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^{-1-30M-915094(54)} The Department of Parks announces the opening to the general public of a new playground adjacent to Mariner's Harbor Houses, east of Grandview Avenue and north of Continental Place in the Borough of Richmond.

The playground, an example of close cooperation and coordination between the Department of Parks and the New York City Housing Authority, is located in the Mariner's Harbor section of Staten Island. The playground was designed by the Park Department and built by the New York City Housing Authority.

The three-acre playground will serve the recreational needs and interests of all age groups of the community as well as the outdoor recreational needs of the Federally-aided 607 unit housing project.

The northerly area in the ately adjacent to project consists of a basketball ourt and two handball courts for older children. The trip area consists of the children's apparatus area, a wading pool and a centrally located comfort station. The remainder of the playground is a large baseball diamond. Multiple use may be made of this field by promoting seasonal activities such as dance rehearsals, touch football, puppet shows, etc.

Several sitting areas are located throughout the playground for spectators and guardians.

With the addition of this playground there are 627 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1954

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO_NEW_YORK CITY_

And a Merry Christmas to the Press, Magazines, Newsreels, Radio and Television. Merry Christmas to Room Nine. Twenty-eight Christmas Trees will be lighted on Wednesday, December 15, 1954 at 5:00 P.M., as our contribution to the gaiety of the season. There will be one principal tree in each borough, which will be lighted with ceremonies; City Hall, Manhattan; Borough Hall, Brooklyn; Joyce Kilmer Park, Bronx; Queens Borough Hall and Richmond Borough Hall.

At City Hall Park, Manhattan, the ceremonies will be broadcast. Mayor Wagner will deliver his annual Christmas message and throw the switch lighting the sixty foot high tree, officially beginning New York's observance of the Yuletide Season. Hon. Hulan E. Jack, Borough President of Manhattan, will also participate in the exercises. James A. Sherry, Executive Officer of the Department of Parks, will act as master of ceremonies. Selections will be played by the Fire Department Band, and Christmas Carols will be sung by the Fire Department Glee Club and a school choir from Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church, Manhattan.

When the Mayor throws the switch lighting the tree, he will also light 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 the center of the wreath is a decorative panel depicting the Three Wise Men proceeding to the Star in the East. The wreath was made by Park Department employees using attractive holly, laurel, brown pine cones, moss, soft hemlock - the most graceful of all evergreens and large clusters of Red Ruscus. The wreath weighs approximately two thousand pounds with the floral decoration on the wreath six feet wide and three feet in depth.

The trees and the wreath will be lighted each evening starting after the ceremony on Wednesday, December 15, 1954, and on each succeeding day from 4:30 P.M. until midnight up to and including January 2, 1955.

Christmas trees have been erected at the following locations: <u>MANHATTAN</u>:

*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, LAWN AT APPROXIMATELY 123 St. & MADISON AVE. 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 MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 77th ST. AND EIGHTH AVE.

BROOKLYN:

*BOROUGH HALL PARK, FULTON AND JORALEMON STREET GRAND ARMY PLAZA, PROSPECT PARK, FLATBUSH AVE. & UNION ST. LEIV EIRIKSSON PARK, 67th ST. BETWEEN FOURTH & FIFTH AVENUES MCCARREN PARK. DRIGGS AVENUE AND LORIMER STREET DYKER BEACH PK.SOUTHEAST CORNER OF 86th ST. & SEVENTH AVE. ESPLANADE, MONTAGUE TERRACE BETWEEN REMSEN & PIEEREPONT STS.

BR ONX:

*JOYCE KILMER PARK, 161 STREET AND GRAND CONCOURSE ST. MARY'S PARK, ST. ANN'S AVENUE AND EAST 145th STREET. ST. JAMES PARK, CENTER OF OVAL LAWN, E. 191 St. & JEROME AVE.

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QUEENS :

*BOROUGH HALL, QUEENS BOULEVARD AND UNION TURNPIKE KING PARK, JAMAICA AVENUE AND 151st STREET FLUSHING PARK, NORTHERN BOULEVARD AND MAIN STREET FOREST PARK, PARK LANE SOUTH AND 108th STREET ST. ALBANS MEMORIAL PARK, MERRICK BOULEVARD AND 113th STREET HIGHLAND PARK, JAMAICA AVENUE AND ELTON STREET

RICHMOND:

*BOROUGH HALL, BAY STREET AND BOROUGH PLACE TAPPEN PARK, BAY AND CANAL STREETS

* - PRINCIPAL CEREMONY

Borough Presidents Cashmore, Lyons, Lundy and Baker will light the trees in their respective boroughs with appropriate ceremonies.

In addition to the ceremonies at the larger trees, there will be 200 children's Christmas parties held between December 16, 1954 and the new year in the neighborhood playgrounds throughout the five boroughs. In general, the parties will include choral singing, tree trimming, special Christmas games and visits from Santa Claus.

The principal children's parties are scheduled at the following locations:

MANHATTAN:

Friday, December 17

3:00 PM Colonial Park Playground
Monday, December 20
10:30 AM Carl Schurz Park Playground
Tuesday, December 21
1:30 PM Playground at Payson Avenue & Dyckman Street
Wednesday, December 22
10:30 AM Playground at East River Drive & 11th St.
1:30 PM Highbridge Center, Amsterdam Ave. & 173rd St.

(Manhattan continued)

Friday, December 24

10:30 AM-Sauer Playground

BROOKLYN:

Monday, December 20

10:30 AM Carroll Park Playground

Tuesday, December 21

10:00 AMSheridan Playground3:00 PMGreenpoint Playground

Wednesday, December 22

1:00 PM Lincoln Terrace Playground 3:30 PM Paerdergat Playground

Thursday, December 23

10:00 AM	Playground at Park Avenue & Taaffe Place
1:00 PM	Golden Age Party, Brooklyn War Memorial
3:30 PM 8:00 PM	Bushwick Playground
8:00 PM	Dance and Party, Brooklyn War Memorial

Friday, December 24

10:00	AM	Seth Low Playground
2:00	PM	Lindsay Playground

BRONX:

Friday, December 17 2:00 PM Williamsbridge Oval, Playground Saturday, December 18 2:00 PM St. Mary's Park, East Playground Monday, December 20 10:00 AM St. Mary's Recreation Center Tuesday, December 21 11:00 AM Ciccarcne Playground 3:30 PM Playground at 141st St. & Brook Avenue Wednesday, December 22

2:00 PM St. James Park Playground

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Thursday. December 23

2:00 PM Mullaly Playground

QUEENS :

Friday, December 17

10:30 AM Jackson Heights Model Playground

Monday, December 20

11:00 AM Upper Highland Playground

Tuesday, December 21

10:30 AM Jackson Pond Playground 11:30 AM Newtown Playground

Wednesday, December 22

10:30 AM Raymond O'Connor Playground 11:30 AM Playground at Corona Ave. & 102nd St. Corona

Thursday, December 23

10:00	AM	Cunningham Playground
11:30	AM	Von Dohlen Playground
12:30	PM	Kissena Playground

RICHMOND:

Thursday, December 16

10:00 AM Silver Lake Tennis Play Area

Friday, December 17

11:00 AM DeMatti Playground

Wednesday, December 22

10:30 AM Levy Playground

Friday, December 24

1:00 PM Cromwell Recreation Center



The next five inter-center boxing shows in the Department

of Parks boxing program will be held as follows:

Date

Location

<u>Competing Centers</u>

Flushing, Red Hook, Cromwell and East 54th

Street Centers

and Red Hook.

Dec. 17 Cromwell Recreation Center, Murray Hulbert Avenue and Hannah Street, Tompkinsville, Richmond

Dec. 21 West 28th Street Gymnasium, 407 West 28th Street, Manhattan

Dec. 28 Flushing Meadow, Horace Harding Boulevard and Grand Central Parkway, Corona, Queens

Jan. 4 McCarren Center, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street, Brooklyn

Jan. 7 Red Hook Recreation Center, Bay and Henry Streets, Brooklyn Flushing, St. Mary's Park Highbridge, and Rutgers Gymnasium

Sunset, West 134th Street, West 28th Street,

McCarren, Astoria, East 54th Street and Cromwell Centers

Cromwell, St. Mary's Park, Red Hook and West 134th Street Centers

Eight bouts of various weights are scheduled at each show. The first bout will begin at 8:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend these shows. There is no charge for admission.

These shows are designed to provide more opportunities for competitive boxing for boys who participate in boxing classes conducted at Department of Parks recreation centers. The expansion of the program was made possible by the Honorable Deputy Police Commissioner Maurice Rosenfeld who agreed to sponsor 25 boxing shows ••• 2 •••

at the various centers.

Hundreds of boys in New York City are interested in boxing for recreation but there are few agencies which offer instruction in a wholesome atmosphere and under conditions which safeguard their health and morals. The Park Department centers cater to the needs and interests of these boys.

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FOR RELEASE

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The Park Department announces the opening to the general public of a new neighborhood playground at Kissena Boulevard and Maple Avenue, known as Richmond Park, in the Borough of Queens.

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The property was a gift by Samuel A. Salvage and Katherine Richmond Salvage to the City in 1942 to be used for park purposes.

Located in the heart of Flushing one block from Main Street, the one-acre playground will serve the recreational needs and interests of all age groups in a congested community of apartment houses and one-family homes.

The area adjacent to Kissena Boulevard consists of a large sitting area under existing shade trees for passive recreation and especially for use by older people. The section adjacent to Maple Avenue consists of the younger children's area which includes a sandpit, seesaws, kindergarten slide, centrally located comfort station, wading pool and a special area for children to bask in the sunlight. Also a free play area to be used for group games and chalk games such as hop-scotch, boxball, etc. The remaining section of playground consists of the older children's area which includes large swings, climbing apparatus, one playground slide, one basketball court, two shuffleboard courts and two handball courts.

With this development there are now 626 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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12-10-54



GOVERNOR SMITH MEMORIAL STATUE

On June 1, 1950 the Governor Smith Memorial Park with its statue of Governor Smith and an ornamental flagpole were dedicated by the Memorial Fund Committee which had raised funds for their erection. Many small contributions added up to a total sufficient to build this memorial with enough left over to repair the facade of The Mariners' Temple, restore the old Spanish and Portuguese Jewish Cemetary and provide new doors at St. James Parochial School, where the Governor received his only formal education.

At that time the Memorial Committee asked that "the Old Neighborhood revere and protect the shrine of its greatest son, and that the children of tomorrow seek to imitate his character and achievements."

Unfortunately this request has not been honored. Many of the bronze letters on the polished granite base have been crudely chiselled out and stolen. The granite has been severely damaged in the process. The Department of Parks, custodian of the memorial area and the surrounding playground proposes that the lettering be replaced by solid bronze plaques costing three thousand dollars. This will not only restore the monument but be an insurance against future vandalism.

It would be, of course, impossible to charge this bill against those who did the damage. They are the minority of unknown vandals who do immense damage throughout the City. We propose that the people of the City, those of the Old Neighborhood and particularly those in Governor Smith Houses contribute the funds to pay for this restoration.

Contributions may be sent to the reactivated Governor Smith Memorial Fund at the Arsenal, 64th Street and Fifth Avenue, New York 21. We ask again that, on completion, the Old Neighborhood "revere and protect the shrine of its greatest son."

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The Department of Parks announces to the general public the opening of a new playground adjacent to P.S. #112 at Crescent Street to 28th Street, 36th to 37th Avenue, in the Long Island City section of the Borough of Queens. The Department of Parks and the Board of Education will cooperate to operate this playground jointly.

This 2-1/2 acre playground will serve the recreational needs and interests of the community as well as the school and the New York City Housing Authority's Ravenswood Housing Project located one block east.

This typical neighborhood playground includes facilities for all age groups from a kindergarten area through court games to passive and creative recreation for older people.

The area immediately adjacent to the school consists of five shuffleboard courts, four paddle tennis courts, two basketball courts and a softball diamond. Multiple use may be made of softball field for such activities as assembly, roller skating, touch football, stickball, etc. This area will be operated by the Board during school hours. The northerly area is reserved for pre-school age children and their guardians, including a sandpit, two kindergarten slides, kindergarten swings, seesaws, wading pool and a comfort station. This area is to be operated by the Park Department at all times.

The center of the playground includes the children's apparatus area which consists of the climbing apparatus, large swings, two playground slides, also two boccie courts, two handball courts and an especially designed sitting area for older people.

With this addition there are now 624 playgrounds in the park system.

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CLIPPING Room

The Department of Parks announces the opening to the general public of a new jointly-operated playground adjacent to P.S.35 at Martha Street and Foote Avenue, West of Serpentine Road, in the Borough of Richmond.

Located in the northern section of Staten Island, this 2-1/2 acre playground, under the coordinated program of the Park Department and Board of Education, will serve the recreational needs and interests of all age groups of the school and community, in a rapidly growing neighborhood of one-family homes. Nearby are Wagner College and the Augustinian Academy.

The neighborhood playground consists of three levels. The first and second levels immediately adjacent to the school consist of five practice basketball courts, two handball courts, two shuffleboard courts and two basketball courts. Multiple use may be made of practice basketball area for such activities as roller skating, assembly, calisthenics, punchball, etc., The third level consists of the children's area which includes large swings, two playground slides, sandpit, shower basin, kindergarten swings, one kindergarten slide, flagpole, comfort station, three game tables for passive recreation and an especially designed sitting area for children and guardians.

With this addition there are now 622 playgrounds in the park system.

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The Department of Parks is expanding its boxing program and at the request of Commissioner Robert Moses, the Honorable Deputy Police Commissioner Maurice Rosenfeld has consented to sponsor a series of 25 competitive boxing shows to be held at Department of Parks recreation centers.

The Park Department has been scheduling boxing classes and borough and inter-borough championships for the past 14 years. It is believed that these inter-center boxing shows will meet a long felt need for greater competitive opportunities in the program.

For the past few months, hundreds of boys have been receiving special instruction and coaching in boxing classes conducted at recreation centers by Park Department Playground Directors. Any boys who desire to enter these classes may do so by calling at the center nearest their home. The centers are located as follows:

Manhattan

East 54th St. Gym, 342 East 54th Street Mest 28th St. Gym, 407 West 28th Street Intgers Gym, 5 Rutgers Street near Jefferson Place West 134th St. Gym, 35 West 134th Street

Brooklyn

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Red Hook Center, Bay and Henry Streets McCarren Center, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street Sunset Center, 7th Avenue and 43rd Street ____ 2 ____

Bronx

St. Mary's Park Center, St. Ann's Avenue and East 145th Street Crotona Center, East 173rd Street and Fulton Avenue

Queens

Astoria Center, 19th Street and 23rd Drive, Astoria Flushing Center, Amphitheatre, Flushing Meadow Park, Horace Harding Boulevard and Grand Central Parkway

Richmond

Cromwell Center, Murray Hulbert Avenue and Hannah Street, Tompkinsville

The 25 inter-center boxing shows are open to boys who participate in the instruction classes held at these centers. Eight bouts are scheduled for each show with the first bout beginning at 8:30 P.M.

The first five of the inter-center shows and the centers participating will be:

DATE	LOCATION	COMPETING CENTERS
Nov. 30	St. Mary's Park Center	Red Hook, St. Mary's, West 28th St. Gym, Astoria
Dec. 3	West 134th St. Gym	Rutgers, West 134th St., McCarren, Highbridge
Dec. 7	East 54th St. Gym	Sunset, West 28th St., East 54th St., Highbridge
Dec. 10	Cromwell Center	Rutgers, Cromwell, St. Mary's, Sunset
Dec. 14	Astoria Center	Flushing, McCarren, Astoria, West 134th St.

11/15/54



The Department of Parks announces that the following golf courses will close for the season at the end of the day's business on Sunday, November 28, 1954.

> PELHAM BRONX SPLIT ROCK BRONX VAN CORTLANDT BRONX FOREST PARK QUEENS KISSENA QUEENS SILVER LAKE RICHMOND

In addition the Pitch Putt Golf Course at Jacob Riis Park in Queens will close for the season at the close of the day, Sunday November 28, 1954.

The following courses will remain open for play.

DYKER BEACH BROOKLYN CLEARVIEW QUEENS MOSHOLU BRONX LA TOURETTE RICHMOND

In keeping with the department's policy to provide recreation to the public when practical, and when the demand for such activity justifies it, the decision to extend the golf season was approved on an experimental basis. Previously, the golf season terminated at all courses on the last Sunday in November because of the maintenance problems involved in rehabilitating and reconditioning the courses for the following season. However, improved methods of turf maintenance and the introduction of newly developed



grass seed have made the continued use of golf facilities possible on a year-round basis.

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The winter operated golf courses will be opened for play daily from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. when conditions for play are favorable. Cafeteria and golf pro services will be available, and lockers may be rented on a day to day basis only. Golf permits for the year 1954 are valid for use until December 31, 1954 on any of the courses which are open for play, and the rates charged for rounds of golf during the regular playing season will be effective for the winter operated courses. Golf Permits for the year 1955 may be used starting January 1, 1955.

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FOR RELEASE

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The Department of Parks announces the closing for the season of the Tennis Courts at the close of business on Sunday, November 14, 1954.

After this date, players who furnish their own equipment will be permitted to use the hard surface courts free of charge.

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The Department of Parks Marionette Theatre will present "Hansel and Gretel" during its 15th annual fall and winter tour. The Park Puppeteers will visit 89 locations throughout the city giving 160 indoor performances beginning Monday, November 8 and running through March 25.

Performances will be given in schools, settlement houses, children's homes, and recreation centers. The Park Puppeteers will appear in the five boroughs according to the following schedule:

Richmond -	November 8 to November 24
Bronx -	November 29 to December 23
Brooklyn -	December 28 to January 28
Manhattan -	January 31 to February 25
Queens -	February 28 to March 25

While adhering to the text of the fairy tale, the Park Puppeteers have added some up to date yet whimsical touches that will appeal to their young audiences. There's the Sandman's outlandish flying saucer for instance. The Sandman, not too familiar with technical advances in space travel, has some hilarious moments with his mechanical equipment. Every fairy tale must have a fairy and the one in Hansel and Gretel will delight every little boy and girl. Her mobile fluorescent wings, shimmering robes and glittering swan charict catch each ray of light and are beautiful to behold. No detail has been overlooked to make this presentation a colorful and animated hour of entertainment for young and old.

Details as to the times and locations of performances may be secured from the Department of Parks, The Arsenal, Central Park, New York 21, N. Y. (REgent 4-1000)



Starting Monday, November 1, 1954, applications for 1955 golf permits will be available at each of the five Borough Offices of the Park Department. The 1955 permit costing \$15,00 will be valid on January 1, 1955 and may be used at any course that will be open for play. Application may be made either in person or by mail and must be accompanied by a face photograph of passport size, taken not more than thirty days prior to date of application. Applications filed by mail must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and the address must include the postal zone, if any. Permits may be purchased at the several offices after filling out applications.

Golf lockers for 1955 season will be placed on sale during the early part of next year. The exact date will be announced later.

Park Department offices in the five boroughs are located as

follows:

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

BROOKLYN: Litchfield Mansion, Telephone: SUnth: 8-2300 Prospect Park West and Fifth Street, Brooklyn 15, N.Y.

The Overlook, Telephone: LIggett 4-4400 Forest Park, Union Turnpike and Park Lane, QUEENS: Kew Gardens 15, New York.

Administration Building, Telephone: TAlmadge 8-3200 BRONX: Bronx Park East and Birchall Avenue, Bronx 60, N.Y.

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



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FOR RELEASE

The Department of Parks announces that the Annual Fall Indoor Chrysanthemum Show in the Prospect Park Greenhouse, Brocklyn, will be open to the public on Sunday, October 31, 1954 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 Bus and Smith Street Bus lines, Ninth Street stop; or by automobile direct to the Greenhouse by way of the West 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, Marie De Petries, Indianapolis Pink and White, 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. Among these 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, Long Island Beauty, Nevada and White and Pink Frieda.

Press photographs may be taken any time after 9:00 A.M. Friday, October 29, 1954.

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The Department of Parks announces the reconstruction of Noble Avenue playground at East 177th Street, Cross Bronx Expressway adjacent to Bronx River Parkway in the Borough of the Bronx. Reconstruction was required by the construction of the Cross Bronx Expressway on a portion of the playground site. The State Department of Public Works completed restoration.

Located in the central section of the Borough and south of Bronx Park, this 3 acre playground will serve to meet the needs and interests of all age groups in a neighborhood of apartment houses and one-family homes.

The northerly area includes a roller skating area. Multiple use may be made of this area by promoting such seasonal activities as punchball, association football, dance rehearsals, play days, etc. The southerly children's area includes a wading pool, large swings, two playground slides, comfort station, seesaws, two kinderslides, swings and a sandpit. The entire easterly area includes a baseball diamond with bleachers.

Several sitting areas are located throughout the playground.

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The Park Department announces the opening to the general public of a new playground at State Street, Atlantic Avenue and adjacent to Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, in the Borough of Brooklyn. The playground was designed by the Park Department and built by the Office of the Borough President of Brooklyn as a part of the Expressway.

The one-half acre playground located in a congested area will serve to meet the recreational needs of the younger children and older people.

The small fry playground consists of a sandpit, kindergarten swings, two kindergarten slides, seesaws and a drinking fountain. Several sitting areas are provided for guardians and older people for sunshine and relaxation.

With the addition of this playground, there are now 620 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

10/26/54



FOR RELEASE

1-1-1-3034-526100(54)

The Department of Parks announces that the Wollman Memorial Skating Rink will be reopened for ice skating starting Saturday, October 9, 1954 at 10:00 a.m.

Since the termination of the roller skating season on September 28, 1954, the rink has been closed to prepare the facility for ice skating.

The Wollman Memorial is located in the easterly side of Central Park at about 63rd Street, West of the Central Park Zoo and north of 59th Street Lake. It consists of a 28,000 sq. ft. outdoor skating rink, a semi-circular one-story building housing refrigerating machinery, dressing rooms, a food concession and incidental facilities.

Free figure and dance skating instruction for children 14 years of age and under will be held on Saturday mornings between the hours of 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. throughout the season. Mr. Paul von Gassner, Senior Professional instructor at the rink is donating his time and he will personally instruct the youngsters. Also included in this year's schedule are special carnival programs for Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

During the last ice skating season, the total attendance was 386,949, of which 49,144 were free admissions for children 14 years of age and under. These free sessions are held on Saturday, holidays and school vacations in the morning only.

Daily sessions and rates are in accordance with the attached schedule. Attach.

<u>Session Schedule And Rates</u> <u>1954-55 Season</u> <u>WOLLMAN SKATING RINK</u>

ICE SKATING

Session Daily - Morning 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. (Except Saturday)

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Morning - Saturdays Holidays and School Vacations only -10:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

Daily - Afternoon -2:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

Daily - Evening 8:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

Evening - Speed 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Evening - Figure Skating -7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays - and 9:00 A.M. -10:00 A.M. Sundays.

Ice Shoe Skate Rentals

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Child - 50¢ Adult - 50¢

Free Period for Children - 14 Years and Under. No adults admitted. * Child - 10¢

Adults - 25¢

* 14 Years and Under

Child = 50ϕ Adult = 50ϕ

Child - 50ϕ Adult - 50ϕ

Child - \$1.00 Adult - \$1.00 with privilege to stay over for next period.

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FOR RELEASE

1-1-1-30M-526100(54) -114

The Park Department announces the opening to the general public of a new jointly-operated neighborhood playground East of 152nd Street between 11th and 12th Avenues, adjacent to Public School #193 in the Borough of Queens.

Located in the northern Whitestone section, north of Cross Island Parkway, this 12 acre playground, under the coordinated program of the Park Department and the Board of Education will serve to meet the recreational needs and interests of all age groups in a rapidly growing community.

The major open area of the playground includes two handball courts, two practice basketball courts and a 200 foot softball diamond with a back stop, available for other purposes such as assembly, calisthenics, field days etc. The Board of Education will operate this area during school hours.

The south easterly section for small fry and guardians includes a sandpit, kindergarten swings, shower basin, see saws, slides and a centrally located comfort station. This area will be operated at all times by the Park Department.

The remaining facilities of the playground includes a basketball court, large swings, climbing apparatus and five game tables to be used by all age groups for checkers, chess, scrabble, anagrams, Chinese Checkers, dominoes etc.

Several sitting areas are located throughout the playground for spectators and guardians.

With this addition there are 618 playgrounds in the expanded park system. 10/4/54



FOR RELEASE

1-1-1-30M-526100(54) *** "The Park Department announces the opening to the general public of a new jointly-operated neighborhood playground south of Kelly Street, between Leggett and St. John Avenues, adjacent to Junior High School #52 in the congested southern section of the Bronx.

The one-acre playground under the coordinated program of the Park Department and the Board of Education will serve the recreational needs and interests of all age groups of the school and neighborhood.

The westerly area for court games includes two shuffleboard courts, four handball courts and two basketball courts. Multiple use may be made of this area by promoting such leisure time activities as modified practice tennis, deck tennis, paddle handball, modified punch ball and various lead up games to basketball such as nine court basketball, end ball and captain ball. The Board of Education will operate this area during school hours.

To the east is the small children's apparatus area which includes a sandpit, kindergarten apparatus, large apparatus, wading pool, flagpole, a centrally located comfort station and an open free play area for organized games. This area will be operated at all times by the Park Department.

Several sitting areas are located throughout the playground for spectators and guardians.

With this addition there are 617 playgrounds in the park system. 9-30-54



IMMEDIATELY

1-1-1-30M-526100(54) -114

On Friday, October 1, at 3:30 P.M. in City Hall Park a ceremony will be held dedicating a plaque inscribed

> NEAR THIS SPOT STOOD THE NEW YORK WORLD BUILDING WHOSE PUBLISHER JOSEPH PULITZER UPHELD THE HIGHEST TRADITION OF AMERICAN JOURNALISM. AN IMMIGRANT, HE ROSE TO FAME AND FORTUNE AND NEVER IN THE PROCESS LOST THE COMMON TOUCH

The old World Building will soon be demolished to make way for the Manhattan approaches to the Brooklyn Bridge. The Brooklyn approaches are complete, the Bridge has been reconstructed and the first stage of the new Manhattan approach construction will start soon.

The Pulitzer Memorial Plaque has been placed in front of the statue of Horace Greeley which stands between City Hall and the old World Building.

Joseph Pulitzer, Jr. will unveil the plaque. Herbert Bayard Swope will be Master of Ceremonies. Others who will participate in the ceremonies are, Commissioner Robert Moses, Dr. Grayson Kirk, Bernard M. Baruch, Arthur Hays Sulzberger and Mayor Robert Wagner.

Music will be provided by the Fire Department Band.

In case of rain the ceremonies will be held in the City Hall.

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DEPARTMENT ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE

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The Department of Parks announces the reopening of the Ice and Roller Skating Rink in the New York City Building at Flushing Meadow Park, Queens, on Saturday, October 2, 1954 at 10:00 A.M.

The City Building, built in 1939 and designed as a recreation center, was an integral part of the World's Fair. After the close of the World's Fair, the Park Department operated this facility as an ice and roller skating rink until 1946. From 1946 to 1951, it was used by the United Nations as temporary headquarters. In 1951 the facility was returned to the Department of Parks.

The program for this year includes seasonal carnivals at Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

During the last operating season, there were 276,714 admissions of which 29,818 were free. Revenue from all sources amounted to \$130,000.

Flushing Meadow Park may be reached by the following transportation lines:

- 1. I.R.T., B.M.T. to 111th Street Station, Flushing Division.
- 2. Flushing-Ridgewood (Bus Q-58) to Park.
- 3. Independent Subway Train Roosevelt Avenue Station and transfer to Flushing Branch of I.R.T or B.M.T.

The attached schedule of sessions and rates will be in effect.

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Session Schedule and Rates

<u> 1954 - 55 Season</u>

<u>New York City Building</u>

ROLLER SKATING

Sessions

Morning - Tuesday and Sunday only 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 P.M.

Morning - Saturday, Holidays and School Vacations 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon.

Daily - Afternoon 2:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

Evening - Figure & Dance Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Daily - Evening 8:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

Spectators

<u>Rates</u>

Child - 50¢ Adult - 50¢

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Free period for children - $l^{l_{+}}$ yrs. and under - No adults permitted.

Child - 25¢ Adult - 40¢

Child - \$1.00 Adult - \$1.00 With stay over privilege to next session.

Child - 50¢ Adult - 50¢

General admission charged for session.

ICE SKATING

Morning - Tuesday and Sunday only 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Morning - Saturday, Holidays and School Vacation 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

Daily - Afternoon 2:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

Daily - Evening 8:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

Spectator

Evening - Speed Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Evening - Figure Skating Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. Sunday morning 9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

Ice or Roller Shoe Skate Rental Season Locker Rental Child - 50¢ Adult - 50¢

Free period for children 14 yrs. and under - No adults permitted

Child - 25ϕ Adults - 40ϕ

Child - 50¢ Adult - 50¢

General admission charged for session.

Child - 50¢ Adult - 50¢

Child - \$1.00 Adult - \$1.00 With stay over privilege to next session. 50¢ \$5.00

ICE AND ROLLER SHOE SKATES MAY BE RENTED AT ALL GENERAL PAID SESSIONS EXCEPT FIGURE & DANCE, & SPEED SESSIONS.

<u>CLAMP-ON ROLLER SKATES</u> MAY BE OBTAINED FREE AT ALL GENERAL SESSIONS, EXCEPT FIGURE AND DANCE SESSIONS.



IMMEDIATELY

-1-1-30M-526100(54) . 114

The Department of Parks announces the opening of its 103 football fields on Saturday, October 2nd, 1954.

During the past few weeks Department of Parks personnel have been engaged in reconditioning and laying out fields and erecting goal posts. Areas that but a short time ago teemed with baseball players will soon be swarming with pigskin enthusiasts.

Seventeen of these 103 fields are in Manhattan, twentythree in Brooklyn, sixteen in the Bronx, forty-two in Queens and five in Richmond. The demand for many of these fields is so great that their use must be regulated by the issuance of permits. Organized teams may secure permits by making application to the Department of Parks Borough Office of the borough in which they desire to play.

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FOR RELEASE

The Park Department announces the opening to the general public of a new playground at 72nd Avenue, West of Little Neck Parkway adjacent to P.S. 186 in the Borough of Queens. The Park Department and the Board of Education in accordance with their long-standing agreement on joint operation have cooperated in bringing the much needed playground to the community.

Located in the easterly section of Queens, the 3-acre playground will serve the needs and interests of all age groups of the school and the neighborhood.

The major open area of the playground includes six practice basketball courts, the handball courts, one junior basketball court and a softball diamond. The older children's apparatus section consists of two shuffleboard courts, large swings, two playground slides, large swings and climbing apparatus. Both areas will be operated by the Board of Education during school hours. The easterly area for preschool age children and their guardians includes a sandpit, one kindergarten slide, swings, seesaws, wading pool and a centrally located comfort station. This area is operated at all times by the Park Department.

Several sitting areas are located throughout the playground for spectators and guardians.

With the addition of this playground, there are now 616 playgrounds in the expanded park system.



The Department of Parks announces that the current Roller Skating Season at Wollman Skating Rink, will terminate at the close of business, Tuesday, September 28, 1954.

