municipal golf courses, will tee off in the final rounds of the Knickerbocker Handicap Golf Tournament at La Tourette Golf Course, Forest Hill and London Roads, Richmond, on Sunday, September 26th, starting at 8:00 A.M. These finalists, low scorers from the field of 1200 who competed in eliminations held at local courses last Sunday, will shoot 36 holes of medal play for the city-wide handicap title. Along with the honor of being Father Knickerbocker's golf champion, the winner will receive a \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bond, while the runner-up will be awarded a \$25.00 U.S. Savings Bond.

The foursomes will be lined up on Sunday, as follows:

<u>Starting Time</u>		<u>Handicap</u>
8:00 A.M.	A. Boyd, La Tourette	14
	Francis E. Schnurr, Silver Lake	12
	William Wheeler, Dyker Beach	7
	John Kelly, Clearview	16
8:05 A.M.	Palmer Tagle, Forest Park	25
	Bob Byari, Kissena	14
	T. Muranelli, Mosholu	16
	Dr. I. Medwin, Van Cortlandt	30
8:10 A.M.	L. Cerbone, Pelham	8
	Joseph D. Roccisano, Split Rock	7
	R. Faber, La Tourette	6
	William R. McNeil, Silver Lake	6

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<u>Starting Time</u>		<u>Handicap</u>
8:15 A.M.	Alphonse Burna, Dyker Beach	14
	Stephen S. Marshall, Clearview	13
	J. J. Sheets )	12
	or ) Forest Park	
	William Carpino )	18
	E. O. Kaiser, Kissena	17
8:20 A.M.	D. De Caprio, Mosholu	6
	Harold Lynch, Van Cortlandt	19
	L. Buccillo, Pelham	4
	David A. Clancy, Split Rock	6

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Results of the Knickerbocker Handicap Golf Tournament  
may be secured by telephoning the La Tourette Golf Course, Dongan  
Hills 6-1840, after 6:00 P.M.

September 23, 1948.

## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Immediately

Misc.-20M-92347 114

The Department of Parks announces that the owner of a plane and its aviator, who piloted the plane, towing an advertising banner over the Coney Island bathing area on September 6th, were found guilty of violation of Local Law 55, Section 435-16, of the Administrative Code (avigation for the purpose of advertising within the city limits).

These are the first convictions under this new law, adopted July 1, 1948, prohibiting planes and other aircraft from towing advertising banners or using sound amplifiers over the city.

Both William J. Swanson of New Haven, Connecticut, and Ellias Meaker of New York City, the pilot of the plane, pleaded guilty in the Municipal Term Court, on September 15th, and were fined ten dollars each. Magistrate Ploscowe was lenient because of the newness of the law, which was adopted for the protection of the citizens of this city.

The enforcement of this new ordinance will protect beach and other park patrons from indiscriminate and obtrusive cheap advertising, and will keep the pilots away from congested areas.

September 20, 1948.

## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Misc.-20M-92347 114

Immediately

The Park Department announces a record use of park facilities during the past season. The income during the period from January 1 to September 15, 1948 from revenue producing facilities, as well as the income from concessionaires licensed to operate in public parks, has reached a new high in spite of an unfavorable spring.

The revenue producing facilities of the Park Department, which consist of 3 beaches, 17 outdoor swimming pools, 10 golf courses, a pitch putt golf course and 508 tennis courts, have shown a steady increase of income in the postwar years. The revenue from admissions to these facilities amounted to \$892,944.30 up to September 15, 1948, an increase of \$25,821.03 over 1947, the previous peak year. This income was made up of 2,062,602 admissions to the swimming pools, 20,466 season permits and 469,467 rounds of golf, 26,771 season permits for tennis, locker rentals at the 3 revenue producing beaches of the park system, and revenues from lawn bowling, model yachting, etc.

In addition to the revenue from the facilities mentioned above, the Park Department reports that \$627,000 will be paid into the City Treasury by concessionaires in parks

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throughout the City for the period up to September 15th. These concessions range from bootblack stands to full-scale restaurants and include such facilities as rowboating, gasoline stations, horseback riding, cafeterias, pony tracks, boat basins, and carousels. This is an increase of \$88,928 over 1947.

The Department's total revenue, as of September 15th, is \$1,519,944.30, an increase of \$139,326.30 over 1947.

September 17, 1948.

## D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S



FOR RELEASE

Misc.-20M-92347 114

Immediately

1200 players in the Knickerbocker Handicap Golf Tournament will tee off on Sunday, September 19th, in the local course eliminations to be held at the ten municipal golf courses which are supervised and maintained by the Department of Parks. These golfers will play 18 holes of medal play, with handicaps assigned in accordance with attested score cards of their games previously played on the various Park Department courses. U.S.G.A. rules will govern all play.

The local course winners and runners-up will qualify for play in the City-wide Handicap Championship. The City-wide competition will consist of 36 holes of medal play, and will be held at La Tourette Golf Course in Richmond, starting Sunday, September 26th.

Prizes consisting of a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond will be awarded to each winner, and \$10 in U.S. Savings Stamps to the runner-up at each course. The prize for the City-wide winner will be a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond, while the runner-up will receive a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond.

The ten golf courses where local tournaments will be conducted are: Dyker Beach in Brooklyn; Kissena, Forest Park, and Clearview in Queens; Van Cortlandt, Mosholu, Pelham, and Split Rock in the Bronx; and Silver Lake and La Tourette in Richmond.

September 16, 1948.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Immediately

Misc.-20M-92347 114

The Department of Parks announces the completion of work and the opening for public usage of a new playground adjacent to Public School 26, between 69th and 73rd Avenues, west of 196th Street, Borough of Queens.

The school and playground are adjacent to the Fresh Meadow Village Housing project, in the former Fresh Meadow Golf Course and are located on lands deeded to the City by the New York Life Insurance Company. The playground is jointly operated by the Board of Education and the Park Department. During school hours, it is under the school authorities and at all other times, it is operated by the Park Department for neighborhood use. It will provide urgently needed recreational facilities for the school children and the new housing project, as well as the surrounding community.

The playground contains two small children's kindergarten areas, a school farm garden and swings, slides and exercise units for larger children. There are also a sand pit, a wading pool, see-saws, slides, handball courts, paddle tennis courts, basketball courts, volley ball courts, horseshoe courts and shuffleboard courts. A large bituminous surfaced free play area has been provided for group games, softball and roller skating. In the winter when sub-freezing temperatures permit, it will be flooded for ice skating.

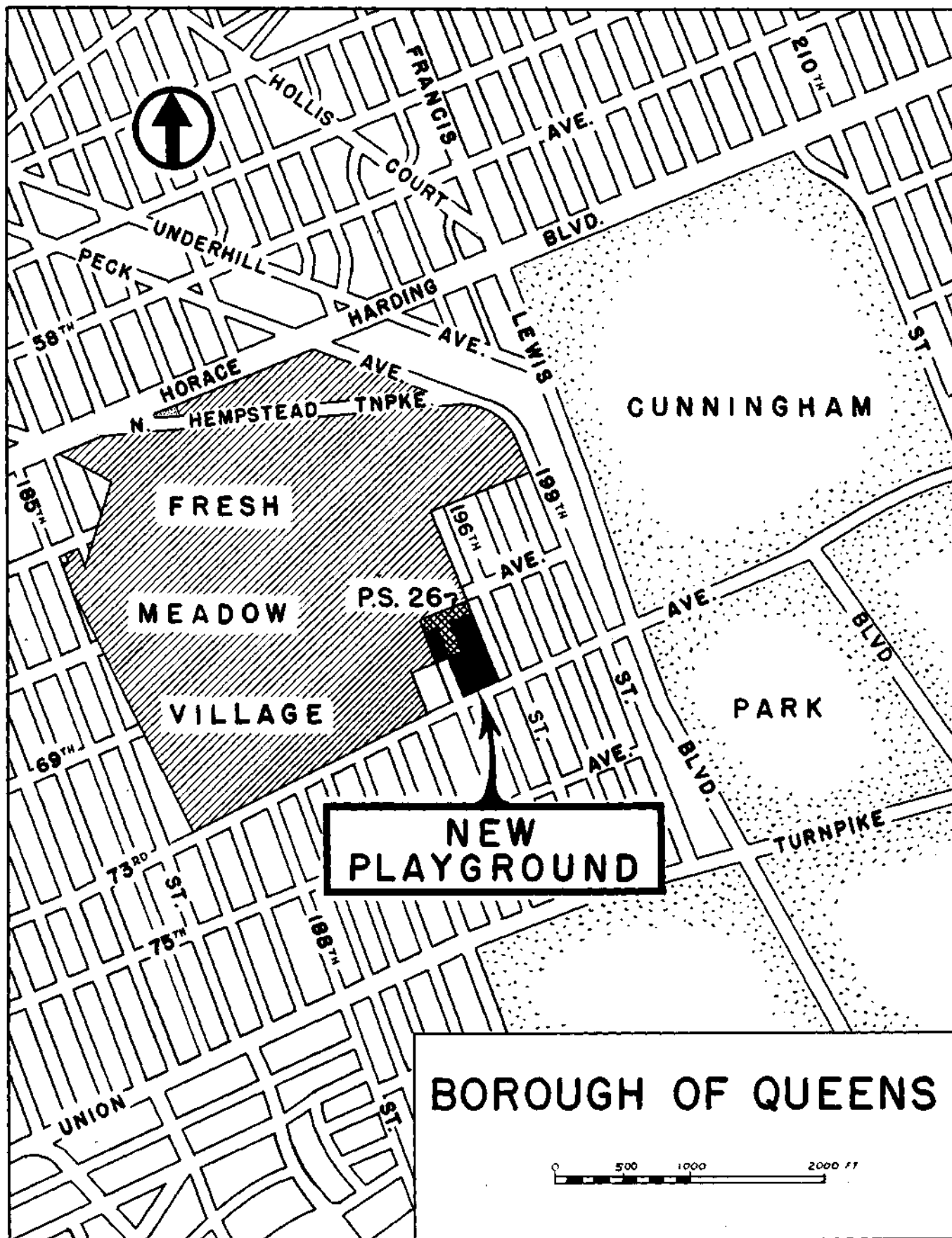
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The entire development has been landscaped with shade trees, adequately provided with benches for mothers and guardians of children, and fenced in and partitioned off into four different units for control purposes.

With the addition of this new recreational development, there are now 507 playgrounds in the city park system.

September 16, 1948.

