

- 1/2/38 367. Announcement that the sports carnival will be held on 59th Street lake instead of Conservatory Lake.
- 1/2 368. Monthly Recreation Program.
- 1/3 369. Henry Hudson Parkway Authority received bids today for the construction of the Riverside Drive Connection with the Henry Hudson Parkway.
- 1/4 370. Announcement that the Winter Sports carnival will be held at 59th Street Lake.
- 1/10 371. Board of Estimate has received the Dept. of Parks plans and specifications and estimates of cost for the covering of N.Y.C.R.R. tracks, continuation of Westside Highway and park restoration of Riverside Drive.
- 1/11 372. Announce organization of Junior Park Protective League under supervision of park playgrounds.

NEWSPAPER RELEASES

- 1/11/36 373. Announcement of postponement of winter sports carnival due to lack of ice.
- 1/15 374. Kindergarten for children of pre-school age will be continued in the Park Department throughout the spring and summer.
- 1/15 375. New Schedule for the playground traveling troupe announced.
- 1/16 376. Recreation course for playground directors of the Park Department.
- 1/17 377. Forestry report of the five boroughs during year 1935.
- 1/17 378. Announcement of the courses given the playground directors.
- 1/21 379. Snow sculpture contest in the city playgrounds announced.
- 1/23 380. Winter sports carnival to be held January 26th on the 59th Street Lake.
- 1/25 381. Winter sports carnival to be held January 26th on Central Park Lake.
- 1/30 382. Winter sports carnival February 4th at 8:30 P.M.
- 2/1 383. Winter sports carnival on February 4th at 8:30 P.M.
- 2/6 384. First meeting of Junior Park Protective League Units.
- 2/10 385. Monster winter sports carnival at Prospect Park, Lincoln's Birthday.
- 2/11 386. Winter carnival in Brooklyn, Richmond and Bronx.
- 2/13 387. Greatest winter sports carnival in Central Park February 23, 1936.
- 2/20 388. Next meeting of Brooklyn League of Park Protectors.
- 2/20 389. Monster winter sports carnival in Central Park, February 23, 1936.
- 2/21. 390. Winter sports carnival in Central Park, February 23rd.
- 2/26 391. Park Dept. issues a warning to property owners on the care of their trees.
- 2/27 392. Park Dept. announces that the brown bear cub will be on exhibition in the Prospect Park Zoo every day from 2 to 4 P.M.
- 2/28 393. Park protectors will meet Saturday, February 29th.
- 2/29 394. Plan for reorganization of Park Department on a self-financing basis.
- 3/9 395. First monkey to be bred and born in Central Park Zoo.

- 3/17/36 396 Agreement reached with WPA regarding signs in parks.
- 3/18 397 Rugby football will be introduced for the first time in Central Park on March 21st.
- 3/19 398 Rugby football announcement that game will be held on March 21st in Central Park.
- 3/20 399 Rugby football game to be shifted from Central Park to Van Cortlandt Park.
- 3/27 400 Opening of ten new playgrounds by Park Dept. on March 28th.
- 4/1 401 Monthly program of Recreation Department.
- 4/1 402 Announcement of sailboat contest for children in the various boroughs.
- 4/2 403 Dept. of Parks announces that applications for permits to play on the Municipal Golf Courses and Public Tennis Courts are in order.
- 4/9 404 Easter Exhibit at the Greenhouses in Brooklyn.
- 4/9 405 Opening of Mosholu, Clearview and Dyker Beach Golf Courses on Sunday at 6 A.M.
- 4/9 406 First International Rugby Football game at Van Cortlandt Park April 12 at 3 P.M.
- 4/14 407 Opening of golf courses, announcement of dates and courses.
- 4/14 408 Official opening of Park Dept. Baseball Diamonds.
- 4/27 409 Gracie Mansion opened for inspection on May 2nd to the public.
- 4/29 410 Announcement of Arbor Day Tree Planting on May 1st.
- 4/30 411 Announcement of Portable Farmyard Exhibition in the various playgrounds on May 1st.
- 4/30 412 Schedule of farmyard exhibition announced. (*Same as 411*)
- 5/4 413 Opening of 13 new playgrounds by the Park Dept.
- 5/5/ 414 Rugby football introduced in the north Meadow in Central Park on May 9th.
- 5/7 415 Park Lake model yacht and motor boat contest in Central Park on May 9th.
- 5/8 416 Hurling teams will play in Van Cortlandt Park on May 10th.
- 5/7 417 Opening of golf courses in Bronx and Queens May 9th at 6 A.M.
- 5/13 418 Emergency truck put into service by the Park Dept. to cover every kind of emergency arising in parks, playgrounds or streets under Park Dept. jurisdiction.
- 5/18 419 Announcement of construction of bicycle paths throughout the City Park System.
- 5/18 420 Park Dept. will conduct the final matches of the inter-boro handball contests at Houston St. Playground on Tuesday, May 19th, at 4 P.M.
- 5/19 421 Park Dept. will conduct final match of the City-wide marble shooting contest at City Hall Park, May 20th.

- 5/20/36 422 Park Dept. invites children and grown-ups to participate in harmonical contest to be held at Roosevelt Flygd. at 4 P.M. May 27th.
- 5/24 423 Victor Herbert Festival at Central Park Mall, Sunday, May 24th, 1936 at 8:30 P.M.
- 5/23 424 Final games of the inter-boro basketball contest at Roosevelt Playground at 4:30 May 26th.
- 5/25 425 Final match of the inter-boro horseshoe pitching for boys and men at Edgecombe Avenue and 168th Street on May 27th, 1936 at 5:30 P.M.
- 5/27 426 Bids received for a contract for the general grading for Flushing Meadow Park at the first step toward the development of this park, site of the 1939 World's Fair
- 6/2 427 Announcement of unveiling of the bust of John Wolfe Ambrose on June 3rd at Battery Park
- missing 6/5 428 Dept. of Parks established project for the restoration of monuments in the City
- 6/5 429 Park Dept. will conduct dances on the Mall, every Tuesday and Thursday starting June 9th.
- 6/3 430 Announcement that concerts will be given by WPA in the parks during the summer
- 6/9 431 The Old Barrett Estate on S.I. opened to the public as Barret Park. Ceremonies will be conducted jointly by the Park Dept. and S.I. Zoological Society
- 6/11 432 Acquisition of land and straightening of Harlem River between Hudson River and Broadway. The reclaimed land will add an area approximately 24 acres to the north end of Isham and Inwood Hill Park.
- 6/12 433 Jacob Riis Park will be opened to the Public on Saturday June 13th.
- 6/11 434 Announcement of Portable Theatre Shows to be presented in various parks throughout the five boroughs.
- 6/11 435 Folk dance contest for children on Mall, Saturday, June 13th, at 2:30 P.M.
- 6/12 436 Opening of 7 new playgrounds Friday, June 12th.
- 6/15 437 Dedication of Cunningham Memorial to be held June 16th at 4:00 P.M.
- 6/18 438 Opening concert of City Amateur Symphony Orchestra under direction of Judge L. Prince to be held on Mall, Central Park, June 23rd, 8:30 P.M.
- 6/18 439 Summer series of puppet and marionette shows in the various playgrounds beginning June 22nd.
- 6/19 440 Removal of the U.S.S. Illinois to enable construction to go on for West Side Improvement.
- 6/19 441 Reserved seats for the Randall's Island Stadium Olympic tryout for men's track and field.
- missing 6/19 442 Opening of Hamilton Fish Swimming Pool

- 6/19 443 Folk dance contest for children postponed on account of rain to June 20th.
- 6/22 444 City-wide championship harmonica contests on the Mall, Central Park, June 25
8:30 P.M.
- 6/24 445 Opening of Hamilton Fish Pool.
- 6/24 446 Bids Marine Parkway Bridge across Rockaway Inlet.
- 6/25 447 Opening of Thomas Jefferson Swimming Pool.
- 6/25 448 " " 11 new playgrounds, Friday, June 26th.
- 6/25 449 Second annual one-act play contest for children on the Mall, June 27, 2:30 P.M.
- 6/30 450 Opening of model garden in Highland Park, July 1st.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
JUNE 30, 1936

The Park Department will open a model garden in Highland Park, Jamaica Avenue & Cleveland Streets, Queens, Wednesday, July 1 at 2 P. M.