The facility is located in the Easterly side of Central Park at about 63rd Street, West of Central Park Zoo and West of the 59th Street Lake, and is a gift to the City by Kate Wollman in memory of her parents.

Immediately after the closing of the rink, the necessary preparations will start for conversion of the facility for the ice skating season, scheduled to begin Saturday, October 9, 1954, weather permitting.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK JARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE

THURSDAY, SEPT. 16, 1954

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The Department of Parks announces the feopening of St. Mary's Recreation Center in the Bronx, Cromwell Center in Richmond and the Brooklyn War Memorial Recreation Center in Brooklyn on Monday, September 20, 1954.

ST. MARY'S RECREATION CENTER located at St. Ann's Avenue and East 144th St. in the Bronx, provides rooms for Manual Training, Music, Domestic Science, Boxing Instruction, Games, Arts and Crafts, and Meeting Rooms. The Indoor Swimming Pool with lockers and shower rooms will also be available.

<u>CROMWELL CENTER</u> located at Pier #6 in Richmond contains an area 80'x300' in which Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis and Badminton Courts are provided. There are also special rooms for Senior and Junior Games, Arts and Crafts, Boxing and Manual Training.

<u>BROOKLYN WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION CENTER</u>, located in S. Parkes Cadman Plaza Park, part of the Brooklyn Civic Center, was opened in October 1952. The building dedicated in November 1951, was originally designed as a meeting place for veterans' organizations and includes a large auditorium with the Roll of Honor on the main level and several small rooms below.

The auditorium provides an area for quiet games, and stanchions have been installed for control purposes so that visitors may have unimpeded circulation to pay their respects to the service men and women of Brooklyn.

The lower rooms provide for Arts and Crafts, Wood Work, Table Tennis and Informal Dancing.

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The Park D quartment announces the reconstruction of and addition to Dr. Simon Baruch Playground in lower Manhattan. The playground is near the center of the first section of the recently built Baruch Houses bounded by Roosevelt Drive, Houston Street, Mangin Street and Baruch Place. The 2-1/2 acre site includes the original Baruch Playground which has been reconstructed, an addition acquired as part of the housing project and the recently opened Bernard M. Baruch Memorial sitting area.

The playground will serve the outdoor recreational needs and interests of all age groups in the neighborhood, three nearby public schools, the Grand Street Settlement House and the federally-aided 2194-unit housing development. The playground was designed by the Park Department and built by the New York City Housing Authority.

The northerly area for older children consists of two handball courts, one basketball court and a softball field. Multiple use may be made of this area for touch football, roller skating, informal play, concerts and dancing. The southerly area includes two playground slides, climbing apparatus, large swings and a comfort station. The small fry area, east, includes a sandpit, two kindergarten slides, seesaws and a wading pool for summer comfort.

Several sitting areas are located throughout the playground for spectators and guardians.

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DEPARTMENT OF ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

IMMEDIATELY

FOR RELEASE

1-1-1-30M-526100(54) -114

The 4th annual Mixed Twosome Championship for municipal course golfers will be conducted by the Department of Parks under the sponsorship of the F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Company at Pelham Golf Course beginning at 10 A.M. on Sunday, September 12.

Play next Sunday will consist of 18 holes of "scotch ball" medal play, the man to drive from odd numbered tees and the woman from even numbered tees, or vice versa. From tee to green, partners will play every other shot. U.S.G.A. rules will govern all play and in case of ties, winner will be determined by matching score cards.

Contestants in Sunday's matches are the man and woman from each of the 10 municipal golf courses who turned in the lowest gross scores in the Blind Bogey Tournament held last Sunday. These contestants, and the courses they represent, will be:

Dyker Beach, Brooklyn James Oleska Jo San Filippo

Van Cortlandt, Bronx John Amanna Nancy Dalbey

Mosholu, Bronx John Manzone Jane Dalziel

Pelham, Bronx Ben Weinstein Francis Fried

Split Rock, Bronx Bernie Wishner Rie Casella Kissena, Queens Emele V. Bee Vickie Devote

- Forest Park, Queens Richard Lynn Anita Datler
- Clearview, Queens Ted Cerosky Adele Ernst
- Silver Lake, Richmond Vincent Sullivan Lucy Larson
- LaTourette, Richmond Joseph Reilly Helen Rappa

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Prizes donated by the F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Company, will be presented to the members of the winning twosome and runner-up twosome, and a handsome team trophy which will go to the golf course which the winning team represents. This Schaefer Trophy will remain in competition until one golf course secures permanent possession by winning it three times. Forest Park, Mosholu and Split Rock Golf Courses each have one leg on the trophy.

Results of the competition may be obtained, or photographs taken, after 3 P.M. when competition will have been completed, at Pelham Golf Course, CIty Island 8-1258.

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FOR RELEASE

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The Department of Parks announces that the Wollman Memorial Skating Rink in Central Park, will reopen for public usage as an outdoor roller skating rink on Saturday, September 11. During the summer the rink was used as a free recreational facility, with fourteen shuffleboard courts in operation, and for

dancing on Tuesday and Thursday Evenings. The sessions and rates are as follows:

Afternoon Sessions:	2:30 P.M.	to 6:00 P.M.
Evening Sessions:	8:00 P.M.	to 11:00 P.M.
General Admission:	10¢.	

Persons bringing their own skates will be permitted to use them, provided they are equipped with fiber or wooden wheels.

The Park Department will rent clamp skates at 25ϕ and shoe skates at 50ϕ a session.

Located at the rear of the Central Park Zoo Cafeteria, opposite 64th Street, the rink may be reached by the B.M.T. to Fifth Avenue, the East Side I.R.T. or Third Avenue L to 59th Street, and the Independent Subway to Columbus Circle.



Sunday, September 5, 1954

1-1-1-30M-526100(54) . 114

The Department of Parks announces the closing of seventeen outdoor swimming pools, located throughout the five boroughs, at the close of business on Monday, September 6, 1954. During the summer 5,600 youngsters participated in swimming meets in the pools. Many young swimmers had their first try at competitive 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, 7,400 children learned how to swim.

Twelve of the outdoor pools will reopen as active play centers on Monday, September 13, 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 43rd Street McCarren Pool, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street Red Hook Pool, Clinton, Bay and Henry Streets Betsy Head Pool, Hopkinson and Dumont Avenues
- 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

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Approximately 1,750,000 people used our pools this season. Bathhouse accommodations at Jacob Riis Park, Orchard Beach and also at Great Kills will close for the season at the end of the day's business on Sunday, September 12, 1954.

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The parking fields at Rockaway Beach will close on Sunday, September 12, and reopen as free play areas on Monday, September 13, 1954.

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Sunday, September 5, 1954

The Naumberg Orchestra, with Richard Bales conducting, will give the fourth and final concert of the Naumberg series on Labor Day, Monday, September 6 at 8:30 P.M. on the Mall in Central Park. This concert, which will also bring to a close this summer's schedule of outdoor evening concerts in the parks, will feature Albert DaCosta, tenor, as guest soloist.

The program will be:

1. Overture - "Rienzi"..... Wagner Symphony No. 2 - Fourth Movement..... Brahms 2, 3. Aria - "Flower Song" - "Carmen"..... Bizet Albert DaCosta

4.	Bacchanale - "Samson and Delilah"	Saint-Saëns
5.	Overture - "The Marriage of Figaro"	Mozart
6,	Valse - "Eugen Onégin"	Tchaikovsky
7.	Aria - "Prize Song" - "Die Meistersinger"	Wagner
	Albert DaCosta	
8.	Finlandia	Sibelius

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JONES BEACH STATE PARK 1929-SILVER ANNIVERSARY-1954

THE JONES BEACH MARINE THEATRE



GUY LOMBARDO presents

LAURITZ MELCHIOR IN A NEW MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZ

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HELD OVER AN EXTRA WEEK

AFTER LABOR DAY-THROUGH SEPT. 11

Reserved Seats \$1.10, 2.20 & 3.30—Box Seats 4.40 (inc. tax) NIGHTLY AT 8:30 P.M. TICKETS OR RESERVATIONS AT THEATRE BOX OFFICE. BOOTHS ALONG BOARD-WALK, BATHHOUSE MANAGERS' OFFICES --- ALSO BROADWAY THEATRE. N. Y. C. PARK AT THEATRE FIELD OR FIELD 5

MARINE DINING ROOM

At the West Bathhouse 5:30 to 9:00 P.M. through Sat., Sept. 11

COMPLETE BUFFET SERVICE AT \$2.50 ALSO COCKTAILS

BOARDWALK RESTAURANT

At the Central Mall Noon to midnight through Sat., Sept. 11 Noon to 10 P.M. Sept. 12 to 19 LUNCHEON - DINNERS - OPEN TERRACE SPECIALIZING IN SHORE DINNERS Parking for Patrons-Adjoining Marine Dining Room and Boardwalk Restaurant

OUTDOOR DANCING AT MUSIC SHELL 9:15 P.M. - NO CHARGE Nightly except Thursday to Sept. 6-Wally Rhodes & Orchestra Thursday, Sept. 2 and Saturdays, Sept. 11, 18, 25 Square & Folk Dancing-Ed Durlacher & "The Top Hands"

NEW CAPTREE CAUSEWAY & CAPTREE STATE PARK

SHUTTLE FERRY SERVICE TO FIRE ISLAND STATE PARK CHARTER & OPEN FISHING BOATS AT CAPTREE BOAT BASIN BUS SERVICE AVAILABLE FROM PATCHOGUE-BABYLON AREA TO CAPTREE

PLEASE HELP TO KEEP YOUR PARK CLEAN-DEPOSIT REFUSE IN BASKETS DOGS NOT PERMITTED ON WALKS OR BEACH AT ANY TIME DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN PARKED CARS-PARK CLOSES AT 1:00 A.M.





4000 golfers will tee off in the 4th Annual Blind Bogey Golf Tournament which will be conducted by the Department of Parks under the sponsorship of the F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Company on Sunday, August 29, at the ten municipal golf courses. First foursome will tee off at 6 A.M.

In the Blind Bogey competition, each golfer selected his or her own handicap at the time they filed their entry. The Blind Bogey figure is drawn at each course after the last player has completed his round of golf. The player whose net score is closest to the Blind Bogey is declared the winner. This type of competition gives each player, whether duffer or expert, or man or woman, an equal chance to win.

As in former years, the low gross winners, man and woman, from each course will qualify for the Mixed Twosome Championships, to be held at Pelham Golf Course, Bronx, on Sunday, September 12.

Prizes donated by the F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Company will be awarded at each course to the man and woman winning the Blind Bogey Competition and to the low gross man and woman.



The 13th season of Name Band Dances sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted in major parks of the city by the Department of Parks, will be concluded with the three dances scheduled this week.

Fifty-four dances comprised the series and to date, more than 178,000 persons have attended to dance or listen to the music of the "name" bands and to the variety of soloists who appeared with the bands.

These dances contributed wholesome recreation for the young people of our city as well as pleasant diversion on warm summer evenings for older folks.

The dances this week and the bands who will provide the music are as follows:

Tuesday, August 31 - Claude Thornhill and his orchestra will play at Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Glendale, Queens. Thornhill is a triple threat man - composer, arranger, and pianist par-excellence. His piano stylings and unique orchestrations are still the most original musical offerings among modern dance bands. <u>Wednesday, September 1</u> - Charlie Peterson and his orchestra will appear at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx. Charlie is a long-time favorite on the Name Band Dance program. Thursday, September 2 - Hal Charm and his orchestra will play at the ••••• 2 •••••

Wollman Memorial in Central Park for the final dance of the season. Though Charm has played on previous year's schedules, this is his first appearance this season.

These dances are held at 8:30 P.M. each evening and the public is cordially invited to attend. There is no charge for admission.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

IMMEDIATELY

FOR RELEASE

1-1-1-30M-526100(54) -114

The Park Department ennounces the opening to the general public of a new playground west of Bronx Boulevard opposite East 219th Street in connection with development of adjacent recreational areas, Bronx River Parkway Southerly Extension.

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Located in the northerly part of the Borough of the Bronx, this one-half acre playground and park development will serve the recreational needs and interests of all age groups in a residential neighborhood of one-family homes and apartment houses.

The northerly section for younger children consists of seesaws, kindergarten swings, shower basin, sandpit, one kindergarten slide, flagpole, comfort station and an open free play area for group games and chalk games such as hopscotch and checker golf. The southerly area for older children includes climbing apparatus, two playground slides, large swings and a junior basketball court. Bicycle racks have been provided for children coming to the playground from nearby neighborhoods.

Several sitting areas are located throughout the playground for spectators and guardians.

With the addition of this playground there are now 615 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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MUSIC AND DANCING IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS THIS WEEK

Concerts and dances in New York City Parks to date this season have attracted audiences and participants totaling over 547,000. Musical entertainment in the parks has offered greater variety this year than ever before. Included were orchestral, band, and chamber music, concerts of classical, semi-classical, operatic, popular, and Latin-American music as well as social and square dance music.

The schedule for the coming week will be: Monday, August 30 Washington Square Park, Manhattan - Concert - Cham-8:30 P.M. ber Music - Sponsored by the Washington Square Ass'n Tuesday, August 31 8:30 P.M. Victory Field, Woodhaven Blvd. and Myrtle Avenue, Glendale, Queens - *Dance - Claude Thornhill and his orchestra Battery Park, Manhattan - Concert - Sponsored by 12:30 P.M.to 2:30 P.M. the Summer Féstival Committee Wednesday Sept. 1 Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx - *Dance - Charlie Peterson and his orchestra 8:30 P.M. Highbridge Park, 180th Street and St. Nicholas Ave., 8:30 P.M. Manhattan - Concert - Sponsored by Washington Heights Federal Savings and Loan Association Forest Park Music Grove, Main Drive west of Wood-8:30 P.M. haven Blvd. Glendale, Quéens - Concert - Equitable Life Assurance Choral Group hursday, Sept.2 8:30 P.M. Wollman Memorial, Central Park - *Dance -Hal Charm and his orchestra

* These dances are sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company

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FOR RELEASE

The 13th Annual Harvest Dance Contest will be conducted by the Department of Parks on Thursday, August 26 at 8:30 P.M. at the Mall in Central Park.

Couples who finished first, second and third in foxtrot, waltz, rumba, and jitterbug competitions held in each of the five boroughs earlier this month, will be competing for city-wide honors on Thursday. The city-wide champions in each dance division will all be eligible to participate in the All-Round Championship which will be held immediately following the judging in the regular competition.

Couples placing first and second in each dance division will be awarded prizes donated by the Consolidated Edison Company.

Music on Thursday will be provided by Roger King Mozian and his orchestra who will entertain during competition intermissions. The Mozian band offers something entirely new in dance music. The young band leader is a talented arranger, trumpeter, percussionist, and dancer. He has a flair for colorful orchestration and fancy instrumental effects.

The public is invited to attend this popular competition as guests of the Consolidated Edison Company and the Department of Parks. No tickets are required for admission.

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Spice and variety are the keynotes for next week's evenings of Name Band Dances which are held at 8:30 P.M. in the major parks of the city under the auspices of the Consolidated Edison Company and the Department of Parks. Hal McIntyre, Roger King Mozian, Charlie Peterson, and Hector Pellot, each with individually styled arrangements, offer dancing New Yorkers five evenings of diversified musical entertainment and recreation.

Monday, August 23 will feature exciting mambo, samba, and rhumba rhythms when Hector Pellot and his orchestra play at Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue in Manhattan.

Tuesday, August 24 and Wednesday, August 25 the more than the ordinary dance music of Hal McIntyre will be the attraction. McIntyre will play at Jackson Heights, 34th Avenue and 77th Street, in Queens on Tuesday, and at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx on Wednesday. McIntyre, the brilliant saxaphonist of the Glenn Miller orchestra, features subdued reed voicing, bright clipped brasses, and his own wonderful sax solos.

Thursday, August 26 at the Mall in Central Park it will be Roger King Mozian who will wield the baton. Talented arranger, trumpeter, percussionist, and dancer, Mozian has been called the musical Luther Burbank because his music is a handsome hybrid of many musical styles. He offers something entirely new in the band

business.

Friday, August 27 at Prospect Park, Prospect Park West and 11th Street in Brooklyn, Charlie Peterson and his "smooth rhythm" orchestra will provide the kind of music that everyone enjoys for dancing. Mickey Ramon's individual vocal interpretations add to a full evening of entertainment.

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With the dancing under the stars season rapidly drawing to a close, the public is invited to make the most of these evenings of free dancing to the music of fine orchestras.

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The Department of Parks announces the completion of construction of the addition to the Dyker Beach Golf House in Brooklyn.

This new addition will provide for 200 men's lockers and 100 women's lockers and they will be available for public usage starting Saturday August 21, 1954 at the following rates:-

> \$5.00 for seasonal lockers, valid until November 28, 1954 25¢ for a daily locker.

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A shoemaker should stick to his last and the little shoemaker in the Department of Parks Marionette Show, The Shoemaker and the Elves, has been doing just that all summer while touring with the Park Puppeteers in Brooklyn, Bronx, Queens and Richmond. Now he will visit Park playgrounds and parks in Manhattan to wind up this summer's schedule, beginning August 23rd and running through September 10th.

A special performance for children at Bellevue Hospital is scheduled on Wednesday, September 1st at 10 A.M.

The shoemaker has a lot of assistance in entertaining the youngsters. There are two very cooperative elves, Mr. Longfellow and Mr. Shortfellow, and, no fairy tale would be complete without one, a fairy, plus a lively troupe of dancing shoes. These colorful marionettes would have you believe that they are alive, and to tell the truth you'd think they are after seeing these performances.

The schedule in Manhattan will be:

Mon.	Aug. 23	2:30 P.M.	East River Park, East River Drive at 6th Street
Tues.	Aug. 24	2:30 P.M.	Hamilton Fish Playground, Stanton, Sheriff, and Pitt Streets
Wed.	Aug. 25	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Heckscher Playground, 63rd Street and West Drive, Central Park
Thurs.	Aug. 26	2:30 P.M.	Amsterdam Houses Playground, 63rd Street west of Amsterdam Avenue

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Fri.	Aug, 27	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Jay Hood Wright Playground, 173rd Street and Ft. Washington Avenue
Mon.	Aug. 30	2:30 P.M.	Lincoln Houses Playground, Fifth Avenue and 135 Street
Tues.	Aug. 31	2:30 P.M,	John Jay Playground, Cherokee Place and East 76th Street, East River Drive
Wed.	Sept. 1	10:00 A.M.	Bellevue Hospital, parking lot east of hospital
		2:30 P.M.	Chelsea Playground, 28 Street between 8th & 9th Aves.
Thurs.	Sept. 2	2:30 P.M.	Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue
Fri.	Sept. 3	2:30 P.M.	Mt. Morris East Playground, 123 Street and Madison Avenue
Tues.	Sept. 7	2:30 P.M.	Highbridge Playground, 173rd Street and Amsterdam Avenue
We d.	Sept. 8	2:30 P.M.	Thomas Jefferson Playground, 112th Street and First Avenue
Thurs.	Sept. 9	2:30 P.M.	Playground at 83rd Street and Riverside Drive, Lawn area northwest of play- ground
Fri.	Sept. 10	2:30 P.M.	Inwood Playground, Isham Street and Seaman Avenue

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Entries are now being accepted for the 4th Annual Blind Bogey Golf Tournament and Mixed Twosome Championship to be conducted under the auspices of the F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Company and the Department of Parks at the 10 municipal golf courses beginning Sunday, August 29. Registration is limited to 400 at each course. Entries must be made on or before Monday, August 23.

The Blind Bogey competition, consisting of 18 holes of medal play on August 29, offers the public links golfer two unique opportunities - first, the "country club" privilege of reserved time for teeing off and second, the duffer competes on an equal footing with the low scoring golfer.

Each golfer chooses his own handicap and at the close of competition the player whose net score with his chosen handicap is closest to the Blind Bogey, will be declared the winner.

The low gross winners, one man and one woman from each course, will compete in the Mixed Twosome Championships on Sunday, September 12 at Pelham Golf Course in the Bronx. In this competition of 18 holes of medal play, the man will drive from odd-numbered tees, the woman from even-numbered tees, or vice versa, and from tee to green partners play every other shot.

Handsome prizes donated by the F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Company will be awarded at each course to the winner of the men's ••••• 2 •••••

and women's Blind Bogey Competitions and to the low gross man and low gross woman. The Mixed Twosome Competition will be for the Schaefer Trophy with prizes being awarded to the winning team and runners-up.

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iA Jane T Ν R ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK FOR RELEASE IMMEDIATELY 1-1-1-30M-526100(54) . 114 MUSIC AND DANCING IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS THIS WEEK Monday. August 23 8:30 P.M. Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Ave., Manhattan- *Dance - Hector Pellot and his orchestra <u> Fuesday, August 24</u> Jackson Heights, 34th Avenue and 77th Street, 8:30 P.M. Queens - *Dance - Hal McIntyre and his orchestra Wollman Memorial, Central Park, 64th Street opposite Fifth Avenue - Square Dancing - Ed 8:30 P.M. Durlacher and Mis Top Hands - Final dance of season at Wollman Memorial Harlem Meer, 110th Street and Fifth Avenue, Central Park - Final concert of season - Latin 8:30 P.M. American Music - Chico O'Farrill and his orchestra Battery Park, Manhattan- Concert - Sponsored by 12:30 P.M. the Summer Festival Committee to 2:30P.M. Wednesday, August 25 Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bx. *Dance - Hal McIntyre and his orchestra 8:30 P.M. Forest Park Music Grove, Main Drive west of 8:00 P.M. Woodhaven Boulevard, Glendale, Queens - Concert Abraham and Straus Choral Group Highbridge Park, 180th Street and St. Nicholas 8:30 P.M. Avenue, Manhattan - Concert - Sponsored by Washington Heights Federal Savings and Loan Assn. Thursday, August 26 Mall, Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Dr .-8:30 P.M. *Dance - Roger King Mozian and his orchestra Riverside Park at 104th St., Manhattan - Square <u>iday. August 27</u> Dancing - Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands -8:30 P.M. Final Dance of season

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Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn - *Dance - Charlie Peterson and his orchestra

Saturday, August 288:30 P.M.Mall, Central Park - Concert - Chamber Music* These dances are sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company

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Summertime, fish jumping, and 4,000 boys and girls from all over the city will be trying to catch them on Monday, August 16th when the 5th Annual Junior Fishing Contest sponsored by the Better Fishing Inc. and the Department of Parks will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 14 salt water and 11 fresh water fishing locations under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks. At 3 p.m. the boy and girl catching the heaviest fish at each location will meet at the south end of the 72nd St. lake in Central Park where the judging for the Grand Awards will take place. The boy and girl catching the heaviest fish of the day in both the salt and fresh water divisions will be presented with special prizes.

The competitors, ranging from 10 to 16 years of age, will use all kinds of fishing equipment from the homemade, Huckleberry Finn variety to Dad's newest glass rod. Fishing will be permitted from shores or piers only. No casting will be allowed. Each contest-ant must catch and land his own fish. New York State Fish and Game Laws must be observed and the bag limit is five fish for each contestant.

At each location all fish caught to be entered in the contest must be taken to the judges stand by the contestant for weighing. The boy and girl catching the heaviest fish at each local contest will be presented with prizes also contributed by Better Fishing Inc.

Better Fishing, Inc. is a non-profit, non-commercial organization devoted to encourage the sport, on a nation-wide basis, among youngsters. They believe the sport develops appreciation of nature and good sportsmanship and results in a hobby that can be enjoyed throughout life.

In New York City the contest will be conducted at the following locations:

MANHATTAN:

Salt Water Division: Pier, 107th Street and East River Hudson River at 92nd Street Hudson River at 164th Street

Fresh Water Division: Central Park, 72nd Street Lake 2

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Salt Water Division:

Canarsie Pier, Foot of Rockaway Parkway Coney Island, Steeplechase Pier, West 16th Street Plum Beach, Shore Parkway, east of Knapp Street Shore Road, South of Fort Hamilton at 16th Avenue

Fresh Water Division:

Prospect Park Lake-west of Lincoln Road Entrance

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Salt Water Division:

Pelham Bay Park-Stonebridge, northeast of Orchard Beach connecting Hunter and Twin Islands.

Pelham Bay Park-Talapoosa Point, adjacent to Eastchester Bay Bridge at Shore Road

Fresh Water:

Van Cortlandt Park - west of 242nd Street and Broadway

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Salt Water Division: Little Neck Bay, 28th Avenue, Bayside Francis Lewis Park, East River and 147th Street Cross Bay Blvd. Bridge, 1st Bridge south of Shore Parkway Jacob Riis Park, north side, east of Marine Park Bridge

Fresh Water Division:

Alley Pond Park, Harding Blvd. and Cross Island Parkway Kissena Park Lake, Rose Avenue and 160th Street Baisley Park Lake, Sutphin and Baisley Blvds. Oakland Lake, Springfield Blvd. and 47th Avenue Willow Lake, Grand Central Parkway and Horace Harding Blvd.

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Salt Water Division:

Great Kills Beach, Hylan Boulevard, south of Guion Avenue

Fresh Water Division:

Clove Lakes (Martling), Victory Blvd. and Clove Road Willowbrook Park Lake, Victory Blvd. and Richmond Avenue Wolfe's Pond, Hyland Blvd. and Cornelia Avenue

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Sunday, August 15, 1954

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The tenth week of Name Band Dances sponsored by the Consólidated Edison Company and conducted by the Department of Parks on weekday evenings at 8:30 P.M., will feature the music of Claude Thornhill, Roger King Mozian, Don Rodney, and Chick Farrell. Two dances are scheduled on Wednesday evening.

Chick Farrell will play Monday, August 16 at Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue Manhattan. This is the first appearance of the Farrell orchestra this season.

Don Rodney will play twin dates, appearing Tuesday, August 17 at Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Glendale, Queens and on Wednesday, August 18 at Cromwell Recreation Center, Murray Hulbert Avenue and Hannah Street, Tompkinsville, Richmond. Rodney, a song writer, vocalist, and guitarist served his apprenticeship with the Cavallero, Cugat, and Lombardo orchestras. While a relatively unknown youngster, Don appeared in the Cugat film, "A Weekend at the Waldorf". Recently at the Waldorf's Peacock Lounge, Rodney's band broke all existing attendance records.

Roger King Mozian appears Wednesday, August 18 at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx. Mozian's musical education was nurtured in New York City schools, George Washington High School, City College, and New York University. Mozian is not only a composer and arranger, but also plays lead trumpet on all his band's numbers.

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He has a flair for colorful orchestration, fancy instrumental effects, and achieves a neat balance of danceable music and art.

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Claude Thornhill will play a double date too, appearing Thursday, August 19 at Wollman Memorial in Central Park and Friday, August 20 at Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn. Thornhill's piano virtuosity and superb arrangements demonstrate why all music critics pick him as one of the all time favorites. Thornhill has a big advantage over most current bandleaders in being able to combine a classical background with the current trend of popular music.

All these dances are free to the public and a cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend any or all of these dances.

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The Department of Parks announces the opening to the general public of a new playground west of Park Drive East, opposite 73rd Terrace and East of Willow Lake in the Borough of Queens, one more step in the completion of the development of Flushing Meadow Park. Other construction now under way includes ballfields, walks and planting along the major part of the east side of the Park.

In the 15 years since Flushing Meadow Park was founded, the adjacent neighborhood has been completely developed. It is evident that the Park has been an important factor in this growth.

The 1-1/2 acre playground includes a northerly section for older children with three basketball courts, two handball courts, three shuffleboard courts, climbing apparatus, two slides and large swings. The southerly area for younger children includes kindergarten swings, two kindergarten slides, seesaws, wading pool, sandpit, flagpole and a centrally located comfort station. Bicycle racks have been provided for children coming to the playground from nearby neighborhoods. Several sitting areas are located throughout the playground.

With the addition of this playground there are now 614 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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Preliminary contests to select competitors for the 13th Annual Harvest Dance Contest will be conducted by the Department of Parks according to the following schedule:

Queens	Tuesday, August 11	Jackson Heights, 34th Avenue and 77th Street
Bronx	Wednesday, August 12	Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse
Manhattan	Thursday, August 13	Wollman Memorial, Central Park, 64th Street and Fifth Avenue
Brooklyn	Friday, August 14	Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street
Richmond	Wednesday, August 19	Cromwell Recreation Center, Murray Hulbert Ave. and Hannah Street, Tompkinsville

All contests begin at 8:30 P.M.

Couples finishing in first, second, and third place in the foxtrot, waltz, rhumba, and jitterbug divisions of each borough contest will be eligible to compete in the city-wide championships to be held at the Mall in Central Park on Thursday evening, August 26 at 8:30 P.M.

Music for these contests will be provided by some of the nation's top "name" bands. The Olympic Point Scoring System will be used by the judges and couples finishing first in each borough dance division will be awarded prizes.

Contestants may compete in any or all of the dance divisions but only in one borough. Entries close three days before each contest.

The public is invited to attend all of these contests. No tickets of admission are required.

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^{1-1-1-30M-1110044(53)} Name Band Dance fans, dance enthusiasts who enjoy dancing out of doors to the music of the country's finest dance orchestras, will experience two "firsts" this week - the first appearance this season of Johnny Long, a popular favorite, and the first appearance of Jimmy Roma, today's newest luminary on the musical horizon.

These free dances are sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted by the Department of Parks on weekday evenings at 8:30 P.M.

Johnny Long will play on Tuesday, August 10 at Jackson Hts., 34th Avenue and 77th Street, Queens and on Wednesday, August 11 at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx. Johnny, a backward violinist because of an injury to his left hand in early youth, is truly "Young America's Favorite", having appeared in every major theatre and dance location in the nation. The song most closely associated with Johnny Long is "In a Shanty in Old Shantytown" which he first recorded in 1940. It is demanded by fans, along with other classic Long arrangements, wherever he plays. Featured with the orchestra are Barbara Hammond, Jimmy Sedlar, The Long Shots, and The Glee Club.

Jimmy Roma will play on Thursday, August 12 at the Wollman Memorial in Central Park, 64th Street opposite Fifth Avenue and on Friday, August 13 at Prospect Park, Prospect Park West and 11th St., Bklyn. Young, personable, trumpeter, vocalist, and all round showman, Jimmy was born in Flushing, New York and has devoted his entire life to show business, music, and his trumpet. Pleasing dance music and entertainment

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will keynote both of these evenings. Julie Leigh and Richard Colby are the featured vocalists.

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More than 2,000 boys and girls have entered the 5th Annual Jusics Fishing Contest to be conducted by the Department of Parks on Monday, August 16. The youngsters will compete between the hours of 8 A.M. and 1 P.M. at 14 salt water and 11 fresh water fishing areas located in the five boroughs. There is still time for boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 16 years of age to enter the contest. Entries close August 14. Contestants must be residents of New York City.

The contest is sponsored by Better Fishing, Inc., a nonprofit organization of fishing-minded sportsmen who encourage fishing among boys and girls because of its health and character building values. Since the first contest in 1948 when 138 cities collaborated, the program has grown every year to the present participation of 819 cities

In New York City the contestants will compete in either the fresh or salt water divisions. They must fish from shores or piers, furnish their own equipment, and catch and land their fish without assistance. Bag limit is five fish and all New York State Fish and Game Laws must be observed.