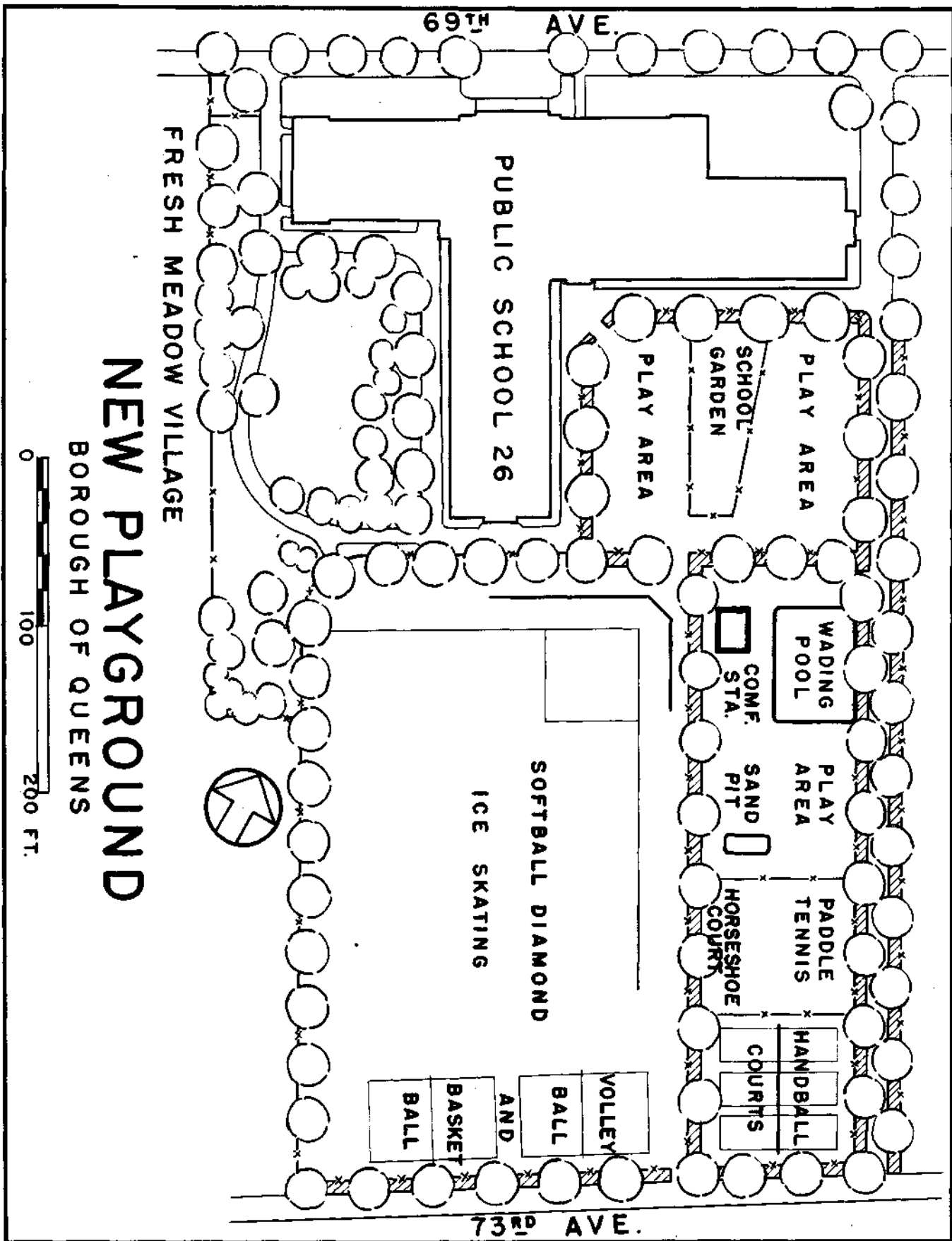


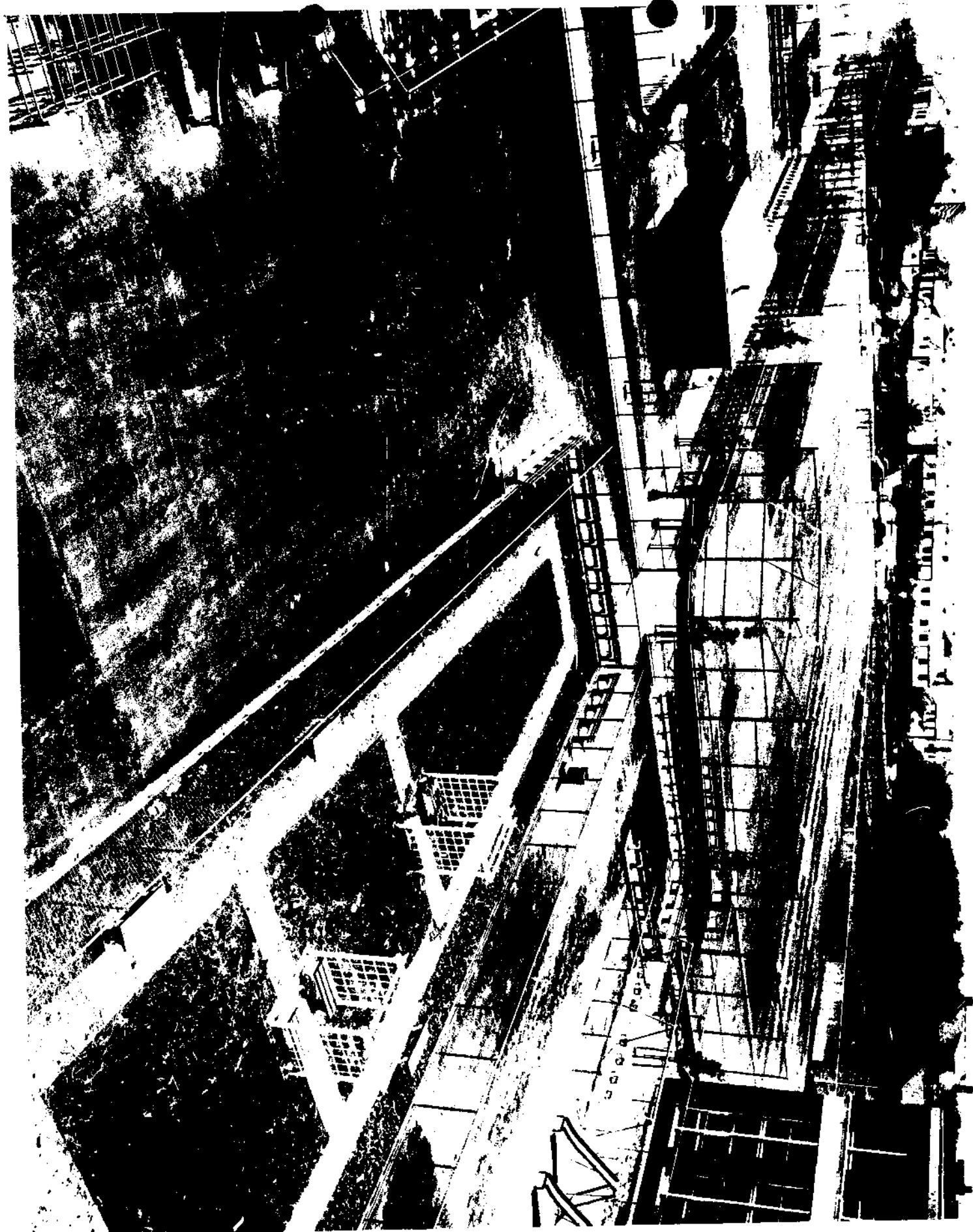
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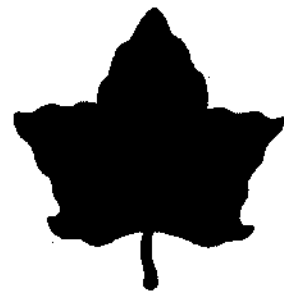
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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Immediately

Misc.-20M-92347 114

The Department of Parks announces the beginning of work today on three contracts which provide for the continuation of the development of Great Kills Park. The lowlands comprising Great Kills Park have been raised by hydraulic fill and Department of Sanitation fill, and these contracts are the initial step in the development of the area as a park for use by the general public.

The three contracts provide for construction of drainage ditches, laying of water and supply mains, the erection of two buildings to serve as comfort stations and for concessions at separate points along the beach, entrance roadways and walks, and a thousand car parking field. These initial improvements are part of a comprehensive plan of further improvements to be done at a later date.

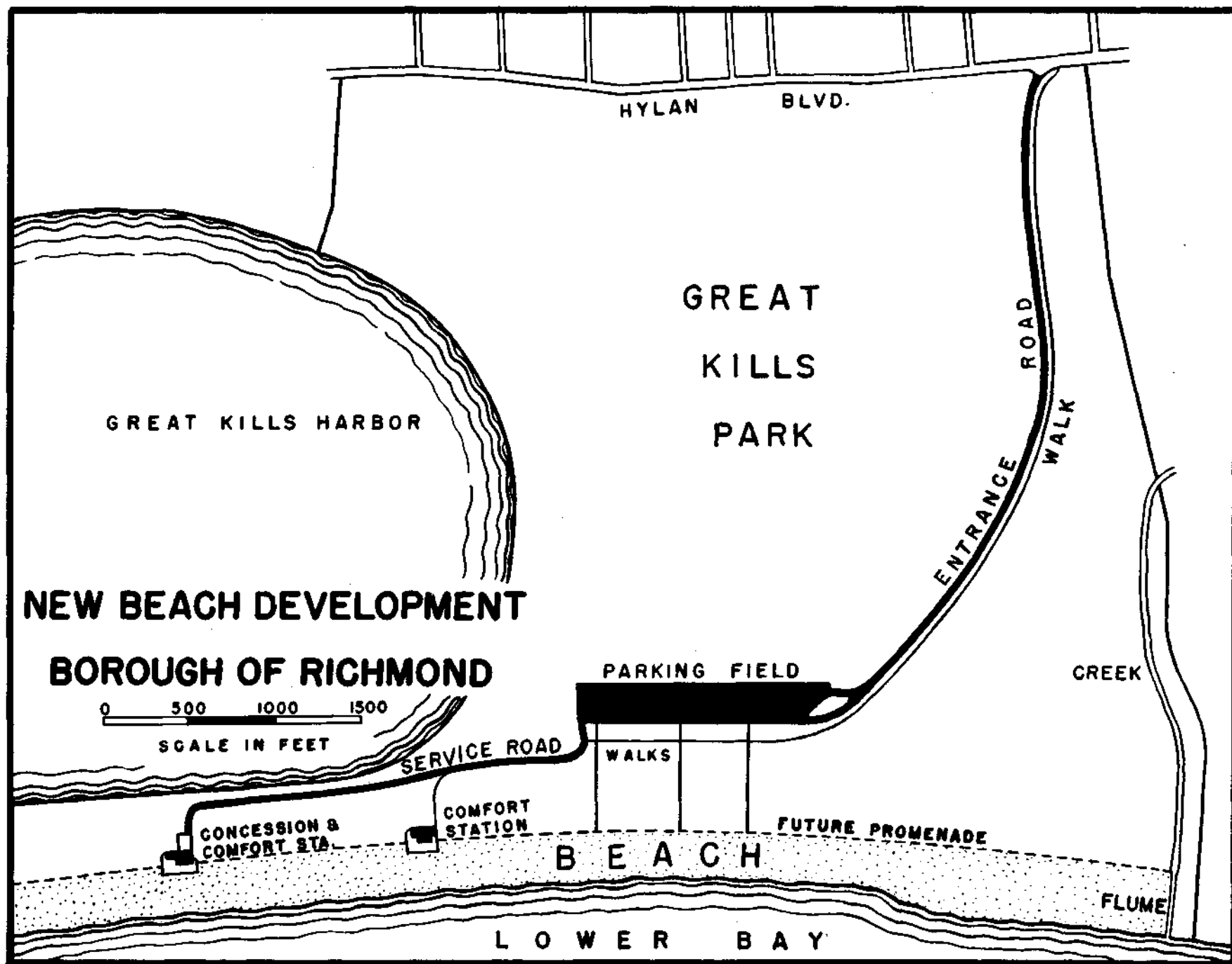
The low bidder for work in connection with the general development is Certified Construction Corp., at \$610,520.00.