The first seeds will be planted in the 140 individual gardens by children of the neighborhood. Summer crops of sweet corn, beans, swiss chard, carrots, beets will be sown. These individual gardens are allotted to different children at each planting.

The Children's Garden adjoins the old Schenk House, which was built in 1762.

This garden was reconstructed in keeping with this old colonial landmark.

A 2 room gatehouse, at the entrance to the garden with its wide clapboards, stone sides, half doors and many paned windows, might well have been built by the original craftsman, who erected the old Schenk Homestead. One room is used for storing miniature spades, rakes, hoes and other juvenile implements; the other room serves as a meeting room and display center for items of garden interest.

The garden covers about half an acre, with paved walks and bordered flower-beds. Comfortable benches are placed every ten feet for mothers and youngsters.

Two dipping-wells, 18 inch deep, are provided at each end, for the youngsters to fill their watering cans.

Rows of Sweet Marjoram, Thyme, Sage, Mint, Rue and other old fashioned herbs are planted on either side of the gatehouse.

Along the Jamaica Avenue side of the garden 20 exhibition plots 6x6 feet will be planted with crops of economic interest, such as tobacco, cotton, wheat, rye, flax, peanuts, broom corn, etc.

The walks of the model garden are bordered by beds of Marigolds, Petunias, Zinnias, Roses, Iris, Bishop of Canterbury Bells and other old fashioned flowers.

This garden will be opened daily for children to enjoy. Those not having an individual garden, of which there are 140, can participate in the community activities of watering and caring for the flower-beds and at the same time enjoy an old fashioned garden within the city limits.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
JUNE 25, 1936

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The Department of Parks announces that it will conduct the second annual One-Act Play Contest for children on the Mall, Central Park, Saturday, June 27th at 2:30 P.M. This contest is to determine the best of the productions selected through eliminations within the respective boroughs held during the months of May and June. The contest was restricted to playground children between the ages of 10 and 14 years.

The following plays will be given: "The Honor of the Class", "Cabbages and Kings", "Peter Pan", "The Golden Goose".

Commissioner Paul Moss of the Department of Licenses, Mrs. Lionel Sutro of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and Mrs. Mary P. Harvey, Teacher of Classics of Hunter College have consented to act as judges.

The plays will be judged on the following points: Type, acting, costumes, suitability for the different age groups and delivery. The cast chosen as the best actors in the final contest will receive a green felt banner as a playground award.

In addition to the presentation of the plays, the Park Playground Children's Orchestra will make its first appearance and play several selections.

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FOR RELEASE
JUNE 25, 1936.

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The Department of Parks will open eleven new playgrounds Friday, June 26th, making a total of 168 playgrounds added to the recreational system of the Park Department since January 1934. Prior to that date there were 108 playgrounds in the park system; twenty of which have been completely reconstructed and modernized and twenty-nine more of which will be rebuilt before the end of the year. In addition to these rehabilitated areas there will be 70 more entirely new recreational areas which will be opened to the public before January 1, 1937. When the present program is completed there will be a total of 325 playground areas under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks.

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Of the eleven new playgrounds, one will be in Queens, four in Brooklyn and six in Manhattan.

✓ In Queens the new College Point playground from 127th to 128th Streets and from 14th Avenue to 20th Avenue not only will be fully equipped with apparatus for small children, but will have a large earth play surface with two soft ball diamonds and five double handball courts for older children or adults.

✓ ✓ In Brooklyn there will be two new playgrounds. The area at Sullivan Place west of Nostrand Avenue will be fully equipped with apparatus for small children and a portable shower for use during hot weather, while at Seaside Park in Coney Island there will be eight paddle tennis courts, eight horseshoe courts, ten handball courts, twelve shuffleboard courts and a large gravel surfaced play area, all located in the area formerly taken up by the Dreamland Parking Field.

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In Bushwick Park, Irving and Knickerbocker Avenues, the old play area has been reconstructed and will be completely equipped with apparatus and wading pool for smaller children and also basketball, volley ball, horseshoe and handball courts for older boys. / At Avenue ^R, West 12th Street and Bay Parkway, the reconstructed playground will have horseshoe, basketball and volley ball courts, a play area for larger boys and a completely equipped play area with wading pool for smaller children.

Six of the playgrounds to be opened are in Manhattan. Four of them are marginal areas in Central Park adjacent to Central Park West at 81st, 84th, 96th and 100th Streets. These four new perimeter playgrounds for children of pre-school age make a total of fifteen marginal play areas now open in Central Park. Of the other two Manhattan playgrounds, the one located in Thomas F. Smith Park at 11th Avenue and 22nd Street under the Express Highway will have shuffleboard, horseshoe and handball courts for older children and adults, as well as kindergarten swings for small children. At Chelsea Park, 27th and 28th Streets, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues, the reconstructed area will have a large play area with one ball field, handball courts, complete play equipment for small children and a wading pool.

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FOR RELEASE THURSDAY
JUNE 25, 1936

Mayor LaGuardia, Park Commissioner Robert Moses and other officials will participate in ceremonies Saturday, June 27th at 11:30 A.M. in connection with the official dedication of the new Thomas Jefferson Swimming Pool at First Avenue and East 111th Street, Manhattan. This is the second of ten new swimming pools being constructed by the Park Department with W.P.A. funds to be opened for use this summer. The area includes a swimming pool 100 ft. x 246 ft., a diving pool 51 ft. x 100 ft. and a wading pool 60 ft. x 100 ft. The pools are equipped to handle 1450 persons at one time.

The pool will be open from 10:00 A.M. to 10:30 P.M., the same as the Hamilton Fish Pool, which was opened last Wednesday. Children under 14 years of age are admitted free from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. daily except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, with free group swimming and diving classes held each day at 10:00 A.M. After 1:00 P.M. children under 14 years of age will be admitted for ten cents and all others for 20 cents.

The facilities will be operated entirely by uniformed civil service Park Department employees. As at the Hamilton Fish Swimming Pool, instead of the customary lockers and dressing room arrangements, a basket system of checking clothes will be used permitting a greater use of dressing room facilities. The swimming and diving pools will hold 1,080,000 gallons of water, which will be filtered, treated with chemicals, heated to the proper temperature and completely recirculated by the most modern machinery every eight hours.

Attractive pool shows consisting of swimming and diving exhibitions similar to that presented last Wednesday at the Hamilton Fish Swimming Pool opening exercises will be offered periodically.

During the spring, fall and winter seasons when the pool is not in operation the bath house will be converted into a gymnasium and the outdoor areas will be used for basketball, volley ball, shuffleboard, handball and other active outdoor games. During freezing weather, provision will be made for ice skating.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
JUNE 24th, 1936

Bids were taken today at 2 P.M. Eastern Standard Time by the Marine Parkway Authority for the construction of the Marine Parkway Bridge across Rockaway Inlet.

The low bidder on the substructure was Frederick Snare Corporation, 114 Liberty Street, New York City, who submitted a bid of \$1,595,537.80.

The low bidder on the superstructure was The American Bridge Company, 71 Broadway, New York City, who submitted a bid of \$2,139,311.40.