Prizes will be presented to the boys and girls catching the heaviest fish of the day at each location. Special Better Fishing Grand Awards will go to the boy and girl catching the heaviest fish of the day in both the fresh and salt water divisions. Judging for the Grand Awards will take place at the south end of the 72nd Street Lake in Central Park at 3 P.M. on the day of the contest. 8/4/54

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In keeping with its name, the Avenue of the Americas will soon have a statue of a third great South American, Jose Bonifacio de Andrada e Silva, Patriarch of the Independence of Brazil. To be located at 42nd Street in Bryant Park, the monument joins with Bolivar and San Martin, great South American liberators whose statues were dedicated in May 1951 at the north end of the Avenue in Central Park.

The Government of Brazil, the Avenue of the Americas Association and the City of New York announce that the Department of Parks awarded the contract for the construction on the \$60,000 plaza and base for the statue on July 26, 1954 and the work started on Monday, August 2nd. The funds were contributed by Brazil to the Avenue of the Americas Association and transferred to the Department of Parks. The statue, made in Brazil, is now on the high seas.

Jose Bonifacio de Andrada e Silva is not a military hero of Brazil. Born in 1763 near Rio de Janiero he matured in Portugal and in 1819 returned to earn the title of Patriarch of the Independence of Brazil. His career in the mother country had been one of scholarship. On his return to Brazil he found Dom Pedro, son of King John the VI of Portugal, refusing to kneel to the homeland and forming a new government. Bonifacio as a member of the government became, however, too attached to democratic principles and was exiled in 1823. He strongly influenced a later liberal constitution and returned to his country in 1833. He died in 1838.

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The statue of Bonifacio, winning design in a competition, is be Brazilian sculptor Jose Otavio Corroia Lima. It is 9 feet high and will stand on a pedestal in a plaza at the northwest corner of Bryant Park. This outstanding gift to New York was suggested by former Consul General de Berenguer-Cesar, now Brazilian Ambassador to Columbia, authorized by Foreign Minister da Fontoura and will be expedited by present Consul General Hugo Gouthier.

On the completion of the plaza and the placing of the statue in the late fall of this year, the City of New York will officially recognize and accept this symbol of the cooperation and friendship of the peoples of the Western Hemisphere.

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL FOR RELEASE MUSIC AND	A E N T Q F P A R K S PARK IMMEDIATELY D DANCING IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS THIS WEEK
1-1-1-30M-1110044(53) 114 Sunday, August 8 8:30 P.M.	Mall, Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Dr. Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Wagner Program
Monday, August 9 8:30 P.M.	Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Con. cert - Goldman Band - Handel Program
Tuesday, August 10 8:30 P.M.	Jackson Heights, 34th Avenue and 77th Street, Queens - *Dance - Johnny Long and his orchestra
8:30 P.M.	Wollman Memorial, Central Park, 64th Street opposite Fifth Avenue - Square Dancing - Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands
8:30 P.M.	Harlem Meer, 110th Street and Fifth Avenue, Central Park - Concert - Latin American Music - Vincentico Valdes and his orchestra
12:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.	Battery Park, Manhattan - Concert - Sponsored by the Summer Festival Committee
Wednesday, August 11 8:30 P.M.	Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert Goldman Band - Miscellaneous Program
8:30 P.M.	Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bx. *Dance - Johnny Long and his orchestra
8:30 P.M.	Forest Park Music Grove, Main Drive, west of Woodhaven Boulevard, Glendale, Queens - Concert- Equitable Life Assurance Choral Group
Thursday, August 12 8:30 P.M.	Music Grove, Prospect Park, Lincoln Road Entra- nce, Brooklyn - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Miscellaneous Program
8:30 P.M.	Wollman Memorial, Central Park - *Dance - Jimmy Roma and his orchestra
Friday, August 13 8:30 P.M.	Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert Goldman Band - Miscellaneous Program

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Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn - *Dance - Jimmy Roma and his orchestra

8:30 P.M. Riverside Park at 104th Street, Manhattan -Square Dancing - Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands

Saturday, August 14 8:30 P.M.

Music Grove, Prospect Park, Lincoln Road Entrance, Brooklyn - Guggenheim Memorial Concert Goldman Band - Final concert of the season -Request Program

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The eighth week of Name Band Dances in the New York City parks will feature the music of Ray McKinley, Tiny Markle, Eddie Wilcox, and Benny Cummins. Two dances are scheduled for Wednesday evening.

These dances, part of the 13th annual series of 54 dances sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted by the Department of Parks, are held on weekday evenings at 8:30 P.M.

Next week's schedule will be:

Monday, August 2 at Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan with Eddie Wilcox and his orchestra making their initial appearance on the Name Band Dance program.

Tuesday, August 3 at Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Glendale, Queens, and Wednesday, August 4 at Cromwell Recreation Center, Murray Hulbert Avenue and Hannah Street, Tompkinsville, Richmond with Benny Cummins, another newcomer to the series, and his orchestra.

Wednesday, August 4 at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx with Tiny Markle and his orchestra as the attraction. Most of the musicians in this orchestra have played with the biggest "name" bands in the country, one reason for the tremendous popularity of the orchestra. Dick Hoyt and Delores Costello do a great job on the vocals. Thursday, August 5 at the Wollman Memorial in Central Park and Friday, August 6 at Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th St., Brocklyn will mark the first appearances this season of Ray McKinley (continued)

and his orchestra. McKinley has formed what the experts have called "The Most Versatile Band in the Land", boasting a well-rounded program of music, entertainment, and humor. McKinley, the nucleus of the unit, is equally adept at vocalizing or playing the drums.

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These are six fine events planned by the Department of Parks for the entertainment and recreation of the public. Everyone is invited to attend. There is no charge for admission.

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL	MENTYSOF PARKS PARK IMMEDIATELY DANCING IN NEW YORK CITY BARKS THIS WEEK
1-1-1-30M-1110044(53) 114 Sunday, August 1 8:30 P.M.	Mall, Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Dr. Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Sousa Program
Monday, August 2 8:30 P.M.	Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert Goldman Band - Victor Herbert Music
8:30 P.M.	Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Ave., Manhattan - *Dance - Eddie Wilcox and his orchestra
Tuesday, August 3 8:30 P.M.	Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Glendale, Queens - *Dance - Benny Cummins and his orchestra
8:30 P.M.	Wollman Memorial, Central Park, 64th Street opposite Fifth Avenue - Square Dancing - Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands
8:30 P. M.	Harlem Meer, 110th Street and Fifth Avenue, Central Park - Concert - Latin American Music - Hector Pellot and his orchestra
12:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.	Battery Park, Manhattan - Concert - Sponsored by the Summer Festival Committee
Wednesday, August 4 8:30 P.M.	Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert Goldman Band - Music Memory Contest
8:30 P.M.	Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx - *Dance - Tiny Markle and his orchestra
8:30 P.M.	Cromwell Recreation Center, Murray Hulbert Ave. and Hannah Street, Tompkinsville, Richmond - *Dance - Benny Cummins and his orchestra
8:30 P.M.	Forest Park Music Grove, Main Drive west of Woodhaven Boulevard, Glendale, Queens - Concert American Express Glee Club
Thursday, August 5 8:30 P.M.	Music Grove, Prospect Park, Lincoln Road Ent- rance, Brooklyn - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band- Mendelssohn Program

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0:30 P. M.	Wollman Memorial, Central Park - *Dance - Ray McKinley and his orchestra
Friday, August 6 8:30 P.M.	Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert Goldman Band - Mendelssohn Program
8:30 P.M.	Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn - *Dance - Ray McKinley and his orchestra

8:30 P.M. Riverside Park and 104th Street, Manhattan -Square Dancing - Ed Durlacher and his Top Hands

Saturday, August 7 8:30 P.M.

Music Grove, Prospect Park, Lincoln Road Entrance, Brooklyn - Guggenheim Memorial Concert Goldman Band - Tchaikovsky Program

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MUSIC AND DANCING IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS THIS WEEK

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Sunday, July 25 8:30 P.M.

Mall, Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Drive Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band-Johann Strauss Program

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Monday, July 26 8:30 P.M.

<u>Tuesday, July 27</u> 8:30 P.M.

8:30 P.M.

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12:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Wednesday, July 28 8:30 P.M.

8:30 P.M.

Thursday, July 29 8:30 P.M.

8:30 P.M.

Friday, July 30 8:30 P.M. Goldman Band - English Music

Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert

Jackson Heights - 34th Street and 77th Street -Queens - *Dance - Ernie Rudy and his orchestra

Wollman Memorial, Central Park, 64th Street opposite Fifth Avenue - Square Dancing - Ed Durlacher and His Top Hands

Harlem Meer, 110th Street and Fifth Avenue, Central Park - Concert - Latin American Music -Arsenio Rodriguez and his orchestra

Battery Park, Manhattan - Concert - Sponsored by the Summer Festival Committee

Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert Goldman Band - Miscellaneous Program

Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bx. *Dance - Ernie Rudy and his orchestra

Music Grove, Prospect Park, Lincoln Road Entrance Brooklyn - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Victor Herbert Program

Wollman Memorial, Central Park- *Dance - Roger King Mozian and his orchestra

Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert Goldman Band - Russian Music

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Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn - *Dance - Al Lombardy and his orchestra

8:30 P.M. Riverside Park at 104th Street, Manhattan -Square Dancing - Ed Durlacher and His Top Hands

Saturday, July 31 8:30 P.M.

Music Grove, Prospect Park, Lincoln Road Entrance Brooklyn - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Gilbert and Sullivan Program

* These dances are sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company

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FOR RELEASE

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Dancing under the stars to the music of outstanding dance bands will continue for the seventh week of the summer season. These dances are part of a series of fifty-four dances sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted on weekday evenings at 8:30 P.M. by the Department of Parks.

Ernie Rudy, Roger King Mozian, and Al Lombardy will play for next week's dances according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, July 27 at Jackson Heights, 34th Street and 77th Street, Queens and on Wednesday, July 28th at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx, Ernie Rudy and his orchestra. Among the stars of Ernie Rudy's orchestra are Chubby Silvers, Don Rogers, Charlie Wilson and Phil Gilbert, all former mainstays of the Sammy Kaye band. Surrounding this well-matched nucleus are many other former members of the swing and sway orchestra. Retaining many of the basic entertainment features and their great dance styling, they have assumed a new enthusiasm and zest for fun that is obvious to even the most casual listner.

Thursday, July 29 at Wollman Memorial in Central Park, Roger King Mozian and his orchestra. Mozian, expert arranger, trumpet player, composer, and choreographer, is one of the youngest bandleaders to make the big time. Educated in New York City schools - George Washington H.S., City College, and New York University, Mozian began playing professionally right here in the city.

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The Mozian music is a handsome hybrid of many styles. Good examples of this musical crossbreeding are "Asia Minor", "Desert Dance", and "Black Pearl".

Friday, July 29 at Prospect Park, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, Al Lombardy and his orchestra. Lombardy's band features a good solid danceable beat, wonderful arrangements, and fine vocals. Al has been acclaimed as the best clarinetist since Artie Shaw. Handling the vocals are Pat Easton, Joe Derise (guitarist and arranger), and the Four Jacks and a Jill.

These are four wonderful evenings of free dancing, music, and entertainment planned for New Yorkers and visitors to the City. No tickets of admission are required.

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The Department of Parks announces the opening to the general public of a new playground at 106th **Avenue** between Van Wyck Expressway and 142nd Street, in the Borough of Queens. The playground was designed by the Park Department and built by the New York State Department of Public Works as part of the development of the Van Wyck Expressway.

Located in the southern section of Queens, this 1 1/4 acre playground is the third playground to be opened along the Expressway in the past two years. It will serve all age groups in a rapidly growing neighborhood of one-family homes.

The playground includes a small children's apparatus area which consists of a sandpit, shower basin, kindergarten swings, see saws, kindergarten slides and climbing apparatus. The southerly section consists of four practice basketball courts and a softball field to be used by older children. Multiple use may be made of this area for such seasonal activities as punchball, stickball, roller skating, square dancing, social dancing, and touch football.

Several sitting areas are located throughout the playground for spectators and guardians. With the addition of this playground there are now 612 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

DEPARTMENT ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

Sunday, July 25, 1954

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FOR RELEASE

The Naumburg Orchestra conducted by Guy Taylor will give a special memorial concert on Saturday, July 31 at 8:30 P.M. at the Mall in Central Park. This concert honors the memory of Mr. Elkan Naumburg who donated the bandstand on the Mall to the City of New York.

For a great many years Mr. Naumburg contributed concerts in the cause of good music for the people on three holidays, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day. His sons, Mr. Walter W. Naumburg and Mr. George W. Naumburg, continuing this custom in his memory, have added a similar concert on the anniversary of their father's death.

David Wells, violincellist, will be quest solist for the July 31 concert. The program for that evening will be:

> Komm, Süsser Tod..... Bach-Stokowski (In memory of Elkan Naumburg, Founder of these concerts)

1. Overture - 'Prometheus'..... Beethoven

Symphony No. 7 - C Major - First Movement..... Schubert
Kol Nidrei-.... Bruch

(David Wells)

4. Suite No. 1 - 'Carmen'..... Bizet

5, Overture - 'Russlan and Ludmilla'..... Glinka

6. Waltzes - 'Der Rosenkavalier'..... Strauss

7. Concerto for violincello - Finale..... Dvorak (David Wells)

8. Three Dances - 'The Batered Bride' Smetena Polka - Furient - Dance of the Comedians

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Entry balnks for the 5th annual Junior Fishing Contest to be held Monday, August 16 at 25 fresh and salt water fishing areas, are now available at Department of Parks playgrounds, fishing areas, and borough offices. All boys and girls 10 to 16 years of age who reside in New York City are invited to participate. 3,500 youngsters took part in the contest in 1953.

The contest is sponsored by Better Fishing, Inc., a nonprofit, non-commercial organization devoted to encouraging the sport among youngsters on a nation-wide basis. Sport fishing while developing appreciation of nature, good sportsmanship, and the principles of conservation also provides a wholesome form of recreation that can be enjoyed throughout life.

The competition in New York City will be conducted by the Department of Parks between the hours of 8 A.M. and 1 P.M. at 14 salt water and 11 fresh water fishing locations. Contestants may enter from one location and must furnish their own bait and equipment. No casting will be permitted and all fishing must be from shores or piers.

Attractive prizes donated by Better Fishing, Inc., will be presented to the boys and girls catching the heaviest fish at each location. A special Better Fishing Grand Award will go to the boy and girl catching the heaviest fish of the day in both the fresh and salt water divisions. Judging for the Grand Awards will take place at 3 P.M. at the south end of the 72nd St. Lake in Central Park on the day of the contest.



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A kindly old shoemaker, a pair of elves, a fairy, and a lot of dancing shoes will entertain children and their parents at parks and park playgrounds in Brooklyn from July 22 to August 11 when the Department of Parks Marionette Theatre makes its annual tour of the borough.

This summer's production, the Shoemaker and the Elves, has already played to thousands of youngsters in the Bronx and Queens. At the close of the Brooklyn tour the Park Puppeteers will visit Richmond playgrounds from August 12 to August 20 and will wind up the 71 day tour by playing in Manhattan from August 23 to September 10.

The schedule in Brooklyn will be:

Thurs.	July 22	2:30 P.M.	Lincoln Terrace Playground, Eastern Park- way and Rochester Avenue
Fri.	July 23	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Prospect Park, Prospect Park West and 11th Street
Mon.	July 26	11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Sunset Park, Sixth Avenue and 44th Street
Tues.	July 27	2:30 P.M.	New Lots Playground, Sackman St. and Riverdale Ave.
Wed.	July 28	2:30 P.M.	Playground, Howard, Pacific, and Dean Sts.
Thurs.	July 29	2:30 P.M.	Marcy Houses Playground, Nostrand and Marcy Aves.
Fri.	July 30	2:30 P.M.	McCarren Park, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street
Mon.	Aug. 2	2:30 P.M.	Bushwick Park, Knickerbocker Ave. and Starr Street

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Tues.	Aug.	3 2:30 P.M.	Bushwick Playground, Putnam and Knick- erbocker Aves.
Wed.	Aug.	4 11:00 A.M.	Brooklyn Waf Memorial, Cadman Plaza, between Fulton and Washington Streets, near Orange Street
Thurs.	Aug.	5 2:30 P.M.	Breukelen Houses Playground, Flatlands and Louisiana Avenues
Fri.	Aug.	6 2:30 P.M.	Seth Low Playground, Bay Parkway and Ave. P.
Mon.	Aug.	9 2:30 P.M.	Kaiser Playground, Neptune Ave. and West 28th Street
Tues.	Aug. :	10 11:00 A.M. 2:30 P.M.	Marine Park, Fillmore Ave. and Stuart St.
Wed.	Aug. :	11 2:30 P.M.	Gerrittsen Playground, Gerrittsen Ave. and Avenue X

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The Department of Parks announces the opening to the general public of a playground adjacent to Pomonok Houses and Public School #201 on Kissena Boulevard and 65th Avenue, opposite Queens College.

Located in the heart of the Borough of Queens, the three-acre playground will serve the outdoor recreational needs and interests of the school, the neighborhood and the 2100 unit City housing project. The playground was designed by the Park Department, built by the New York City Housing Authority and coordinated with the Board of Education.

The Board of Education will operate the playground during school hours and the Park Department at all other times. One section, the northwesterly area, however, is reserved for preschool age children and their guardians. This section is operated at all times by the Park Department.

The southeasterly section includes a softball field. Multiple use will be made of this area for such seasonal activities as social dancing, outdoor concerts, square dancing, roller skating, and ice skating during the winter. Adjacent to the ball field, another area includes play apparatus, two shuffleboard courts, two junior basketball courts and two handball courts. This entire area is floodlighted to provide opportunities

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for evening play.

To the north of the playground the area reserved for small children includes small fry play equipment, a sand pit, wading pool and a centrally located comfort station. Directly adjacent to the school an area for the school kindergarten classes includes slides, see saws, a free play area for group games and a school garden to be cared for by school children.

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Several sitting areas are located throughout the playground for spectators and guardians.

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1-1-1-30M-1110044(53)	ANCING IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS THIS WEEK
<u>Sunday, July 18</u> 8:30 P.M.	Mall, Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Drive Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Verdi Program
2:00 P.M.	Forest Park Music Grove, Main Drive West of Woodhaven Blvd., Glendale, Queens - Concert - Leone School of Music
Monday, July 19 8:30 P.M.	Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert Goldman Band - Bach Program
<u>Tuesday, July 20</u> 8:30 P.M.	Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Ave., Glendale, Queens - *Dance - Roger King Mozian and his orchestra
8:30 P.M.	Wollman Memorial, Central Park, 64th Street opposite Fifth Ave Sq m are Dancing - Ed Durlac her and His Top Hands
8:30 P.M.	Harlem Meer, 110th Street and Fifth Avenue, Central Park - Concert - Freddie D'Alon s o
12:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.	Battery Park, Manhattan - Concert - Sponsored by the Summer Festival Committee
Wednesday, July 21 8:30 P.M.	Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert Goldman Band - Symphonic Music
8:30 P.M.	Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx *Dance - Hal Charm and his orchestra
8:30 P.M.	Cromwell Recreation Center, Murray Hulbert Ave. and Hannah Street, Tompkinsville, Richmond - *Dance - Roger King Mozian and his orchestra
Thursday, July 22 8:30 P.M.	Music Grove, Prospect Park, Lincoln Road Entrance Brooklyn - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Beethoven Program
8:30 P.M.	Wollman Memorial, Central Park -*Dance - Charlie Peterson and his orchestra

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Friday. July 23
8:30 P.M.Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert
Goldman Band - Beethoven Program8:30 P.M.Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West
and 11th Street, Brooklyn - *Dance - Ernie Rudy
and his orchestra8:30 P.M.Riverside Park at 104th Street, Manhattan -
Square Dancing - Ed Durlacher and His Top HandsSaturday. July 24
8:30 P.M.Music Grove, Prospect Park, Lincoln Road Ent-
rance, Brooklyn - Guggenheim Memorial Concert -
Goldman Band - Johann Strauss Program

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<u>Sunday, July 11</u> 8:30 P.M.	Mall, Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Drive Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Italian Music
Monday, July 12 8:30 P.M.	Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Old Music
8:30 P.M.	Old Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Ave., Manhattan - *Dance - Sy Oliver and his orchestra
<u>Tuesday, July 13</u> 8:30 P.M.	Jackson Heights - 34th Street and 77th Street - Queens - *Dance - Tiny Markle and his orchestra
8:30 P.M.	Wollman Memorial, Central Park, 64th Street opposite Fifth Avenue - Square Dancing - Ed Durlacher and His Top Hands
12:30 P.M.	Battery Park, Manhattan - Concert - Sponsored by the Summer Festival Committee
Wednesday, July 14 8:30 P.M.	Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - French Music
8:30 P.M.	Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx - *Dance - Claude Thornhill and his orchestra
8:30 P.M.	Forest Park Music Grove, Main Drive west of Wood- haven Boulevard, Glendale, Queens - Concert - Equitable Life Assurance Choral Group.
Thursday, July 15 8:30 P.M.	Music Grove, Prospect Park, Lincoln Road Entrance Brooklyn - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Light Opera Program
8:30 P.M.	Wollman Memorial, Central Park - *Dance - Art Lowry and his orchestra
8:30 P.M.	Mall, Central Park - Concert - White Oak Band of Texas

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Friday, July 16	
Friday, July 16 8:30 P.M.	Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert Goldman Band - Light Opera Program
8:30 P.M.	Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn - *Dance - Art Lowry and his orchestra
8:30 P.M.	Riverside Park at 104th Street, Manhattan - Square Dancing - Ed Durlacher and His Top Hands
Saturday, July 17 8:30 P.M.	Music Grove, Prospect Park, Lincoln Road Entrance Brooklyn - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Verdi Program

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FOR RELEASE

The Department of Parks announces that this season's series of Latin-American Music Concerts to be given at the Harlem Meer, 110th Street and Fifth Avenue in Central Park, have been increased from four to six in number.

The concerts will be given from 8:30 to 10:30 P.M. on Tuesday evenings beginning July 13 and continuing through August 24.

For the third year the concerts have been contributed by an anonymous donor who felt that the people living in the vicinity of the north end of Central Park should have concerts that were compatible with their cultural and ethnic heritage. The enthusiasm with which they have been received attests to the long-felt need for wholesome musical events in this community. The donor interested a friend in this program and therefore it has been possible to expand the series.

The concerts are given in a very attractive setting - the audience may listen in boats on the lake, or while sitting or walking around the shore.

The first concert - on Tuesday, July 13, will feature the music of Rene Touzet, the well known pianist and composer currently recording on Victor label. He has written some of the finest Latin-American songs, one of which is "Let Me Love You Tonight". His distinctive piano styling makes him unique among Latin-American bands and a favorite wherever he appears.

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FOR RELEASE

MORE THAN 200 PIECES OF SALT WATER FISHING GEAR OFFERED AS PRIZES IN FOURTH ANNUAL CONEY ISLAND FISHING CONTEST

More than 200 pieces of the latest salt-water fishing equipment, comprising 27 prizes, will be taken home by the winners of the ⁴th Annual Fishing Contest to be held for a full week, May 17 to 23, at Steeplechase Pier, Coney Island. The contest is conducted by the New York City Department of Parks, with prizes put up by Nathan's Famous, noted Coney Island eating place.

The contest offers four grand prizes, to the contestant landing the heaviest fish in each of the four contest divisions: boys and girls under 16 year of age and men and women over 16. The grand prizes each consist of a fiber-glass rod, stainless steel reel, three-tier tackle box, waterproof wading pants and casting shirt, 200 yards of nylon fishing line, 24 assorted hooks, sinkers, a device for weighing and measuring fish and a belt-affixing bait box.

Second prize in each of the four divisions will consist of a similar assortment, with the waterproof fishing clothes omitted. Glass rod, reel and line will be the prize for each of the 12 contestants -- six juniors and six seniors -- landing the heaviest fish of each day's competition.

In special award categories, the junior and senior fisherman catching the most fish during the week will each receive an enameled

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FOR RELEASE

The second in a series of four annual Naumburg concerts will be given on the Mall in Central Park on Sunday evening, July 4 at 8:30 P.M.

Everett Lee will conduct the Naumburg Orchestra for this concert and Gilda Muhlbauer, Violinist, will be the guest soloist.

The bandstand on the Mall was donated to the city by Mr. Elkan Naumburg who also contributed orchestral concerts of high quality over a long period of years. His sons, Mr. Walter W. Naumburg and Mr. George W. Naumburg, have continued this custom in their father's memory, adding a fourth concert on the anniversary of their father's death. The dates of these concerts, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, July 31, and Labor Day, are remembered by lovers of good music.

The program for the Fourth of July concert will be: 1. Overture -- Sicilian Vespers Verdi 2. Concerto in B Minor -- 1st Movement 3. (Allegro non Troppo) . . Saint-Saens Gilda Muhlbauer

4. Scheherazade - (Part 4) Rimsky-Korsakoff

<u>INTERMISSION</u>

5. Prelude to Act III -- Lohengrin'

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6. Elegy -- (Benjamin Prize Winner) Clarence Cameron White First New York Performance

7. Sonata #3 -- D Minor (Ballade for violin alone) Ysaye Gilda Muhlbauer

8. A March for America Robert Russell Bennett

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INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

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119 Pound Class Martin Harris Opponent (East 54th Street Gym.)

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- 125 Pound Class Louis Tavarez " (Highbridge Play Center)
- 132 Pound Class John Devaney (East 54th Street Gym.)
- 139 Pound Class Leo Pennerman " (Flushing Play Center)
- 147 Pound Class Joseph Archer " (East 54th Street Gym.)

Gilbert Santana (St. Mary's Play Center)

Allen Stephensen (Astoria Play Center)

Louis Webber (Flushing Play Center)

George Harris (St. Mary's Play Center)

Richard Monhaupt (Astoria Play Center)

SENIOR DIVISION

- 132 Pound Class Louis Massaro Opponent (East 54th Street Gym.)
- 139 Pound Class James Reyers (East 54th Street Gym.)
- 147 Pound Class Dennis Mulligan " (East 54th Street Gym.)
- 156 Pound Class James Bridges " (East 54th Street Gym.)

David Orange (St. Mary's Play Center)

Floyd Stewart (Red Hook Play Center)

Allen Clardy (St. Mary's Play Center)

Edward McNally (St. Mary's Play Center)

In addition to prizes awarded in borough competition, Mr. Rosenfeld has donated Benrus Watches to be presented to the champion and runner-up of each match on Friday.

The public is cordially invited to attend on Friday. Tickets may be secured without charge from borough offices of the Department of Parks.

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The fourth week of Name Band Dances sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted by the Department of Parks in the major parks of the city, will feature the music of Sonny Dunham, Dean Hudson, and Bill Lawrence.

The dances are scheduled at 8:30 P.M. on weekday evenings with two dances being scheduled on Wednesday of this week.

On Tuesday, July 6 at Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Glendale Queens, and on Wednesday, July 7 at Cromwell Recreation Center on Pier 6, Murray Hulbert Avenue and Hannah Street, Tompkinsville, Richmond, Dean Hudson and his orchestra will make their initial appearances on the Name Band Dance series this season. Hudson's vocal solos will highlight the program on these evenings.

Wednesday, July 7 at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx, and Thursday, July 8 at Wollman Memorial in Central Park, Sonny Dunham and his orchestra will offer well-rounded evenings of dancing and listening pleasure with their sweet and pretty dance arrangements. Sonny Dunham is an unusually talented dualinstrumentalist having mastered both the trumpet and the trombone something musicians and teachers thought impossible because of the different sets of muscles required to play the two instruments. Dunham's unique feat has been a Believe It Or Not feature in Ripley's world famous cartoon. While with Glen Gray's Casa Loma ••••• 2 ' •••••

Orchestra, Dunham arranged or was anchor man of the trombone section of collector's item recordings such as Pagan Love Song, Mem'ries of You, Girl of My Dreams and many others.

On Friday, July 9 at Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn, Bill Lawrence and his orchestra will hold forth. Lawrence, another talented newcomer to the Name Band Dance program though he has a large following of modern music fans here in the east, will handle the vocals on Friday.

The public is invited to attend any or all of these dances. There is no charge for admission.

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Sunday, July 4

8:30 P.M.

Mall, Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Drive Naumburg Memorial Concert - Everett Lee, Conductor, Gilda Muhlbauer, Violinist, Soloist.

Monday, July 5

8:30 P.M. Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert -Goldman Band - Tchaikovsky Program

- Tuesday, July 6 8:30 P.M. Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Glendale, Queens - *Dance - Dean Hudson and his orchestra
 - 8:30 P.M. Wollman Memorial, Central Park, 64th Street opposite Fifth Avenue - Square Dancing -Ed Durlacher and His Top Hands

12:30 P.M.

to 2:30 P.M. Battery Park, Manhattan - Concert - Sponsored by the Summer Festival Committee

Wednesday, July 78:30 P.M.Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert -
Goldman Band - Schubert Program8:30 P.M.Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx-
* Dance - Sonny Dunham and his orchestra8:30 P.M.Cromwell Recreation Center, Murray Hulbert Avenue
and Hannah Street, Tompkinsville, Richmond -
* Dance - Dean Hudson and his orchestra8:30 P.M.Forest Park Music Grove, Main Drive west of
Woodhaven Boulevard, Glendale, Queens - Concert -
Equitable Life Assurance Choral Group

Thursday, July 8	
8:30 P.M.	Music Grove, Prospect Park, Lincoln Road Entrance Brooklyn - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Italian Music
8:30 P.M.	Wollman Memorial, Central Park - * Dance - Sonny Dunham and his orchestra
8:30 P.M.	Mall, Central Park - Concert - White Oak Band of Texas
Friday, July 9	
8:30 P.M.	Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band Special Memorial Concert
8:30 P.M.	Prospect Park Dance Area, Prospect Park West and 11th Street, Brooklyn - * Dance - Bill Lawrence and his orchestra
8:30 P.M.	Riverside Park at 104th Street, Manhattan - Square Dancing - Ed Durlacher and His Top Hands
Saturday, July 10	

8:30 P.M. Music Grove, Prospect Park, Lincoln Road Entrance, Brooklyn - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Tchaikovsky Program

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FOR RELEASE

The White Oak Roughneck Band from Texas, here for the Lion's International Convention, will give a concert on the Mall in Central Park on Thursday evening, July 8 at 8:30 P.M. Eighty members of the band are making the current summer tour.

Known as the "marchingest band in the land", this musical aggregation will have a busy schedule during their stay in New York City, July 6 to July 9. They will play at the Yankee Stadium on the evening of July 6, appear in the Lion's International Parade on Fifth Avenue on Wednesday, July 7, give their concert on the Mall Thursday evening, and play at Bellevue Hospital on Friday, July 9 at 2:30 P.M.

The directors of the band are Mr. Wade Pogue and Mr. Fred McDonald of the White Oak, Texas School. At home the band rehearses in a \$100,000 air-conditioned band hall.