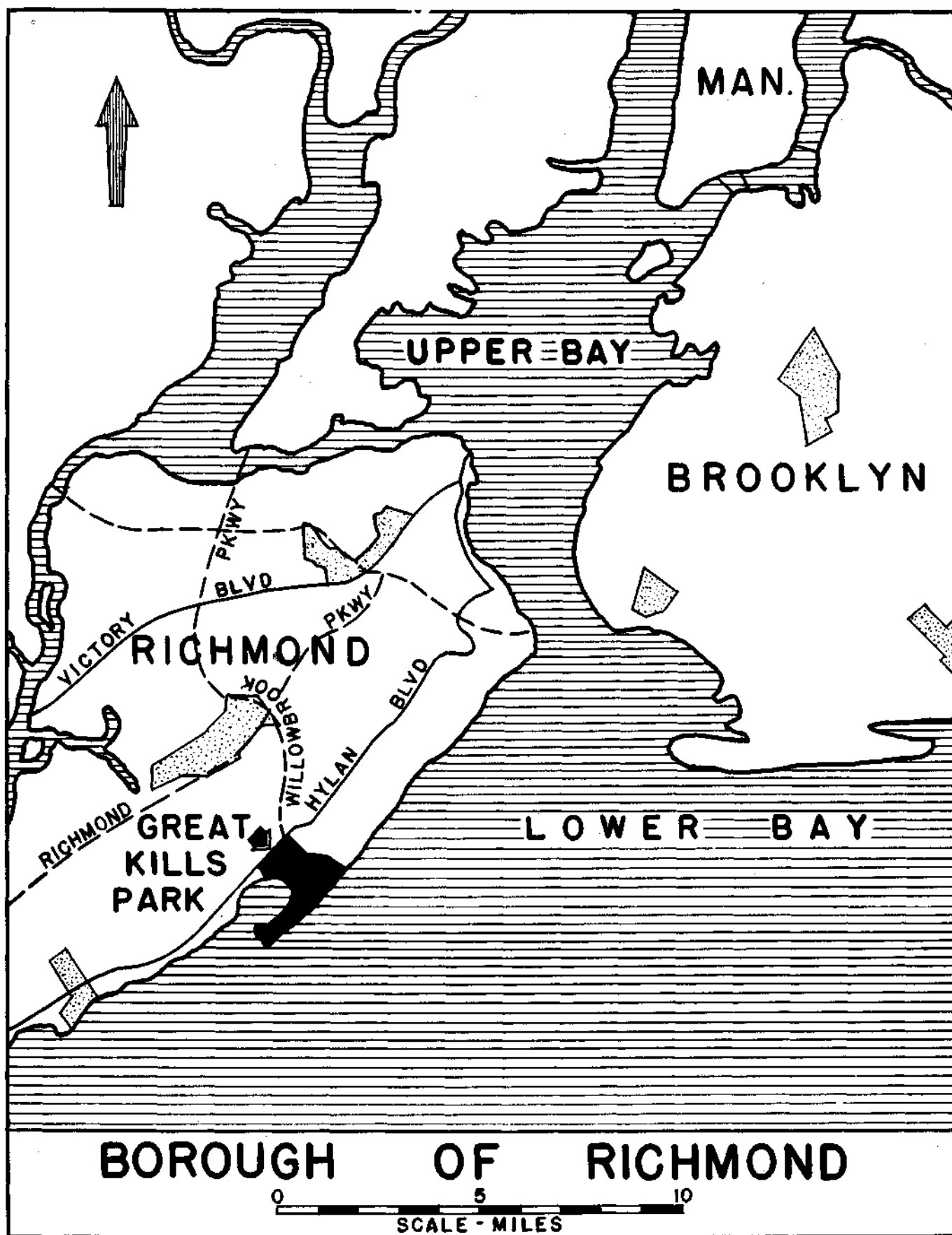
The low bidder on the installation of the electrical services and fixtures in connection with the two buildings is Fraser Electric Corp., at \$11,740.00, and the low bidder for plumbing work on the beach buildings, water supply lines and leaching fields is Baylor Plumbing & Heating Co., Inc., at \$33,679.00.

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The completion of this work will permit the opening of Great Kills bathing beach for public use in the summer of 1949. Next year, portions of the boardwalk, foundations for the bath house and development of the beach proper will be undertaken to further complete the development. The development of this 1,275 acre waterfront park was started some years ago by grants of State lands and lands under water, Federal dredging and Works Project Administration work, and by Department of Sanitation controlled fill operations.

September 15, 1948.





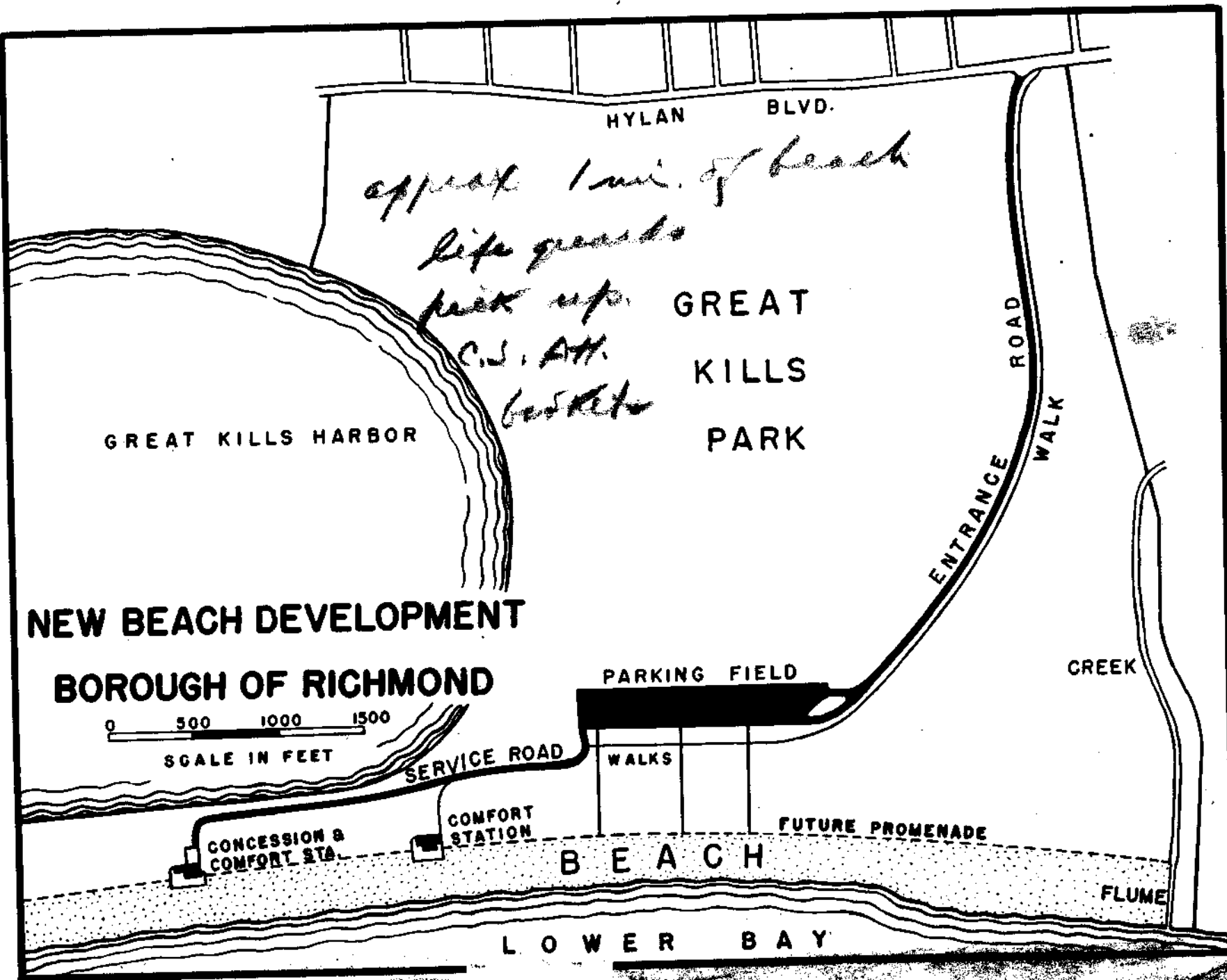
GREAT KILLS PARK-RICHMOND  
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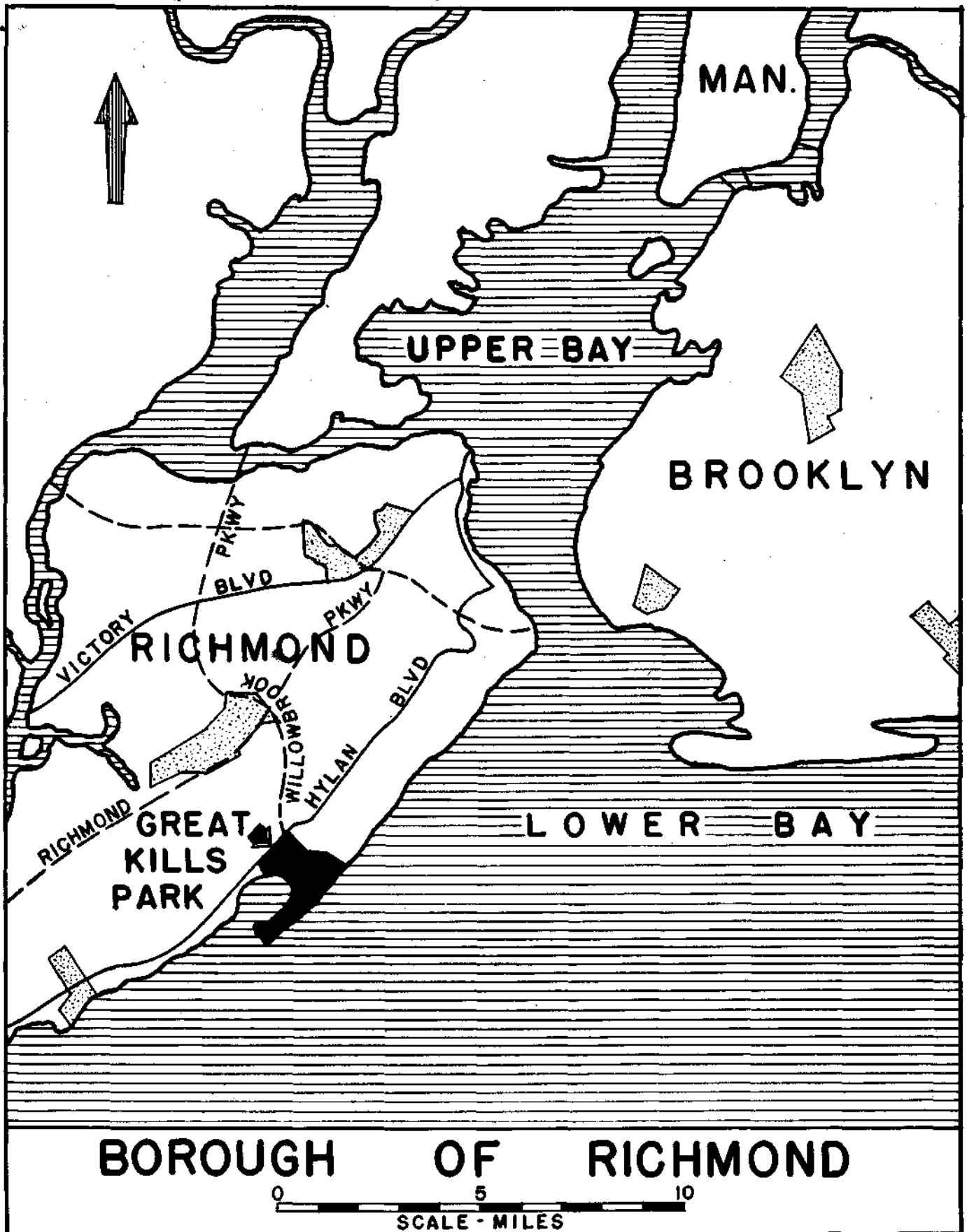
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GREAT KILLS PARK-RICHMOND  
LOCATION MAP