The Marine Parkway Bridge will replace the ferry now running across Rockaway Inlet between the end of Flatbush Avenue in Brooklyn and Jacob Riis Park in Neponsit. The bridge will be slightly over 4000 feet in length, having three 500-foot spans in the center bridging the channel, flanked by five shorter spans on either side. The three 500-foot spans will have a clearance of 55 feet above the water at all times and the middle one will lift 95 feet to give a total clearance of 150 feet for the passage of large ships. It is expected that the bridge will be completed about August 1st, 1937. It will provide a new fast route through Brooklyn to the Rockaways as well as a new through route to the south shore of Long Island.

The Marine Parkway Bridge is an important factor in the development of Marine and Jacob Riis Parks. Jacob Riis Park at the present time is being entirely remodeled by the Department of Parks and the Marine Parkway Authority working in cooperation with each other, both organizations being headed by Commissioner Robert Moses. When the reconstruction work in Jacob Riis Park is completed, large areas of low land will have been reclaimed, a 72-acre parking field will have been provided, the beach will be greatly enlarged and will be bordered by a promenade over the entire length. Recreation facilities will be provided along the inshore side of the promenade. New roadways to provide easy access to the parking fields and to the Rockaways will be built and the entire park will be properly landscaped.

The Marine Parkway Authority is financing their portion of the work through a \$6,000,000. bond issue which was completed last December. The bonds will be amortized by the collection of a 15¢ toll on the bridge and a 25¢ parking fee.

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FOR RELEASE WEDNESDAY
JUNE 24TH, 1936

Mayor LaGuardia, Park Commissioner Robert Moses and Works Progress Administrator Victor Ridder participated Wednesday in ceremonies in connection with the official opening of the Hamilton Fish Swimming Pool at East Houston and Sheriff Streets, on the lower east side of Manhattan. The Hamilton Fish Pool is the first of ten new swimming pools now under construction to be opened. They are being built by the Park Department with W.P.A. funds. This area includes a swimming pool 100 ft. x 165 ft., a semi-circular pool 100 ft. wide for skilled divers and a wading pool 50 ft. x 100 ft. for small children. These three tanks accommodate 1700 people at one time.

The pool is open from 10:00 A. M. to 10:30 P. M. and children under 14 years of age are admitted free from 10:00 A. M. to 1:00 P. M. every day except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, with free group swimming and diving classes held daily at 10:00 A. M. After 1:00 P. M. children under 14 years of age are admitted for ten cents and all others for 20 cents.

The pool is operated entirely by uniformed civil service Park Department employees. Instead of the customary lockers and dressing room arrangements a basket system of checking clothes is used which permits a greater use of dressing facilities. Boys and girls, men and women may use the pool at the same time, permitting entire families to enjoy recreation together.

Nine other new swimming pools are scheduled to open. At Thomas Jefferson Park, located at First Avenue and East 111th Street, Manhattan, there will be a swimming pool 100 ft. x 246 ft., a diving pool 51 ft. x 100 ft. and a wading pool 60 ft. x 100 ft. These facilities will be opened on June 27. They will accommodate 1450 people at one time.

The Tompkinsville Pool at Arrietta Street and Pier 6, Staten Island, will accommodate 2800 people. The swimming pool will be 100 ft. x 165 ft., the diving and wading pools will be 68 ft. x 100 ft. It is scheduled to open July 2.

The Astoria Pool at Hoyt and Ditmars Avenue, Queens, formerly the site of a large earth bottom wading pool, will have a swimming pool 165 ft. x 350 ft. and semi-circular diving and wading pools 165 ft. wide. The tanks will accommodate 6670 people at one time and are scheduled to open July 2.

The remaining six pools are being rushed to completion as rapidly as possible for opening this summer. In Highbridge Park, at Amsterdam Avenue and West 173 Street, Manhattan, there will be a swimming pool 166 ft. x 228 ft. and a wading pool 97 ft. x 228 ft. accommodating 4880 people.

The Colonial Park Pool at Bradhurst Avenue and West 149 Street, Manhattan, will be 93 ft. x 328 ft. and will accommodate 4090 people.

At Crotona Park, 173 Street and Fulton Avenue, the Bronx, the swimming pool will be 125 ft. x 330 ft., the wading pool 100 ft. x 100 ft., and the semi-circular diving pool 100 ft. wide. The tanks will accommodate 4265 people.

In Brooklyn the pool in Red Hook, at the foot of Henry Street on Gowanus Bay, will be 130 ft. x 350 ft. and the diving pool will be 65 ft. x 150 ft. They will accommodate 4460 people. The new swimming pool in Sunset Park at Fifth Avenue and 41 Street will be 165 ft. x 256 ft., the semi-circular diving and wading pools 165 ft. wide and will accommodate 4850 people. In McCarron Park, at Nassau Avenue and Lorimer Street, the swimming pool will be 165 ft. x 330 ft., with semi-circular diving and wading pools 165 ft. wide at either end. The three tanks will accommodate 6800 people.

The swimming pool in Betsy Head Memorial Playground, at Hopkinson and Livonia Avenues, is being reconstructed; when reopened it will be 165 ft. x 330 ft. and will accommodate 1200 people.

These pools are the most modern in the world. The swimming and diving tanks are designed and constructed for the maximum safety of bathers. The total area of all the pools is thirteen acres which, if placed between the building lines along Fifth Avenue, would extend northward from the Public Library at 42nd Street to Central Park at 60th Street. Their total capacity - 14,445,000 gallons - is sufficient to float either the Rex or Europa or supply cities like Albany or Utica one day's supply of water. The water is filtered, treated with chemicals, heated to the proper temperature and recirculated by the most modern machinery and undergoes a complete turnover every eight hours. The pumps, piping and filters have been arranged for the most convenient inspection and maintenance. The filters have been arranged so they can be cleaned while the pools are in operation. All diving and swimming pools are equipped with underwater floodlights for night use. They will be operated entirely by uniformed civil service Park Department employees and will be opened to the public the same hours and at the same charge as at Hamilton Fish Pool. Attractive pool shows consisting of swimming and diving exhibitions similar to those given at Jones Beach will be offered periodically to patrons of the pools.

During the seasons the pools will not be in operation the bathhouses will be equipped as gymnasiums and the pool areas will be used for basketball, volley ball, handball, shuffleboard, etc. During freezing weather they will be flooded for ice skating.

HAMILTON FISH SWIMMING POOL

Statistical Data

Hamilton Fish Park and Playground, prior to its reconstruction, was divided into two separate areas by Willet Street. It had a hard ball baseball diamond and play area with earth surface for older boys and a playground for girls and small children. There was also a large wading pool which was used during the spring, fall and winter seasons for roller and ice skating. The building now used for dressing rooms, ticket office, etc. had public showers, men and women's comfort stations, which were inadequate, unsanitary and the plumbing defective beyond repair. There were also men and women's gymnasiums. Surrounding the building were passive recreation areas with shade trees and benches for adults.

The old building has been remodelled and has on the women's side a tiled shower room containing ten showers, a comfort station and lavatories. On the ground floor room, 42 dressing cubicles have been provided. On the men's side the tiled shower room has sixteen showers and a comfort station. The men dress in one large room provided with double benches.

No lockers are provided for and patrons' clothes are checked and stored in 1700 wire baskets.

The park area has been redesigned and reconstructed and now contains a swimming pool 100 ft. x 165 ft. and a semi-circular diving pool 100 feet wide. The swimming pool holds 485,000 gallons of water and the diving pool 375,000 gallons, making a total of 860,000 gallons of water. Fifty pounds of chlorine gas, seventeen pounds of ammoniac gas, sixty pounds of alum sulphate and sixty pounds of soda ash are used daily in purifying the water in these pools, which re-circulates through the pumps and filters every eight hours.

The reconstructed park area also contains a playground for girls and small boys completely equipped with swings, slides, see-saws, jungle gyms, a large game area and a wading pool 50 ft. x 100 ft. Volley ball and shuffle board courts, play apparatus and a large play area where soft ball may be played is provided for larger boys. Park areas with shade trees and benches are provided for adults.