The band is well known throughout the country. It is always in demand for the Cotton Bowl games. It was the official state band of Texas at the Cotton Carnival in Memphis, Tenn. in 1952 and 1953. The Governor of Texas sent them on a tour of Mexico as his good-will ambassadors and they have performed at a special concert in Canada for Canadian officials. After leaving New York City the band goes to Buffalo and they will give a concert at Queen Victoria Park in Niagara Falls, Canada.

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The White Oak Band has a wide variety of marches, concert marches, overtures, and popular numbers in their repertoire. Their concert on the Mall will include numbers such as Burst of Trumpets, Rifle Rangers, The Westerner, Del Rey, Emblem of Unity, Hucklebuck, Southern Special and Lustspiel.

The public is invited to attend this concert on Thursday evening. There is no charge for admission.

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ARTHUR VON BRIESEN PARK

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The Park Department announces that Arthur von Briesen Park on Staten Island overlooking the Narrows and lying north of and adjacent to the United States Government Reservation Fort Wadsworth has been completed and is now reopened to the public.

Arthur v. Briesen who purchased this property shortly after 1900, came to this country at the age of fifteen in 1858, fought and was wounded in the Civil War, was admitted to the New York Bar in 1868 and became President of the Legal Aid Society, then known as Der-Deutsche-RechtsSchutz-Verein, in 1889. He retired from the presidency in 1916 and died four years later. The stone house was, as he was fond of telling his European friends, -- "The first on your left when you get to America".

The Legal Aid Society which Mr. v. Briesen built up was without precedent. He believed that those with legal problems but without money needed help from a community organization. Reginald Heber Smith, in his preface to "Justice and the Poor" wrote:

> "Arthur v. Briesen was a lawyer and his proposal was to eliminate injustice by extending the equal protection of the laws. That was his logic; but his driving force came from his passionate love of his adopted country--America, and his inborn sense of justice to which he devoted his life. His vision of what Legal Aid was destined to signify came about in the most natural way because it was the result of what he saw with his own eyes."

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Statement by Timothy N. Pfeiffer, President of The Legal Aid Society:

"The small organization which in 1890 helped less than 5,000 people in legal trouble at a cost of about \$5,000, last year helped 57,489 people at a cost of \$347,516, voluntarily contributed about half by the lawyers of New York City and half by other citizens, More people will be helped and more money needed this year. The City should be proud of this organization -- the first of its kind in the world -- and glad to do honor in the dedication of the Arthur v. Briesen Park to the man properly called the founder of Legal Aid". Statement by Harrison Tweed, President of the National Legal Aid

Association:

"The position of American Legal Aid has demonstrated its importance by a characteristically American test. It was the inspiration of the television show "JUSTICE" which appears on a national hook-up every Thursday evening at 8:30 E.D.T., and the subject matter of a cartoon "Judge Parker" which appears in the Herald Tribune and 76 other newspapers throughout the country. The statistics justify this. In 1953 the Legal Aid organizations of this country gave office advice or court representation to over 370,000 men and women, each of whom was unable to pay a lawyer and whose rights, in the absence of these organizations, might not have been protected".

The 12-acre park being reopened today on this magnificent site includes a small parking field for 30 cars at the entrance, walks and planting and an overlook with a flagpole along the Narrows. The cost of the development was \$50,000.

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Arthur von Briesen Park was first opened in January 1949 after its transfer to the City of New York. It was a gift at that time by Mrs. Fritz von Briesen, Mrs. Harrison Tweed and Mr. Arthur von Briesen Menken, and is an outstanding example of private benefaction for the good of the City of New York. The assessed valuation of the land was \$90,000.

In reopening the park, the Department expresses its heartfelt thanks for this gift.

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There will be five evenings of dancing under the stars to the music of top dance bands in New York City Parks this week. For more than a decade these Name Band Dances, which are sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted by the Department of Parks, have attracted thousands of dancers, young and old, each evening.

On Monday June 28, Hal Mc Intyre, one of the foremost bands in the country, will play at Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan. Mc Intyre played with Glenn Miller's band for four years. It was Miller who suggested that he start a band of his own. His style - subdued reed voicing, bright clipped brasses and his own brilliant sax solos add up to more than the ordinary in dance music.

On Tuesday, June 29, at the Playground at 34th Avenue and 77th Street, Jackson Heights, Queens, Ralph Flanagan will wield the baton. This favorite pianist-arranger's name is synonomous with dancing. The words: "Dance with Flanagan" and "Lets Dance Again with Flanagan", are symbols of good dance music across the continent. Also featured with the Flanagan orchestra are the vocal stylings of Buddy Victor, Kee Largo, the Singing Winds, and Bell Smith on the drums.

On Wednesday, June 30, at Poe Park, 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx, and on Thursday, July 1 at Wollman Memorial,

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Central Park, 64th Street, West of Fifth Avenue, Manhattan, Charlie Peterson will hold forth and swing out. Charlie Peterson needs no introduction to his many Name Band Dance fans, having appeared for many years on this schedule.

On Friday, July 2, at Prospect Park dance area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, Roger King Mozian and his orchestra will bring something entirely new in the band business to his dance fans. A magnificent display of Colorama will be used to heighten the effect of each number. His experience as a percussionist, trumpeter, arranger and dancer are influences on his style and always produce danceable music.

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MUSIC AND DANCING IN NEW YORK CITY PARKS THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 27 8:30 P.M.	Mall, Central Park-Guggenheim Memorial Con- cert-Goldman Band-Grand Opera program
2:00 P.M.	Forest Park, Music Grove, Main Drive, West of Woodhaven Blvd., Glendale, Queens-Con- cert-Queensboro Institute of Music.
Monday, June 28 8:30 P.M.	Mall, Central Park-Guggenheim Memorial Con- cert-Goldman Band-School Band Festival.
	Colonial Park, 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue, Manhattan-Name Band Dance sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company-Hal Mc Intyre and his orchestra.
Tuesday, June 29 8:30 P.M.	Playground at 34th Avenue and 77th Street, Jackson Heights, Queens-Name Band Dance sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Com- pany-Ralph Flanagan and his orchestra.
8:30 P.M.	Wollman Memorial, Central Park, 64th Street, West of Fifth Avenue-Square Dancing-Ed. Durlacher and His Top Hands.
12:30 P.M. to 2:30 PM	Battery Park-State Street and Battery Place-concert sponsored by the City Hall Park Association, Downtown Manhattan Associ- ation, Greater New York Civic Center Associ- ation and Local 802. American Federation of Musicians.
Wednesday, June 30 8:30 P.M.	Mall, Central Park-Guggenheim Memorial Con- cert Band-Children's Music.
8:30 P.M.	Poe Park, 192nd Street & Grand Concourse,

Poe Park, 192nd Street & Grand Concourse, Bronx-Name Band Dance sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company--Charlie Peterson and his orchestra. - 2 -

Wednesday, June 30 8:30 P.M.	Forest Park Music Grove, Main Drive, West of Woodhaven Blvd., Glendale, Queens-Con- cert-Gimbel Brothers.
Thursday, July 1 8:30 PM	Music Grove, Prospect Park, Lincoln Road entrance, Brooklyn-Guggenheim Memorial Concerts-Goldman Band-Original Band Music.
8:30 P.M.	Wollman Memorial, Central Park, 64th Street West of Fifth Avenue-Name Band Dance spon- sored by the Consolidated Edison Company- Charlie Peterson and his orchestra.
Friday, July 2 8:30 P.M.	Mall, Central Park - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - Original Band Music.
8:30 P.M.	Prospect Park Dance Area, 11th Street and Prospect Park West - Name Band Dance spon- sored by the Consolidated Edison Company - Roger King Mozian and his orchestra.
8:30 P.M.	Square Dancing - Riverside Park at 104th Street - Ed Durlacher and Top Hands
Saturday, July 3	Music Grove, Prospect Park, Lincoln Road Entrance - Guggenheim Memorial Concert - Goldman Band - American Music

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Now that vacation time has really arrived, finding some place to go to supplement a regular vacation at the seashore or in the mountains is simplified by an announcement made by the Department of Parks.

New York City's 27,000 acres of parks and playgrounds comprise a vacation land offering a great variety of recreational facilities. All the weeks of summer can be made more enjoyable by getting to know the city's parks.

To most city dwellers, a vacation means more outdoor activity, healthful relaxation, change from routine, or "just getting away from it all". By taking a few steps in from the entrances to the larger parks, one can be away from the bustle of the city. In these parks can be found large wooded areas, broad green meadows, picnic grounds, and facilities for quiet relaxation or sports activity to suit all tastes. The metropolitan parkways and expressways and the city's transportation system make these larger parks accessible from all parts of the city.

Every spare hour is important in making the most of summer. The 607 smaller neighborhood playgrounds offer countless opportunities for recreation during extended hours of daylight. Three or four after-work hours spent in these parks on weekday evenings will provide excellent recreation. Most of these local playgrounds provide facilities for softball, basketball, handball, tennis,

paddle tennis, shuffleboard, horseshoe pitching, boccie, and volleyball. All have areas for small children and sitting areas for adults.

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Getting to know the city's parks can also be a change from routine. Here are some suggestions for exploring the parks in the five boroughs during the coming summer.

Manhattan - There could be no better place to begin than at Battery The rehabilitation of this historic park has opened to view Park. again, the beautiful vista of New York Harbor with its fascinating maritime traffic. Traveling northward you reach the two oldest parks Then on to Central in the city, Bowling Green and City Hall Park. Park (840 acres). There one may go boating on the lakes, or on a smaller scale, sail model boats on Conservatory Lake, visit the Zoo or the Conservatory Gardens, attend concerts on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings, square dance on Tuesday evenings, or dance to the music of "name" bands on Thursday evenings, listen to Latin-American music on Tuesday evenings, play tennis, pitch horseshoes, watch ball games, go horseback riding, or even fly a kite. On the east side of the park at 82nd Street is the Metropolitan Museum of Art and on the west side at 79th Street are the Museum of Natural History and the Hayden Planetarium. Manhattan's Riverside Park has excellent recreational facilities as well as a wonderful view of the Hudson. Square dances are conducted in the park at 104th Street on Friday evenings. Another age and another world can be found at the north end of Riverside Park at the medieval Cloisters in Fort Tryon Park. Two old houses well worth visiting are the Dyckman House and the Jumel Mansion.

<u>Brooklyn</u> - Prospect Park (526 acres) offers fun for the whole family, a visit to the Zoo for the children, baseball games at adjacent Parade

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Grounds for fathers and sons, the Greenhouse and Leffert's Manor would be of interest to the ladies, then a picnic lunch for all. Rowing on the lake would while away a quiet afternoon and the evening could be spent at a concert on Thursdays and Saturdays, or at the dance on Friday evenings. Located near the park are the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens where many a pleasant and informative hour could be passed. There is a golf course in Brooklyn at Dyker Beach Park, tennis courts at many locations in the borough, and four outdoor A drive along the Belt Parkway, skirting the Narrows to pools. Coney Island's famous beach and boardwalk, is most refreshing. Bronx - Orchard Beach in Pelham Bay Park (2,130 acres) has a special charm of its own, fronting as it does on Long Island Sound rather than the ocean. This is the largest of the city's parks. Van Cortlandt Park (1,146 acres) is another of the attractions in the Bronx. It has been developed sufficiently to provide recreational facilities but large areas have been left in their natural state. Both of these large parks have golf courses, ball fields, tennis courts, picnic areas, bicycle and bridle paths, and fishing areas. An outing could also be planned to Bronx Park (721 acres) including a visit to the Zoo and the Botanical Gardens and perhaps have luncheon at the newly opened Snuff Mill restaurant. Three historical houses are located in the Bronx - the Bartow and Van Cortlandt Park Mansions, and Poe Cottage. Free dances are scheduled at 8:30 P.M. on Wednesday evenings at Poe Park and continue through September 1.

<u>Queens</u> - A whole day may be spent at beautiful Jacob Riis Park Beach or at Rockaway Beach. If swimming at a pool is to be preferred, you could choose Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre Pool and stay on for the water show in the evening. There are five picnic areas and fifteen

fishing locations in Queens. Three golf courses offer a variety of play. Free concerts and dances are regularly scheduled at Forest Park. Nature and garden enthusiasts could plan visits to the Queens Botanical Gardens or the Weeping Beech in Flushing, one of the finest specimens in this part of the country. A visit to Queens would not be complete without a drive along the Grand Central Parkway to Flushing Meadow Park (1,257 acres), Cunningham Park (484 acres) and Alley Park (464 acres) where many pleasant hours could be spent at the picnic grounds, baseball fields, tennis courts, and nature trails.

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Richmond - Ferries to Staten Island leave from South Ferry in Manhattan and from 69th Street and Belt Parkway in Brooklyn. Both can be reached by car or municipal transportation. In Staten Island you can play golf at LaTourette and Silver Lake Courses, swim at three park beaches or two park pools, fish at five different locations, or enjoy a picnic at your choice of four picnic areas. In St.George you may visit the Staten Island Institute of Arts and Science, or at the other end of the island, visit the Conference House in Tottenville. If the trip is planned for a Wednesday, the evening could be spent dancing to the music of a name band at Cromwell Recreation Center on Pier 6. Dances are scheduled there at 8:30 P.M. on July 7, July 14, August 4, and August 21. Admission is free. The trip back on the ferry in the cool of the evening would be a pleasant way to top off the day.

An informative brochure, Recreational Facilities for New Yorkers, lists the locations and additional information regarding these parks and points of interest. It may be secured free of charge by sending a $4^{"}$ x $9\frac{1}{2}^{"}$ self-addressed, stamped envelope to Brochure, Department of Parks, 64th Street and Fifth Avenue, New York 21, N.Y.

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Dancing New Yorkers and visitors to the city are invited to swing their partners "country style" during the coming ten weeks of summer when square dances will be conducted by the Department of Parks at the Wollman Memorial in Central Park and at Riverside Park at 104th Street. A civic-minded organization recognizing the wholesome recreational values of square dancing for people of all ages, has made these dances available to the public.

The dances will be held at 8:30 P.M. at the Wollman Memorial in Central Park opposite the 64th Street and Fifth Avenue entrance on Tuesday evenings beginning June 22 and continuing through August 24 and at Riverside Park at 104th Street on Friday evenings beginning June 25 and continuing through August 27.

Ed Durlacher's calling and the music of his Top Hands will literally send even the most inexperienced feet flying through the figures of hoe-downs and squares. Not knowing how to square dance should not keep you away. Mr. Durlacher gives clear and concise instructions before each dance so that everyone can follow the calls without difficulty.

Bring the whole family, your best beau or girl, or bring the whole crowd along. Learn how much fun can be had square dancing. There is no charge for admission.



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The children from the Department of Parks Playgrounds in Manhattan and Brooklyn will present their Annual Dance Fetes on Saturday, June 19 at 2:30 P.M.

The 27th Manhattan Festival, presented on the Sheep Meadow, 67th Stree and West Drive in Central Park will consist of seven folk and novelty dances with over 700 dancers participating. The children will be gaily dressed in costumes made under the supervision and guidance of the playgrounds recreational staff.

The following is a listing of the dances and the playgrounds presenting them:

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SKATING WALTZ

MR. TAP TOE

WALTZ OF THE BELLS

Heckscher, Rumsey, North Meadow, 74th & Riverside, 83rd & Riverside, 123rd & Morningside and 76th & Riverside Playgrounds.

Chelsea, Chelsea Roof, McCaffrey, West 45th Street, DeWitt Clinton Park, St. Gabriel's and East 24th Street Playgrounds.

60th & York Avenue, St. Catherine's, John Jay, Carl Schurz, Machine & Metal Trades, 108th & Park, James Weldon Johnson Thomas Jefferson and Louis Cuvillier Playgrounds.

J. Hood Wright, Payson Avenue, Dyckman Housing, Highbridge - 189th, Highbridge -173rd Playgrounds.

Columbus, Alfred E. Smith, Roosevelt, Bernard Downing, Louis & Rivington and Seward Playgrounds.

Colonial, McCray, St. Nicholas - 133rd, Colonel Chas. H. Young, Harlem Housing, Annunciation, Stephen Foster and Mt.Morris Playgrounds.

CHARLESTON

East River & 11th, Sauer Tompkins Square, Downing Street and Kelly Playgrounds.

The 39th Brooklyn Dance Fete, presented at the Long Meadow, near the Union Street entrance, Prospect Park, will consist of eight original novelty and folk dances with 700 gaily costumed children participating. The festival will open with a grand March by the dancers as they take their places around the green lawn where the dances will be performed. At the conclusion of the program the children will have their refreshments at the picnic grounds.

The eight dances on the program and the playgrounds presenting them will be:

ITALIAN FOLK DANCE	Prospect Park West & 11th Street, Scher- merhorn, Carroll Park, Union and Van Brunt and McLaughlin Playgrounds.
SWEDISH LASSIES	Park & Taffee, Berry & South 3rd, Sheri- dan, Sargeant Daugherty, Greenpoint, McKibben and McCarren Playgrounds.
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SAMBA MILITAIRE Marcy Housing, Sumner & Monroe, Bushwick Park, Callahan & Kelly, St. Andrews and St. Johns Playgrounds.

LET'S DANCE Lincoln Terrace, New Lots, Riverdale & Snediker Playgrounds.

BAVARIAN POLKA Marine Park, Paerdegat, Albany & East New York Playgrounds.

ARTISTS AND MODELS Colonel Marcus and Kelly Memorial Playgrounds.

SHIPMATES MINUET James J. Byrne Memorial, Ennis, Leiv Briksson, Colonial Road & 83rd, and McKinley Park Playgrounds.

These festivities are the highlights of the year-round recreation program of the Department of Parks.

The public is cordially invited to attend these festivities. There is no charge for admission.

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The 13th season of outdoor Name Band Dances in the parks, sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company and conducted by the Department of Parks, will begin on Thursday evening, June 17, at the Wollman Memorial in Central Park, opposite 64th Street and Fifth Avenue. Fifty-four dances held at 8:30 P.M. each weekday evening, Monday through Friday, are on the 1954 schedule. The series will continue through Thursday, September 2.

The borough of Richmond is again included on the schedule for this years Name Band Dances. Cromwell Recreation Center in Tompkinsville is to be the scene of four dances, two in July and two in August.

Among the popular Name Bands scheduled to play early in the season are Ralph Flanagan, Art Lowry, Hal McIntyre, Art Mooney, Tony Pastor, Ernie Rudy, Claude Thornhill, and others.

The dances are scheduled as follows:

MANHATTAN..... WOLLMAN MEMORIAL, CENTRAL PARK, 64th STREET, WEST OF FIFTH AVENUE-THURSDAY, JUNE 17 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2 MALL, CENTRAL PARK, 72nd STREET AND CENTER DRIVE THURŚDAY, AUGUST 26 COLONIAL PARK, 146th STREET AND BRADHURST AVENUE MONDAYS, JUNE 28, JULY 12, AUGUST 2, 16, and 23 BROOKLYN. PROSPECT PARK DANCE AREA. PROSPECT PARK WEST AND 11th STREET - FRIDAYS, JUNE 18 THROUGH AUGUST 27 BRONX. POE PARK, 192nd STREET AND GRAND CONCOURSE

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WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 23 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1

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QUEENS...... VICTORY FIELD, WOODHAVEN BOULEVARD AND MYRTLE AVENUE TUESDAYS, JUNE 22, JULY 6 AND 20, AUGUST 3 AND 17, AUGUST 31

> PLAYGROUND, 34th AVE. AND 77th STREET, JACKSON HEIGHTS TUESDAYS, JUNE 29, JULY 13, AND 27, AUGUST 10 AND 24

RICHMOND..... CROMWELL RECREATION CENTER, MURRAY HULBURT AVENUE AND HANNAH STREETS, TOMPKINSVILLE JULY 7 AND 21, AUGUST 4, AND 18

The opening dance on June 17 at the Wollman Memorial in Central Park features the piano, string and unique orchestrations of Claude Thornhill and his band, who will also open the season at Prospect Park the following night.

Hal McIntyre, one of Americas most popular leaders and brilliant saxophonists opens the season at Victory Field, Queens, on Tuesday, June 22.

"That genial Irish gentleman" Art Mooney, brings his great entertaining band to Poe Park, in the Bronx on Wednesday, June 23, to inaugurate the dances in that borough. Mooney, whose recording of "I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover", sold over one million copies, is one of the real top band leaders in this country. He will also be heard on June 24, at Wollman and on June 25, at Prospect Park.

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The Finals of the 20th Annual Barber Shop Quartet Contest will be conducted by the Department of Parks at the Mall in Central Park, 72nd Street and Center Drive, on Tuesday, June 15th at 8:30 PM.

Over 25,000 people are expected to be on hand to hear the best five amateur quartets in the city. Dressed in Gay Nineties fashion and singing songs forever linked with that period, the quartets, survivors of the keen competition held in the boroughs last week, give promise of some fine harmonizing in their quest for the city championship.

Through the courtesy of Fire Commissioner Edward F. Cavanagh, Jr., the Fire Department Band under the direction of Hon. Deputy Chief George F. Briegel will give instrumental versions of songs sung at the turn of the century. The sixty man chorus of the Manhattan Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Singing in America, Inc., will offer other variations of the "Gay Nineties" theme.

In addition, the evening will be enhanced by the appearance of such stage, radio and television stars as Robert Merrill, celebrated Metropolitan Opera baritone, Cass Franklin and Monica Lane, famed vocal duet, The Stylers, one of America's most popular male trios, Dorothy Sarnoff, nationally famous soprano, as well as the ••• 2 •••

humor of Harry Hershfield.

Among those judging the contest will be William C. Handy, composer of the St. Louis Blues, Sigmund Spaeth, The Tune Detective, and J. Bailey Harvey of the University Glee Club.

The quartets competing and the songs they will sing are: THE FOUR HYDRANTS, QUEENS "WHEN YOUR OLD WEDDING RING WAS NEW" "WAY DOWN HOME" THREE QUARTS AND A PINT, RICHMOND "SHINE" "SWEET ADELINE" THE HIGHLIGHTS, BRONX "SWEET LORRAINE" MEDLEY "HEART OF MY HEART" "STORY OF A ROSE" "WAIT TILL THE SUN SHINES, NELLIE!" THE GOLDEN DAY FOUR, BROOKLYN "WAITING FOR THE ROBERT E. LEE" THE PLAY-TONICS, MANHATTAN "HARRIGAN" "SOMEBODY STOLE MY GAL" MEDLEY

The Department of Parks extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend. No tickets are required.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 1954

For the fifteenth year, the Department of Park Marionette' Theatre will tour the city's parks and playgrounds with its streamlined stage to give outdoor performances of marionette shows for the children of New York City. This year's presentation will be the "Shoemaker and the Elves". The Park Puppeteers will visit 71 locations and give 82 performances during the twelve week tour.

Performances will be given in the Bronx from June 14 to 30; in Queens from July 1 to July 21; in Brooklyn from July 22 to August 11; in Richmond from August 12 to August 20, and in Manhattan from August 23 to September 10. A special performance for children in Bellevue Hospital will be given on Wednesday, September 1 at 10 A.M. There is no fee charged for admission to any of the performances. Each show runs for approximately one hour.

The performances in the Bronx are scheduled as follows: BRONX

Mon.	June 14	3:30 P.M.	Van Cortlandt Park Stadium, 242 St. & Broadway
Tues.	June 15	3:30 P.M.	Crotona Park #9 Playground, Crotona Park South and Clinton Avenue
Wed.	June 16	3:30 P.M.	Claremont Park, Teller and Mt. Eden Aves
Thurs.	June 17	3:30 P.M.	Eastchester Houses Playground, Adee and and Tenbroeck Avenues
Fri.	June 18	3:30 P.M.	Playground at Watson, Gleason and Noble Avenues

Mon.	June 21	3:30 P.M.	Devoe Park, University Avenue and 188th Street
Tues.	June 22	3:30 P.M.	Pelham Parkway Houses Playground, Williamsbridge Road and Mace Avenue
Wed.	June 23	3:30 P.M.	Playground at Waterbury, Edison and LaSalle Avenues
Thurs.	June 24	11:00 A.M. 3:30 P.M.	Poe Park Grand Concourse and East 192nd Street
Fri.	June 25	3:30 P.M.	Marble Hill Houses Playground, West 230 Street and Marble Hill Avenue.
Mon.	June 28	11:00 A.M.	Patterson Houses Playground, East 148 Street and College Avenue
Tues.	June 29	3:30 P.M.	Gun Hill Houses Playground, Magenta Street bet. Holland and Cruger Aves.
Wed.	June 30	3:30 P.M.	Bronx Park, East 180 St. & Boston Road

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The Department of Parks announces the opening to the general public of a new playground adjacent to Cooper Houses, at Frost Street between Kingsland Avenue and Morgan Avenue in the Borough of Brooklyn.

The playground, an example of cooperation between the New York City Housing Authority and the Department of Parks, is located in a congested area in Greenpoint. The three-quarter acre playground will serve the recreation needs and interests of the neighborhood as well as the Federal-aided 700-unit housing project.

The playground includes a small children's apparatus area which consists of a wading pool, sand pit, two kindergarten slides, kindergarten swings, seesaws, climbing apparatus, two playground slides, playground swings, sitting area, and in the center, a comfort station and flagpole. The older children's area includes two handball courts, a junior basketball court and a senior basketball court. Both courts may also be used for volley ball play.

With the addition of this playground, there are now 607 playgrounds in the expanded park system.



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The Department of Parks announces that roller skating at the Wollman Memorial Skating Rink will terminate at the close of business, Sunday, June 13, 1954.

Starting, Tuesday, June 15, 1954, this facility will operate daily from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M., except on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, as a free recreational area, with shuffleboard courts in operation. Cues and discs will be available free of charge.

On Thursday evenings starting June 17th, free Name Band dances under the stars, again sponsored by the Consolidated Edison Company, will be held from 8:30 P.M. to 10:30 P.M.

On Tuesday evenings starting June 22, free square dancing sponsored by a civic minded organization, will be held from 8:30 P.M. to 10:30 P.M.

The Wollman Memorial Rink is located to the west of Central Park Zoo, opposite 64th Street, and may be reached by the B.M.T. subway to Fifth Avenue station, the East Side I.R.T. subway to the 59th Street station, or the Independent subway to Columbus Circle.

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The young girls from the Department of Parks in the Bronx will present their Annual Dance Fete at Williamsbridge Oval, 208 Street and Bainbridge Avenue, on Saturday June 12, at 2:30 P.M.

The following is a listing of the eight dances and the rlaygrounds presenting them.

Tarantella Lyons Square, Bronx River Houses, Spof- ford Ave. and Crotona Park Playgrounds.
Blossom Time St. Mary's Park, Patterson Houses, Flynn and Brook Avenue Playgrounds.
Round the World Rhumba P.S. #21, Williamsbridge, Mosholu, Zim- merman, Parkside and Pelham Houses Plgds,
Campus Cuties Webster Memorial, Ciccarone and Bronx Park Playgrounds.
Krakowiak St. James, Fort #, Devoe and Claremont Park Playgrounds.
Dutch Dance Mullaly, Morris Avenue, Nelson Avenue and Goble Place Playgrounds
The Charleston St. Mary's Recreation Center
Scotch Sword Dance Pelham Bay, Waterbury Avenue, Tratman Avenue and P.S. #106 Playgrounds.

Manhattan and Brooklyn will present their programs on Saturday, June 19. Richmond will close the festivities on Saturday, June 26. All events will take place in the respective boroughs and are free to the public.

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The Park Department announces the opening to the general public of a new playground along the Brooklyn-Queens Connecting Highway, located at Flushing Avenue and Steuben Avenue, across the street from the Brooklyn Naval Hospital, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

This 1-1/4 acre playground is located in a heavy industrial and residential area. It will serve the recreational needs of all age groups during lunch hours, free periods and during their leisure time -- both day and night.

The playground includes 6 handball courts, 1 junior basketball court and 1 senior basketball court. This area has 6 floodlights for evening recreational play. The remaining part of playgound consists of a large free play area which may be used for roller skating, stickball, touch football, group games and team games. The playground also includes sitting areas for spectators and those who just wish to relax in the sunshine.

With the addition of this playground, there are now 606 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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The Department of Parks announces the opening to the general public of a playground adjacent to Melrose Houses on Courtlandt Avenue, between East 154th Street and East 155th Street, in the Borough of the Bronx.

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The playground, an example of the close cooperation and coordination between the New York City Housing Authority and the Department of Parks is located in the heavily populated south section of the Bronx. The one-acre playground will serve the needs and interests of the neighborhood as well as the State-aided 1,000 unit housing project.

The playground includes a small children's apparatus area which consists of a sandpit, wading pool, two kindergarten slides, kindergarten swings, seesaws, climbing apparatus, two playground slides, large swings, sitting area, and in the center a comfort station and flagpole. To the west is a separate area for older children which includes two handhall courts, two paddle tennis courts, two shuffleboard courts and two basketball courts.

With the addition of this playground, there are now 605 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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The great number of lawn bowling events scheduled for the coming season attests to the interest which the city's oldest sport holds for its fans. The New York Lawn Bowling Club, the Brooklyn Bowling Green Club, and the Metropolitan District Association have scheduled a full season of events on the Central Park greens and at the Parade Grounds in Brooklyn.

Some of the most important of the forthcoming competitions will be held as follows:

Central Park - Sheep Meadow, near 67th Street and West Drive:

Caledonia Cup	June 6 - 9:30 A.M.	Doubles Tournament
Tam O'Shanter Cup	June 20 - 9:30 A.M.	Elimination Tourna-
Chisholm Trophy	June 27 - 9:30 A.M.	Point System Tourna-
Dykes Cup	July 4 - 9:30 A.M.	ment Singles Tournament
Kelly Trophy	July 5 - 9:30 A.M.	Mixed Doubles Tour-
Caledonian & Rettie Cups	July 11- 9:30 A.M.	nament Doubles Tournament
New York Open	July 25 - 10 A. M.	Elimination Tourna-
Andrew Currie Trophy	Aug. 29 - 10 A.M.	ment Open Tournament
Labor Day Doubles	Sept. 6 - 9:30 A.M.	Mixed Tournament
Parade Grounds, Brooklyn -	Coney Island and Parks	ide Avenues:
Caton Trophy	June 12 - 9:30 A.M.	Singles Tournament
Schaefer Trophy	July 12 - 9:30 A.M.	Doubles Tournament
Neilson Cup	Sept. 3 - 10 A.M.	4-Man Teams
Also one-day holt	day competitions on Ju	ily 5, Labor Day
(Sept. 6), Columbus Day (Oc 6/2/54	tober 12), Election Da	y (November 2).



The Park Department announces that the new Model Yacht Boathouse in Central Park at Conservatory lake, 74th Street and Flifth Avenue, a gift of Mrs. Jeanne E. Kerbs in memory of her parents, Alice Hochstadter Kerbs and Edward A. Kerbs, will be opened with ceremonies on Wednesday, June 2nd at 3:30 P.M. The speakers will be: Robert F. Wagner, Mayor of the City of New York, Hulan E. Jack, Borough President of Manhattan, Park Commissioner Robert Moses and Mrs. Kerbs.

The new boathouse is designed in the traditional Central Fark Victorian style in keeping with the original plan of the park of Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux. The exterior is of red brick with white limestone trim and a curving, sloping metal roof. The interior includes a large central room for the storage of model boats, a public comfort station, maintenance facilities and a refreshment concession. The 160-foot long terrace in front of the building and overlooking the lake includes a sandpit for the use of small children and sitting areas. The entrance gates at 72nd Street and 76th Street and the surrounding areas have been rehabilitated.