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D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Sunday, September 12

Misc.-20M-92347 114

4th ANNUAL FREE PEPSI-COLA SQUARE DANCE SERIES GOES INTO FINAL WEEK THIS WEEK  
WITH DANCES AT RIVERSIDE DRIVE, SEPTEMBER 13th, CENTRAL PARK MALL, SEPTEMBER  
14th, AND PROSPECT PARK, BROOKLYN, SEPTEMBER 15th.

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Over 226,500 New Yorkers and Brooklynites of All Ages Enjoyed  
Dances Held In The Three City Parks During This Season, Made  
Available by the Pepsi-Cola Company Under The Auspices Of The  
Department of Parks  
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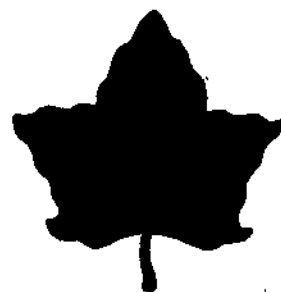
The 4th Annual Series of free Pepsi-Cola outdoor Square Dances will  
go into its final week with dances at Riverside Drive on Monday night,  
September 13th, in Central Park Mall, Tuesday night, September 14th, and at  
Prospect Park, Brooklyn, Wednesday night, September 15th, it was announced by  
the Department of Parks and Pepsi-Cola Company which sponsored the combined series  
of 42 dances at all three of the localities.

Over 226,500 New Yorkers and Brooklynites of all ages have enjoyed  
the outdoor entertainment during this season.

This final group of dances will be held as usual from 8:30 to 11:00  
P. M.

Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands will provide the calling and music for  
these events.

## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



Immediately

FOR RELEASE

Misc.-20M-92347 114

The Department of Parks announces that work has started in connection with the construction of a playground between Third Avenue and Brook Avenue, from East 157th Street to East 158th Street, Borough of the Bronx.

This property, eight-tenths of an acre in size, was acquired by transfer from the Board of Education to the Park Department. It was formerly the site of the old Mount Morris High School Annex which had been abandoned and then demolished.

The present work covers the construction of a comfort station, including electrical, heating and plumbing work, construction of a sand pit, shuffleboard courts, handball courts, basketball and volley ball courts, a roller and ice skating area, wading pool, flagpole, fences, benches, drainage and irrigation, lighting system, separate play areas with play equipment for pre-school and older children, topsoiling and planting of trees and shrubs.

When completed, the playground will provide urgently needed recreational facilities for the residents of the surrounding congested community.

September 10, 1948



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK  
REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Immediately

Misc.-20M-92347-114

Nine Department of Parks gymnasias in Manhattan will re-open on Monday, September 13th, with an extensive program of activities planned for the fall and winter season at each center.

Youngsters who have been engaged in outdoor activity during the summer months may keep in physical trim by participating in gymnastics, apparatus work, basketball, weight lifting, stunts, and games, all under the supervision of Park Department playground directors. Seven of these centers have indoor swimming pools, four are supervised by trained boxing instructors, and three have regulation handball courts. Local neighborhood requirements at each center will determine the additional events to be scheduled, and less active recreational pursuits will be available for neighborhood children during inclement weather.

One day each week will be designated at each location when special activities will be conducted for girls, and, in the evening, for young women.

These gymnasias are located as follows:

Amphitheatre, East River Drive at Grand Street  
Baruch Place and Rivington Street  
Carmine and Varick Streets  
Cherry and Oliver Streets  
407 West 28th Street  
342 East 54th Street  
232 West 60th Street  
35 West 134th Street  
5 Rutgers Place, near Jefferson Street.

September 8, 1948.



D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

Sunday, September 5th.

FOR RELEASE

Misc.-20M-92347 114

"DARLING NELLIE GREY" A TOP FAVORITE WITH SQUARE DANCERS IS TO BE FEATURE OF FREE PEPSI-COLA OUTDOOR SERIES AT RIVERSIDE DRIVE SEPTEMBER 6, CENTRAL PARK MALL SEPTEMBER 7 AND PROSPECT PARK, BROOKLYN SEPTEMBER 8.

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The square dance, "Darling Nellie Grey", one of the earliest American dances and a top favorite with square dancers everywhere will be featured at the free Pepsi-Cola outdoor series to be held at Riverside Drive, Monday, September 6, Central Park Mall, Tuesday, September 7, and Prospect Park, Brooklyn, Wednesday, September 8.

This dance is believed to have originated in upper New York State and is one of the dances asked for wherever square dancers congregate -- no caller would dare not know it.

These dances are made available each week in the three New York City Parks through the courtesy of Pepsi-Cola Company under the auspices of the Department of Parks.

Ed Durlacher is the caller for all of the events and the music is provided by the Top Hands.



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK  
REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Sunday September 5, 1948

Misc.-20M-92347 114

The final concert in this summer's Naumburg Memorial series will be given at the Mall in Central Park at 8:15 P.M. on Monday, September 6th. Mr. Nicholas Rescigno will conduct the Naumburg Orchestra, with Adriana Bernini, Soprano, appearing as soloist. The program will be

1. Overture "Leonore No. III" . . . . . Beethoven
2. Symphony No. 4 (3rd and 4th Movements) . . . Tschaikowsky
3. Aria - "Agnus Dei" . . . . . Bizet

ADRIANA BERNINI

4. "Siegfried's Rhine Journey" from "Gotterdammerung". Wagner

INTERMISSION

5. (a) Introduction  
(b) Persian Dances from "Khovantschina" . . . Moussorgsky
6. Poco allegretto from Symphony No. 3 . . . . . Brahms
7. Aria - "Ritorno Vincitor" from "Aida" . . . . . Verdi

ADRIANA BERNINI

8. Overture "The Bat" . . . . . Strauss





DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

4.7.1949  
REGENT 4-1000

Sunday, September 12, 1948

FOR RELEASE

Misc.-20M-92347-114

The Department of Parks announces the closing of seventeen outdoor swimming pools, located throughout the five boroughs, at the close of business on ~~Sunday, September 12, 1948~~ <sup>Monday, Sept. 13, 1948</sup>. This will mark the end of a successful season of water activities and competitions in which 2,105,000 children and adults enjoyed the facilities of the pools. During the summer, <sup>4,200</sup> ~~3,700~~ youngsters participated in swimming meets in the pools. Many young swimmers had their first try at competition swimming in these Park Department meets.

In addition to the swimming events, the annual "Learn to Swim Campaign" was also held in each of the 17 pools throughout July and August. During these months, <sup>6,200</sup> children learned how to swim.

Twelve of the outdoor pools will reopen as active play centers on ~~Sunday, September 14th~~ <sup>Monday, Sept. 12th</sup>, with facilities for paddle tennis, shuffleboard, basketball, table tennis, and group games. The pools which will convert to play centers and which will operate free of charge are:

MANHATTAN

Hamilton Fish Pool, East Houston and Pitt Streets  
Colonial Pool, Bradhurst Avenue and 145th Street  
Highbridge Pool, Amsterdam Avenue and West 173rd Street  
Thomas Jefferson Pool, 111th Street 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 and Dumont Avenues

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BRONX

Crotona Pool, 173rd Street and Fulton Avenue

QUEENS

Astoria Pool, 19th Street and 23rd Drive

RICHMOND

Faber Pool, Richmond Terrace and Faber Street  
Tompkinsville Pool, Victory Boulevard and Bay Street

Bathhouse accommodations at  
Jacob Riis Park and also at  
Oreband Beach will close for  
the season at the end of the  
days business on Sunday  
Sept. 11, 1949.

September 10, 1948.



D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

Immediately

FOR RELEASE

Misc.-20M-92347 114

Because of the increase in the amount of litter appearing on the city Parkways, the Department of Parks announce the erection of ten (10) signs worded as follows:

DISCARDING  
PAPERS AND TRASH  
PROHIBITED  
VIOLATORS WILL BE  
PROSECUTED

The cost to the city of keeping the parkways cleared of newspapers, torn up correspondence, discarded tires and tubes, and innumerable other items of litter, amounts to thousands of dollars every year. It is hoped that these signs, coupled with diligent enforcement by the police of the regulations against littering of the parkways, will save unnecessary expense to the city, and keep the parkways in more presentable condition.