During the spring, fall and winter months the building will be converted into a gymnasium by removing the dressing and storage room equipment and installing play apparatus. The pool areas will be drained and converted into paddle tennis, hand ball, volley ball and shuffle board courts. During freezing weather there will be ice skating.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
JUNE 22, 1936.

The Department of Parks announces that a city-wide championship harmonica contest will take place on the Mall in Central Park Thursday, June 25th at 8:30 P. M.

During the past three months elimination contests have been taking place in all boroughs and the winners of the respective boroughs will compete for the championship. Each contestant will play two musical selections. There are three age classifications competing in this contest - under 16 years of age, 16 to 18 years and over 18 years of age. Marjorie Haug, 13 years of age, who won first place in the Borough of Richmond, representing Clove Lakes Playground, will be one of the five finalists. Marjorie is the only girl harmonica player who succeeded in reaching the final contest, and a large delegation of her loyal followers from Richmond will attend hoping that she will win the championship. Another youthful contestant to reach the finals is John Mendelsohn, 16 years of age, 923 Hoe Avenue, The Bronx, representing Lyons Square Playground. Johnny has won many cups in connection with his mouth-organ playing. In fact, each contestant has quite a reputation in his neighborhood.

As an added attraction to the championship, five harmonica bands organized in the various boroughs by playground directors will compete in a band contest.

Judges for the contest are Ralph Wurlitzer, President of the Wurlitzer Music Company, William Dougherty, Editor of Music Trades Magazine, Guiseppe Creatore, Conductor of the New York State Symphonic Band, Borrah Minnevitich, founder of the Harmonica Institute of America, and Arthur M. Abell.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
JUNE 19TH, 1936

The Folk Dance Contest for children which was terminated last Saturday on the Mall, Central Park because of the rain, will be held at Roosevelt Playground, Chrystie and Forsythe Streets, Block 2, Saturday, June 20 at 2:30 P. M.

Eliminations were held in the various playgrounds within the five boroughs for children in three age groups, viz.

10 to 12 years
12 to 14 "
14 to 16 "

The final contestants will compete in folk dances of many lands to determine the best dancing group in each age classification. Two hundred children will take part. Colorful costumes have been made by the playground directors.

John O'Brien, Ella Sonkin and Daniel Cranford Smith of the Folk Festival Council, will act as judges.

A green and gold banner will be awarded to the best dancers in each of the three divisions.

Program is attached.

CHILDREN'S FOLK DANCE CONTEST

SARA DELANO ROOSEVELT PLAYGROUND
CHRYSSTIE & FORSYTHE STREET BLOCK 2

JUNE 20, 1936
2:30 P. M.

PROGRAM

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| 1. Selection | Children's Park Band |
| 2. Polish Dance | Cherry & Vandervoort Ave. & McCarren Playgrounds |
| 3. American Medley | Payson Ave. & Dyckman St., Playground |
| 4. Irish Lilt | Clove Lakes Playground |
| 5. Indian Dance | Flushing Memorial & Jackson Heights Playground |
| 6. Dutch Dance | Mosholu Playground |
| 7. Folk Dances | Czechoslovakian Group |
| 8. Tarantella | DeMatti Playground |
| 9. Japanese Dance | O'Connell Playground |
| 10. Highland Fling | West 59th Street Playground |
| 11. Irish Four Hand Reel | Bay Parkway & Kelly Memorial Playgrounds |
| 12. Russian Gypsy Dance | Zimmerman Playground |
| 13. Selection | Children's Park Band |
| 14. Tarantella | Riverside 96th Street Playground |
| 15. Russian Dance | McDonald Playground |
| 16. Mexican Dance | Jackson Heights & Von Dohlen Playgrounds |
| 17. Russian Dance | New Lots & Betsy Head Playgrounds |
| 18. Japanese Dance | St. Mary's East |

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
JUNE 19th, 1936.

The Department of Parks announces that reserved seats for the Final American Olympic Men's Track and Field Tryouts to be held at the Randall's Island Stadium, July 11th and 12th, will go on public sale Monday, June 22nd, at 10:00 A.M. at two central locations.

Reserved seats at 75 cents, \$1.00 and \$2.00 may be purchased at the Department of Parks, Arsenal Building, Room 100, 64th Street and Fifth Avenue, and at the office of the Olympic Committee, Woolworth Building, 233 Broadway, 22nd floor.

Finals are scheduled to be held at the Stadium on both days.

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On Friday, June 19, after almost a year of negotiations, the U. S. S. "Illinois" (armory of the First Battalion Naval Militia) will be towed by the George W. Rogers Construction Company from West 96th Street and the Hudson River to the bulkhead at the foot of West 135th Street and the Hudson River.

This change in location is essential in order that contract work, based on plans prepared by the Department of Parks, can proceed on the West Side Improvement. The work involves the covering of the railroad tracks and the further extension of the West Side Parkway northward through Riverside Park.

After removal of the U. S. S. "Illinois", the Park Department will continue the erection of the stone seawall on the bulkhead line, which has been extended fifty feet into the river by the War Department's permission. When this fifty foot strip has been filled in from 72nd to 129th Streets, a distance of slightly over three miles, twenty acres of land will have been added to Riverside Park.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 18, 1936

The Department of Parks announces that the summer series of puppet and marionette shows will be presented out of doors in various playgrounds in New York City, beginning June 22nd at Gulick Playground, Columbia, Delancey and Sheriff Streets, Manhattan and McKibben Playground, McKibben and White Streets, Brooklyn and on June 23rd at McDonald Playground, Forest Avenue and Broadway to W. Brighton Street, Richmond.

Among the shows that will travel to these play areas throughout the summer are such old favorites as "Robinson Crusoe," "Oliver Twist," "Treasure Island," and also original fabrications such as "The Birthday Party," "The Brass Trumpet" and "Snee Zee."

Last year over 350 puppet and marionette shows were given in the playgrounds of Greater New York. They were a source of delightful entertainment to thousands of children and their parents. It is expected that more locations will be covered this year. Attached is the itinerary for Manhattan, Brooklyn and Richmond.

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PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

6-22-36 Gulick Playground, Columbia, Delancey, Broome & Sheriff Streets .4:00 P.M.
6-23-36 Roosevelt Playground, Canal and Houston Streets4:00 P.M.
6-24-36 Coleman Playground, Cherry and Market Streets4:00 P.M.
6-25-36 I. S. No. 83, Roosevelt, Rutgers and Henry Streets4:00 P.M.
6-26-36 Corlear's Hook Playground, South Cherry, Jackson & Corlears Sts..4:00 P.M.

6-29-36 Cherry Playground, Monroe and Gouverneur Streets4:00 P.M.
6-30-36 Columbus Playground, Baxter and Worth Streets4:00 P.M.
7- 1-36 Seward Playground, Canal and Jefferson Streets4:00 P.M.
7- 2-36 Sauer Playground, East 12th Street near Avenue "C"4:00 P.M.
7- 3-36 J. J. Murphy Playground, East 17th Street, East River & Ave. "C".4:00 P.M.

7- 6-36 East 28th Street Playground - Near Third Avenue4:00 P.M.
7- 7-36 St. Catherine's Playground, 67th Street & First Avenue4:00 P.M.
7- 8-36 John Jay Playground, 76th Street & Cherokee Place4:00 P.M.
7- 9-36 Carl Schurz Playground, 84th Street & East End Avenue4:00 P.M.
7-10-36 Sutro Playground, 93rd Street and Central Park West4:00 P.M.

7-13-36 Yorkville Playground, 101st Street and Second Avenue4:00 P.M.
7-14-36 Morningside Playground, 123rd Street and Morningside Avenue4:00 P.M.
7-15-36 McCray Playground, 138 Street bet. Fifth and Lenox Avenue4:00 P.M.
7-16-36 St.Nicholas Terrace Playground, 129th St. and St. Nicholas Terr..4:00 P.M.
7-17-36 Annunciation Playground, 135th Street and Amsterdam Avenue4:00 P.M.