It is through the generosity of Mrs. Jeanne E. Kerbs that this Boathouse, gates and surrounding rehabilitation are today a reality. The City expresses its heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Kerbs for this gift of \$160,000. ----

Permits for the use of the building by model yacht owners are now on sale in Room 204 at the Arsenal Building, 64th Street and Fifth Avenue in Central Park. The office is open weekdays until 5 P.M. and on Saturdays until 12 noon. Boats larger than 72 inches may not be stored in the Boathouse.

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Saturday evening, May 29 at 8:30 P.M., the Netherland Mariné Corps Band will give an outdoor band concert at the Prospect Park Music Grove, Flatbush Avenue and Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn.

Consisting of eighty bandsmen and thirty torch bearers, the band, under the direction of Captain G. Nieuwland of the Netherland Marine Corps is considered to be one of the finest in the world.

The appearance of the band in this city is in connection with the arrival of the Netherland Aircraft Carrier, the Karel Doorman, the first Netherland naval ship to visit this port since 1926.

The program for Saturday evening's concert is as follows: 8:30 to 9:15

1.	Triumphal March from Aida Verdi	
2.	Overture	
3.	Waltz from Swan Lake	
4.	Ballet Music from Opera Faust Gounod	
5.	March - Au Supplice Berlioz	
INTERMISSION		

9:30 to 9:55

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5. National Emblem March Bagley
6. Selections from Annie Get Your Gun Berlin
7. American Patrol Meacham INTERMISSION

10: to 10:30

Taptoe - Traditional procession of Torch Bearers

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The Park Department announces the opening to the public of a new playground on 21st Avenue and 186th Street adjacent to Public School #184 in the Borough of Queens.

The 1-1/2 acre playground under the joint operation program of the Department of Parks and the Board of Education includes a softball field, practice basketball, one basketball court and four handball courts in the large open area adjacent to the shcool. The area at the east end of the site including comfort station, wading pool, sandpit and apparatus will be operated by the Department of Parks at all times, in addition to the usual usage of the area by pre-school age children and their guardians during school hours. The entire area will be operated by the Department of Parks after school hours, weekends, holidays and during vacations.

With the addition of this playground there are now 603 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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The Department of Parks announces the opening to the public of a new playground at Lucas Street and 192nd Street, adjacent to Public School #15 in the Borough of Queens. Located in the southern section of Queens east of Farmers Boulevard and the Long Island Railroad, this three-acre playground will serve all age groups in a rapidly growing neighborhood. The Board of Education and the Department of Parks in accordance with their long standing agreement on joint operation have cooperated in bringing the much needed playground to the community.

The major part of the playground, for court games, includes a softball diamond, practice basketball standards, a basketball court and two handball courts to be operated by the school during In addition a kindergarten area specifically designed school hours. for use for the school kindergarten classes and including a sandpit and apparatus has been constructed. The school garden along Lucas Street will be cared for by school children.

At the southeast corner of the playground the area set aside for the use of pre-school age children and their guardians at all times includes a comfort station. shower, sandpit and apparatus and a games table area.

With the addition of this playground there are now 604 playgrounds in the expanded park system.
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The Department of Parks announces to the general public the opening of the playground adjacent to P.S. 251 on East 54th Street, 55th Street and Avenue H, one block from the Glenwood City Housing Project. The Board of Education and Department of Parks will cooperate to operate this playground jointly.

This 2.5 acre playground located in the heart of the East Flatbush section in a completely built up neighborhood of small homes will serve the community as well as the school and the new N.Y.C. Housing Authority's Glenwood housing project.

This typical neighborhood playground includes facilities for all age groups from a kindergarten area through court games to passive and creative recreation for older people. The southerly section includes a softball diamond. Multiple use may be made of this area by having free play, informal activities, and such seasonal activities as social dancing, roller skating, roller hockey, touch football, stickball, dance rehearsals and puppet shows. The older children's area in the center of the playground includes 2 handball courts, 2 basketball courts, 5 practice basketball courts, climbing apparatus, large swings and 2 playground slides. The northerly section has an area for younger children which includes a wading pool, comfort station, sandpit, seesaws, small swings, 2 kindergarten slides, sitting areas, 8 games tables for checkers, chess and all forms of crafts. Also a shady area for group games, story telling and sewing.

With the addition of this playground there are now 602 playgrounds in the expanded park system. 5/24/54



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The Department of Parks announces that the bathing and swimming season at the 17.66 miles of municipally operated beach will open May 22, and seventeen outdoor swimming pools will officially open on Saturday, May 29th, 1954.

The swimming pools are located as follows:

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Hamilton Fish Pool Colonial Pool Thomas Jefferson Pool Highbridge Pool 23rd Street Pool Carmine Street Pool 60th Street Pool John Jay Pool

BROOKLYN

Sunset Pool McCarren Pool Red Hook Pool Betsy Head Pool

BRONX

Crotona Pool

QUEENS

Astoria Pool Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre Flushing Meadow Park

RICHMOND

Faber Pool Tompkinsville Pool Richmond Terrace at Faber Street Victory Boulevard between Bay Street and Murray Hulbert Ave.

From May 29th to June 13th, the pools will be opened for weekends only, and from June 19th, until the end of the season, they

East Houston and Pitt Street Bradhurst Avenue, West 145th to 147th St 111th to 114th Streets and First Avenue Amsterdam Avenue and 173rd Street 23rd Street and East River Drive Clarkson Street and Seventh Avenue 59th St. bet. Amsterdam and 11th Aves. 78th Street and East River Drive

Seventh Avenue and 43rd Street Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street Clinton, Bay and Henry Streets Hopkinson, Dumont and Livonia Avenues

173rd Street and Fulton Avenue

19th Street and 23rd Drive

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will be open daily with the following operating schedule:

On weekdays and Saturdays, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., there will be a free period for children 14 years of age and under, during which hours no adults will be admitted to the pool area.

After 1:00 p.m. on weekdays, Saturdays, and all day on Sundays and holidays, there will be a 10ϕ charge for children 1^4 years of age and under, and a 25ϕ charge for older children and adults.

Groups in swimming and diving contests will be organized at all pools. Classes in life saving and first-aid will also be included in the Aquatic Program, in addition to the yearly "Learn to Swim" campaign which will be held during July and August.

Orchard Beach, located in Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx; Jacob Riis Park Beach and Rockaway Beach on the Rockaway Peninsula, Queens; Coney Island Beach in Brooklyn; and South Beach, Great Kills Park and Wolfe's Pond Park on Staten Island will also open for bathers on May 22nd. An additional 1.1 miles of beach adjacent to South Beach, formerly known as Midland, Graham and Woodland Beaches, is now under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks. Of this newly acquired area, approximately one mile will be available to the public this season for bathing. Bathhouse accommodation at Jacob Riis Park, Great Kills and Orchard Beach will be open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. until the end of the season.

At Great Kills Park, there is a total of 6,000 lockers, and a parking space for 2,000 cars is provided. At Orchard Beach, there is a total of 9,145 lockers for bathhouse patrons and parking space is provided for 7,500 cars. At Jacob Riis Park, the bathhouse accommodates 11,400 people and the parking space is provided for 14,000 cars. Wolfe's Pond Park has parking space for 1,600 cars. Parking at these four beaches will be 25¢ per car and, with the exception of Wolfe's Pond Park which has no bathhouse facilities, bathhouse fees are 15¢ for children's lockers and 25¢ for adult lockers. Dressing rooms are available at Jacob Riis Park for a fee of 50¢ per person. Recreational areas at Jacob Riis Park and Orchard Beach, providing shuffleboard, paddle tennis and handball are available to the public at 10¢ per person per half hour.

At Jacob Riis, there is also an eighteen hole pitch putt golf course at which a charge of 75¢ is made for each round of golf, which includes clubs. A 50¢ deposit is required on each ball. The pitch putt golf course will operate on a full time basis starting May 23rd.

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

At the Rockaways, seven parking fields are available, at Beach 32nd Street, Beach 52nd Street, Beach 59th Street, Beach 62nd Street, Beach 64th Street, Beach 68th Street and Beach 69th Street, to take care of the many visitors who will come to use the beach during the coming summer. These parking fields will accommodate 1,940 cars and will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight, at a fee of 25¢ per car.

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The first outdoor concert of the season in New York City Parks will be given by the Naumburg Orchestra on Sunday evening, May 30 at 8:30 P.M. on the Mall in Central Park. Emerson Buckley will conduct the orchestra on this evening and Ethel Barrymore Colt, soprano, will be the guest soloist.

This Decoration Day concert is the first in a series of four contributed by Mr. Walter W. Naumburg and Mr. George W. Naumburg, sons of Mr. Elkan Naumburg who donated the bandstand on the Mall to the people of New York City. His sons have continued his custom of contributing orchestral concerts of high quality on three holidays, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day, and have added a fourth concert on July 31, the anniversary of their father's death.

The program for the Decoration Day concert will be: Overture - 'La Forza del Destino' 1. . . . Verdi 2. Symphony No. 8 - B Minor - (Unfinished) 1st Movement . . Schubert Aria 'Roi de Thule' and 'Jewel Song' from Faust 3. Gounod Ethel Barrymore Colt 4. Pastorale and Farandole - L'Arlesienne Suite No. 2 . . . Bizet 5. Polevetzian Dances from Prince Igor Borodin 6. Aria 'Ach Ich Fühls" from Die Zauberflöte . . Mozart Ethel Barrymore Colt 7. Fantasia - Romeo and Juliet Tchaikovsky The remaining Naumburg concerts will be given on July 4,

July 31, and September 6, all at 8:30 P.M. on the Mall.

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FOURTH ANNUAL CONEY ISLAND FISHING CONTEST OPENED MONDAY, MAY 17th-MORE THAN 3,000 CONTESTANTS EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE

> Prizes valued at more than \$1,500 offered in week-long event conducted by Department of Parks and sponsored by Nathan's Famous -- Contest open to men, women, boys and girls of all ages.

The Fourth Annual Coney Island Fishing Contest, conducted by the New York City Department of Parks and sponsored by Nathan's Famous, Coney Island restaurant, opened at 3 P.M. on Monday at Steeplechase Pier.

More than 3,000 girls, boys, men and women of all ages are expected to participate in the week-long event, which will continue until Sunday, May 23rd. Twenty-seven prizes, donated by Nathan's will be awarded, consisting of modern fishing equipment.

Competition will be held daily from 3 P.M. to 8 P.M., Monday to Friday, for junior contestants, up to 16 years of age, and from 3 P.M. to 10 P.M. for seniors. Saturday, May 22, from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M., juniors will fish alone, and competition will be restricted to seniors during the same hours on Sunday, May 23.

Two daily prizes, consisting of pier-casting outfits, will be awarded at the end of each day's fishing, one to the junior and one to the senior catching the heaviest fish of the day. On opening day, there will be a special prize for the junior and senior landing ••• 2 •••

the heaviest fish caught in the first hour of competition.

Grand prizes, consisting of rod, reel, tackle box, casting shirt, waders and other accessories, will be awarded at the end of the week to the contestant landing the heaviest fish of the contest in each division: boys, girls, men and women. There will be also second-place awards, as well as special prizes for the most fish caught by one contestant, the youngest and oldest contestants catching fish, and the parent-child combination landing the heaviest joint catch.

In addition, each junior enrolled in the contest will receive a souvenir fisherman's cap, and each junior who catches a fish, of whatever size, will get a special bait box.

The quarter-mile-long pier, which juts into the ocean from the Coney Island Boardwalk at 15th Street, has been decorated by the Park Department for the contest, with carnival-striped canopies, bunting, spotlights and other displays, and a public-address system has been installed which will regale the contestants with music while they fish, and announce the names of leading contestants as the fishing progresses.

Initiated in 1951 with a two-day tournament in which some 700 fishermen competed, the Coney Island contest grew rapidly to 3,000 contestants in 1953, with an even greater number expected this year, constituting the largest competition of its kind on the Atlantic seaboard.

Entries in the contest have been accepted for the past three weeks at all City Park Department playgrounds and at Nathan's Famous. Late entries will be taken right at the pier while the contest is in progress, and there is no fee for participation.

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The city-wide championships of the Department of Parks Annual Boxing Tournament sponsored by Maurice Rosenfeld, Honorary Deputy Police Commissioner, will be held at 8:00 P.M. on Friday, May 21st at the 69th Regiment Armory, 26th Street and Lexington Avenue, Manhattan.

Twenty-six boys ranging in age from 14 to 19 years will compete for championships in four junior, five intermediate, and four senior division classes. The contestants, best of more than 650 boys who participated in boxing classes at the 13 Department of Parks boxing centers, have won their borough championship and semifinal matches earlier this month. They will be matched as follows, on Friday:

JUNIOR DIVISION

112 Pound Class Hugh Brockington Opponent (West 134th Street Gym.)

- 119 Pound Class Sal Broncato (Astoria Play Center) "
- 125 Pound Class Frank Pagan (West 28th Street Gym.)
- 132 Pound Class Louis Kirschner " (East 54th Street Gym.)

Peter Spanakos (Red Hook Play Center)

Nick Spanakos (Red Hook Play Center)

Joseph Mangiapone (Flushing Play Center)

Lenny Mangiapone (Flushing Play Center)

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

- 119 Pound Class Martin Harris Opponent (East 54th Street Gym.)
- 125 Pound Class Louis Tavarez " (Highbridge Play Center)
- 132 Pound Class John Devaney " (East 54th Street Gym.)
- 139 Pound Class Leo Pennerman " (Flushing Play Center)
- 147 Pound Class Joseph Archer " (East 54th Street Gym.)

Gilbert Santana (St. Mary's Play Center)

Allen Stephensen (Astoria Play Center)

Louis Webber (Flushing Play Center)

George Harris (St. Mary's Play Center)

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Richard Monhaupt (Astoria Play Center)

David Orange

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SENIOR DIVISION

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- 132 Pound Class Louis Massaro Opponent (East 54th Street Gym.)
- 139 Pound Class James Reyers (East 54th Street Gym.)
- 147 Pound Class Dennis Mulligan (East 54th Street Gym.)
- 156 Pound Class"Edward McNallyJames Bridges"Edward McNally(East 54th Street Gym.)(St. Mary's Play Center)

In addition to prizes awarded in borough competition, Mr. Rosenfeld has donated Benrus Watches to be presented to the champion and runner-up of each match on Friday.

The public is cordially invited to attend on Friday. Tickets may be secured without charge from borough offices of the Department of Parks.

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5/17/54



The Department of Parks announces the opening of a new neighborhood playground at Rogers Place and Dawson Street, adjacent to Public School #60, in the Borough of Bronx. The playground located in a heavily built-up section will serve both the community and the school.

The one-half acre playground includes a court game area with softball, practice basketball and roller skating. A portion of the playground is reserved for younger children and includes a comfort station, sandpit, apparatus and sitting areas.

With the addition of this playground there are 601 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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MORE THAN 1,000 CONTESTANTS OF BOTH SEXES AND ALL AGES SIGN UP FOR FOURTH ANNUAL CONEY ISLAND FISHING CONTEST ONE WEEK BEFORE START OF WEEK-LONG COMPETITION

More than 1,000 contestants, including boys and girls aged as low as four years and men and women in their 70's and 80's, had signed up as of May 10, one week before the opening of competition, to take part in the Fourth Annual Coney Island Fishing Contest, it was announced today by the Park Department, which conducts the annual event. It was expected that the final number of competitors would exceed last year's total, when 3,000 fishermen took part in the contest, sponsored by Nathan's Famous, Inc., Coney Island restaurant.

Entries for the contest are being accepted at all Park Department playgrounds throughout the city, and at Nathan's Famous seafood counter, where prizes valued at more than \$1,500, which will be awarded to winners in daily and overall competition, are on display.

The contest will open at 3 P.M., Monday, May 17, and will continue daily from 3 P.M. to 8 P.M. until Friday for boys and girls under 16 years of age, and until 10 P.M. for adults. Final day for the junior fishermen will be Saturday, May 22, from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M., and seniors will have their final day on Sunday, May 23, during the same hours.

Local fishermen this week noted that blackfish, fluke, flounder and striped bass are being taken in the area around Steeplechase Pier, where the contest will be held.

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MORE THAN 200 PIECES OF SALT WATER FISHING GEAR OFFERED AS PRIZES IN FOURTH ANNUAL CONEY ISLAND FISHING CONTEST

More than 200 pieces of the latest salt-water fishing equipment, comprising 27 prizes, will be taken home by the winners of the 4th Annual Fishing Contest to be held for a full week, May 17 to 23, at Steeplechase Pier, Coney Island. The contest is conducted by the New York City Department of Parks, with prizes put up by Nathan's Famous, noted Coney Island eating place.

The contest offers four grand prizes, to the contestant landing the heaviest fish in each of the four contest divisions: boys and girls under 16 year of age and men and women over 16. The grand prizes each consist of a fiber-glass rod, stainless steel reel, three-tier tackle box, waterproof wading pants and casting shirt, 200 yards of nylon fishing line, 24 assorted hooks, sinkers, a device for weighing and measuring fish and a belt-affixing bait box.

Second prize in each of the four divisions will consist of a similar assortment, with the waterproof fishing clothes omitted. Glass rod, reel and line will be the prize for each of the 12 contestants -- six juniors and six seniors -- landing the heaviest fish of each day's competition.

In special award categories, the junior and sentior fisherman catching the most fish during the week will each receive an enameled

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steel tackle box; a combination of canvas creel and weighing-measuring device will go to the junior and the senior landing the first fish during the first hour on opening day, 3 to 4 P.M., Monday, May 17, and boxes of five tested salt-water lures will be awarded to the youngest and the oldest contestant landing a fish in the contest.

A full-day fishing trip, all expenses paid, will be the prize for the parent and child, fishing together, who land the heaviest joint catch. In addition, bait boxes will be given to each junior contestant catching a fish of whatever size in the contest, and each junior who enters will receive a souvenir fishing cap.

The contest prizes, valued at more than \$1,500, are on display at Nathan's seafood counter, Surf and Stillwell Avenues, Coney Island.

Applications for the contest may be obtained at any Park Department playground throughout the city, or at Nathan's.

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The Department of Parks announces that its 161 baseball and 397 softball diamonds have been reconditioned and will be ready for play on Saturday morning, April 10.

The demand for many of these diamonds is so great that their use must be regulated by permit. Applications for permits may be secured from Department of Parks offices in the borough in which the diamonds are located.

Last year, 4,800,000 players made use of the park ballfields.

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Entry blanks are available for the 20th Annual American Ballad Contest to be conducted by the Department of Parks at the Mall in Central Park on Tuesday evening, June 15. Entry blanks may be secured and filed at Department of Parks borough offices.

The contest is open to amateur male quartets who do not earn their livelihood as a singing group. Each quartet may sing two numbers, two medleys, or a combination of one song and one medley of the American ballad or barber shop variety. Judging will be based on musical technique, originality, expression, and stage presentation.

Preliminary contests will be held in each of the five boroughs at 8:30 P.M. each evening, as follows: Wednesday, June 2 at Forest Park, Queens; Thursday, June 3 at Mall in Central Park, Manhattan; Friday, June 4 at Forest Park, Brooklyn; Tuesday, June 8 at Clove Lakes Park, Richmond; and Wednesday, June 9 at Mullaly Recreation Center, Bronx.

The winning quartet in each borough elimination will be eligible to compete in the finals at the Mall. Costumes appropriate to the Gay Nineties period will be required to be worn by the finalists.

Prizes will be awarded to members of winning quartets in the borough contests and to first, second, and third place winners in the city-wide finals.

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The Park Department announces the opening to the public of playground #600. Located in the upper Bronx, the 1-1/4 acre playground at Barnes Avenue between East 215th Street and East 216th Street includes a roller skating area, practice basketball, a basketball court, two handball courts, two boccie courts, apparatus for older children and a little children's area, with comfort station, shower basin, sandpit and small apparatus.

New York's playgrounds may be considered in five general classifications: Neighborhood, marginal, school, housing and arter-Each related to a distinct program but all with a common cause, ial. to supply recreation as widespread as possible throughout the city. By very nature of its relation to the small community, the playground may be considered closest to the people of the city. If we had to choose, we would choose one city block in a congested part of the city as against many more acres in some of the wide open areas.

On the opening of this 600th playground, the basic design of playgrounds may be summarized as follows: Little children and their guardians require wading pools, sandpits, small apparatus and plenty of benches under the trees in an area definitely separated from others, protected and controlled. The old folk, whom we have with us today in increasing numbers, require sitting areas and games Ntables. Between are the older children, teen-agers and young adults

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Although an area for larger apparatus is set aside, most of the rest of the playground is laid out for the three good old American games of softball, basketball and handball. Certain playgrounds are large enough, or certain neighborhoods require, other court games such as shuffleboard, paddle tennis, horseshoe pitching and boccie courts. The center of operation of a playground is the building, including comfort stations and a maintenance room, strategically located to be accessible from all sides.

A somewhat less ambitious type of playground around the margins of our larger parks, is an informal area with apparatus, intended primarily for small children. It has helped considerably in maintaining the larger landscaped and other park areas and has reduced the distance small children and their escorts have to travel.

Today's modern school site, an entire four-acre city block, the school occupying one-third of it and a playground the other twothirds, is in striking contrast to the sites of the past. The Board of Education and the Park Department some fifteen years ago agreed on a joint program. Since then over 45 of these playgrounds have been completed and many more are planned. In effect, the Board of Education maintains the playground during school hours, except for the area set aside for mothers and pre-school age children, and the Park Department maintains it at all other times including holidays, weekends and vacations.

The New York City Housing Authority has eighty-five great projects -- a total of 100,000 dwelling units for 400,000 occupants. In most of these projects, except those immediately adjacent to large park areas, city playgrounds have been set aside ranging from

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one to ten acres. These housing playgrounds are vital assets of the entire surrounding neighborhood as well as of the housing projects themselves.

One of the great sources of new playgrounds, and in fact of new parks, may be found in the arterial construction program. The parkway and the new expressway are not just roads. They are rights of way with lawns and planting and areas large enough for neighborhood playgrounds and small parks.

Plans have been prepared for many more playgrounds in these various categories and generally speaking, where tied up to some other program, the financing and construction will go ahead without too much difficulty. However, the Department now owns the land and has plans for one hundred typical neighborhood playgrounds throughout the city, each an individual project and requiring individual financing. It is necessary that these receive the support of the people and the press, on presentation of plans to the various city agencies.

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The 1954 edition of the Department of Parks brochure, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR NEW YORKERS, is now available for distribution. During the past twenty years, the Department of Parks has greatly expanded the number and wariety of recreational facilities in the parks and playgrounds. This 32 page brochure, giving the locations and pertinent facts about the most popular of these facilities, will help New Yorkers and visitors of all ages to get greater enjoyment throughout the year in the city park system.

The brochure lists information regarding Archery Ranges, Baseball Diamonds, Bathing Beaches, Bicycle Paths, Boat Basins, Boating, Boccie Courts, Botanical Gardens, Bowling Greens, Bridle Paths, Carousels, Children's Gardens, Coasting Areas, Cricket Fields, Cross Country Courses, Fishing Areas, Football Fields, Golf Courses, Gymnasia, Historical Points, Hockey Fields, Ice Skating Areas, Kite Flying Areas, Model Airplane Fields, Model Yacht Ponds, Museums, Music Groves, Picnic Areas, Pony Rides, Recreation Centers, Roller Skating and Hockey Areas, Running Tracks, Soccer Fields, Softball Diamonds, Stadia, Swimming Pools, Tennis Courts, and Zoos.

Other types of information available in the brochure include the length of each beach and rental charges for lockers, dressing rooms, bathing suits, towels, etc.; the par and yardage of the ten municipal golf courses and the cost of permits; the hours of operation ••••• 2 •••••

and other information about the Wollman Memorial and Flushing Meadow Skating Rinks; the number and types of facilities available at picnic grounds; the sizes of the 27 indoor and outdoor park pools along with hours of operation, admission fees, and time of free periods for children; lengths of bridle paths in the parks; the number of boats on park lakes and fees charged for their use; number and types of tennis courts and fees charged for permits and lockers.

The brochure also includes statistical information regarding additional facilities and equipment in the park playgrounds and travel directions to the more popular facilities in the parks.

The brochure may be secured by sending a 4" x 94" selfaddressed, stamped envelope to Brochure, Department of Parks, 64th Street and Fifth Avenue, New York 21, N.Y.

Copy of brochure enclosed.

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING PARK FACILITIES TELEPHONE OR WRITE THE BOR-OUGH OFFICES LISTED BELOW

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Arsenal Building 64th Street and 5th Avenue New York 21, N.Y. REgent 4-1000

BROOKLYN:

Litchfield Mansion Prospect Park West and Fifth Street Prospect Park Brooklyn 15, N. Y. SOuth 8-2300

BRONX:

Administration Bailding Bronx Park East and Birchall Ave. Bronx Park, Bronx 62, N.Y. TAlmadge 8-3200

QUEENS:

The Overlook Union Turnpike and Park Lane Forest Park Kew Gardens 15, N. Y. Liggett 4-4400

RICHMOND:

Clove Lakes Park 1150 Clove Road West New Brighton Richmond I, N. Y. Gibralter 2-7640

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RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

for New Yorkers



NEW YORK CITY has the finest urban park system in the world. There are recreational facilities of every kind for small children, growing youth, and adults. This pamphlet lists the more important and popular facilities of the park system.

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JACOB RUS PARK

- Jamaica Bay from Beach 149 St. to Beach 169 St.
- IRT-Seventh Avenue Line (Flatbush train) to last stop-Flatbush Avenue Green Bus Line to Park.
- IRT East Side Line (Utica Avenue or New Lots train) to Nevins Street or Franklin Avenue, change to Seventh Avenue (Flatbush) train and take Green Bus as above.
- Long Island Railroad to 116 Street, Rockaway Park. Green Bus Line to 116 Street, directly to Park.
- Independent Subway "GG" local, to Woodhaven Boulevard. Green Bus Line Q-II to Liberty Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard. Take Green Bus Line marked Q-21 to last stop. Green Bus to Riis Park.
- BMT Jamaica or Liberty Avenue Line to Woodhaven Boulevard. Bus to Park.

ROCKAWAY BEACH

- Attastic Occas, Beach 1 to Beach 149 Streets. Independent Subway "GG" local to Woodhaven Boulevard. Q-11 Bus to Liberty Avenue. Change to Q-21 Bus direct to beach.
- Independent Subway "E" or "F" trains to Parsons Boulevard. Far Rockaway Bus, Route B, Jamaica Bus Line to beach. IRT to New Lots Avenue. Q-21 Bus to Far Rockaway.
- BMT Elevated (Jamaica) to Woodhaven Boulevard, Q-21 Bus to Rockaway.
- Long Island Railroad from Pennsylvania Station or Flatbush Avenue to Rockaway Park or Far Rockaway.

ST. MARY'S PARK RECREATION CENTER

- St. Ann's Avenue and East 145 Street.
- IRT 7th Avenue or Lexington Avenue, White Plains Trains to 149 Street and 3 Avenue.

SOUTH BEACH Fort Wadsworth to Liberty Avenue.
From St. George Ferry—Bus No. 2 or 104 to Bay Street to Beach or train to South Beach.
TRIBOROUGH STADIUM East River and 125 Street.
East Side IRT or Third Avenue Elevated to 125 Street, and Bus to Randall's Island.
VAN CORTLANDT PARK
Broadway, Jerome Avenue, Van Cortlandt Park East and Van Cortlandt Park South and City Line.
Broadway, Seventh Avenue Line IRT to 242 Street.
Jerome Avenue Line IRT to Woodlawn Station.
VICTORY FIELD Woodhaven Boxlevard and Myrtle Avenue.
Independent Subway "GG" train to Woodhaven Boulevard, Q-11 Bus to Park.
BMT Fulton Street Line to Cross Bay Boulevard. Q-11 North- bound Bus to Park.
BMT Jamaica Line to Woodhaven Boulevard. Walk north to Park.
WARDS ISLAND
Footbridge from Franklis D. Roosevelt Drive and 103 St.
WILLOWBROOK PARK
Victory Boulevard and Richmond Avenue.
From St. George Ferry—Bus No. 112 to Crocheron Avenue, to Park.
WOLLMAN MEMORIAL ICE RINK Central Park, West of 64th Street and 5th Avenue.
BMT-Brighton Local or 4th Avenue Line to 5th Avenue Station.

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BASEBALL DIAMONDS			east to Parl
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+*Central Park, North Meadow at 97 Street	7	-	82 Street
*DeWitt Clinton, 11 Avenue and 52 Street		•	East Side IRT
*East River Park, East River Drive and East 12 Street	ļ		Third Avenue
t*Inwood Park, 207 Street and Seeman Avenue	5		MUSEUM OF Eastern Pa
*Riverside Drive and Dyckman Street	ĩ		IRT Subway to
*Wards Island	- 3	-	Flatbush Aven
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+*Bay 8 Street and Cropsey Avenue	4		79 Street
tBetsy Head, Hopkinson and Dumont Avenues	i		Independent S
+Blake and Euclid Avenues	1		Street.
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City Park, Park Avenue and St. Edwards Street	5		Peikam Ba
*Coney Island Creek, Bay 49 Street and Shore Parkway	3		IRT Lexington
*Dyker Beach, 14 Avenue and 86 Street	5		Bay Park, N
Ff. Hamilton H.S. Playground, Colonial Rd. and 83 St.	1	· •	



tKaiser Playground, Neptune Ave. and W. 28 Street	2
*Marine Park, Filmore Avenue and Stuart Street	6
McCarren Park, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street	2
+*Perede Grounds, Parkside and Coney Island Avenues	12
*Playground, Avenue U and East 58 Street	2
*Red Hook, Columbia and Hallack Streets	- 4
Shore Road and 74 Street	2
Shore Road and 95 Street	2

Total 51

BRONX

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*Bronx Park East and Brady Avenue	1
+*Crotona Park East and Wilkins Avenue	1
t*Crotona Park, Fulton Avenue and 174 Street	1
t*Crotona Park North and Clinton Avenue	2
*Ferry Point Park, near Whitestone Bridge	ī
*Franz Sigel Park, Grand Concourse and East 153 Street	
*French Charlie's, Bronx River Parkway near 204 Street	· !
*Harris Park, Gouidan Avenue and 200 Street	- 4
+*Macombs Dam Park, 161 Street and Jerome Avenue	3
t*Mosholu, (Frisch Field), Webster Avenue and 201 Street	- 1
t*Pelham Bay Park, Bruckner Blvd, and Middletown Road	2
*Pelham Bay Park, Rodman's Neck	- ī
t*St. Mary's Park, Trinity Avenue and St. Mary's Street	,
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*Sound View Park, Lafayete and Metcalf Avenues	
*Van Cortlandt Park, Broadway north of 242 Street	15
*Van Cortlandt Park, Caryl Field, Broadway and Caryl	
Avenue	- 1
*Van Cortlandt Park, Stadium, Broadway and 241 Street	3
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Independent Subway (Jamaica Line "E" or "F" train) to Parrard. 0-65 Bus to Course, or Jamaice "E" train et and Q-17 Bus to Horace Harding Boulevard eet and walk 2 blocks north to Course.