The signs have been placed at the following locations:

Grand Central Parkway Extension, west of connecting railroad bridge.

Grand Central Parkway, westbound, between City Line and Cross Island Parkway.

Cross Island Parkway at Whitestone.

Cross Island Parkway, northbound, north of Linden Boulevard.

Southern Parkway, westbound, west of Laurelton Boulevard.

Shore Parkway, west of Flatbush Avenue gas station

Owls Head

Henry Hudson Parkway, southbound, south of City Line.

Hutchinson River Parkway, northbound, north of Bruckner Boulevard.

Henry Hudson Parkway, northbound, at 84th Street.

September 3, 1948



**DISCARDING  
PAPERS IN TRASH  
PROHIBITED**

**VIOLATORS WILL BE  
PROSECUTED**



# DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

## ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

## REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Sunday, September 2, 1948

Misc.-20M-92347 114

This week winds up a most successful season of dancing under the stars to the music of three return engagement artists who are appearing for a second time in this Name Band Dance series. During the summer months, 54 dances have been sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted at various locations throughout the city parks by the Park Department. Over 250,000 New Yorkers of all ages have participated in this exhilarating pastime which has been a magnetizing force in the Park Department's hot weather recreation program.

On Tuesday, September 7th, Ray Eberle and his orchestra will appear at Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Queens. Eberle is currently rated as an outstanding prospect for "Band of the Year" honors by leading music critics. His vibrant array of instrumentalists believes in giving the dancers what they want, and their formula has scored success wherever the orchestra has appeared. His name is synonymous with top dancing and vocalizing.

One of the leading college band favorites in the nation, Sam Donahue, the All American Saxophone Sensation, and his orchestra are looked upon as the ideal campus attraction because of its youth, vitality, and drive. One reason the band has done so well must be credited to the fine Capitol recordings they have made. "Melancholy Baby" and "A Rainy Night in Rio" led the New York disc jockey lists for weeks. Local fans will have a chance to judge for themselves when Donahue leads his crew at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx, on Wednesday, September 8th.

For the last two dances of the season, Chuck Foster and his brilliant young band will provide the musical accompaniment. His name is well known among Name Bands from coast to coast, and since his earlier debut this season dancers have been calling for a repeat performance. He will comply with their requests on Thursday, September 9th, at the Mall in Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Drive, and on Friday, September 10th, at Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, when he and the boys furnish the rhythms for the grand finale of our dancing New York program.

All are cordially invited to attend the dances which start at 8:30 P.M.



D E P A R T M E N T O F P A R K S  
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK REGENT 4-1000

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Misc.-20M-92347 114 The heat wave is over but the Park Department is still cleaning up after five days capacity operation of the city parks. While many New Yorkers were fortunate enough to be out of the city during the hot spell, millions forced to stay turned to the park facilities. Due to the unbearable heat, business houses closed early each day of the heat wave. Thus crowds of city residents, comparable only to those expected at weekend and holiday occasions, headed for the beaches and pools. Many others were satisfied to sit in the shady areas of the larger parks.

Park Department attendance statistics indicate the heavy usage of park facilities. These figures reveal that daily average of 1,251,000 persons used the city beaches during the five days or a total of 6,255,000 persons. These tremendous crowds made necessary extended hours of operation and the assignment of supplemental maintenance crews to clean up the beaches. For example, at Coney Island where the normal maintenance crew numbers 225, it was necessary to assign an additional emergency force of 75 employees. This cleanup work, usually done after closing hours or in the early morning, was handicapped by those who remained at the beach throughout the night. The lifeguards were called upon to make 1,403 rescues because of the abnormally large attendance.

The seventeen municipal pools operated by the Park Department were taxed with capacity crowds. These pools, located mainly in congested areas, provided relief for those unable to go far from their homes. A daily average of 72,600 persons or a total of 363,000 used these facilities during the free and

paid periods of the five days.

Concession operators at all city beaches, pools, and parks report unprecedented demands for cool drinks, ice cream, and frankfurters. An indication of this demand is reflected in the operation statement for Jacob Riis Park, Queens, where nearly 50,000 franks, 950 gallons of ice cream and 214,000 drinks, were consumed during the five days.

For the youngsters, the neighborhood wading pools and sprinkler systems provided cooling relief. An average of 245,000 youngsters took daily advantage of the 202 wading pools of the park system. These wading pools were kept open from 9 A.M. until 8 P.M. each day.

In addition to the regular summer facilities of the department, all parks were thrown open and the midnight closing regulation was suspended for the duration of the heat wave. Lawn areas were crowded with many persons who found sleeping indoors impossible. It is estimated 155,000 persons slept outdoors in city parks during the hot spell.

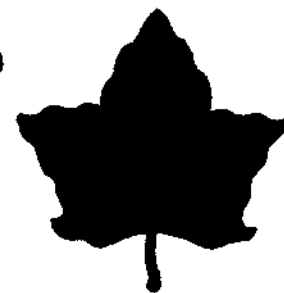
A direct result of the heat wave was the cancellation of the Annual Lifeguard Tournament conducted each year to determine the outstanding individual Lifeguard and lifeguard team of the six beaches in the municipal park system. The tournament, scheduled to be held at Rockaway, Monday, August 30th, was cancelled because all lifeguards were required to be on duty.

Another effect of the extreme heat was the damage to the trees and lawn areas of the municipal parks. Due to the drought and heat, leaves of many trees were burnt. On such species as the Poplars, Plane and Norway Maples, leaves are falling long before the normal time. Grass areas, particularly on the parkways where watering was impossible, turned brown and will require much attention to restore them to their normal healthy green condition.

Attendance at golf courses, tennis courts, baseball fields, and dancing areas, fell off sharply during the entire period of the heat wave.

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The Department of Parks announces that fishing will be permitted in the 72nd Street Lake in Central Park starting September 4th at four locations.

This privilege is being extended only to young disciples of Isaao Walton under 16 years of age. No permit is required.

Fishing will be permitted daily from sunrise until sunset. Fishing rods or rod and reel equipment must be used; hand lines are prohibited.

The areas set aside for fishing are: the peninsula on the west side of the lake opposite West 75th Street and adjacent to the West Drive; the shore opposite the peninsula; the shore on the north side of the lake, east of the bridge; the shore on the south side of the lake, west of the bridge.

The areas are clearly defined by signs and easy to reach by foot paths.

Peter Pappas, the row boat concessionaire at the lake, will award prizes at the end of the season for the three largest fish caught.

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Sunday, August 29, 1948

Misc.-20M-92347 114 Dancing New Yorkers, who have been enjoying pleasant evenings of dancing under the stars in New York City's parks to the music of the nation's top Name Bands, have a treat in store for them at the Mall in Central Park on Thursday evening, September 2nd, when the Department of Parks, under the sponsorship of the Consolidated Edison Company, will conduct the 7th Annual Harvest Dance Contest. Sixty amateur couples, the best in the city chosen from eliminations held in the five boroughs during the past two weeks, will represent their boroughs, vying for city-wide championship honors.

Titles will be contested in foxtrot, waltz, rhumba, and jitterbug divisions. Each borough will be represented by three couples in each division. The winners of the four individual dance titles will compete for the All 'Round Championship. Consolidated Edison will award prizes of \$25.00 U.S. Savings Bonds to winners of first place in each division, and \$10.00 in U.S. Savings Stamps to those placing second. An additional prize will be awarded for the All 'Round Championship.

The judges who will pick the 1948 champions are: Miss Florence Terrace, Mrs. Florence Doughty, Mr. Donald Sawyer, and Mr. Oscar Duryea.

The regular program of Name Band Dances will continue this week with Ray Anthony and his orchestra appearing at Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 25th to 30th Avenues, Queens on Tuesday night; at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx on Wednesday night; and at the Harvest Moon Dance Contest on the Mall in Central Park on Thursday night. Jerry Jerome and his orchestra will provide the music for the Friday night dance at Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street in Brooklyn. All dances will start at 8:30 P.M. All are cordially invited to attend.



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Sunday, August 29, 1948

The last nine performances this season, of the "Marionette Circus" will be presented by the Department of Parks Marionette Troupe at neighborhood Park playgrounds in Manhattan this week.

The stream-lined trailer theatre has been welcomed by hordes of New York City youngsters during its tour of the five boroughs these past eleven weeks. The "Marionette Circus", this summer's presentation, has become the most popular entertainment for the younger set. Even the smallest fry are able to follow the action of the play, for dialogue has been omitted, giving the spot light to the antics of the miniature performers. Specially selected recordings of music give emphasis to the maneuvers on stage. The best gauge of the favor that the show has won, is the reaction of the young audiences as they watch a performance. Adult appreciation is enhanced as they catch enthusiasm from the children. So smooth is the manipulation by the members of the troupe, it is small wonder that observers forget the actors are only puppets.

The performances this week, which will ring down the curtain on a successful season, are scheduled as follows:

MANHATTAN

Monday,	August 30	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Mt. Morris East Playground, East 123rd Street and Madison Avenue
Tuesday,	August 31	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Thomas Jefferson Playground, 112th Street and East River Drive.
Wednesday,	September 1	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Inwood Playground, Seaman Avenue and Isham Street
Thursday,	September 2	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Colonial Pool, Bradhurst Avenue and 150th Street
Friday,	September 3	2:30 P.M.	Playground, Riverside Drive and 105th Street.

## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS



FOR RELEASE

Thursday, August 26, 1948

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The Department of Parks of New York City has found a new fungus disease attacking "London Plane" street trees in the Boroughs of Brooklyn, Manhattan and Richmond. All trees found infected have been removed and burned.

Last year, departmental horticulturists noticed Plane trees dying in St. Nicholas Terrace, Manhattan. Recognizing that the symptoms were not those of any known disease, the department's Director of Horticulture, Mr. David Schweizer, asked Dr. P. P. Pirone, Plant Pathologist of The New York Botanical Garden for assistance in investigating the cause.

Dr. Pirone reports that this infection is caused by a fungus tentatively identified as belonging to the genus, *Dothiorella*. Other members of this genus are known to attack a wide variety of trees, but the species infecting the London Planes appears to be different from any previously described.

As the cause of infection has only now been discovered, the temporary method of control is to remove and burn all trees known to be affected by the disease.

The Park Department considers the London Plane to be one of the most useful of all city trees. It is an excellent shade tree and thrives under the difficult conditions of city

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living. It resists smoke and gas and tramping of the soil, and will stand heavy pruning. If new earth is filled high around the trunk, the tree sends out adventitious roots closer to the surface of the ground. In short, it has the will to survive, and, unlike the arboreal primadonnas, it can take abuse.