BROOKLYN SCHEDULE

"THE BRASS TRUMPET" UNIT III-H PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

- 6-22-36 McKibben Playground, McKibben & White Streets.....4:00 P.M.
6-23-36 Bushwick Playground, Knickerbocker Avenue & Starr Street....4:00 P.M.
6-24-36 Tompkins Playground, Tompkins & Lafayette Avenues.....4:00 P.M.
6-25-36 New Lots Playground, Riverdale Avenue & Sackman Street.....4:00 P.M.
6-26-36 Betsy Head Playground, Hopkinson & Dumont Avenues.....4:00 P.M.

6-29-36 Leiv Erickson Playground, 5th Avenue & 67th Street.....4:00 P.M.
6-30-36 Sunset Playground, 6th Avenue & 44th Street.....4:00 P.M.
7- 1-36 Red Hook Playground, Richard & Pioneer Streets.....4:00 P.M.
7- 2-36 Gowanus Playground, Third Street & Fourth Avenue.....4:00 P.M.
7- 3-36 City Playground, Flushing Avenue & Navy Street.....4:00 P.M.

7- 6-36 Kelly Memorial Playground, Avenue "S" and East 14th Street..4:00 P.M.
7- 7-36 Dyker Beach Playground, 86th Street & 14th Avenue.....4:00 P.M.
7- 8-36 Carroll Playground, Carroll & Smith Streets.....4:00 P.M.
7- 9-36 Lindsay Playground, Johnson Avenue & Lorimer Streets.....4:00 P.M.
7-10-36 McKinley Playground, 7th Avenue & Bayridge Parkway.....4:00 P.M.

7-13-36 Gravesend Playground, 18th Avenue & 56th Street.....4:00 P.M.
7-14-36 Unnamed Bay Parkway Playground, Ocean Parkway to Gravesend
Ave...4:00 P.M.
7-15-36 Drier Offerman, Cropsey Avenue & 27th Avenue.....4:00 P.M.
7-16-36 McLaughlin Playground, Jay & Tillery Streets.....4:00 P.M.
7-17-36 Sheridan Playground, 80-100 Grand Street.....4:00 P.M.

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"ROBINSON CRUSOE"

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

6-23-36	McDonald Playground, Forest Ave. & Broadway, W. Brighton, S. I.	4:00 P.M.
6-24-36	Model Playground, Jewett & Castleton Avenues	4:00 P.M.
6-25-36	Faber Playground, Richmond Terrace & Faber St. Port Richmond, S. I.	4:00 P.M.
6-26-36	Rosebank Playground, Virginia Avenue and Bay Street	4:00 P.M.
*****	Rosebank, S. I. *****	*****
6-30-36	De Matti Playground, Tompkins Avenue, Rosebank, S. I.	4:00 P.M.
7-1-36	Stapleton Playground, Grove Street & Gordon Avenue, S. I.	4:00 P.M.
7-2-36	Richmond Playground, Arthur Kill & Richmond Road,	4:00 P.M.
	Richmond, S. I.	
7-3-36	Clove Lake Playground, Slossen Avenue & Victory Blvd.	4:00 P.M.
	Brighton, S. I.	

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
JUNE 18, 1936

The opening concert of the "City Amateur Symphony Orchestra" under the direction of Judge Leopold Prince will be held on the Mall, 72nd Street and Central Park, Tuesday June 23rd, at 8:30 P.M.

This orchestra was formerly known as the "Symphonic Ensemble". It comprises one hundred musicians, both men and women. The series has been extended this year to include ten concerts. Five of the series, with the exception of the opening concert, will be presented Saturday evenings on the Mall, Central Park and five concerts Sunday afternoons at the Music Grove, Prospect Park.

Following is the schedule:

<u>ON THE MALL</u>	<u>PROSPECT PARK</u>
<u>CENTRAL PARK</u>	<u>BROOKLYN</u>
June 23 8:30 P. M.	June 28 3:00 P.M.
June 27 8:30 P. M.	July 5 3:00 P.M.
July 11 8:30 P. M.	July 12 3:00 P.M.
July 18 8:30 P. M.	July 19 3:00 P.M.
July 25 8:30 P. M.	July 26 3:00 P.M.

Judge Prince has chosen for his concerts this season a well balanced array of musical selections, which include scores of both the old and the new masters. The following is the program for the opening concert on the Mall, June 23rd.

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PROGRAMME

ON THE MAIL -- JUNE 23, 1936.

Weber.....Freischutz Overture

Schubert.....Unfinished Symphony
a - Allegretto moderato
b - Andanta con moto

Moussorgsky.....Two Pieces
1-Entr'acte from Khovantchina
2-Gopak

Grieg.....Peer Gynt Suite #1
a - Morning Mood
b - Death of Ase
c - Anitra's Dance
d - In the Hall of the
Mountain King

Sarasate.....Zigeunerweisen
(Mr. William Rymanson,
violinist)

Lecuona.....Spanish Suite
1 - Andulucia
2 - Malaguena

Strauss.....Waltz: Voices of Spring

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
JUNE 15TH, 1936

The Department of Parks announced today that the dedication of the new Cunningham Memorial will be held June 16 at 4:00 P.M. This Memorial, located in Hillside Park on the Grand Central Parkway, was constructed by the Long Island State Park Commission from a design furnished by the City Park Department.

The Memorial consists of a flagpole, set in an ornamental bronze and stone base, and placed in a formally landscaped area in front of the restaurant building on the north side of the parking field in Hillside Park.

The late Major W. Arthur Cunningham was Comptroller of the City of New York from January 1, 1934, to May 5 of the same year. The unveiling of the Memorial plaque will be attended by a formal military ritual, with field music furnished by the Band of the 165th Infantry (old 69th) New York, Major Cunningham's old regiment.

Speakers at the ceremony will be Mayor LaGuardia, Comptroller Frank J. Taylor, Park Commissioner Robert Moses, Borough President Ingersoll of Brooklyn and Borough President Harvey of Queens.

The Department of Parks is inviting the relatives, friends and former associates of the deceased Comptroller to be present at the ceremonies.

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The Department of Parks will open seven new playgrounds Friday June 12. This will make a total of 157 playgrounds added to the recreational system of the Park Department since January 1934. Prior to that date there were 108 playgrounds in the park system, seventeen of which have been completely reconstructed and modernized and thirty-two more will be rebuilt before the end of the year. In addition to these rehabilitated areas there will be 78 entirely new recreational areas which will be opened to the public before January 1, 1937. When the present program is completed, there will be a total of 325 playground areas under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks.

In Manhattan a completely equipped small children's playground will be located on Park Avenue between 121st and 124th Streets, and the new playground at Lexington Avenue and 106th Street will have horseshoe pitching courts as well as an open play area for adult children.

In Brooklyn two reconstructed areas will be opened, one in Canarsie Park, Seaview Avenue and East 92nd Street, fully equipped with play apparatus for young and older children, and the other in McLaughlin Playground, Cathedral and Jay Streets, where the girl's playground will be fully equipped with play apparatus, basketball, volley ball and paddle tennis courts.

In Queens there will be two new and one reconstructed playgrounds. The new playground at 149th Street and 15th Avenue will be fully equipped with play apparatus for small children and also provide basketball, volley ball and horseshoe pitching courts for older children. The other new playground in Crocheron Park at 34th Avenue and 214th Place will have a large central grass panel surrounded by play apparatus for small children. The reconstructed area at Myrtle Avenue and 80th Street, Forest Park, will contain a wading pool, complete equipment for small children and a play area with a soft ball diamond and horseshoe pitching courts for boys.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
JUNE 11TH, 1936

The Department of Parks announces that it will present for the first time a "Folk Dance Contest" for children, which will be held on the Mall, Central Park, Saturday, June 13th, at 2:30 P. M.