- K BASEBALL FIELD AND RECREATION AREA venue and Avenue U, East 33 Street.
- Line to Avenue U Station, Avenue U Bus to k.

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to 86 Street.

Elevated to 84 Street.

ARTS AND SCIENCES

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NUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY and Central Park West.

Subway to 81 Street, or West Side IRT to 79

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y Park.

Avenue Line. Pelham Bay Subway to Pelham la. 12 Bus to beach.

PELHAM BAY PARK

Bruckner Bouleverd and Pelham Parkway.

IRT Lexington Avenue Subway to Pelham Bay Station. No. 12 Bus from Fordham Road to Pelham Bay Park.

PLUM BEACH PICNIC AREA Shore Parkway.

BMT Brighton Line to Sheepsheed Bay Station, Plum Beach Bus to end of line at Emmons Avenue and Coyle Street.

Bus-Ocean Avenue and Sea Gate Line to Emmons and Ocean Avenues. Plum Beach Bus to end of line, by foot to Picnic Area, approximately ½ mile east.

PROSPECT PARK MUSIC GROVE Liscols Road Estrance.

BMT Brighton Line to Prospect Park Station.

- Bus—Flatbush Avenue Line to Empire Boulevard and Flatbush Avenue.
- Buses-Lorimer Street and Tompkins Avenue routes to Empire Boulevard and Flatbush Avenue.

PROSPICT PARK PARADE GROUNDS Parkside and Coney Island Avenues.

Independent Subway "F" train to Fort Hamilton Parkway Station.

- Trolleys-Coney Island Lines to Park Circle.
- Buses-Lorimer Street, Tompkins Avenue, and Hamilton Avenue routes to Park Circle.

PROSPECT PARK ZOO

Flatbash Avenue and Empire Soulevard.

BMT Brighton Line to Prospect Park Station. Bus-Flatbush, Tompkins, and Lorimer Ave. Lines to entrance.

CONEY ISLAND

Foot of Ocean Parkway.

- BMT See Beach, West End, Brighton and Culver Lines to Stillwell Avenue Station.
- Trolleys—McDonald, and Coney Island Lines to Coney Island Depot.
- Buses—86 Street Line to Stillwell Ave.—Surface Ave. Line to Coney sland.

CUNNINGHAM PARK

Independent Subway "E" or "F" trains to Kew Gardens. Take North Shore Bus Q-44 on Union Turnpike, to Park.

- IRT Flushing Line to Main Street and Roosevelt Avenue, Q-17 North Shore Bus to Union Tpke. Transfer to Q-44 Bus to Park.
- BMT Jamaica Line to 168 Street and Jamaica Avenue. Q-17 North Shore Bus to Union Tpke. Transfer to Q-44 Bus to Park.

FLUSHING MEADOW AMPHITHEATRE

Grand Central Parkway and Horace Harding Blvd.

IRT Flushing Subway to Main Street, Flushing-Ridgewood Bus to Amphitheatre.

IND Subway GG train to Grand Street, Flushing-Ridgewood Bus to Amphitheatre.

FLUSHING MEADOW SKATING RINK

Roosevelt Avenue and 114 Street, east side of Grand Central Parkway.

- IRT Flushing Subway to 111 Street, east on Roosevelt Avenue to park.
- Flushing-Ridgewood Bus to entrance east of Grand Central Parkway.

QUEENS

- *Alley Park, Grand Centrel Parkway and Winchester Boulevard *Astoria Park, Shore Boulevard, Hoyt Avenue, 14 to 18
- Streets, Astoria

**Astoria Athletic Field, 2 Street, 26 Avenue, East River *Baisley Park, 116 Avenue and Sunrise Highway, South Ozone Park

- *Bayswater, Beach 32 Street and Dickens Avenue, Far Rockeway
- *Broad Channel, Bort and 2nd Roads, Broad Channel.... *Brookville Park, 149 Avenue and Sunrise Highway, Rosedale
- *Chisholm Park, 115 Street and Poppenhusen Avenue, College Point
 - *Crocheron Park, 35 Avenue, 214 Place and Crocheron Avenue, Bayside

*Cross Bay Boulevard and Sunrise Highway, Ozone Park *Cunningham Park, 193 Street and Union Turnpike, Hollis Drew Memorial Park, 140 Street, 115-116 Avenues,

- South Ozone Park +*Farmers Oval Playground, 65 Place and 68 Avenue
- *Flushing Meadow, 111 Street, 46 to 53 Avenues, Corona
- *Flushing Memorial, 149 Street and Willets Point Boulevard
- *Frank M. Charles Memorial, Hawtree and Shellbank Basins, Howard Beach
- *Highland Lower, Jameica Avenue and Elton Street, Cypress Hills

*Jacob Riis, near Beach 149 Street, Neponsit......



- FOREST PARK GOLF COURSE Park Lane South and Forest Parkway.
- BMT Jamaica Elevated to Forest Parkway. Walk north to Forest Parkway and Forest Park Drive to Golf Course.
- Jamaica Avenue Trolley to Forest Parkway. Proceed as above. Myrtle Avenue Trolley to 79 Street. Walk elong Forest Park Drive to Course.
- Independent Subway (Local "GG") to Woodhaven Boulevard. Q-29 Bus to Myrtle Avenue. Walk west to 79 Street and south along Forest Park Drive to Course.

IRT Flushing Line to 82 Street, Jackson Heights. Q-29 Bus as above.

GREAT KILLS PARK

Hylan Blvd. and Hopkins Avenue, Great Kills.

From St. George Ferry-Bus 103 to Hylan Boulevard and Hopkins Avenue.

From Bayonne Ferry—Bus [14 to Hylan Boulevard, transfer to Bus 103 to park.

JUMEL MANSION

162 Street and Jumei Terrace.

Independent Subway to 163 Street. West Side IRT to 168 Street.

KING MANSION

Jamaica Avesue and 153 Street.

BMT Elevated to 160 Street. Walk west to park.

Independent Subway to Parsons Boulevard. Walk south to Park. KISSENA PARK GOLF COURSE

North Hempstead Turnpike.

IRT Flushing Line to Main Street. Queens Nassau Bus Q-65 to Golf Course at North Hempstead Turnpike.

BMT Jamaica Elevated to Parsons Boulevard. Q-65 Bus to Golf Course at North Hempstead Turnpike. *John Adams Playground, 102 Street and Rockaway Boulevard, Ozone Park †*Juniper Valley, 62 Avenue and 80 Street, Middle Village

- *Kissona Park, Rose and Oak Avenues
- †*Lafferis Boulevard East and Belt Parkway, South Ozone Park
- *Liberty Park, Liberty Avenue and 173 Street, South Jamaica
- †*Maurice Park, Maurice, Bordon and 54 Avenues, Maspeth
- *Pals Oval, No. Conduit Avenue and 88th Street, Ozone Park
- *Playground, 125 Street and 95 Avenues, Richmond Hill *Rainey Park, Vernon and 34 Avenues, Long Island City t*St. Michael's Playground, 31 Avenue, and 47 Street
- t*St. Michael's Playground, 31 Avenue and 67 Street Jackson Heights
- *Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard *Whitestone, 20 Ave. and Parsons Boulevard, Whitestone

Total

RICHMOND

*Berry Houses Playground, Dongan Hills Avenue *Clove Lakes, Victory Boulevard and Clove Road *Playground, Carlton Avenue and Foster Road *Schmul Park, Wilde Avenue and Pearson Street, Travis *Willowbrook, Victory Boulevard and Richmond Avenue

Total... GRAND TOTAL- 161

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Indicates diamonds for which permits are issued at borough offices---all others issued at locations.

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BATHING BEACHES

	ngth of each—
Coney Island Beach and Boardwalk	
BRONX	
Pelham Bay Park	1.06
Orchard Beach and Boardwalk. QUEENS	
Jacob Riis Park and Boardwalk, Jamaica Bay	
Beach 149 Street to Beach 169 Street.	••
Rockaway Beach and Boardwalk	7.5
Beach Street to Beach 149 Street.	
RICHMOND	
Great Kills Park, Hylan Boulevard, Great Kills	2.
Franklin D. Roosevelt Beach and Boardwalk, South	
Beach	1.4
Wolfe's Pond Park, Holten and Cornelia Avenues, Princes Bay	
Total miles	16.56
Lockers are available at Jacob Riis Park, Orchard Bea Great Kilis.	
Adult Lockers	\$.50
Child's Lockers	1.00
Dressing Rooms	
Deposit	
PARKING	
Parking Fields are available at Jacob Riis Park, Orchard	Beach,

Wolfe's Pond Park and Great Kills Park, Orchard Beach, Wolfe's Pond Park and Great Kills Park. The charge is 25

DIRECTIONS TO POPULAR FACILITIES

ALLEY PARK

Grand Central Parkway, Northern Bivd. at 233rd St.

IND Subway to Kew Gardens. Bus Q-44 to Winchester Blvd. IRT Flushing Line to Main St. Q-17 Bus to Union Tpke., transfer to Q-44 Bus to park.

BMT Jamaica Line to 168 Street. Q-17 Bus to Union Turnpike, transfer to Q-44 Bus to park.

ASTORIA PARK AND POOL

19th Street opposite 23rd Drive, Astoria.

BMT Astoria Line to Hoyt Street, walk 8 blocks west to park. IND to Queens Plaza, Q-19 Bus to 24 Ave., walk one block west.

BARRETT PARK ZOO

Broadway, Glenwood Place and Clove Road.

From St. George Ferry-Bus No. 107 to Broadway and Forest Ave., walk to Zoo; or change to Crosstown Bus No. 105 to Zoo.

BATTERY PARK

State Street and Battery Place.

Subways—BMT to Whitehell Street, IRT to South Ferry. BAYSIDE BOAT BASIN

Little Neck Bay and Belt Parkway.

From Main Street, Flushing, take Bell Boulevard Fort Totten Bus to 29 Avenue.

BOTANICAL GARDENS

Third Avenue Elevated to 200 Street, or IND-Concourse Subway to Bedford Park Boulevard.



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cents a day. Bicycle parking facilities at Great Kills Park and Orchard Beach, 10 cents a day.

OTHER FACILITIES

- Orchard Beach and Jacob Riis Park Beach Chair or Umbrella rental, 50 cents a day, \$2.00 deposit on each article rented. Umbrella rental at Great Kills Park, 50 cents a day, \$2.00 deposit.
- Pitch Putt Golf Course—Jacob Rils Park, 75 cents per round. Deck Games—Orchard Beach, Jacob Rils Park, Rockaway Beach, 10 cents per person, per half hour.

REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments at reasonable prices available at cafeteria located at each facility.

BICYCLE PATHS

MANHATTAN

Length in Mile:

MANHATTAN	ia Miles
Central Park, from 72 Street and West Drive south to	•
59 Street, East to East Drive, north on East Drive	
to 72 Street	2.5
Central Park, 104 Street Crossroad	25
Central Park, north and of Center Drive	.38
(November 1 to April 1)	
Riverside Park, 83 to 91, 110-116 Streets, along	
east side of mall	.5
Daily 9 A.M., April I to Oct. 15. All day Oct. 16	to
Mar. 31, except Sunday, holiday, and Saturd afternoons.	lay
Other areas used for bicycling	
*East River Park, 9 Street and East River Drive. Week-	
days 9 A.M. to 12 Noon	.25

BRONX PARK ZOO

IRT 7th Avenue Line or Lex. Ave. Line, White Plains Train to East 177 Street Station.

BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDENS

Flatbash Ave., Eastern Parkway and Washington Ave.

IRT to Brooklyn Museum Station.

BMT Brighton Line to Prospect Park Station.

Buses—Lorimer Street, Flatbush Avenue, and Tompkins Avenue routes.

CANARSIE BEACH PIER

Rockaway and Shore Parkways.

BMT Subway—14th Street Line to Canarsie Station. Bus—Remson Avenue route to Seaview Avenue.

CENTRAL PARK MALL

72 Street.

Independent or West Side IRT to 72 Street; East Side IRT to 68 Street.

CENTRAL PARK ZOO

64 Street and 5th Avenue.

BMT to Fifth Avenue, East Side IRT or Third Avenue El to 59 St.

CLOISTERS, FORT TRYON PARK

Northern Avenue and Cabrini Circle.

Independent Subway to 190 Street.

CLOVE LAKES PARK Victory Boolevard and Clove Road.

From St. George Ferry-Bus No. 6, 116, 111 or 112 to Victory Blvd. and Clove Rd.

		Surface
RICHMOND	Number	Mard Clay
Silver Lake Park, Hart Blvd. and Fores	t	-
Avenue		4
Walker Park, Delafield Place and Bar	4	
Avenue	6	6
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Total	s 10	10
Grand Totals—492 courts		
281 hard surface courts		
186 clay courts		
25 grass courts		
Seasonal Tennis Permit for every day	y includin	a Saturdavs.
Sundays and holidays		\$5.00
Season Locker for one borough only		\$5.00
Daily Locker		\$0.25

(Duplicate permit will not be issued unless another fee is paid.)

ZOOS

Central Park, 64 Street and Fifth Avenue, Manhatten.

Prospect Park, Flatbush Avenue and Empire Blvd., Brooklyn. Bronx Park, Fordham Road and Southern Boulevard, Bronx.

- (Open daily from 10 A.M. to sunset. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays admission—12 cents for adults and 5 cents for children. Other days are free.)
- Barrett Park, Broadway, Gienwood Place, Clove Rd., Richmond. ADMISSION FEE CHARGED ONLY AT BRONX PARK

*Riverside Park, Riverside Drive and 74 Street. Week- days 9 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.; all day Saturday and Sunday
Roosevelt Playground Roller Skating Track, Hester and Forsyth Streets. (All day on Monday, Wednesday and Friday)
BROOKLYN
Betsy Head Park, Hopkinson and Dumont Avenues. Area adjoining running track
Coney Island Boardwalk (except in summer)—daily to I P.M.: Saturdays, Sundays and holidays to
11 A. M
Ocean Parkway, from Park Circle to Coney Island
Prospect Park, Center and Well House Drives
Prospect Fark, Genter and Well House Drives
Red Hook Recreation Area, Clinton and Bay Streets
Shore Parkway—69 Street to Bay Parkway: Plum Beach
to Cross Bay Boulevard
Other areas used for bicycling
*Betsy Head, Hopkinson and Dumont Avenues
*Kaiser Playground, Neptune Avenue
*McCarren Park, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street
and West 28 Street
Hours on all Brooklyn tracks:
Weekdays 8 A.M. to 3 P.M.
Saturday: 8 A.M. to I P.M. and 7 P.M. to dusk
Sundays: 8 A.M. to 11 A.M.
BRONX

Aqueduct Property (Van Cortlandt Park)—233 Street to County Line



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ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

Number		Num			
Basketball Courts	537	Roller Skating Areas	120		
Croquet Courts	29	Sand Pits	270		
Handball Courts	1332	Shuffleboard Courts	660		
Horseshoe Pitch, Cts.	383	Table Tennis	130		
Paddle Tennis Courts	423	Volleybell Courts	234		
Playgrounds	597	Wading Pools	231		

EQUIPMENT IN PLAYGROUNDS

Horizontal Bars	116	See-Saws	2396
Horizontal Ladders	63	Stides	1235
Jungle Gyms	373	Swings, small	5250
Parallel Bars	82	Swings, large	3387

MARIONETTE PERFORMANCES

Outdoor Playgrounds during spring and summer. Indoor Centers during fall and winter. Admission free.

Schedules available at Arsenal, Central Park.

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Bronx River Parkway from Pelham Parkway to 232 2.5 Street Hutchinson River Parkway from Bruckner Boulevard to Westchester Avenue; Bronx and Pelham Parkway to County Line . 2.5 Pelham Bay Park, Rice Memorial Area-Westchester Avenue and Bruckner Boulevard 1.3 Pelham Perkway South from White Plains Road to Williamsbridge Road Other areas used for bicycling Claremont Park-170 Street and Clay Avenue.... .25 Crotona Park free play areas: Suburban Place and Crotona Park East; Clinton Avenue and Crotona Park Southeach .1 *Macombs Dam Park, 161 Street and River Avenue. Weekdays 8 A.M. to 12 Noon 1 .25 St. Mary's Park, East Mall, St. Mary's Street to 148 St. .25 *Van Cortlandt Park, 241 Street and Broadway. Daily 8 A.M. to 12 Noon .25 *Williamsbridge Playground, 208 Street and Bainbridge Ave. Weekdays 8 A.M. to 12 Noon; 6 P.M. to dusk .25 QUEENS Alley Park, Queens Village; Entrance at Motor Parkway and Winchester Boulevard .. 2.5 Baisley Pond Park, 116 Avenue, Rockaway Boulevard and Baisley Boulevard, South Ozone Park... 1.5 Cross Island Parkway-from Utopia Parkway to Northern Boulevard. Entrances at Utopia Parkway, Bell Boulevard, 28 Ave., 35 Ave. and Northern Blvd. 3. Grand Central Parkway Extension—Jackson Creek Boat Basin, nr. 95 Street at LaGuardia Airport, extending to Flushing Meedow Boat Basin at Northern Blvd.... I.

Kissena Park, Kissena Boulevard, Rose Avenue and 164			•	Surf	face
Street between Oak Avenue and North Hempstead Turnpike, Flushing		Playground, Shore Road and Third Ave	Number 	Hard 9	Clay
Rockaway Beach Boardwalk (except in summer) daily to I P.M., Saturdays, Sundays & holidays 'til II A.M. 5.		Prospect Park, Ninth Street and Prospect Park West	ł	ali aras	13
Other areas used for bicycling		Sunset Park, Sixth Avenue and 44 Street	1 3	3	
*Astoria Park, Ditmars Boulevard, 19 Street 23 Avenue and East River. Daily 8 A.M. to 11 A.M		Total	: 154	105	24
Flushing Meadow Park Bicycle Track, Roosevelt Avenue, Willets Point Boulevard		BRONX			
*Liberty Park, Liberty Avenue and 172 Street, South Jamaica, Daily 8 A.M. to 11 A.M		Bronx Park, Bronx Park East and Brady Avenue		6	
*Victory Field—Forest Park, Myrtle Avenue and Wood- haven Boulevard, Glendale. Daily 8 A.M. to 11 A.M25		Crotona Park, East 173 Street and Cro- tona Avenue		5	20
RICHMOND	9	Mullaly Playground, East 164 Street and Jerome Avenue			15
Franklin D. Roosevelt Boardwalk, South Beach (Ft. Wadsworth to Liberty Ave.) deily to i P.M.; Satur-		Pelham Bay Park, Rice Stadium; Bruckner Boulevard and Middletowa Road		10.	• •
days, Sundays & holidays to 11 A.M., Oct. thru May 1.4 Silver Lake Park—around reservoir, Victory Boulevard	ž	St. James Park, Jerome Avenue and East 193 Street		4	8
and Forest Avenue		Van Cortlandt Park, Woodlawn, 233 St. and Jerome Avenue			. 8
*Depotes running track.		Van Cortlandt Park, Stadium; 241 Street		•	
BOAT BASINS		and Broadway Williamsbridge Oval, 208 Street and Bain-	.		

MANHATTAN

+Riverside Drive, 79 Street and Hudson River. Rates for Berths and Moorings: Transient: 5 cents per linear foot per day, minimum \$2.50.

Totals 92

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- Seasonal Moorings: \$3.75 per lineal foot per season. Minimum charge of \$150.00 per season.
- Seasonal Berths: \$8,50 per linear foot per season. Minimum charge of \$340.00 per season.
- Season shell extend from April 1 to October 31 or any continuous period over 214 months.

BROOKLYN

*Canarsie Beach Pier, foot of Rockaway Parkway, Jamaica Bay, Motor Launch Ride-Frequent intervals.

Fee: 25 cents for each person.

Marine Park-Deep Creek, Flatbush Avenue opposite Floyd Bennett Field.

QUEENS

- Baysida, Little Neck Bay at foot of 28 Avenue and Belt Pkwy. Dockage:
 - Seasonal: \$2.00 per linear foot-April 1 to Oct. 31 or any continuous period 21/2 months or more.
 - Monthly: 50 cents per linear foot.
 - Tender service included in above charges.
 - Transient: 5 cents per linear foot per day, \$1 per month. including dockage and tender service.
 - All boats not paying season or launch rate—t cant per linear foot. Minimum charge 50 cents per landing.
- Broad Channel, Jamaica Bay at Cross Bay Boulevard.
- *Flushing Meadow in Flushing Bay adjacent to Flushing Meadow Park.

OUEENS

bridge Avenue

Alley Park, Grand Central Parkway and	-16	. 6	10
Winchester Boulevard, Queens Village Astoria Park, 21 Street and Hoyt Avenue,	.10	. 0	10
Astoria	- 14	14	
Baisley Park, 155 Street and 118 Avenue	4	4	
Brockville Park, Brockville Boulevard and Southern Perkway, Rosedate	6	6	
Crocheron Park, 215 Place and 33 Ave- nue, Bayside	10	10	
Cunningham Park, Union Turnpike and 193 Street, Hollis	15	15	
Equity Park, 89 Avenue and 90 Street Woodhaven	3		3
Flushing Memorial Park, 149 Street and Willets Point Boulevard, Flushing	8		8
Forest Park, Park Lane South and 89 St.	14	7	7
Frank M. Charles Memorial Park, 165 Avenue and 99 Street	3		3
Highland Park, Lower Playground; Ja- maica Ave. and Elton St., Cypress Hills	26	13	13
John Adams H.S. Recreation Area, 135 Avenue and 102 Street, Ozone Park	2	2	
Juniper Valley Park, 62 Avenue, 80 Street, Middle Village	2	2	
Kissena Park, Rose and Oak Avenues, Flushing	12		(2
Liberty Park, Liberty Avenue and 173 St.	10	01	
Totals	145	89	56
		,	27

RICHMOND

Outdoor Pools

Faber Pool, Faber Street and Richmond Terrace 74' x 145' Tompkinsville Pool, Victory Boule-

vard and Murray Hulbert Ave. 100' x 165' 68' x 100' PEES: OUTDOOR POOLS

On weekdays and Saturdays from 10 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. there is a free period for children 14 years of age and under in the swimming pools. No adults are admitted to the pool areas during this free period. After I P.M. on weekdays and Saturdays and all day on Sundays and holidays there is a 10-cent charge for children 14 years of age and under and a 25-cent charge for children over 14 years and adults at the swimming pools. No Federal tex.

OPEN DECORATION DAY TO LABOR DAY

TENNIS COURTS

		Suri	ii Co	
MANHATTAN	Number	Hard	Clay	
Central Park, 93 Street and West Drive.	30	4	26	
East River Park, at Broome Street	12	12		
Inwood Park, 207 Street and Seaman Ave		9		
Playground, 63 Street and York Avenu			- 4	
Playground, West 151 Street east o	f			
Seventh Avenue	8	8		
Randell's Island	15		15	

*Rates for wharfage within basin:

Transient: 3 cents per linear foot per day, minimum \$1.50. Monthly or seasonal: 3 cents per linear foot per day, minimum \$30.00 per month.

Winter season rate: Nov. 1 to March 31-11/2 cents per linear foot, minimum \$15.00 per moath.

Rates outside basin:

Seasonal: \$2.00 per linear foot per season or any continuous period 21/2 months or more.

BOATING

MANHATTAN Rowb	oats
Central Park, lake at 72 Street	350
Central Park, Harlem Meer, 110 Street	
BROOKLYN	
Prospect Park, lake at Lincoln Road and East Drive	
BRONX	
Crotona Park, lake at East 173 Street and Crotona Park E.	43
Van Cortlandt Park, lake at 242 Street east of Broadway	. 30
QUEENS	
Kissena Park, lake south of Oak Avenue and 164 Street, Flushing	. 8(
RICHMOND	
Clove Lakes Park, Victory Boulevard and Clove Read	50

Willowbrook Park, Victory Boulevard and Crocheron Ave.... 14

Total 1117

Number of



Ft. Washington Park, Riverside Drive and	2	2	
161 Street Ft. Washington Park, Riverside Drive and	4	•	
172 Street	11	11	
Totals	91	46	45
BROOKLYN			
Bansonhurst Park, Cropsey Avenue and Bay Parkway	8	8	
Ft. Greene Park, DeKalb and South Port-	6	6	
land Avenues Ft. Hamilton H.S. Playground, Colonial Road and 83 Street	4	4	
Gravesend Playground, 18 Avenue and 56 Street	9	. 9	
Kelly Momorial Playground, Avenue S and East 14 Street	7	7	
Leiv Eiriksson Park, Eighth Avenue and 66 Street	10	10	
Lincoln Terrace Park, Buffalo and Roches- ter Avenues	11	3	. 8
Marine Park, Fillmore Avenue and Stuart Street	18	18	
McCarren Park, Driggs Avenue and Lori- mer Street McKinley Park, Seventh Avenue and 75	7	7	
Street	9		9
Playground, Bay Eight Street and Cropsey Avenue	9	9	
Playground, McDonald Avenue and Ave- nue S	7		7
Playground, Neptune Avenue and West 25 Street	12	12	

Fees for use: 40c per hour, 15c for each additional person. Deposit: Generally \$2.00-\$3.00—Sundays and holidays higher varies with location and demand.

BOCCIE COURTS

MANHATTAN East Houston Street, between First and Second Avenues
East River Drive and 125 Street
East River Park at Grand Street Highbridge, 167 Street and Edgecombe Avenue Highbridge, 169 Street and Edgecombe Avenue James J. Walker Park, Hudson and Carmine Streets Thomas Jefferson, 111 Street and First Avenue
Wards Island
BROOKLYN
Bensonhurst Park, Cropsey Avenue and Bay Parkway
Byrne Memorial, 3 Street and 4 Avenue
Celiahan-Kelly Park, Eestern Parkway and Fuiton Street McCarron Park, Driggs Avenue and Lorimor Street
BRONX
Crotona Park, tennis court area, Crotona Ave. & 173 Stree Pelham Bay Park, Bruckner Boulevard, Willow Lane an Buhre Avenue
Playground, Belmont Avenue and East 182 Street
Playground, West 166 Street and Woodycrest Avenue St. Mary's Park East, Trinity Avenue and 147 Street Williamsbridge Oval, 208 Street and
Bainbridge Avenue
Tota

OUEENS

Queensbridge Park, East River, Bridge

Plaza South and						
Triboro Playground	. 65	E. He	yt Avenue	N.S.,	24th	and
Crescent Streets	, L. I	I. C				

Total 7

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Grand Total 59

BOTANICAL GARDENS and GREENHOUSES

MANHATTAN

Conservatory Gardens-Central Park, 105 Street and 5 Avenue. Seasonal display.

BROOKLYN

- Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Hatbush and Washington Avenues. Oriental Garden, Rose Garden, Native Wild Flower Garden, Rock Garden, Conservatory. Seasonal displays.
- Greenhouse, Prospect Park, Prospect Park West and 9 Street. Exhibition House, Tropical and Palm Houses. Easter, Chrysanthomum and Poinsettia Shows in season.

BRONX

New York Botanical Garden, Bronx Park, 200 Street east of Webster Avenue, Gardens and Conservatories. Building and Grounds are free to Public every day from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

OUEENS

Queens Botanical Gardens, Flushing Meadow Park, Lawrence Street and Fowler Avenue, 10 A.M. to dark.