The Park Department estimates that over 47,000 of the 2,240,000 trees growing in New York park lands, playgrounds and along city streets are London Plane trees. There are also 12,000 young Plane trees growing in the Park Department's nurseries on Rikers Island.

Eighteen of these young trees were used by Dr. Pirone in the experiments by which he isolated the fungus which causes the new disease. Transplanted to the experimental plot at The New York Botanical Garden by the Park Department, several were inoculated with fungus grown from the spores taken from the bark of infected trees. Within 30 days, they showed the same symptoms as diseased trees discovered by Park Department men--wilting leaves and deeply ridged cankers of the bark and wood. In 30 days, the infection had spread more than twelve inches above and below the point of inoculation. This is considered rapid growth for a fungus parasite of trees.

It is not yet known how the new fungus, *Dothiorella*, is spread. But the prompt attention of the Park Department and the further assistance of Dr. Pirone is expected to prevent danger of any widespread infection.

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ten nimble-fingered borough champions, all under the age of 14, will compete in the City-wide Jacks Contest which will be conducted by the Department of Parks at Heckscher Playground, 62nd Street and West Drive, Central Park, on Saturday, August 28th, at 2 P.M. Eliminations in this tournament, which is sponsored by the New York Community Trust, have been underway in Park Department neighborhood playgrounds for the past six weeks. The ten girls in Saturday's contest, are the cream of 3,800 youngsters who originally entered the tournament and they have survived stiff competitive matches in playground, district, and borough-wide eliminations.

The players who will vie for city-wide honors on Saturday are:

Manhattan

1. Derene Brathwaite
2. Anne Sicialiano

William H. McCray Playground  
Thomas Jefferson Playground

Brooklyn

1. Maureen Hynes
2. Angela Tucci

56th Street & 2nd Avenue Plgd.  
Callahan-Kelly Playground

Bronx

1. Judy Jackson
2. James Brannigan

St. James Playground  
Devoe Playground

Queens

1. Glenna Way
2. Rosemarie Montanno

Jamaica 179th Playground  
R. O'Connor Playground

Richmond

1. Harriette Glenn
2. Anne Casucci

Levy Playground  
McDonald Playground

The New York Community Trust will award medals to the Champion and runner-up at Saturday's contest.

August 25, 1948



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Misc.-20M-92347 114 The rivalry among the 550 lifeguards at the various municipal beaches will be climaxed on Monday, August 30th at 2:00 P.M., when the Department of Parks will conduct the Annual Lifeguard Championship Tournament at Rookaway Beach and 97th Street.

Nine events will determine the champions in all phases of rescue work as well as the beach which has the most expert and proficient water safety protection.

The Individual Lifeguard Championships will be decided by three events: the quarter Mile Speed Race, the half mile Catamaran Race, and the 75 yard Individual Surf Rescue. Winners of first, second, and third place in each event will receive medals, and the lifeguard scoring the most points will be awarded the championship trophy.

The beach championship will be determined by the remaining six events: the half mile Endurance Swim, 200 yard Obstacle Race, Three Man Rescue Race, 350 yard Catamaran Rescue Race, 75 yard Individual Surf Rescue, and the half mile Catamaran Race. Points will be scored for the first five places and the beach with the highest score will win the trophy. Medals will also be awarded to the winners of each of these events. Rookaway Beach, champion for the past two years, will defend its title against Orchard Beach, Bronx; South Beach, Richmond; Jacob Riis Park, Queens; and Coney Island, Brooklyn.

"Victims" will, of course, be volunteers in all the rescue races.

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Sunday, August 22, 1948

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"Calling all Dancers for some last minute dancing under the stars to three of America's most successful dance bands."

This series of 54 Name Band Dances which is sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted by the Department of Parks has greatly enlivened several locations throughout the city. Over 175,000 New Yorkers have attended these evening dances which are one of the most popular features of the Park Department's summer recreation program, and they agree that no more amiable pastime can be found in sultry summer weather than to dance in the cool of the evening.

This week, Boyd Raeburn, who needs no introduction to local dancers, and his band will play for the Monday evening dance, August 23rd, at Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan.

One of the most recent bandleaders to hit the top in the musical world is Johnny Long, who has become Young America's favorite. He has scored hits in practically every large city from coast to coast while playing for numerous college proms and ballroom affairs. Among his best known recordings are "Shanty Town", "How Are Things in Glocca Morra" and "Paradise". Johnny

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Long features as his vocal group, the spectacular "Beachcombers". A gay night is in store for dancers when Johnny Long and his Orchestra take the stand at Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Queens, on Tuesday, August 24th.

For the remaining three dances, Don Bestor and his brilliant young band, one of the most heralded musical combinations in the country, will provide the rhythms. His Orchestra will be featured performers on Wednesday, August 25th, at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx; on Thursday, August 26th, at the Mall, Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Drive, Manhattan; and on Friday, August 27th, at Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn.

All dances commence at 8:30 P.M. and the public is cordially invited to attend and join in the fun.

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Bronx youngsters will have their first opportunity this summer to see performances of the Magic Shows when Peter Pan, the Department of Parks Magic Man, opens his tour of Park playgrounds in their borough this week.

It's fun to be fooled, and children especially subscribe to that statement, which accounts for the tremendous success of Peter Pan's Magic Shows for the youngsters of New York City. Among his most mystifying tricks are the headless illusion and the snake trick, but the one he can never leave out of his repertoire is producing a rabbit. Only after performing that bit of necromancy, will his young audience permit him to end his show.

Peter Pan's Magic Show may be seen at the following locations:

BRONX

Monday	August 23	11:00 A.M.	Playground at 177th Street and Noble Avenue
		2:30 P.M.	Playground at Watson and Gleason Avenues
Tuesday	August 24	11:00 A.M.	Playground at Waterbury, Edison and La Salle
		2:30 P.M.	Pelham Bay Playground #1, Bruckner Boulevard and Buhre Avenue
Wednesday	August 25	11:00 A.M.	P.S. #21 Playground, 225th Street and White Plains Road
		2:30 P.M.	Zimmerman Playground, Olinville Avenue and Britton Street
Thursday	August 26	11:00 A.M.	Williamsbridge Playground, 208th Street and Bainbridge Avenue
		2:30 P.M.	St. James Playground, Jerome Avenue and East 191st Street
Friday	August 27	11:00 A.M.	Fort #4 Playground, Sedgwick and Reservoir Avenues
		2:30 P.M.	Playground at 234th Street and Bailey Avenue

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The Department of Parks Marionette Troupe will give eight performances of the "Marionette Circus" at neighborhood Park playgrounds in the Borough of Manhattan and a special performance for invalid children at Bellevue Hospital this week.

The "Marionette Circus" has been a big hit this season, for more children have seen this summer's presentation than attended previous offerings. The cast of this spirited entertainment was calculated to capture all the glitter and allure which circus performers hold for children. The clown, acrobats, and tight rope walker lend hilarious notes to the action; an impressive performance by the "Parkettes", twelve chorus girl marionettes, is something to marvel at; and skits by other performers add up to an hour of light-hearted entertainment sure to please all who see it.

The performances are scheduled as follows:

MANHATTAN

Monday	August 23	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Highbridge & 174th Street Playground, area north of softball field at 175th Street and Amsterdam Avenue
Tuesday	August 24	10:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Bellevue Hospital, parking lot east of hospital at 28th Street Chelsea Playground, 28th Street and 9th Avenue
Wednesday	August 25	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Heckscher Playground, 66th Street and West Drive, Central Park
Thursday	August 26	2:30 P.M.	Playground, Riverside Drive and 148th Street
Friday	August 27	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	J. Hood Wright Playground, 175th Street and Ft. Washington Avenue

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MANHATTAN AND BROOKLYN INVITED TO JOIN IN  
"THE BASKET" SQUARE DANCE TO BE FEATURED  
THIS COMING WEEK, IN SERIES SPONSORED BY  
PEPSI-COLA COMPANY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

Manhattan and Brooklyn are invited to join in "The Basket", a real old southern square dance originating in the Appalachian Mountains, which is to be featured during this coming week, 11th week in the series of free outdoor square dances held in the three New York City Parks each week through the courtesy of Pepsi-Cola Company as a public service, under the auspices of the Department of Parks. In "The Basket" Square Dance, each couple encircles arms with the adjoining couple until all those participating in the dance form one great "basket". The entire group then revolves with increasing momentum until the climax which is signaled by the call "Flap like Thunder".

The dances take place each Monday night at Riverside Drive and 103rd Street (lower level), Tuesday nights on Central Park Mall (at 72nd Street), and Wednesday nights at Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn. All dances are held from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M.

Ed Durlacher calls the dances with music by the Top Hands.

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This is the ninth big week of Name Band Dancing for New Yorkers sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company and conducted by the Department of Parks. Artists from various sections of the country have appeared during the past two months and have attracted large numbers of people.

This week Hal McIntyre, one of the brightest stars on the musical horizon, and his orchestra will call rhythmical feet to attention. This young and personable saxophonist is the only bandleader of major standing to have gone overseas for the USO to entertain the fighting GI's on the battlefronts. His band was a thrilling success. It was the first big-time American civilian dance orchestra to play for our World War II service-men and was welcomed everywhere. Hal soon found out that a bandleader's best friend is his records and he certainly lost no time in getting on the recording Hit Parade. Among the galaxy of popular recordings, McIntyre shines with his "Sentimental Journey", "Donkey Serenade" and "The Man Who Paints the Rainbow". He and his orchestra will play on Monday, August 16th, at Williamsbridge Oval, East 208th Street and

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Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx; on Tuesday, August 17th, at Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 25th-30th Avenues, Queens, and on Wednesday, August 18th at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx.

There's a second treat in store for Name Band Dancers this week. The clarinet sensation Jerry Wald and his Orchestra will play for Manhattanites on Thursday, August 19th on the Mall, Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Drive, Manhattan, and for Brooklynites on Friday, August 20th, at Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West.

Consolidated Edison Company and the Park Department extend a hearty invitation to all New Yorkers for fun and frolic while dancing under the stars. Don't forget your date at 8:30 P.M. when all dances start.

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Sunday, August 15, 1948

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The Department of Parks is accepting entries now for the 8th Annual Harvest Dance Contest to be conducted at the Mall in Central Park on Thursday evening, September 2nd.

The contest is open to novices who must be at least 16 years of age. Competition will be divided into the four most popular types of dancing: foxtrot, waltz, rhumba, and jitterbug. Contestants may enter as many classes as they wish, but no contestant may win more than two prizes. The judging will be based on the Olympic Point Scoring System by which dancers will be rated for (1) posture and appearance, (2) tempo and rhythm, (3) proper execution, (4) variety.