Eliminations were held in various playgrounds within the five boroughs for children in three age groups, namely:-

10 to 12 years
12 to 14 years
14 to 16 years

The final contestants will compete in folk dances of many lands to determine the best dancing group in each age classification. Colorful costumes have been made by the playground directors.

John O'Brien and Ella G. Sonkin of the Folk Festival Council will act as judges.

A green and gold banner will be awarded to the best dancers in each of the three divisions.

Program is below:

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| 1. Selection | Children's Park Band |
| 2. Polish Dance | Cherry & Vandervoort Ave. Plgd. & McCarren Plgd. |
| 3. American Medley | Payson Ave. & Dyckman St. Plgd. |
| 4. Irish Lilt | Clove Lakes Plgd. |
| 5. Indian Dance | Flushing Memorial & Jackson Heights Plgd. |
| 6. Dutch Dance | Mosholu Plgd. |
| 7. Folk Dance | Czechoslovakian Group |
| 8. Tarantella | De Matti Plgd. |
| 9. Japanese Dance | O'Connell Plgd. |
| 10. Highland Fling | West 59th Street Plgd. |
| 11. Irish Four Hand Reel | Bay Parkway & Kelly Memorial Plgds. |
| 12. Russian Gypsy Dance | Zimmerman Plgd. |
| 13. Selection | Children's Park Band |
| 14. Tarantella | Riverside 96th Street Plgd. |
| 15. Russian Dance | McDonald Plgd. |
| 16. Mexican Dance | Jackson Heights & Von Dohlan Plgds. |
| 17. Russian Dance | New Lots & Betsy Head Plgds. |
| 18. Japanese Dance | St. Mary's East |

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
JUNE 11th, 1936.

The Department of Parks announces that the Portable Theatre Shows will be presented as a weekly feature in the following parks within the five boroughs.

Manhattan	Fridays Saturdays	Washington Square Park Roosevelt Park
Brooklyn	Tuesdays Wednesdays Fridays	Owl's Head Park Gravesend Park Prospect Park
Queens	Mondays Tuesdays Saturdays	Forest Park King Park Astoria Park
Bronx	Mondays Tuesdays Thursdays	St. Mary's East Crotona Park Franz Siegel Park
Richmond	Tuesdays	Silver Lake Park

The play season in the parks will officially open Tuesday, June 16th, at 8:30 P. M. with the following performances:

Tues. June 16th	"The Barker"	King Park - Queens
"	"The Conjure Man Dies"	Crotona Park - Bronx
"	"The Emperor's New Clothes"	Silver Lake Park - Richmond
"	"The Comedy of Errors"	Owl's Head Park - Brooklyn

The shows will continue to play in the respective boroughs for one week, touring from one borough to another until the completion of the cycle.

The Portable Theatre Shows have been presented in the Parks for the past two years with great success. Last year's attendance for the entire summer was recorded as 1,999,075 persons.

A variety of plays will be offered this year ranging from tragedy to light operettas. Several Gilbert & Sullivan productions, which were very popular last year, will be repeated.

All plays are presented by the Dram. Department of the Works Progress Administration.

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FOR RELEASE FRIDAY
JUNE 12TH, 1936.

Saturday, June 13, Jacob Riis Park will be opened to the public for the 1936 season.

Several major changes in the development of this park have been completed or are under construction. The beach will be increased from an area of 8 acres at high tide to an area of 24.2 acres by the construction of a new sea wall which curves back into the park 500 feet on the westerly half of the beach. Along the top of the new sea wall is a 44-foot promenade which, when completed, will be continuous across the whole ocean front of the park.

The old dusty cinder parking space, most of which has been eliminated by the widening of the beach, will be replaced by a new concrete parking area to the north of the bathhouse. When completed, this new field will accommodate 13,600 automobiles as compared with a capacity of 3,800 cars in the old field.

When the park is opened much of this work will be going on and will continue through most of the summer. All of the new beach area south of the present roadway has been completed and is ready for use. During the summer the road west of the bathhouse will be diverted to the north and the balance of the new beach will then be completed.

The promenade along the back of the beach will not be ready for use until later in the season and, although the available parking space at present is somewhat smaller than the old area, its size is increasing daily at the rate of one-third of an acre.

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Although construction will be going on in the park during the summer the bathhouse, parking field, and beach will not be affected and there will be no serious interference with the public on account of construction operations.

The construction of the sea wall, promenade, and concrete surface of the parking field is all being done with relief labor. The clean white sand used to enlarge the beach and fill the parking area is being pumped from the bottom of Jamaica Bay under a contract let by the Marine Parkway Authority. June 24 the Authority will take bids for the construction of a bridge across Rockaway Inlet from the foot of Flatbush Avenue to Jacob Riis Park.

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JUNE 11TH 1936

Recently Congress passed an appropriation of \$129,000,000. to be spent through the War Department for the improvement of rivers and harbors and among the projects included in this appropriation was the straightening of the Harlem River between the Hudson River and Broadway. Some years ago the state acquired the land necessary for this straightening and made the land available for the use of the federal government. One of the provisions made at that time was that at such time as the channel was relocated, the land under water now under the jurisdiction of the federal government in the old channel would be turned over to the City of New York for the use of the Department of Parks. Upon the completion of this work the Department of Parks will have reclaimed and added an area of approximately 24 acres to the north end of Isham and Inwood Hill Parks.

The War Department has announced that they are taking bids on July 7, 1936, for the removal of approximately 269,000 cubic yards of earth and 214,000 cubic yards of ledge rock to be removed during the next year. It is planned that this material will be removed and placed in the area to be added to Isham and Inwood Hill parks. A method has been worked out whereby the old channel may be kept open while the new channel is being constructed.

Upon the completion of the reclamation in the new area, the Park Department will have provided the public with a new yacht basin capable of caring for well over 100 boats. Adjacent to the yacht basin will be a new clubhouse and roadways and a parking area capable of taking care of 300 cars. There will be a large additional recreational area including a baseball diamond. The whole plan is pleasing in appearance, will be well landscaped and amply provided with

walks and roadways. It is anticipated that these additional park facilities will be subjected to intense use.

The entire development with its easy accessibility to the crowded sections at the north end of Manhattan and the Bronx should be an improvement of the utmost importance to the large population of this area.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
JUNE 9th, 1936

At 4:30 P.M. on June 10th, the old Barrett estate, between Clove Road and Broadway just west of Forest Avenue, on Staten Island, will be opened to the public as Barrett Park. Ceremonies will be conducted jointly by the Department of Parks and the Staten Island Zoological Society.

In the center of the area is the most modern zoo in the country. Although smaller than the zoos in Central and Prospect Parks, it will provide a more varied exhibit of living specimens. In addition to mammals and birds, there will be exhibits of reptiles and fish.

Although the zoo will be open to the public, its primary function will be to provide facilities for teaching some phases of natural history and biology to pupils from all sections of the city. For this program the single building is equipped with an auditorium, four classrooms and a laboratory.

The park and zoo were constructed by the Department of Parks with relief labor. The final design of the building followed closely the first sketches made by Henry G. Jefferson, who is a resident of Richmond, and who has, for the last year, been inspector on Park Department construction in Staten Island.

The zoo will be operated and maintained and the lectures and classes will be conducted by the Staten Island Zoological Society.