SWIMMING POOLS

MANHATTAN

Outdoor Pools	Pool			Pool	
Colonial Pool, Bradhurst Avenue	•				.
and West 145 Street				82' x	
East 23 Street Pool, at Avenue A	- 50°	X	125'	30' x	6 0'
Hamilton Fish Pool, East Houston			1	semi-cl	rcle
and Sheriff Streets	100'	x	165' 🥻	100' dia	mete
Highbridge Pool, Amsterdam Ave-					
nue and West 173 Street		×	228'		
Carmine Street Pool, Clarkson		^			
Street and Seventh Avenue	401	~	135'		
	70		134		1
John Jay Pool, 78 Street and	F 61			Fol	
East River Drive	50	x	165'	50' x	av.
Thomas Jefferson Pool, 111 Street					1
and First Avenue	100.	x	246'	50' x	100.
West 60 Street Pool, between					•
West End and Amsterdam Aves.	75'	x	100.		
Indoor Pools					
Baruch Pool, Rivington Street and					
Baruch Place	54'	x	24'		
Carmine Street Pool, Carmine	••				
Street and Seventh Avenue	70'	¥	20'		
East 23 Street Pool at Avenue A			22'		
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East 54 Street Pool, between First	P.41		501		
and Second Avenue			50'		
Rutgers Place Pool, 5 Rutgers Pl.	- 54.	x	24'		•
West 28 Street Pool, 407 W. 28			.		
Street	- 60'	x	25'		

Dimensions

Diving

Swimming



BOWLING GREENS

MANHATTAN

MANHATTAN Central Park, Sheep Meadow, 67 Street near West E	Nur Nur	iber 12
BROOKLYN Parade Grounds, Coney Island and Parkside Avenue	\$	8
	Total	20
BRIDLE PATHS	Len in M	
Central Park	6.0	
Ocean Parkway, from Park Circle to Coney Island Prospect Park, entrance at Park Circle BRONX	5.5 3.7	
Bronx and Pelham Parkway, from Williamsbridge Ro to Bruckner Boulevard Pelham Bay Park, from Bruckner Blvd. to County Lin	2.5	,
Van Cortlandt Park, 70m bruckner bive, to County Lin Van Cortlandt Park, 242 Street, through Deer Ran Road, Rockwood Drive to County Line, south Woodlawn Subway Station	ge to	
QUEENS Alley Park—Cunningham Corridor, adjacent to Gra Central Parkway and linking Alley and Cunningha Parks to form a continuous bridle path of 6.5 mil	m	
Alley Park, Grand Central Parkway to Northern Bou	i e - 2.0	

Forest	Park,	Myrtle	Avenue,	Union	Turnpike	to	Park	• • •
	South				•	•		2.4

West 60 Street Pool, between	· 10'		35'	
West End and Amsterdam Aves.	0V	X	35	
West 134 Street Pool, 35 W. 134 Street	75'	x	35'	
BROOKLYN Owtdoor Pools				· · ·
Betsy Head Pool, Hopkinson and Dumont Avenues McCarren Pool, Driggs Avenue	1:65'	x	330'	40' x 165'
and Lorimer Street	[65]	x	330'	} semi-circle {100' diameter
Red Hook Pool, Bay and Henry Sts. Sunset Pool, Seventh Avenue and	130'	x	330'	65' x 150'
43 Street	165'	x	256'	semi-circle 100' diameter
Indoor Pool Metropolitan Avenue Pool at Bedford Avenue				
BRONX Outdoor Pool Crotona Pool, East 173 Street and Fulton Avenue				semi-circle
Indoor Pool St. Marv's Pool. St. Ann's Avenue				(IVU' diamater
and East 145 Street	40'	x	75'	
Outdoor Pools Astoria Pool, 19 Street and 23 Drive, Astoria	165'	×	330'	} semi-circle { 165' diameter
Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre, Flushing Meadow Park, Horace Harding Boulevard and Grand				
Central Parkway, Corona	145'	x	60'	

Brookville Park, Sunrise Highway and 149 Avenue, Rose- dale	Clove Lakes Park, Clove Road and Victory Boulevard 3.8 La Tourette Park, Forest Hill and London Roads, Rock- land Avenue
*Cunningham Park, 193 Street and Union Turnpike3 *Flushing Meadow Park, 111 Street and 53 Avenue, Corona2	Total Length, miles 56.6
*Flushing Meadow Park, 114 Street and 37 Avenue, Corona	CAROUSELS
FGrover Cleveland Playground, Grandview Avenue and Stanhope Street, Ridgewood	MANHATTAN Central Park opposite 65 Street in center of park.
*Highland Park, Upper, Highland Boulevard and Heath Place	BROOKLYN Prospect Park, Flatbush Avenue near Empire Boulevard en
Jacob Riis Park, West of Bathhouse, Neponsit	trance. Φ OUEENS
102 Street	Forest Park, Woodhaven Boulevard and Main Drive. Fee: Children 8c, adults 10c.
Marconi Playground, 155 Street and 108 Avenue, Jamaica 3 *Maurice Park, Maurice, Borden and 54 Avenues, Maspeth 2 Playground, Braddock Avenue and 240 Street, Bellerose 2	CHILDREN'S GARDENS
*Playground, Lefferts Boulevard West, Sunrise Highway between 114 and 118 Streets	MANHATTAN of Plots Highbridge Playground, 189 Street and Amsterdam Ave 5
Playground, Southern Parkway and 145-148 Street, South Ozone Park 3	St. Gabriel, East 35 Street and First Avenue
Playground, Vieigh Place, Union Turnpike, Kew Gardens 2 P.S. 40 Playground, Union Hall Street and 109 Avenue,	Thomas Jefferson, 114 Street and First Avenue
Jamaica 2 Queensbridge Park, East River to 21 Street and Bridge Plaza South, Long Island City 4	Total 56 BROOKLYN Betsy Head, Hopkinson and Dumont Avenues

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	VALVA SUCAN

Rockaway, Parking Field, Beach 32, 52, 64, 69 Streets		Fort Greene Park, Myrtle Avenue and St. Edwards Street 129
and Boardwalk, October I to May I only *St. Albans Memorial Park, Merrick Road and Linden Boulevard		BRONX Total 327
*Springfield Pond Playground, Springfield Boulevard and 147 Avenue	-	Crotona Park, Crotona Park South and Fulton Avenue
*Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard Single diamonds at various locations	- 4	Highland Park—Lower, Jamaica Avenue and Elton Street 187
Total RICHMOND *Berry Houses Playground, Jefferson Street and Dongan		RICHMOND DeMatti Playground, Tompkins and Chestnut Avenues and Shaughnessy Lane 72
	1	
*Silver Lake Park, Hart Boulevard and Forest Avenue *Walker Park, Delafield Place and Bard Avenue *Willowbrook Park, Victory Boulevard and Richmond Ave.	I	Grand Total 1324 COASTING AREAS
Single diamonds at various locations		MANHATTAN
Total		BROOKLYN-5 Locations
10141		QUEENS6 Locations
Grand Total	397	RICHMOND—2 Locations
*Indicates diamonds for which permits are issued at borough office	15.	LIST OF LOCATIONS AVAILABLE AT BOROUGH OFFICES
STADIA		
beet beet		CRICKET FIELDS
Triborough Stadium, Randall's Island	acity 1.441	MANHATTAN of Pitches
BROOKLYN	••••	Rendell's Island, Triborough Stadium
Red Hook Stadium, Bay and Columbia Streets 3	3,000	BROOKLYN
BRONX Rice Stadium, Pelham Bay Park, Bruckner Boulevard and		Marine Park, Avenue U and Stuart Street
Middletown Road	4.500	BRONX
Van Cortlandt Park Stadium, 241 Street and Broadway 3	3,600	Van Contlandt Park Parade Field, Broadway and 250 St. 12

OUEENS

Flushing Meadow Park, 53 Avenue, 111th Street, Horace Harding Boulevard, Corona	1
RICHMOND Walker Park, Delafield Place, Bard and Davis Avenues	I
Grand Total	18
CROSS-COUNTRY COURSES BROOKLYN Parade Grounds, Parkside and Coney Island Avenue	

BRONY

OUEENS

Cunningham Park, Union Turnpike and

196 Street 2.5 Forest Park, Myrtle Ave. and Union Turnpike, Glendale 2.5 RICHMOND

Clove Lakes Park, Clove Road and Victory Boulevard, 3.0

FISHING AREAS

MANHATTAN

+Central Park, 72 Street Lake, for children 16 years of age and under, April to November.

Grand Total 14.0

Hudson River at 83 Street, all year.

Hudson River at 92 Street, all year.

Hudson River at 164 Street, all year.



Hudson River at foot of 177 Street, all year. Hudson River, north at Dyckman Street, all year. Pier, 107 Street and East River, all year. Randall's Island, southeast corner, all year.

BROOKLYN

Canarsie Pier, foot of Rockeway Parkway, all year.

*Coney Island Beach, 16 Street to 19 Street, October to May. Coney Island, Steeplechase Pier (abutment), all year.

Coney Island, Steeplechase Pier from October to May.

Kaiser Playground, Neptune Avenue and West 23 Street, waterfront promenade, all year.

Plum Beach, Shore Parkway near Knapp Street, all year.

Prospect Park Lake, designated areas (Age limit—16 years). April to November.

Shore Parkway, waterfront promenade between Ft. Hamilton and Bay 8 Street, all year.

BRÓNX

- +Bronx Park, Twin Lakes, Mosholu Parkway and Allerton Avenue, for children 16 years of age and under, April to November.
- Pelham Bay Park, Orchard Beach side of lagoon, Oct. to May.
- Pelham Bay Park, north of old Hunter Island Bridge, all year.
- Pelham Bay Park, sea wall adjoining Huntington Mansion, all veer.

Pelham Bay Park, Talapoosa Point, all year.

Pelham Boy Park, Twin Island, all year.

†Van Cortlandt Lake, 242 Street, east of Broadway, for children 16 years of age and under, April to November.

OUEENS

tAlley Pond, Harding Boulevard and Cross Island Parkway. +Baisley Park Lake, Sutphin and Baisley Boulevards.

*Jaspar Oval, Convent Avenue and West 136 Street *Morningside Park, at West 112 Street	
*Randall's Island (14 turf, 11 coment)	
Roosevelt Playground, Canal and Chrystie Streets	
Riverside Drive and West 75 Street	
Riverside Drive and West 104 Street	
Riverside Drive and West 107 Street	
Riverside Drive and West 148 Street	
Riverside Drive and West 165 Street	
Riverside Drive at Dyckman Street	
Thomas Jefferson Park, 112 Street and First Avenue	
Tompkins Square Park, Avenue A and East Seventh Stree	
Wards Island	
Single Diamonds at various locations	

BROOKLYN

Bensonhurst Park, Shore and Bay Parkways Breukelen Houses Playground, Flatlands and Louisiana Avenues . Bushwick Playground, Putnam and Knickerbocker Avenue Canarsie Park, Seaview Avenue and East 93 Street...... City Park, Park Avenue and Navy Street Cooper Park, Maspeth and Morgan Avenues.... Gravesend Park, 18 Avenue and 56 Street.... Kaiser Playground, Neptune Avenue and West 28 Street... Kelly Memorial Playground, Avenue S and East 14 Street Lincoln Terrace, Buffalo and East New York Avenues...... *Marine Park, Fillmore Avenue and Stuart Street......



McCerren Park, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street. McLaughlin Park, Jay and Tillary Streets. Paerdegat Park, Albany and Foster Avenues. Playground, Atlantic Avenue and Linwood Street. *Playground, Bay 8 Street and Cropsey Avenue. *Red Hook Recreation Area, Columbia and Halleck	6 2 2 2 5
Streets St. Andrew's Playground, Kingston and Atlantic Avenues St. John's Playground, Bergen Street and Schenectady Avenue	11 2 3
Single diamonds at various locations	- 4,4
BRONX Total	106
*Bronx River Parkway near 203 Street *Claremont Park, Webster Avenue and Claremont Pkway *Crotona Park, Fulton Avenue and East 172 Street *Ferry Point Park, near Whitestone Bridge *Harris Park, Goulden and Paul Aves., Bedford Park Blvd *Macombs Dam Park, 161 Street end Ruppert Place *Petham Bay Park, Rice Playfield *Playground, Castle Hill and Olmstead Avenues Playground, Watson, Gleason and Noble Avenues *Soundview Park, Lafayette and Metcalf Avenues *Van Cortlandt Park, 233 Street and Jerome Avenue Williamsbridge Oval, Bainbridge Avenue and 208 Street Single diamonds at various locations	2 2 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 3 1 2 5 25

QUEENS

*Alley Park, Grand Central Parkway and Winchester Blvd. Astoria Heights Recreation Center, 30 Rd. and 45 Street 2

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23

Total

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Total 117

RICHMOND

LaTouratte Golf Course; Forest Hill and London Roads, Rockland Avenue.

Silver Lake Golf Course, Forest Avenue and Victory Boulevard.

SOCCER FIELDS

MANHATTAN

Central Park, North Meadow, 97 Street Central Park, Heckscher Playground, 63 St. & West Drive DeWitt Clinton Park, 53 Street and 11 Avenue	2
Queensboro Oval, 59 Street and York Avenue Randall's Island, Triborough Stadium Thomas Jefferson Park, 112 and First Avenue	42
BROOKLYN Total	12
Coney Island Creek, Bay 50 Street and Cropsey Avenue	ļ

Dyker Beach, 14 Avenue and 86 Street Kaiser Playground, Neptune Avenue and West 28 Street	•
McCarren Park, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street	
Playground, Stillwell Avenue and Avenue U Red Hook Recreation Center, Bay and Court Streets	
Playground, 37 Street and Second Avenue Playground, 65 Street and Eighth Avenue	

BRONX

Pelham Bay Park, Rice Stadium, Bruckner Boulevard and Middletown Road



Van Cortlandt Parade Field, 250 Street and Broadway.....

OUEENS

Bayswater Park Beach, 35 St. and Amstel Blvd., Edgemere Crocheron Park, 35 Avenue and 214 Place, Bayside Cuaningham Park, Union Turnpike and 195 Street Farmers Oval Playground, 65 Place and 68 Avenue Flushing Meadow Park, 111 Street and 53 Avenue Liberty Park, Liberty Avenue and 173 Street

RICHMOND

Berry Houses Playground, Jefferson Street and Dongan Hills Avenue

Clove Lakes Park, Victory Boulevard and Clove Road Schmul Park, Wilde Avenue and Pearson Street, Travis..... Walker Park, Delafield Place and Bard Avenue

Grand Total SOFTRALL DIAMONDS

MANHATTAN	Numbe
*Centrel Park, Great Laws, 86 Street	
*Central Park, North Meadow, 97 Street	
*Central Park, Playground Lawn, 65 Street	
Chelsea Playground, Ninth Avenue and 27 Street	
Charles Young Playground, 145 Street and Lenox A	V0
Colonial Park, Bradhurst Avenue and West 145 Stre	et :
*DeWitt Clinton Park, 11 Avenue and 52 Street	
*East River Drive at Grand Street	
*East River Drive and 4 Street	

Cross Bay Boulevard Bridge, all year.

Flushing Bay, along shore of Grand Central Parkway, all year, Francis Lowis Park, East River and 147 Street, all year, Jacob Riis Park, North Shore, all year.

- *Jacob Riis Park Beach, Bay 1, Bay 13, 8 P.M., to 8 A.M., May 15-Sept. 30.
- *Kissena Park Lake, Rose Avenue and 160 Street.
- Little Neck Bay, along shore of Cross Island Parkway.
- †Meedow Lake, Grand Central Parkway between 69 Road and Horace Harding Boulevard,

tOakland Lake, Springfield Boulevard and 47 Avenue.

tPea Pond, 216 Street and 86 Avenue.

*Rockaway Beach, Beach 17 to Beach 19 Streets, all year. *Rockaway Beach, Beach 126 to Beach 149 Streets, 8 P.M. to 8 A.M. May 15-Sept. 30.

†Willow Lake, Grand Central Parkway between 69 Road and Union Turnpike.

RICHMOND

Number

t 2

11

Total

Total

Total

Total

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38

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†Clove Lakes. Victory Boulevard and Clove Road. Great Kills Park, Hylan Boulevard, surf casting all year. *South Beach, October to May.

Willowbrook Lake, Victory Boulevard and Crocheron Avenue. Fishing during daylight hours only.

*Wolfe's Pond Beach, October to May.

"Indicates surf cesting. Findicates fresh water. Adults require N. Y. State Fresh Water Fishing License.



FOOTBALL FIELDS

	LIGIOZ
Central Park, Heckscher Playground, 63 Street	. 1
Central Park, North Meadow, 97 Street	. it
East River Park at 5 Street	. 2
East River Park and Grand Street	. 1
Inwood Hill Park, 211 Street and Seaman Avenue	
Randall's Island (I Gaelic field)	7
Riverside Park, 103 Street—148 Street—Dyckman Street	
Thomas Jefferson Park, First Avenue and 111 Street	
Include Addition Lark, Liter Addide and Lite Attact.	
T-L-	1 17
BROOKLYN	17
Avenue U and East 58 Street	
Bensonhurst Park, Cropsey Avenue and Bay Parkway	. I
City Park, Flushing Avenue and Navy Street	
Kaiser Playground, Neptune Avenue and West 28 Street.	. 2
Marine Park, Fillmore Avenue and Stuart Street	. 3
 Parade Grounds, Coney Island and Parkside Avenues 	. 5
Playground, Bay 8 Street and Cropsey Avenue	. 2 . 3 . 5 . 4
Playground, Blake and Euclid Avenues	. 1
Playground, Shore Road and 95 Street and 74 Street	
Red Hook Recreation Center, Bay and Columbia Street	
Tota	23
BRONX	
Crotona Park, Clinton Avenue and Crotona Park North	. 1
French Charlie's, Bronx River Parkway and 204 Street	
Harris Park, Goulden Avenue and 200 Street	
Macombs Dam Park, River Avenue and 161 Street	
Pelham Bay Park, Rice Stadium, Bruckner Boulevard and	

Middletown Road

Pelham Bay Park, Rodman's Neck, City Island Road Playground, Bronx Park East and Brady Avenue Van Cortlandt Park, Stadium; 241 Street and Broadway.... Van Cortlandt Park, Parade Field; 246 Street & Broadway Van Cortlandt Park, Woodlawa; 233 Street & Jerome Ave. Williamsbridge Oval, Beinbridge Avenue and 208 Street

QUEENS

Total 16

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Alley Park, Grand Central Pkwy. & Winchester Boulevard Alley Park, Springfield Boulevard and 75 Avenue. Astoria Park, Shore Boulevard and Hoyt Avenue, Astoria Baisley Park, 116 Ave., Rockaway Bivd., 155 St., So. Ozone Park

- Bayswater Perk, Beach 32 Street and Dickens Avenue, Far Rockaway
- Broad Channel, Bert and 2nd Roads, Broad Channel...... Brookville Park, Southern Parkway and Brookville
- Boulevard, Rosedale Chisholm Park, Poppenhusen Avenue and 115 Street, College Point
- Crocheron Park, 35 Ave., 214 Place, Crocheron Ave., Bayside

Cuaningham Park, Union Turnpike and 193 Street, Hollis Drew Memorial Park, 140 Street and 115-116 Aves., So. Ozone Park

Farmers Oval Playground, 68 Avenue, and 65 Place...... Field, Crossbay Boulevard, Sunrise Highway, Ozone Park Flushing Meadow Park, 111 Street, 46-53 Avenue, Corona Flushing Memorial Park, Bayside and 25 Aves., Flushing...

ROLLER SKATING, INDOOR

FLUSHING MEADOW SKATING RINK

N. Y. City Building, Flushing Meadow Park. GENERAL SKATING

Morning—Tuesdays and Sundays—10 A.M.—1 P.M. Afternoon—Daily—2:30—5:30 P.M. Adults \$.40 Children \$.25 Evening—Daily—8:30—11 P.M. \$.50

FIGURE AND DANCE SESSION-Tuesday and Thursday-7:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. \$1.00*

FREE SESSIONS—for children 14 years of age and under, Saturday, School Vacations, and Holidays except Suadays, 10 A.M. to 12 Noon.

Shoe Skate Rental \$.50 Season Locker \$5.00. Skate Shop

A complete stock of skates, shoes, and accessories. Spack Bar

Located on rink level. Light lunches, hot beverages, refreshments.

*Includes privilage to stay for following session.

RUNNING TRACKS

BROOKLYN



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BRONX

	Macombs Dam Park, River Avenue and 161 Street	
	Pelham Bay Park, Rice Stadium	
	Van Cortlandt Park Stadium, Broadway and 241 Street 440	
	Williamsbridge Oval, 208 Street and Bainbridge Avenue 440 OUEENS	
	Astoria Athletic Field, 2 St., 26 Ave., East River, Astoria 440	
	Astoria Park, Shore Boulevard and Hoyt Avanua, Astoria 440	
	Forest Park, Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Giendale	
+	Jackson Heights Playground, 30 Avenue and 84 Street, Jackson Heights	
	John Adams Field, Rockaway Boulevard, 133 Avenue and	
	101 Street	
۲	Liberty Park, Liberty Avenue and 172 Street, Jamaica	
	SKIING	
	MANHATTAN	
	Central Park, Burn's Lawn, West Drive at 79 Street.	
	Central Park, Cedar Hill, East Drive at 79 Street.	
	BROOKLYN	
	Dyker Golf Caurse.	
	Prospect Park, southwest of Music Grove.	
	Prospect Park, slope east of Tennis House.	
	QUEENS	
	Crocheron Park, 35 Avenue and Cross Island Parkway, Bayside.	
	Forest Park Golf Course, Main Drive west of Woodhaven Blvd.	
	Kissena Park Golf Course, 1.64 Street and North Hempstead	
	Turapike, Flushing.	

Frank M. Charles Memorial, Hawtree and Shellbank Creek Howard Beach

Highland Park, Lower; Jamaica Avenue and Elton Street, Cypress Hills

Highland Park, Upper; Highland Blvd, 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 Ave., 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 54 Avenues, Maspeth Pals Oval, Whitelawn and 88 Streets, North Conduit Boulevard, Ozone Park

Park, North Conduit Avenue and 149 Street, Ozone Park Playground, 95 Avenue and 125 Street, Richmond Hill Playground, Lefferts Boulevard and Southern Parkway, South Ozone Park

Queensbridge Park, Bridge Plaza South, 41 Avenue, Vernon Boulevard, L. I. C.

- Rainey Park, Vernon Blvd., 34 Ave. and East River, L.I.C. St. Albans Memorial Park, Merrick and Linden Boulevards, St. Albans
- St. Michael's Park, 31 Ave. and 67 Street, Jackson Heights Springfield Pond Park, Springfield Boulevard, Sheffield Avenue, 183 Street

Tudor Field, North Conduit Ave. and 80 St., Ozone Park Victory Field, Forest Park, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Glendale

Whitestone Meadow Park, Whitestone Parkway and 20 Ave

Total 42

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Distance
Playground, Madison Street and Reiph Avenue. Playground, McDonald Avenue and Avenue S. Playground, Park Avenue and Taaffe Place. Playground, Riverdale and Snediker Avenues. Playground, Shore Parkway and East 12 Street. Playground, Stanley Avenue and Vermont Street. Playground, 34 Street and Third Avenue. Playground, Summer Avenue and Monroe Street. Playground, Sutter and Stone Avenues. Red Hock Recreation Area, Bay and Clinton Streets. Seth Low Playground, Bay Parkway and Avenue P. Shore Road at 79 Street, 82 Street, 95 Street. St. John's Playground, Bergen Street and Schenectady Avenue.

BRONX

Claremont Park, 170 Street and Clay Avenue.

Crotona Park Playground No. 4, Crotona Park East and East 174 Street.

Flynn Playground, 158 Street and Third Avenue.

Mulfaly Playground, East 164 Street at Jerome Avenue.

Playground, Castle Hill and Olmstead Avenues.

Playground, Watson, Gleason and Noble Avenues.

Pulaski Playground, 133 Street and Willis Avenue.

Williamsbridge Oval, 208 Street and Bainbridge Avenue.

QUEENS

Astoria Houses Playground, Astoria and Vernon Boulevards. Astoria Heights Recreation Area, 30 Road and 45 St., Astoria. Baisley Park, near 155 Street and 119 Avenue.

Drew Memorial Playground, 140 Street, 115-116 Avenues, So. Ozone Park.

RICHMOND

Berry Houses Playground, Jefferson Street and Dongan Hills Avenue

Clove Lakes Park, Clove Road, Victory Joulevard Schmul Playground, Wilde Ave. and Prarson St., Travis Walker Park, Delafield Place, Bard and Davis Avenues... Willowbrook Park, Richmond Ave. and Victory Boulevard

Total 5

Grand Total 103

GOLF COURSES

BROOKLYN	Par	Yardage
Dyker Beach, 7 Avenue and 86 Street	71	6307
BRONX		
Mosholu, Jerome Avenue at Woodlawn Station	65	5231
Pelham, Shore Road, Pelham Bay Park	72	6405
Split Rock, Shore Road, Pelham Bay Park Van Cortlandt, Gun Hill Road East of Van	71	6462
Cortlandt Lake	70	5479
QUEENS	•	
Clearview, Belt Parkway and Willets Point Blvd.	68	6168
Forest Park, Main Drive and Interboro Parkway Kissena, North Hempstead Turnpike and Fresh		5492
Meadow Road	64	4367
RICHMOND		
La Tourette, Forest Hill and Rockland Avenues	i,	
London Road		6540



Farmers Oval Playground, 65 Place and 68 Avenue.

- Forest Park, Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Glendale.
- Grover Cleveland Park, Grandview Avenue and Stanhope Street, Ridgewood.

Jackson Heights Model Playground, 85 Street and 30 Avenue. Jackson Heights Playground, 34 Avenue and 77 Street.

Juniper Valley Park, 80 Street and 63 Avenue, Middle Village. Linden Park, 103 Street and 42 Avenue, Corona.

Marconi Memorial Field, 155 Street and 108 Avenue, Jamaica.

Maurice Park, Maurice, Borden and 54 Avenues, Maspeth. Murray Playground, 45 Avenue, 45 Road, 11-21 Streets, L.I.C.

Playground, Braddock Avenue and 240 Street, Bellerose,

Playground, Atlantic Avenue and 88 Street, Ozone Park.

P.S. 26 Playground, 73 Avenue and 195 Street.

P.S. 173 Playground, 173 Street and 69 Avenue, Flushing.

P.S. 174 Playground, Alderton Street and Disterle Crescent, Forest Hills.

P.S. 176 Playground, 121 Avenue and 237 Street, St. Albans. Ravenswood Mousing Playground, 34 Avenue and 21 St. L.I.C. Torsney Playground, Skillman Avenue and 43 Street, L.I.C. Von Dohlen Playground, Archer Avenue and 138 St., Jamaica. Windmuller Playground, 52 Street and Woodside Avenue.

RICHMOND

Clove Lakes Park, Clove Road and Victory Boulevard. McDonald Playground, Forest Avenue near Broadway. Playground, Lincoln and Rosemark Avenues. Schmul Playground, Wilde Avenue and Pearson Street, Travis. South Beach Houses Playground, Parkinson and Reid Avenues. Silver Lake, Victory Boulevard and Park Road... 59 5891 GOLF FEES

Season Permit, \$15.00. An additional charge of 50 cents is made on season permits for weekday play. On Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays an additional charge of \$1.00 is made. Single day permit—Monday to Friday inclusive, \$1.50; Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, \$2.00.

Season Lockers, \$5.00, daily lockers, \$.25.

GYMNASIA

MANHATTAN

Amphitheatre, East River Park at Grand Street. Baruch Place and Rivington Street Carmine and Varick Streets. Cherry and Oliver Streets. 407 West 28 Street. 342 East 54 Street. 232 West 60 Street. 35 West 134 Street. 5 Rutgers Place, near Jefferson Street. **BROOKLYN** President Street and Fourth Avenue. **BRONX** St. Mary's Recreation Center, St. Ann's Avenue and East 145 Street.

HISTORICAL POINTS

MANHATTAN

Battery Park, foot of Broadway at State Street and Battery Place. Bowling Green, Broadway and State Street.

- Dyckman House, Broadway and 204 Street. Gracie Mansion, Mayor's House, 88 Street and East End Avenue.
- Grant's Tomb, Riverside Drive and 123 Street.

Herald Square Monument (Minerva and the Bell Ringers) Sixth Avenue and 34 Street.

Jeffrey's Hook Lighthouse, Ft. Washington Park, under George Washington Bridge.

Jumel Mansion, 162 Street and Jumel Terrace, 9 A.M.—5 P.M. daily except Monday.

Obelisk, Central Park, 82 Street and East Drive.

BROOKLYN

Leffert's Manor, Flatbush Avenue and Empire Boulevard.

BRONX

Bartow Mansion, (International Garden Club) Shore Road. Pelham Bay Park. Open to public Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday, between 1 and 5 P.M., 25 cents admission; free to children.

Poe Cottage, Grand Concourse and Kingsbridge Road. Free to public Tuesday to Saturday from 10 A.M. to 8 P.M. On Sundays, J. P.M. to 5 P.M.

Van Cortlandt Park Mansion, Mansion Road, east of Broadway, 244 Street. Sunday, 2 to 5 P.M., Monday, 12 to 5 P.M., Tuesday to Saturday, 10 A.M., to 5 P.M. Admission Thursdays 25 cents.

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King Mansion, Jamaica Avenue and 153 Street, Jamaica. Weeping Beach Tree, 37 Avenue near Parsons Boulevard, Flushing.

PONY TRACKS

MANHATTAN

Control Park, Zoo Area, 64 Street and Fifth Avenue. BROOKLYN

Prospect Park. Zoo Area. Flatbush Avenue and Empire Blvd. BRONX

Polham Bay Park, City Island Road and Shore Road. Van Cortlandt Park, Mosholu Avenue, east of Broadway. OUTEENS

Forest Park, Woodhaven Boulevard near Forest Park Drive.

RECREATION CENTERS

BROOKLYN

Brooklyn War Memorial Recreation Center, Cadman Plaza, Fulton and Orange Streets.

BRONX

St. Mary's Park Center, St. Ann's Avenue and East 145 Street. RICHMOND

Cromwell Center, Murray Hulbert Avenue and Hannah Street, Tompkinsville.

ROLLER HOCKEY AREAS

MANHATTAN

Carl Schurz Park, East End Avenue and 84 Street. Chelsea Park, 28 Street and 10 Avenue.



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of fields

RICHMOND

Conference House Park, end of Hylan Boulevard, Tottenville.

HOCKEY FIELDS

MANHATTAN

Central Park, East Meadow, 99 Street and East Drive Central Park, Great Lawn, 81 Street and West Drive Central Park, Sheep Meadow, 66 Street and West Drive Rendall's Island	
BROOKLYN	
Prospect Park, near Ninth Street entrance	4
BRONX	
Van Cortlandt Park, Parade Field, Broadway and 246 Street	I
QUEENS	
Cunningham Park, 194 Street and Union Turnpike, Hollis	1
RICHMOND	
Walker Park, Delafield Place, Bard and Davis Avenues	1
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ICE.SKATING AREAS

	Pools	Areas
Monhattan	37	9
Brooklyn	61	9
Bronx	32	14
Queens	49	28
Richmond	8	5
Totais	187	65

Wading Other

Corlears Mook Park, East River Drive and Jackson Streets. East River Park, East River Drive and Broome Street. Hamilton Fish Playground, Pitt, Stanton and Sheriff Streets. lawood Hill Tennis Courts, West 207 Street and Seaman Ave. James J. Walker Park, Hudson and Carmine Streets. Machine and Metal Trades Playground, 96 Street and 2 Ave. Riverside Park, West 108 Street. St. Catherine's Playground, First Avenue and East 67 Street.

BROOKLYN

Bill Brown Playground, Bedford Avenue and Avenue X. Bushwick Playground, Putnam and Irving Avenues. Collahan-Kelly Park, Eastern Parkway and Fulton Street. Col. Marcus Playground, Ocean Parkway and Avenue P. City Park, Flushing Avenue and Navy Street. Dolgin Playground, Avenue V and Batcheider Street. Gravesend Park, 18 Avenue and 56 Street. Greenpoint Playground, Commercial and Franklin Streets. Kelly Memorial Playground, Avenue S and East 14 Street. Leiv Eiriksson Park, 66 Street and 5 Avenue. Lincoln Terrace Playground, Buffalo and East New York Ave. Marine Park, Fillmore Avenue and Stuart Street. McKibben Playground, McKibben and White Streets. McKinley Park, 7 Avenue and 75 Street. McLaughlin Park, Jay and Tillery Streets. Paerdegat Park, Foster and Albany Avenues. Playground, Atlantic Avenue and Elton Street. Playground, Bay & Street and Cropsey Avenue. Playground, Dougles Street and 3 Avenue, Playground, Ft. Hamilton Parkway and \$2 Street. Playground, Howard Avenue, Pacific and Dean Streets.

MUSIC GROVES

MANHATTAN

Central Park Mall, 72 Street, Fifth Avenue or Central Park W. Colonial Park, Bradhurst Avenue and West 147 Street. East River Park, East River Drive and Corlears Street. BROOKLYN

Prospect Park, Flatbush Avenue and Empire Boulevard. BRONX

Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse. QUEENS

Forest Park, Main Drive West of Woodhaven Blvd., Glendale.