Each borough will conduct an elimination contest, and teams placing first, second, and third in each class will represent their borough in the City-wide Finals at the Mall on September 2nd. These borough eliminations, all starting at 8:30 P.M., are scheduled as follows:

Richmond	- Tuesday,	August 17	- McDonald Playground, Forest Avenue near Broadway
Bronx	- Wednesday,	August 18	- Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse
Manhattan	- Thursday,	August 19	- The Mall, Central Park, 72nd Street Entrance
Brooklyn	- Friday,	August 20	- Prospect Park Dance Area, at 11th Street
Queens	- Tuesday,	August 24	- Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Glendale

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Entry blanks may be secured at Park Department Borough Headquarters located as follows: Manhattan - Arsenal, Central Park, 64th Street and 5th Avenue; Brooklyn - Litchfield Mansion, Prospect Park West and 5th Street; Bronx - Bronx Park East and Birchall Avenue; Queens - The Overlook, Union Turnpike and Park Lane; Richmond - Clove Lakes Park, Clove Road and Victory Boulevard.

Couples placing first in each division of the borough contests will receive an award. Prizes for the City-wide Finals will be a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond to winning team members, and \$10 in U.S. Savings Stamps to runners-up. These prizes are donated by the Consolidated Edison Company, which will also provide the music as part of their annual program of 54 Name Band Dances.

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Sunday, August 15, 1948

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Staten Island youngsters will have their last opportunities to see the "Marionette Circus" this season. The Department of Parks Marionette Troupe will give two performances in Staten Island on Monday. The troupe will begin a two week tour of Manhattan neighborhood Park playgrounds on Tuesday.

If "Oscars" were awarded for outstanding Marionette shows, this presentation would be sure to win one. Designed solely for the entertainment of youngsters unable to leave the city during the summer, the Marionette Circus, during the past nine weeks, has also delighted the parents. Complete with clowns and acrobats performing to strains of calliope music, plus a baker's dozen of other characters, the show lacks nothing but the sawdust and peanuts of a real big top extravaganza.

This week's performances are scheduled as follows:

RICHMOND

Monday, August 16 11:00 A.M. P.S. #39 Playground, Sand Lane  
and Major Avenue, South Beach  
2:30 P.M. Fox Hills Houses, 280 Vander-  
bilt Avenue, Fox Hills

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MANHATTAN

Tuesday,	August 17	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Columbus Park, Baxter and Worth Streets
Wednesday,	August 18	2:30 P.M.	John Jay Playground, 77th Street and East Drive
Thursday,	August 19	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Hamilton Fish Playground, Stanton, Pitt and East Houston Streets
Friday,	August 20	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Roosevelt Playground, Chrystie, Forsyth and Broome Streets

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Sunday, August 15, 1948

Peter Pan, the Department of Parks Magic Man, will conclude his tour of Staten Island by giving nine performances at neighborhood Park playgrounds this week.

Perennially popular with children of all ages, Peter Pan's shows are one of the highlights of the recreation program at each playground. The number and variety of Peter's tricks is inexhaustible, and, woven together with his skillful patter, they add up to top notch entertainment for youngsters.

This week's Magic Shows are scheduled as follows:

RICHMOND

Monday	August 16	11:00 A.M.	Levy Playground, Castleton Avenue, West Brighton
		2:30 P.M.	McDonald Playground, Forest Avenue, West Brighton
Tuesday	August 17	11:00 A.M.	Silver Lake Tennis House, Revere Street, West Brighton
		2:30 P.M.	Clove Lakes Park, Clove Road, Victory Boulevard, West Brighton
Wednesday	August 18	11:00 A.M.	DeMatti Playground, Tompkins Avenue, Rosebank
		2:30 P.M.	Kaltenmeier Playground, Virginia Avenue, Rosebank
Thursday	August 19	11:00 A.M.	Mariners Harbor Playground, Harbor Road, Mariners Harbor
		2:30 P.M.	Schmul Playground, Wilde Avenue, Travis
Friday	August 22	11:00 A.M.	Walker Park, Bard Avenue and Delafield Place, West Brighton

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Dancing on the green, a custom in vogue in Little Old New York, is also a traditional event for children in Department of Parks playgrounds in Brooklyn. On Saturday, August 14th at 2:30 P.M., 1,000 children will dance in the 33rd Annual Children's Dance Festival on Long Meadow, Prospect Park, in commemoration of New York City's Golden Jubilee. One of the seven numbers on the program will be a dance influenced by the Gay Nineties, and partisan Brooklynites will applaud another number--an interpretation of the dancing of some of the early settlers of an important part of New York City - Breucklen.

It is expected that an audience of from ten to fifteen thousand spectators, including parents and friends of the dancers, will witness the colorful pageant.

Preparations for the festival have been underway for the past several weeks, under the supervision of the Park Department recreation staff. The young dancers have been actively engaged in rehearsing, and sewing their costumes and making head-dresses or other accessories. Mothers and older sisters, many of whom participated in previous festivals, have given their time and assistance in order that traditional perfection standards may be upheld.

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A grand procession, with all dance groups participating, will open the program, and the children will form a giant horse-shoe within which the dances will be performed. Dancers and audience will then join in the singing of the Star Spangled Banner.

The seven dances to be performed are "Katy Will You Dance With Me?", an original dance with a 'boy meets girl' theme, performed by the children from the Bushwick and Stuyvesant sections of Brooklyn. Bay Ridge youngsters will present "Girls in Calico", a square dance with a touch of the polka, all to a modern tune. "Dutch Couples from Breucklen" is an interpretation of the dancing of early settlers in Brooklyn by the Flatbush playgrounds. The Coney Island and Bensonhurst contribution, "High Steppers" is an original dance with a dash of booms-a-daisy in Rockette rhythm. "Gypsies Gay", a character dance, features the girls from Brownsville and East New York. Youngsters from the Borough Hall and the Red Hook communities combine their talents in "Little Old New York". The finishing touch to the pageant will be "Bonnie Lassies", a Scotch medley combining steps from authentic four hand reels and the sword dances, by Greenpoint and Williamsburg dancers.

The children will close the program by singing "God Bless America", and then parade off the meadow to the Picnic Grounds, where their annual picnic will be held.

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The general public is invited to be guests of the Department of Parks this Saturday to view the Children's Annual Dance Festival. Long Meadow is easily reached from the Grand Army Plaza Entrance at Union Street, or through the Third Street Entrance to the park.

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The four survivors in the Park Department Men's Municipal Golf Championships in which 2,200 players started will be paired off in semi-final matches next Saturday, and, on Sunday, the final match will be played at Clearview Golf Course, Belt Parkway, Bayside, Queens. Teeing off at 9 A.M. on Saturday will be Peter De Caprio of Mosholu Golf Course, last year's City-wide Champion, against Jack Valentine of Split Rock. Last weekend at Clearview, De Caprio defeated Joseph O'Connor of Split Rock, 1 up, the match going 20 holes. Valentine downed Julius Vogt of Forest Park, 2 up. The other match on Saturday morning will be John Amana against James Manzone, both of Mosholu. They eliminated stiff competition in their quarter-final rounds--Amana finishing 2 up over George Baskiel of Forest Park, and Manzone 1 up over Gilbert Smith of Silver Lake. The semi-finalists will play 36 holes of match play, 18 in the morning, and the second round starting at about 1:00 P.M. The finalists will meet in a 36 hole match play for the Championship on Sunday, at 9:00 A.M., and the second round at 1:00 P.M.

The City-wide Champion will have his name inscribed on the sterling silver Newbold Morris Trophy, and individual championship and runner-up trophies will also be awarded.

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Saturday afternoon, August 7, 1948  
or  
Sunday, August 8, 1948

SPECIAL EVENTS IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 8th

Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park.  
Request program.

Track Meet - 2 P.M. - sponsored by Kiwanis Clubs of Queens -  
for boys and girls, at Astoria Park, 19th Street op-  
posite 23rd Drive, Queens.

Monday, August 9th

Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park.  
Johann Strauss program.

Name Band Dance - sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company -  
8:30 P.M. - at Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst  
Avenue, Manhattan. Louis Russell Orchestra.

Square Dancing - sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - 8:30 P.M. -  
Riverside Drive and 105th Street, lower level, Manhattan.

Marionette Circus - 11 A.M. - Markham Houses, Richmond Ter-  
race and Broadway, West Brighton, Richmond.

2:30 P.M. - Levy Playground, Jewett and  
Castleton Avenues, West Brighton, Richmond.

Magic Show - 11 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. - Bill Brown Memorial  
Playground, Bedford Avenue and Avenue X, Brooklyn.

Learn-to-Swim Campaign - for youngsters up to 14 years of  
age - 10 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. each weekday morning, Monday  
through Saturday, at all 17 Park Department outdoor  
swimming pools.

Tuesday, August 10th

Name Band Dance - sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company -  
8:30 P.M. at Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and  
Myrtle Avenue, Queens. Charlie Peterson Orchestra.

Square Dancing - sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - 8:30 P.M. -  
Mall in Central Park.

Marionette Circus - 11 A.M. - Clove Lakes Park, Clove Road  
and Victory Boulevard, West Brighton, Richmond.

2:30 P.M. - Silver Lake Tennis House,  
University Place and Revere Street, West Brighton,  
Richmond.

Magic Show - 11 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. - Seth Low Playground,  
Bay Parkway and Avenue P, Brooklyn.

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Wednesday, August 11th

Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park.  
Tchaikovsky program.

Name Band Dance - sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company -  
Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx.  
Tommy Ryan Orchestra.

Square Dancing - sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company - Prospect  
Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street,  
Brooklyn.

Square Dancing - 8:30 P.M. - Jacob Riis Park Boardwalk,  
Queens.

Marionette Circus - 11 A.M. - Westerleigh Park, Maine and  
Neal Dow Avenues, Westerleigh, Richmond.

2:30 P.M. - Willowbrook Park, Victory  
Boulevard and Richmond Avenue, Bulls Head, Richmond.

Magic Show - 11 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. - Playground at New  
Utrecht Avenue and 70th Street, Brooklyn.

Thursday, August 12th

Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music  
Grove, Lincoln Road Entrance, Brooklyn, Russian  
program.

Name Band Dance - sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company -  
8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park. Shorty Sherock  
Orchestra.

Marionette Circus - 11 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. - Mt. Loretto,  
Pleasant Plains, Richmond.

Magic Show - 11 A.M. - Waver Avenue Playground, New  
Brighton, Richmond.

2:30 P.M. - Mahoney Playground, Crescent  
Avenue, New Brighton, Richmond.

Friday, August 13th

Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Mall in Central Park -  
Wagner program.

Name Band Dance - sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company -  
8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park  
West and 11th Street, Brooklyn. Shorty Sherock  
Orchestra.

Social Dancing - 8:30 P.M. - Jacob Riis Park Boardwalk,  
Queens.

Marionette Circus - 11 A.M. - Schmul Playground, Wilde  
Avenue and Pearson Street, Travis, Richmond.