The Department of Parks announces that concerts will be given by the Works Progress Administration Music Division, at the following parks during the summer season:

C O N C E R T S

Prospect Park	Every Wednesday night starting June 10th, and in addition every Sunday night beginning August 2nd. - - - - - Manhattan Concert Band Orchestra. Sunday afternoons, starting June 28th and following Sunday afternoons - July 5th, 12, 19, 26 at 3 P. M.- - - - - Judge Prince
Forest Park	Tuesdays - - - - - The Hudson Orchestra Fridays, starting Friday June 5th-N.Y.State Symphonic Band Sundays, - - - - - Manhattan Concert Band
Kings Park	Saturday nights, starting June 6th - Hudson Concert Band
Astoria Park	Thursday nights, starting June 11th-Hudson Concert Band
Bronx County Court House	Tuesdays, starting June 9th - - Manhattan Concert Band
Silver Lake Park	Sunday nights starting June 14th- - Waverly Brass Band

D A N C E S

Dances will be held at the following locations:

Mall - Central Park -	will start	Tuesday June 9th	Tues. Knickerbocker Thurs. Gotham Dance Orch.
Roosevelt Playground	" "	Friday June 12th	Mon. Gotham " " Fri. Knickerbocker
Colonial Park	" "	Tuesday June 9th	Tues. & Thurs. Colonial
Prospect Park	" "	Monday June 15th	Mon. Knickerbocker
Fort Greene Park	" "	Friday June 12th	Fri. Gotham Dance Orch.
Jackson Heights	" "	Monday June 15th	Mon. " " "
Bronx County Court House	" "	Wednesday June 10	Wed. Knickerbocker
McDonald Playground	" "	Wednesday June 10	Wed. Gotham Dance Orch.

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FOR RELEASE
June 5th, 1936.

The Department of Parks announces that it will conduct dances on the Mall in Central Park every Tuesday and Thursday evening, starting June 9th. Arrangements have been made for a dance area to accommodate 3,500 dancers and 7,000 spectators.

For the past two years these dances have been very successful and have given wholesome recreation to thousands of young persons. During the past month a new surface has been laid on the Mall which will be smoother and better for dancing. Children under 18 years of age will not be permitted to dance. Girls will not be permitted to dance together. Gentlemen will be required to wear coats. Smoking will not be permitted on the dance floor. The dances will be supervised by the playground directors of the department, and improper dancing will be prohibited. Dancers will be required to leave the dance area after each dance.

The music will be supplied by a fourteen-piece orchestra "The Knickerbocker Dance Orchestra" by Dick Gordon, which is furnished by the Music Division of the Works Progress Administration. Leo Reisman will act as Guest Conductor on the opening night.

In addition to the dances on the Mall in Central Park, dances have been scheduled for Harlem on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in an area opposite Colonial Park, from 148th Street to 150th Street. These dances will start Tuesday, June 9th. "The Colonial Dance Orchestra", conducted by Wilson Kyer, will play at this location.

In Roosevelt Playground at Chrystie and Forsythe Streets, starting Friday, June 12th, on every Monday and Friday evening.

The schedule of the dances in the other boroughs is as follows: In Brooklyn, the area adjacent to the Picnic House, Prospect Park, Monday evenings, to start Monday, June 15th; Fort Greene Park, from Myrtle to DeKalb Avenues, in the Tennis Court area, every Friday evening, to start Friday, June 12th. In Queens, Jackson Heights Playground, 84th and 85th Streets and Schurz Avenue, every Monday evening, to start June 15th. In the Bronx, the area adjacent to the Bronx County Court House Building, every Wednesday evening, to start June 10th. In Richmond, Austin J. McDonald Playground, Forest and Myrtle Avenue, Richmond, every Wednesday evening, to start June 10th.

The same rules and regulations apply to all dance areas. These dances are controlled and supervised by the playground directors of the Department of Parks.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
JUNE 2ND, 1936.

UNVEILING OF BUST OF

JOHN WOLFE AMEROSE

The Department of Parks announces the unveiling of the Bust of John Wolfe Ambrose, June 3rd, 3 P. M. at Battery Park.

Mayor La Guardia, Commissioner Moses, Rev. Dr. Ralph Sockman, Mr. George A. Voss and Mr. Edgar A. Martin will speak, and among the invited guests are representatives of the Navy, the Coast Guard, the Steamship Companies, the Port Authorities of New York and New Jersey, the Department of Commerce, the Municipal Art Commission, the Merchants Association and other interested organizations.

Mrs. George Frederick Shradly, Mr. Ambrose's daughter will unveil the bust, which is placed in a niche in a monument constructed against the wall of the Aquarium and overlooks the deep sea channel which bears his name. Friends and associates presented the bust to his family.

John Wolfe Ambrose was born January 10th, 1838, at New Castle, Ireland, and came to the United States with his parents as a child. Although obliged to earn his living at an early age, he prepared himself for college and entered New York University, later going to Princeton University, to prepare himself for the ministry. On completion of his college course in 1860, he changed his plans, taking up newspaper work as a member of the staff of the official organ of the Citizens' Association, one of the first civic organizations devoted to municipal reform.

Later in his business career, Mr. Ambrose engaged in construction work on a large scale, and among his many accomplishments in this line were the building of the Second Avenue Elevated road, the Sixth Avenue Elevated road, from 72nd Street to 158th Street, the laying of the first pneumatic tubes for the Western Union Telegraph Company and the construction of numerous uptown streets, particularly in the Harlem section. In 1880 he became interested in the development of the Brooklyn waterfront properties. He was the organizer and president of the Brooklyn Wharf and Dry Dock Company, and the founder of the 39th Street South Brooklyn Ferry. Soon after the formation of the companies his attention was directed to the inadequate channels of the port of New York, especially along the Brooklyn shore. The long stretch from 28th Street to 65th Street, South Brooklyn, which today is a busy center of shipping representing investments of hundreds of millions of dollars, was an undeveloped swamp section, the shore line a succession of mud flats, with an average depth of eight feet at high tide. With prophetic vision, Mr. Ambrose recognized in advance of his fellows the dangers of New York being handicapped through inability to supply port accommodations to ships with a draft exceeding 18 feet.

He first went to Washington in 1881 to ask appropriations for New York Harbor, and bent all his energies to the education and conversion of successive River and Harbor Committees so that they would fully understand the pressing needs of New York in this respect.

From 1881 to 1896 successive appropriations were obtained for the Bay Ridge and Red Hook Channels, making them 1000 feet wide and 40 feet deep where formerly they had been 8 feet. To his indefatigable in-

initial efforts is directly due the great development which in recent years has taken place on the Bay Ridge water front. When he had secured the necessary appropriations for upper New York Bay, he turned his attention to the ocean approaches to the harbor. He felt that to properly impress Congress with the necessity of granting permission for a real deep sea channel was a work of such magnitude that no effort should be spared. He, therefore, organized a large delegation composed of prominent and representative citizens from the Chamber of Commerce, the Produce and Maritime Exchanges, the Board of Marine Underwriters, and the Merchants' Association, of which he was a director and which he represented. On December 22nd, 1898, the delegation appeared before the River and Harbor Committee of the House of Representatives, strongly and extensively advocating a channel 2000 feet wide and 40 feet deep. Mr. Ambrose made the principal address on this occasion.

Notwithstanding the intrinsic merits of New York's claims in this matter, which meant larger vessels and reduced rates to producer and consumer, the Committee of the House of Representatives absolutely denied the plea of the petitioners, and cut the appropriation from the River and Harbor bill. Mr. Ambrose then appeared alone before the Committee on Commerce of the United States Senate, and secured the appropriation, which gave New York a suitable approach to its magnificent harbor. He died without seeing the fruition of that for which he had labored so long and unselfishly. In 1901-2 Congress passed a bill naming the Channel after him.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MAY 27TH, 1936.

The Department of Parks received bids this afternoon for a contract for the general grading of Flushing Meadow Park, as the first step toward the development of this park, which is the site of the 1939 World's Fair.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment on May first approved the form of contract for this work and authorized the Commissioner of Parks to proceed to take bids. This is the first contract to be let by the City for the improvement of this area, although approximately three and a half million dollars has already been expended by the State in grading, paving and the erection of bridges on the Grand Central Parkway Extension, which forms the westerly boundary of this park between Kew Gardens and Flushing Bay, and connects with the Triborough Bridge Approach.