PICNIC AREAS

FIGNIC AREAS			Fire
MANHATTAN	Tables	Benches	Places
Randall's Island			
Fort Washington Park, Riverside Drive			
and 180 Street	45	90	47
Wards Island	50	100	14
BROOKLYN			
Plum Beach, Belt Pkwy. near Knapp St.	42	84	
Prospect Park, near Prospect Park West			
and Fifth Street	58	116	
BRONX			
Hunter Island, near Orchard Beach	128	256	21
Pelham Bay Park:			
Rice Playfield, Bruckner Boulevard at			
Pelham Bay Station		514	196
Talapoosa Point, Eastchester Bay Bridge			
at Shore Road		24	4
Orchard Beach, near bus stop		38	
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Twin Island, near Orchard Beach Van Cortlandt Park: Holly's Lane, West of Jerome Ave- nue, at Woodlawn Station Rockwood Drive, Mosholu Avenue	45 24	90 48	5
east of Broadway Van Cortlandt Park East, 233 Street	48	96	11
and Jerome Avenue	4	8	
Alley Park, Grand Central Parkway and Winchester Blvd., Queens Village	372	744	152
Alley Park, Springfield Boulevard and 76 Avenue, Queens Village Brookville Park, Brookville Boulevard	213	346	70
and Southern Parkway, Rosedale Cunningham Park, Grand Central Park-	19	38	
way and Union Turnpike Forest Park, Main Drive west of Wood-	140	280	77
haven Boulevard, Glendale	135	270	51
RICHMOND Clove Lakes Park, Clove Road and			
Victory Boulevard La Tourette Park, Forest Hill and Old	53	105	14
Mill Road			` 8
Willowbrook Park, Richmond Avenue and Victory Boulevard Wolfe's Pond Park, Holten and Cor-	96	192	44
nelia Avenues	131	262	27
Total	891	3701	741

MANHATTAN Wollman Memorial, Central Park

Outdoor Artificial Ice Skating Rink

64 Street, West of Fifth Avenue	
GENERAL SKATING-Daily (except Sat.)	10 A.M1 P.M.
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2:30 P.M5:30 P.M.—Adults25c	Children10
8:30 P.M11. P.M.	
FIGURE AND DANCE SESSION-Sunday 9 A.	M10 A.M. 1.00*
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday-7:30 P.M	8:30 P.M. 1.00*
SPEED SKATING-Monday, Wednesday, Fri	day-6-7 P.M.
FREE SESSIONS-For children 14 years of	age and under
Saturdays, School Vacations and Holidays,	
10 A.M. to 12 Noon	
"includes privilege to stay for following session.	
Shoe Skate Rental-\$.50	Free Checking
Skating Instruction	•
Plain Skating-\$1.50 per half hour	
Elementary and Advanced Figure Skating-I	By Appointment
Skate Shop	
A complete stock of skates, shoes and acce	ssories
Snack Bar	
Located on rink level. Light lunches, hot b	everages and re-
freshments	- · .
Lakes	
Central Park, 59 Street Lake.	
Contral Park, 72 Street Lake.	
Central Park, Belvedere Lake, 80 St. bet. East	st and West Drive.
Central Park, Conservatory Lake, 73 Street	and 5 Avenue.



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Central Park, Harlem Moor, 110 S Flooded Areas at various lo	
BROOKLYN	
Lakes	
Dyker Beach Golf Course Pond, 8	36 Street and 12 Avenue.
Prospect Park, Ocean Avenue and Flooded Areas at various lo	I Lincoln Road.
BRONX Lakes	
Bronx Park, Twin Lakes, Mosholu Crotona Park Lake, East 173 St	
East.	
Van Cortlandt Park Lake, 242 St Flooded Areas at various lo	
QUEENS	
FLUSHING MEADOW SKATING N. Y. City Building, Flushing M	leadow Park
GENERAL SKATING-Tuesdays a	\$.50
Daily 2:30-5:30 P.M.—Adults. Daily 8:30-11 P.M.	.50
SPEED SKATING-Tuesday, Thursday, Thu	day, Saturday, 6-7 P. M. .50
FIGURE SKATING-Monday, W 8:30 P.M., Sundays 9-10 A.M.	ednesday, Friday, 7:30- 1.00*
FREE SESSIONS-For children	4 years of age and under.
Saturdays, School Vacations, days-10 A.M. to 12 Noon.	and Holidays, except Sun-
"includes privilege to stay over for fol	lowing testion.
Shoe Skate Rental-\$.50	Season Locker-\$5.00
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Skating Instruction

Plain Skating-\$1.50 per half-hour

Elementary and Advanced Figure Skating—By Appointment Skate Shop

A complete stock of skates, shoes, and accessories Snack Bar

Located on rink level. Light lunches, hot beverages, refreshments.

Lakes

Alley Park:

- Alley Pond, Cross Island Parkway and Horace Harding Boulevard, Douglaston.
- Oakland Lake, Northern Boulevard and Cross Island Parkway, Bayside.
- Picnic Lake, Grand Central Parkway, west of Winchester Boulevard, Queenz Village.
- Baisley Pond Park, Rockaway Boulevard and Baisley Boulevard, South Ozone Park.
- Bowne Park, 29 Avenue and 155 Street, Flushing.
- Brookville Park, Brookville Boulevard and Southern Parkway. Rosedale.

Capt. Tilly Park, 165 Street and Highland Avenue, Jamaica. Crocheron Park, Cross Island Parkway and 33 to 35 Avenues, Bavside.

- Forest Park Hollow, southwest corner Forest Park Drive, Woodhaven Boulevard, Glendale.
- Kissena Park, Oak Avenue and 164 Street, Flushing.

Pea Pond, 86 Avenue and 215 Street, Queens Village.

Springfield Pond Park, Springfield Boulevard and 147 Avenue, Springfield Gardens.

 Kissena Park, off Memorial Knoll near 164 Street. RICHMOND

Willowbrook Park, Richmond and Rockland Avenues.

MODEL AIRPLANE FLYING FIELDS

MANHATTAN

Inwood Park, Hudson River shore, north of Dyckman Street. BROOKLYN

Dyker Beach Park, 86 Street and 10 Avenue.

Red Hook Recreation Center, Columbia and Sigourney Sts. BRONX

Pelham Bay Park, Shore Road, north of Pelham Parkway. OUEENS

Flushing Meadow Parking Field, north of Roosevelt Avenue and 126 Street.

RICHMOND

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Willowbrook Park, Victory Boulevard and Crocheron Avenue.

MODEL YACHT PONDS

MANHATTAN

*Central Park, Conservatory Lake, 73 Street, 5 Avenue. BROOKLYN

*Prospect Park, nr. Model Yacht House, north side, large lake. BRONX

Bronx Park, Twin Lakes, Mosholu Parkway and Allerton Avenue. Crotona Park, East 173 Street, east of Crotona Park East.



RICHMOND

Lakes

Clove Lakes Park, Clove Road and Victory Boulevard. Willowbrook Park, Richmond Avenue and Victory Boulevard. Wolfe's Pond Park, Richmond, Holten and Cornelia Avenues.

KITE FLYING

MANHATTAN

Randall's Island Play Lawn, North of Triborough Bridge. BROOKLYN

Canarsie Park, Seaview Avenue and East 93 Street.

Marine Park, Avenue U and East 33 Street.

Owls Head Park, Shore Parkway and 68 Street.

Prospect Park, Long Meadow (near Third Street entrance). Red Hook Recreation Area, Bay and Court Streets. BRONX

St. Mary's Park, 145 Street and St. Mary's Street.

Van Cortlandt Park, area north of Henry Hudson Parkway, adjacent to Broadway and 254 Street.

Williamsbridge Oval, 208 Street and Bainbridge Avenue. QUEENS

Alley Pond Park Picnic Area, east of parking lot, Winchester Boulevard and Grand Contral Parkway, Queens Village.

Cunningham Park, 193 Street and Union Turnpike.

Forest Park, Overlook lawn area, Park Lane and Union Turnpike, Kew Gardens.

Highland Park, Upper, east of parking field near Highland Boulevard.

Highland Park, Lower, knoll north of playground at Jamaica Avenue and Elton Street.

Juniper Valley Park, high bank near athletic field, near 80 Street and 63 Avenue.

QUEENS

Bowne Park, 29 Avenue and 155 Street, Flushing.

- Brookville Park, Brookville Boulevard and 141 Ave., Rosedale. Capt. Tilly Park, Highland Avenue and 165 Street, Jamaica. Crocheron Park, Cross Island Parkway and 35 Ave., Bayside. Forest Park, Jackson Pond, Myrtle Avenue and 108 Street, Richmond Hill.
- Kissena Park, 164 Street near Oak Avenue, Flushing.
- Springfield Park, Springfield Boulevard and 147 Avenue, Springfield Gardens.

RICHMOND

Clove Lakes Park, Clove Road and Victory Boulevard.

*Indicates storage facilities.

MUSEUMS

MANHATTAN

American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West and 79 Street.

Claisters, Ft. Tryon, Northern Avenue and Cabrini Circle. Metropolitan Museum of Art, Fifth Avenue and 82 Street.

BROOKLYN

Children's Museum, Brooklyn Avenue and Park Place.

Museum of Arts and Sciences, Eastern Parkway and Washington Avenue.

BRONX

New York Botanical Gardens Museum, 200 Street, east of Wabster Avenue.

RICHMOND

Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences, Stuyvesant Place, St. George.



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FOURTH ANNUAL FISHING CONTEST TO BE HELD IN CONEY ISLAND MAY 17-23 CONDUCTED BY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, SPONSORED BY NATHAN'S FAMOUS.

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The Fourth Annual Coney Island Fishing Contest, conducted by the Park Department and sponsored by Nathan's Famous, Coney Island restaurant, will be held at Steeplechase Pier for a full week, Monday, May 17 through Sunday, May 24, it was announced today by the Park Department.

A total of 27 prizes of fishing equipment, valued at more than \$1,500, will be awarded to winners of various classes in the four divisions of the contest: junior boys and junior girls, to age 16, senior men and senior women, aged 16 and over. The competition is open to all who wish to enter, and there is no entry fee or other requirement.

More than 3,000 contestants took part in the contest in 1953, with a total of some 10,000 onlookers, it was announced, making the event one of the largest pier-fishing contests in the country. Prior to 1953, the contest was limited to two days, and attracted 1,000 competitors.

Four grand prizes will be awarded, to the contestant in each division landing the heaviest single fish during the week, and there will be second-place awards in each division. In addition, there will be a junior and a senior daily prize, for the heaviest

fish caught in a single day's fishing, junior and senior awards for the most fish caught during the week, awards to the youngest and oldest contestants landing fish, prizes for junior and senior catching the first fish during the first hour on opening day, Monday, May 17, and a special award for parent and child, fishing together and landing the heaviest joint catch.

The hours of the contest will be 3 P.M. to 8 P.M. for juniors on the weekdays, Monday to Friday, and 3 P.M. to 10 P.M. for seniors on these days. On Saturday, May 22, competition will be limited to juniors and will be held from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M.; seniors will compete during the same hours on Sunday, May 23. Prizes will be awarded at the close of competition on Saturday and Sunday.

Applications for the contest are now available at all Park Department playgrounds throughout the city and at Nathan's Famous seafood counter, Surf and Stillwell Avenues, Coney Island.

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The Department of Parks announces the opening of a new playground at 251st Street between 61st and 63rd Avenues, and adjacent to Public School 187 in the Borough of Queens. Located in the northeast section of Queens, north of Grand Central Parkway and east of Alley Park, this 2-1/4 acre playground will serve a rapidly growing neighborhood.

The Board of Education and the Department of Parks in accordance with their long standing agreement on joint operation have cooperated in bringing this playground to the people of the neighborhood. The Department of Parks has designed and constructed the playground to permit operation by the school during school hours and by the Department at all other times. One section of the playground, however, is reserved for pre-school age children and their guardians. This section is operated at all times by the Department.

The center of the playground includes a 200 foot softball diamond immediately adjacent to the school and available for other purposes, such as assembly, running games, group games, roller skating, etc. To the south are six handball courts and a basketball court. To the north of the playground is the older childrens' apparatus area and the area reserved for small children, including a comfort station, a wading pool, sandpit and kindergarten apparatus.

With the addition of this playground there are now 599 playgrounds in the expanded park system.

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Recently the Department of Parks received a complaint from an organization interested in conservation in Jamaica Bay, that eel combing, which started last fall, would cause extensive damage, if permitted to continue.

The practice of combing eels for commercial use was outlawed in the Bays along the south shores of Nassau and Suffolk Counties, and these eel combers moved into Jamaica Bay.

While there is no objection to the taking of eels in reasonable quantities by the use of eel pots and spears, the practice of combing digs up the bottom of the Bay with extensive and sometimes permanent damage to clams, fish and other marine life.

The Park Department amended its Rules and Regulations aimed primarily at eel combing, but of sufficient scope to permit adequate control of any form of commercial fishing in park waters throughout the city. Attached is a copy of the new Section 12 of Article II of the Park Rules and Regulations effective on April 20th, 1954.

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Rules and Regulations of the Department of Parks, - Article II

Section 12. Commercial Fishing.

No person shall take or attempt to take for commercial purposes any eels, fish, clams, crabs or other form of marine life in any park by using hand or power operated equipment, including but not limited to trawls, nets, dredges or eel combs. No person shall have in his possession in any park any hand or power operated equipment designed for or customarily used for the taking for commercial purposes of any form of marine life, nor shall any person have in his possession in any park eels, fish, clams, crabs or other form of marine life in quantities more than sufficient for personal use of the possessor. This section shall not apply to the taking and possession of eels in any park for commercial purposes by use of pots or hand spears.

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FOR RELEASE

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The New York Botanical Garden and the Department of Parks announce the opening to the public of the Lorillard Snuff Mill on Sunday, April 11, 1954. The Snuff Mill built in 1840 has been completely reconstructed and includes a new large meeting room for lectures and group activities, and new public comfort stations on the second floor. The lower floor has been reconstructed for restaurant use with facilities for 150 to be operated as a selfservice cafeteria.

In connection with this event, a report is released describing the Snuff Mill, the new laboratory to be constructed, and the recent and future program of improvements in the Garden. Construction is about to start on a new laboratory near the main entrance to the Garden. The building will be a 60' by 90' two-story structure with administrative and service wings. The main two stories include 32 laboratory bays, rooms requiring special temperature and light control and mechanical equipment for the operation of the building.

These two great projects are parts of the overall Botanical Garden plan. The Garden's principal objectives are to maintain a botanical garden and museum for the education and recreation of the general public, and to preserve, disseminate and extend man's knowledge of plants. More than one and a half million visitors come to the Botanical Garden annually and its accomplishment in

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botany and horticulture have given it a world-wide reputation.

Adjacent arterial access projects are planned including improvements of Fordham Road, Southern Boulevard and Mosholu Parkway. The greater part of the interior circulation system has been completed. Two new bridges have been built across the Bronx River. The Conservatory Building has been largely reconstructed with completion scheduled for the near future.

Many extensive areas of plant material have been added in recent years.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

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SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 1954

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FOR RELEASE

Beginning with the Collegiate Track Conference track meet on Tuesday, April 13, at 3 P.M. at Triborough Stadium, Randalls Island, more than 100 track meets will be held at Department of Parks running tracks during the next three months. Competing in these meets will be athletes from colleges, amateur athletic associations, public, private, and parochial schools, and many other agencies serving the youth of our city.

Some of the other principal meets scheduled at Triborough Stadium will be:

Saturday, April 17	-	12 Noon	
Saturday, May 8	-	10 A.M.	- Metropolitan Inter-Collegiate Champ- ionships
Saturday, May 22	-	10 A.M.	- Women's Metropolitan A.A.U. Champ- ionships
Friday, May 28	• ,	2 P.M.	- Inter-Collegiate A.A.A.A. Champ- ionships
Saturday, May 29	-	2 P.M.	- Inter-Collegiate A.A.A.A. Champ- ionships
Thursday, June 3	-	4 P.M.	- Public Schools Athletic League Championships
Saturday, June 12	-	1 P.M.	- Metropolitan A.A.U. Senior Champ- ionships
Sunday, June 27	-	10 A.M.	- Metropolitan A.A.U. Junior Champ- ionships

Other major events in Manhattan will be held as follows: Riverside Park and 74th Street - Saturday, May 1 - 1 P.M.-Boy Scouts of America East River Park and 6th Street - Saturday, May 8 - 1 P.M.-Boys Athletic League

Brooklyn track events are headed by these meets: McCarren Park, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street -Tuesday, May 4 - 3 P.M. - Brooklyn High School of Automotive Trades

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Red Hook Stadium, Bay and Columbia Street -

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Friday, May 7 - 4 P.M. - Catholic High Schools Athletic Ass'n Saturday, May 8 - 9:30 A.M. - Catholic High Schools Athletic Ass'n Tuesday, May 18 - 1 P.M. - P.S.A.L. Brooklyn Championships Sunday, June 6 - 12 Noon - Catholic Youth Organization Championships

In the Bronx, Van Cortlandt Park, 241st Street and Broadway, is the hotbed of track activity with 29 meets scheduled, including the following:

12 Noon - Ivy Prop School League Championships Saturday, May 1 . Sunday, May 9 12 Noon - Fordham Prep Relays ٠ Saturday, May 15 -Thursday, May 20 -- Jesuit High Schools Championships 1 P.M. 3:30 PM - Manhattan H.S. - P.S.A.L. Championships Friday, May 21 3:00 PM - Nanhattan College Championships Saturday, May 22 -9:30 AM - Athletic Association of Private Schools Hednosday, May 26 -3:30 PM - Bronx H.S. - P.S.A.L. Championships Thursday, May 27 -10 A.H. - Bronx, Manhattan, and Mestchester Catholic H.S. Championships Friday, May 28 - Catholic High Schools Athletic League 3 P.H. Championships Saturday, May 29 - 10 A.M. - Catholic High Schools Athletic League Championships

Other outstanding meets in the Bronx will be:

Macombs Dam Park, 161 Street and River Avenue -

Sunday, May 23 1 P.M. - Catholic Youth Organisation - Boys -Manhattan Sunday, June 6 1 P.N. - Catholic Youth Organization - Boys --Bronx Thursday, June 17 - 6 P.H. - Police Coordinating Councils Rice Stadium, Pelham Bay Park, Bruckner Boulevard and Hiddletown Rd -Saturday, May 15 - 9 A.H. - Cirl Scouts. Central Bronx District Friday, May 28, -- 9 A.il. - Grace Dodge Vocational High School Williamsbridge Oval. 208th Street and Bainbridge Avenue -Tuesday, liay 11 - 4 P.M. - Munter College Championships

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In Queens at Victory Field, Forest Park, Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Glendale, the meets will include:

Saturday, May 8 - 10 A.M. - Young Mens Christian Ass'n Meet Saturday, May 22 - 10 A.M. - Kiwanis Clubs Meet Saturday, June 26 - 2 P.M. - L.I. Conference of Columbian Squires

In Richmond at Clove Lakes Park, Clove Road and Victory Boulevard, the Staten Island Harriers A.A. has scheduled a 10 kilometer walk on Sunday, April 18 at 12 Noon.

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D E P A R T M E N T ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR RELEASE

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ANNUAL EASTER FLOWER SHOW PROSPECT PARK GREENHOUSE

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The Park Department announces the opening of the Annual Easter Flower Show at the Greenhouse at Prospect Park West and 7th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. on Palm Sunday, April 11, 1954 at 10:00 A.M.

More than 200 varieties of flowers will be on exhibit The main feature of the show is a huge cross, twenty feet high, made of Japanese Lilies with an edging of mixed Hydrangeas. 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 motif, the walls of the Greenhouse are banked with a colorful display of flowers in great varieties, among which are Sweet Peas, Snap Dragons, Camelias and many other plants.

Press photographs may be taken daily starting Thursday, April 8; 1954.

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THURSDAY - APRIL 8, 1954

The Department of Parks announces the opening of its 492 Tennis Courts at various locations in the five boroughs on Saturday, April 10, 1954.

Season permits cost \$5.00 and are good for play every day including Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. This is the only class of permit that is issued and it is good for use on all the Park Department tennis courts.

Applications may be secured by calling in person at the borough offices of the Park Department or by mail, enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope with the request. A new photograph, passport size, must accompany the application.

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IMMEDIATELY

The Department of Parks announces that its 161 baseball and 397 softball diamonds have been reconditioned and will be ready for play on Saturday morning, April 10.

The demand for many of these diamonds is so great that their use must be regulated by permit. Applications for permits may be secured from Department of Parks offices in the borough in which the diamonds are located.

Last year, 4,800,000 players made use of the park ballfields.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1954

Sign of spring - the 8th Annual Egg Rolling Contest, sponsored by the Department of Parks and Arnold Constable, will be conducted for boys and girls 5 through 13 years of age on Saturday, April 17, at 2 P.M. on the Great Lawn in Central Park, 80th to 84th Streets in the center of the park.

Entry blanks may be secured and filed at Department of Parks playgrounds and borough offices and at the contest booth in the Boys and Girls Department on the second floor of Arnold Constable, ⁴Oth Street and Fifth Avenue. Entries close April 15. There is no fee for filing.

The contest will be conducted in six classes suited to the age and sex of the contestants. The youngsters will be required to propel their eggs down the course, using a spoon as a mallet. Eggs and spoons will be provided by Arnold Constable. The events are arranged as follows:

Group I - Boys 5-6-7 years of age - 20 yard course
Group I - Girls 5-6-7 years of age - 20 yard course
Group II - Boys 8-9-10 years of age - 30 yard course
Group II - Girls 8-9-10 years of age - 30 yard course
Group III - Boys 11-12-13 years of age - 40 yard course
Group III - Girls 11-12-13 years of age - 40 yard course
Handsome prizes donated by Arnold Constable will be awarded

to the winners in each group. Group I Boys prizes are a bicycle for 1st place, scooter for 2nd place, and roller skates for 3rd place. Group I Girls will receive a doll carriage for 1st place, a large doll for 2nd place, and roller skates for 3rd place. Group II and III winners will be awarded merchandise certificates for \$25, \$20, and \$15 respectively.

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MARCH 12, 1954

The Park Department announces that the new boathouse in Central Park at 72nd Street Lake off the East Drive will be opened with ceremonies on Friday, March 12th at 3:30 P.M. The speakers will be Robert F. Wagner, Mayor of the City of New York, Hulan E. Jack, Borough President of Manhattan and Park Commissioner Robert Moses.

The boathouse is designed in the traditional Central Park Victorian style in keeping with the original plan of the Park. The exterior is of red brick with white limestone trim and with a metal roof. The building will contain a food concession with complete service facilities, comfort stations and facilities for the operation of the boating concession. The land side of the building includes a parking area and approaches from the East Drive. On the water side, a terrace has been built and necessary ramps for the boating operation. The Department has spent \$110,000, in addition to the gift, on the redevelopment of the adjacent park areas including the new parking field.

It is through the generosity of Adeline and Carl M. Loeb that this boathouse is today a reality. The City expresses its heartfelt thanks to Carl M. Loeb for his generous gift of \$305,000

and expresses its heartfelt regret that Adeline Loeb, who joined with her husband in making this great gift, could not live to see its completion.

The 72nd Street Lake goes back to the 1860's when Central Park, through one of those rare strokes of genius, was laid out by the fathers of the City. The first boathouse all of 12 feet wide and 20 feet long was constructed in 1867 to be replaced in 1924 by the wooden rustic structure we all knew so well.

The Park Department is proud to announce that a building in keeping with modern usage is now open to the public.

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3/10/54



Commissioner Moses today releases to the press a report on 20-years of progress in the Department of Parks. Twenty years of growth from an inadequate park system to a park system which is in keeping with a great City of eight-million people.

As an introduction to this report, Mayor Robert F. Wagner states, "the 20-year record of park expansion in this City speaks for itself I congratulate those who have had a part in this accomplishment and pledge my support to their further efforts".

The first section of the report covers the philosophy of park design, location and use and points out the City's position in relation to County and State parks. The past history of the Metropolitan Conference on Parks is also covered.

A section on "Land" details the growth of the park system from fourteen thousand to twenty-seven thousand acres in the past twenty years including acquisition, condemnation, gifts, tax-lien properties and last, but by no means least, the City's great reclamation program for Jamaica Bay, Fresh Kills, Great Kills, Flushing Meadow, Soundview, Orchard Beach and other park areas. The cooperation of the Department of Sanitation was of prime importance in this development.

The next section covers large parks with a typical

example of Flushing Meadow from its growth as a swamp and ash heap through the World's Fair to the park we know today including its influence on the parkway system, Whitestone Bridge, Queens Midtown Tunnel and 'LaQuardia Airport.

The generosity of those who have donated such magnificent gifts as the Wollman Memorial, the Loeb 72nd St. Boathouse, the Kerbs Model Yacht Boathouse, the Friedsam Merry-Go-Rounds and the new Chess and Checker House is pointed out. The necessity for eight new recreation centers in addition to the million dollar center in St. Mary's Park is urgent.

A section on "Playgrounds" the backbone of the neighborhood recreation system of the City points out that five hundred and ninety-seven exist today as compared to one hundred and nineteen in 1934. Ranging in size from one acre to ten acres, they include neighborhood playgrounds, marginal playgrounds, school playgrounds jointly operated with the Board of Education, housing playgrounds built in conjunction with the Housing Authorities great projects and arterial playgrounds built as a part of the parkway and expressway system.

A section on "Water" graphically shows the increase of beach facilities from one mile in 1934 to sixteen miles in 1952 through the transfer of Coney Island and Rockaway and their reconstruction in 1938 and the complete reconstruction of Orchard Beach and Jacob Riis beaches and the new two-mile Great Kills Beach in Richmond. Seventeen modern large pools have been built in congested neighborhoods.

The section on "Arterials" describes the total program

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including parkways built before the war, the post-war current construction program of \$600,000,000 and the subsequent program of \$300,000,000 for which funds have not yet been arranged. The importance of the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority in relation to the park system is also pointed out.

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"Maintenance and Operation" includes the story of sponsored tournaments and contests by many private organizations, the daily working of the playground and park recreation program, the story of concessions and their growth to a three-million dollar business in 1953 and a statement on revenue principles, that most park facilities must be free. Rehabilitation of park areas which have deteriorated due to usage and to some vandalism is also covered. In 1934 the Park Department's budget was \$6,000,000; in 1954 it is \$22,000,000, an increase of three and one-half times, at the same time that park facilities have increased five times, not disproportionate. However, inflation has cut our present budget almost in half. Much heavier usage, greater mobility, more retired people and many more old people have compounded our problem of maintenance. It is imperative that adequate funds be appropriated for the Park Department.

The section on "Museums and Institutions" tells factually the story of the activities and the programs of the twelve cultural institutions in this City on whose Board of Directors the Commissioner of the Department of Parks serves as an ex-officio member. Shrinking endowments have resulted in financial problems requiring increased aid from the City. Although nearly half of these institutions have sufficient endowments or gifts to meet the City halfway on capital

improvements, the remainder more and more depend upon the City. It is pointed out that generous private citizens of the City of New York could aid these great institutions.

In closing Mr. Moses states his plans for further expansion of the park and arterial systems and his belief in the continued reconstruction of the City of New York as opposed to satellite towns, green belts and dispersion. He states that the park system is as important as any other facet of City planning.

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^{E-20M-701516(53)} The Department of Parks announces the opening of a major portion of a new park in the Borough of Brooklyn between Stanley, Flatlands, Williams and Louisiana Avenues, adjacent to Breukelen Houses, a 1600 unit federally aided housing project of the New York City Housing Authority.

The 12-acre area surrounded by the above streets, includes eight and one-half acres of athletic fields, walks and planting, a one and one-half acre area occupied by new public school #260 built by the Board of Education, and a two acre area for a complete neighborhood playground.

The eight and one-half acre area being opened includes three baseball fields, two softball fields and two football fields fenced and separated from marginal sitting areas including walks, benches and planting. In order to protect the newly seeded grass of the athletic fields and in accordance with the regular seasonal schedules, the ball fields will not be available for use until the spring time.

The two acre playground, to start construction this spring and adjacent to the school, includes paved court games areas, apparatus areas, wading pool, sandpit and comfort station. This neighborhood playground will be jointly operated with the Board of Education, except for the usual area for pre-school age children and their guardians, which will be operated at all times by the Department.

With the completion of this athletic field there are now 598 playgrounds in the expanded park system. 2/26/54



FOR RELEASE Department of Parks has arranged for in-service training Misc.-20M-7015 COURCE of the partment employees who have filed for Civil Service examinations for promotion to the positions of Gardener, Park Foreman and General Park Foreman.

Subjects primarily related to gardening will be covered in a total of six half-day periods and subjects relating to the work of Park Foreman and General Foreman will cover a total of eight halfday periods. The course will start February 19th and be completed March 26th.

The courses will be held in the auditorium of the American Museum of Natural History. Lectures will be given by such outstanding experts as Thomas H. Everett, Horticulturist of the New York Botanical Garden; Dr. P.P. Pirone, Plant Pathologist of the New York Botanical Garden; Robert T. Miller of E.I. duPont DeNemour & Company; Dr. G. Alfred Adams, Entomologist of the Geneva Experiment Station, and Dr. Fred V. Grau, Agronomist.

Various pertinent phases of Park Department maintenance and operation will be covered by specially qualified members of the staff of the department.

These courses are designed to provide its participants with complete information of all the various departmental activities,

a greater familiarity with acceptable methods of operation and maintenance based on current and improved practices and with standards for proper supervision and reasonable work performance.

Many times in recent years, the department has found it necessary to conduct similar training courses although on a much smaller-scale, in ever striving to improve efficiency.

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Starting Tuesday, February 23, 1954, applications for season playing permits for golf and tennis and locker permits for tennis, other recreational activities and golf with the exceptions noted below, will be accepted at each of the five Borough Offices of the Park Department. Application may be made either in person or by mail. Application for a playing permit for golf or tennis must be accompanied by a face photograph of passport size, taken not more than thirty days prior to date of application. Applications filed by mail must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and the address must include the postal zone, if any.

A season golf permit costs \$15. Daily golf fees for season permit holders will be 50¢ per round on weekdays and \$1.00 per round on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Daily golf fees for non-season permit holders will be \$1.50 for weekdays and \$2.00 on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

A season golf locker permit costs \$5.00 and will expire on November 28, 1954.

Because at some locations the demand for golf lockers exceeds the supply, applications for golf lockers are not being accepted at this time for the following locations:

> DYKER BEACH. BROOKLYN MOSHOLU, BRÓNX - (MEN'S LOCKERS ONLY) CLEARVIEW, QUEENS

Applications for lockers at these locations will be accepted (continued)

from season permit holders only at any Park Department Borough Office from March 1 to March 15, 1954. Public drawings will be conducted on March 25, 1954 at 10 A.M. to determine the successful applicants. The drawings will be held in the offices of the Department in the boroughs in which the respective courses are located.

Season locker permits for Pelham-Split Rock, Van Cortlandt, Mosholu (Women's Lockers only), Forest Park, Silver Lake and La Tourette courses may be obtained by season golf permit holders as soon as they have their permits.

A tennis permit costs \$5.00 for the season and is good for play every day of the season on any of the City's 492 public park tennis courts. No daily permits are issued for tennis.

Applications for seasonal recreation lockers, located at various athletic fields and tennis court areas, also will be received, starting February 23rd. Locker rental is \$5.00 for the season.

Season locker permits for the Field House at the North Meadow in Central Park may be secured by personal application only at the Permit Office in the Arsenal Building, 64th Street and Fifth Avenue, starting February 23rd. Only one locker will be issued to an applicant.

Park Department offices in the five boroughs are located as follows:

<u>MANHATTAN</u> :	Arsenal Building, Telephone: REgent 4-1000 64th Street and Fifth Avenue New York 21, N. Y.
BROOKLYN:	Litchfield Mansion, Telephone: SOuth 8-2300 Prospect Park West and Fifth Street Brooklyn 15, N. Y.
QUEENS :	The Overlook, Telephone: LIggett 4-4400 Forest Park Union Turnpike and Park Lane Kew Gardens 15, New York

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BRONX: Administration Building, Telephone: TAlmadge 8-3200 Bronx Park East and Birchall Avenue Bronx 60, New York

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RICHMOND: Clove Lakes Park, Telephone: GIbraltar 2-7640 1150 Clove Road West New Brighton, Staten Island 1, New York

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IMMEDIATELY

The Department of Parks announces that two new roller skating Figure and Dance sessions have been added to the schedule at the New York City Building in Flushing Meadow Park, Queens.

These new sessions will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., and the admission fee will be \$1.00, which includes the privilege of staying over for the following general skating session.

The demand has been sufficient to justify these additions to the regular schedule at this facility.

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