2:30 P.M. - Lincoln Avenue Playground,  
Lincoln and Boundary Avenues, Grant City, Richmond.

Magic Show - 11 A.M. - Lincoln Avenue Playground, Midland  
Beach, Richmond.

2:30 P.M. - P.S. 39 Playground, Sand Lane,  
South Beach, Richmond.

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Saturday, August 14th

Goldman Band Concert - 8:30 P.M. - Prospect Park Music Grove, Lincoln Road Entrance, Brooklyn. Last concert at Prospect Park this season. Request program.

Municipal Golf Championships for Newbold Morris Trophy - Men's Division - Clearview Golf Course, Belt Parkway, Queens.

Municipal Tennis Championships - Men's Division Borough Championships:

Manhattan	- 93rd Street and West Drive, Central Park.
Brooklyn	- McKinley Park, 75th Street and 7th Avenue.
Bronx	- Mullaly Playground, 161st Street and Jerome Avenue.
Queens	- Forest Park, Park Lane South and 89th Street.
Richmond	- Walker Park, Bard Avenue and Delafield Place.

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"FORWARD UP SIX, FALL BACK EIGHT"  
IS SQUARE DANCE TO BE FEATURED IN  
NINTH WEEK OF SERIES SPONSORED BY  
PEPSI-COLA COMPANY UNDER AUSPICES  
OF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

A square dance known as "Forward up six, fall back eight," which has become a national favorite among square dance enthusiasts, is to be featured during the ninth week in the series of free square dances held each week in the three New York City Parks under the auspices of Pepsi-Cola Company and the Department of Parks. This dance originated in the Rocky Mountain area and portrays the hitching up of the stage coach with each couple representing a team of horses.

These dances take place every Monday night at Riverside Drive and 103rd Street (lower level), every Tuesday night on Central Park Mall at 72nd Street, and every Wednesday night at Prospect Park West and 11th Street, from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M.

Ed Durlacher is the caller for all of the events and the Top Hands provide the music.

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The Department of Parks and Consolidated Edison Company again hail dancing New Yorkers for a gala week of fun and relaxation in the City's Parks. Dancing under the stars is one of the most popular types of cool, summer entertainment, accompanied by some of America's most acclaimed bands. During July, thousands of dancers and spectators were attracted each evening.

This week Lewis Russell will make Manhattanites hop and quick-step on Monday, August 9th, when his well known orchestra will provide the music at Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan.

Charlie Peterson, and his "Smooth Rhythms" Orchestra, will provide music for dancing on Tuesday, August 10th, at Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Queens. Although a comparatively young organization, he is well known throughout the eastern part of the United States for his successful engagements at the Hotel New Yorker, Hotel Pennsylvania, recordings, country clubs and leading social affairs.

On Wednesday evening, the Bronx dancing public will hear a new "Name Band" Orchestra in this summer's series of 54 Name Band Dances. Tommy Ryan and his up and coming young dance

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combination will make their debut under the sponsorship of the Consolidated Edison Company. He will provide swing and sway rhythms at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx.

Shorty Sherock, an old favorite among Name Band Dancers will return as featured artist for the remaining two dances. On Thursday, August 12th, he and his Orchestra will re-appear on the Mall, Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Drive, Manhattan; and on Friday, August 13th, at Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn.

All dances start at 8:30 P.M. A cordial invitation is extended to all by Consolidated Edison and the Park Department, whether you come to dance or to watch and listen.

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SUMMER PROGRAM OF PARK ACTIVITIES

Attendance figures at Park Department facilities indicate that New Yorkers are making up the hours of outdoor recreation they lost during the rainy spring weather.

Beaches and pools are receiving heavy usage. The Learn-to-Swim Campaign for children is under way. Of 5,000 beginner candidates, those who pass the test for junior swimmers this week will participate in the intermediate lessons, consolidating their earlier instruction as well as learning a simple dive, and the backstroke technique. Competitive swimming events in which 3,700 boys and girls participated were concluded Saturday, July 24th, when, before a near capacity audience, the City-wide Boys' Swimming Championships were conducted at Sunset Park Pool in Brooklyn. The program included events for novices, and Junior and Senior Metropolitan A.A.U. Championships. The previous Saturday, July 17th, 1,500 spectators witnessed similar championship contests for girls at Flushing Meadow Park Amphitheatre Pool.

Less active competitive activities are offered in a program sponsored by the New York Community Trust. 9,000 boys and girls from 12 through 17 years of age are now engaged in

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Jack, Checker, and Table Tennis Tournaments in local playgrounds. City-wide finals in all three competitions will be held in late August or early September, to determine champions in each class.

A very important function of the Park Department's program for the youth of New York City is the operation of 508 neighborhood playgrounds throughout the five boroughs. Children not vacationing at camp or in the country may engage in a full-time program of recreational activity which is organized and supervised by a trained staff of year round playground directors, augmented by seasonal workers to provide for a fuller and wider use of the facilities. The recreational program of the Park Department presents a summer activity schedule of great variety capable of meeting the leisure time requirements of the large groups of children attending each playground. The hours of operation of all playgrounds are until 9 P.M. each evening, and the floodlighted areas are open until 10 P.M. for the convenience of adults who have no time for play during daylight hours.

Musical concerts in parks attract greater interest each season. The City Amateur Symphony series recently concluded, and the Naumberg Memorial series at the Mall, of which one remains to be played on Labor Day, have drawn thousands of listeners every evening. The popular Guggenheim Memorial Concerts, presented by the Goldman Band, will continue each Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evening at the Mall in Central Park, and at the Prospect Park Music Grove each Thursday and Saturday evening until August 15th.

Social dancing under the stars, the ever-popular Name Band Dances sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company, has a universal appeal for old and young alike, and the first twenty-one dances, featuring music by nationally famous dance bands, such as Ray Anthony, Randy Brooks, Boyd Raeburn, Larry Clinton, Tony Pastor, Don Redman and Les Elgart, have attracted an attendance of 120,000 dancers and spectators. These series will continue each weekday evening, Monday through Friday, until September 10th, and will include the Harvest Dance elimination contests scheduled from August 17th to the 24th, with the city-wide finals being held at the Mall on Thursday, September 2nd. Blue Barron and his orchestra will appear on the Name Band program in the near future.

Square dance sessions under Pepsi-Cola Company's sponsorship have imparted new life and spirit into this old, and purely American form of community dancing. Thousands of fans, many of whom are family groups, attend the Monday evening dances at Riverside Drive and 105th Street, the Tuesday evening sessions at the Mall, or the Wednesday night periods at Prospect Park. These dances will extend through September 15th. Square dances are also held at the Jacob Riis Park Boardwalk on Wednesday evenings and will continue through August 25th. Seventeen other locations throughout the city have regularly scheduled evenings of dancing to recorded music.

The younger generation is not neglected in the dance picture. Brooklyn and Richmond youngsters are in the midst of preparations for their annual dance festivals to be held at Prospect Park and Clove Lakes Park on August 14th and 21st, respectively. Manhattan, Bronx, and Queens festivals were presented in June.

Softball, tennis and golf tournaments, attracting 20,000 entries, comprised of men, women and junior boy sports enthusiasts, are well underway. Of 1,020 teams in the softball competition for junior boys, 184 remain in the running for the city-wide championship. The Jacob Riis Park Softball Tournament is paired off into two leagues with sixteen teams battling for places in the championship games to be played on Labor Day weekend. Borough championship tennis matches started last Sunday, and the male golf team championships were played off on August 1st at Forest Park Golf Course. The final rounds of the Municipal golf tournament began at Clearview Golf Course last Sunday.

The Kiwanis Clubs of Queens have sponsored track and field events, and the next meet, with sixteen events on the program, is scheduled for today, August 8th, at 2 P.M., at Astoria Park in Queens.

Two special features of the summer program are the perennially popular magic shows by Peter Pan, and the Marionette Trailer Theatre presentations. With sixty-five past performances as a criterion, there is no doubt that this summer's show, "The



Marionette Circus", is a smash hit with New York City's small fry. Both shows are currently touring neighborhood park playgrounds, and, by the end of the summer, all sections of the city will have had an opportunity to see both entertainments.

Rounding out the musical program will be concerts by the Equitable Life Assurance Society's Choral Group on Wednesday evenings at 8:30 P.M., September 1st and 15th, at Forest Park in Queens.

These are the highlights on the recreational program of the Department of Parks which is conducted for the enjoyment of the public.



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The field of 2,200 golfers who entered the Municipal Golf Tournament for men has boiled down to 32 players who qualified with the low gross scores in the Municipal Golf Team Championships at Forest Park last Sunday. These qualifiers will start play for the Individual Championship at Clearview Golf Course, Belt Parkway and Willets Point Boulevard, Queens, on Saturday, August 7th, the first twosome teeing off at 12 Noon. Eighteen holes of match play will determine the survivors who will play in the second round of the tournament at the same course on Sunday, August 8th, starting at 8 A.M.

The players for Saturday's matches have been matched as follows:

UPPER BRACKET

12:00 Peter De Caprio  
Robert Drasser  
12:05 Roy Faber  
Henry Gousheski  
12:10 Edward Solan  
D. De Stephano  
12:15 Ray Zizek  
Joseph O'Connor  
12:20 John Desiderio  
Julius Vogt  
12:25 Harold Ciciello  
J. F. Singleton  
12:30 Bernard Kane  
Jack Valentine  
12:35 Harold Southwick  
Richard O'Connor

LOWER BRACKET

12:40 George Baskiel  
Ralph Muranelli  
12:45 Albert Doerwald  
Leon Little  
12:50 George Finley  
Donald Cook  
12:55 John Amanna  
Alvin Tucker  
1:00 Gilbert Smith  
Richard Gardner  
1:05 Andrew Scholl  
Harry Rohrs  
1:10 James Manzone  
Edward Daddora  
1:15 Vernon Edwards  
William Gilmartin

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The Department of Parks announces the start of work in connection with the reconstruction of roofs of Wing A and towers of Wing C in the Metropolitan Museum of Art at 82nd Street and Fifth Avenue, in Central Park, Manhattan.

The work provides for the reconstruction of roofs over sections of two wings of the Museum. The existing roofs are over sixty-five years old and consist of light iron trusses and steel bars supporting plates of glass. The trusses and bars are badly corroded and have deteriorated to such an extent that the roofs are in danger of collapse. At present, there is considerable damage through leakage to interior walls and ceilings and to the electrical lighting system, resulting in many interruptions in public service and costly maintenance.

The work entails the removal of existing roofs, the construction of new roofs consisting of steel trusses with corrugated glass skylights, new ceilings, stairways, fireproof doors and painting.

This work is part of a program of the rehabilitation of the Museum Buildings which will be carried on in stages as funds for this purpose are appropriated by the City.

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