This contract calls for the moving of seven million cubic yards of material, all of which is available at the site. Six million cubic yards of the available material consists of ashes located in the old Brooklyn ash disposal dump located just south of the Long Island Railroad in Corona. This property was acquired by the City in connection with the settlement of a contract held by the Brooklyn Ash Removal Company for the disposal of refuse collected in the borough of Brooklyn and represents waste material accumulated over a period of thirty years. This contract will eliminate the ash dump which has been an eyesore in this community for years and will create a park of over a thousand acres in the geographical and population center of the city.

In addition to the six million cubic yards from the ash disposal dump, there is approximately one million yards to be excavated from the center of the southerly section of the park to form two lakes which will remain the main features of the park development south of Nassau Boulevard. The work under this contract will be completed on April 1, 1937, when construction can start on the development of the World's Fair structures.

There were seven bids received, ranging from a low bid of \$1,843,775 to a high bid of \$2,631,800. The three low bids are listed below:

D. M. W. Contracting Co., Inc.	1,843,775
S. J. Groves & Son	1,967,525
Arthur A. Johnson Inc.)	
Necaro Co., Inc.)	2,186,185

The qualifications of the low bidders are being carefully investigated.

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For Immediate release

May 25, 1936

The Department of Parks announces that the final match of the Inter-boro Horse Shoe Pitching Contest for boys and men over 16 years of age, will take place at Edgecombe Avenue and 168th Street on May 27, Wed., at 5:30 P.M.

The Richmond team will compete in singles and doubles games against the Manhattan team to determine the championship of New York City.

This is an annual contest conducted by the Department of Parks. The winning individual and doubles champion, first place, will each receive a gold plated medal.

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For Immediate Release
May 26, 1936.

The final game of the Inter-boro basketball contest for boys under 16 years of age will take place at Roosevelt Playground, Chrystie and Forsythe Streets, on Tuesday, May 26th at 4:30 P.M.

The Bronx Team will compete against the Richmond Team to determine the city championship. This contest is an annual tournament conducted by the Recreation Department.

There is a continual transfer from year to year of this sought for "basketball crown." One borough seldom retaining the championship for more than one year in succession. The winning team will be awarded a suitably engraved silver cup.

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MARCH from Irish Opera "Eileen"	Victor Herbert
INVOCATION (In Song) "THE PRAYER PERFECT"	Nicholas Farley
GREETINGS	Mr. Hugh A. O'Donnell
Selections from "WONDERLAND"	Victor Herbert
Tenor Solo "THINE ALONE" from Irish Opera "EILEEN"	John Feeney
BADINAGE	Victor Herbert
Gems from VICTOR HERBERT	Arranged by Giuseppe Creatore. Soloist Helen Alexander
BABES IN TOYLAND	
THE RED MILL	
MADEMOISELLE MODISTE	
Vocal: "KISS ME AGAIN"	
NAUGHTY MARIETTA	
Vocal: "ITALIAN STREET SONG"	
SERENADE	
THE FORTUNE TELLER	
Vocal: "GYPSY LOVE SONG"	

INTERMISSION

IRISH RHAPSODY	Victor Herbert
TRIBUTE TO VICTOR HERBERT	Mr. James McGurrian President-General, American Irish Historical Society
WALTZ "ESTRALLITA"	Victor Herbert
PAN AMERICANA	Victor Herbert
AMERICAN FANTASIE	Victor Herbert

Program presented by the Gaelic Musical Society of America -
in conjunction with the Department of Parks and the Works
Progress Administration of the City of New York.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MAY 20TH, 1936

The Department of Parks invites children and grown-ups to participate in the Harmonica Contest to be staged Wednesday, May 27th, at 4:00 P.M. at the Roosevelt Playground, Chrystie and Forsythe Streets.

This contest is one phase of the city-wide Harmonica Contest being sponsored by the Department of Parks in all five boroughs. Borough Champions will be crowned in Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond with the all-borough finals scheduled to take place on The Mall, Central Park, on June 6th.

The Contest is open to boys and girls, who will compete in 3 classes - Class "A" for contestants 15 years of age and under. Class "B" - contestants 16 to 18 years of age. Class "C" - unlimited, for contestants over 18 years of age. Harmonica groups will also compete in the special Bands Division of Class "C".

Hundreds of contestants have already enrolled and a large turnout is expected. Championship Trophy Cups and special harmonica prizes donated by Borrah Minevitch, world-famous harmonica virtuoso, will be awarded the winners.

The rules for the contest are simple. Players wishing to enter are requested to address a postcard to the Swedish Cottage, 79th Street, West Drive, Central Park, giving name, address and age. All applications for individual or band entries must be in the hands of the Contest Director no later than Friday, May 22nd.

Each contestant will be required to play one selection of his own choice and of not more than three minutes duration. Competent and impartial judges will rate the players.

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For Immediate Release
May 19th, 1956

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Department of Parks
Arsenal, Central Park
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The Department of Parks announces that it will conduct the final match of the City-Wide Marble Shooting contest for boys and girls at City Hall Park, Wednesday, May 20th at 4:15 P.M.

This annual marble shooting contest is an event which is looked forward to with great interest by the children. Eliminations were held in all playgrounds within the five boroughs. Entries were numerous in this play activity, the girls vieing with boys to win the championship of greater New York.

The pick of the boroughs, consisting of the first two winners will meet at City Hall to compete against the respective borough finalists.

In the event that a boy opposes a girl contestant in the final playoff at City Hall, the public will be assured of very keen competition. Such a game was played two years ago, with the girl competitor the victor.

The winners will be awarded Park Department medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Department of Parks
Arsenal Building, N.Y.

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Immediate Release
May 18th, 1936

The Department of Parks announces that it will conduct the final matches of the Inter-boro Handball contest at the Houston and First Street playground on Tuesday May 19th at 4 P.M.

The tournament is arranged for contestants of three age groups. viz. Boys 16 years of age and under -- Boys 16 to 21 years of age, and men over 21 years of age. A singles and doubles game will be played in each classification.

Winning individuals and doubles teams from Manhattan will meet the Brooklyn contestants to determine the championship of New York City.

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 18, 1936

The Department of Parks is planning construction of bicycle paths in the City Park system to meet the growing demand for this form of recreation. Bicycling is not only popular with growing boys and girls, thousands of mature men and women derive pleasure from this form of exercise. The use of City streets and boulevards for bicycling is dangerous to the bicyclist and the use of walks in the parks dangerous to the pedestrian.

The recent designation of the closed driveway west of the Mall in Central Park one morning each week demonstrated that bicycling paths are needed. This particular area has been used for roller skating for two years and is now being resurfaced to add bicycling, restricted to two outside ten foot lanes. The two inside lanes will be resurfaced for roller skating. Both facilities will be used at the same time and Park recreation employees will be assigned to maintain order and move traffic in one way lanes.

Plans are being prepared by the Park Department to provide a bicycle path along the Harlem River Speedway which will not interfere with pedestrians and which will have no grade crossings. Another path is being planned in the northerly section of Hillside Park in Queens. The construction of a bicycle path on the centre strip of the Pelham Parkway is being designed and another path is being laid out along Ocean Parkway in Brooklyn. Facilities for bicycling are also included in the reconstruction of Riverside Park in connection with the West Side Improvement.

If men and materials are available from relief funds these new facilities will be developed after July 1st, when the construction of the Park Department's program of playgrounds, swimming pools, golf courses and beaches is completed.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MAY 13TH, 1936.

A truck equipped for emergency has been put into service by the Department of Parks. This truck is equipped to cover every kind of emergency that might arise within the parks, playgrounds or streets that are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks.

The crew will consist of expert mechanics, specially trained for their particular line of duty and with years of experience in park activities which qualifies these men for this special type of service. The crew is comprised of the following mechanics:

Carpenter
Plumber and Steamfitter
Blacksmith Welder
Letterer Painter
Climber and Pruner
Chauffeur

The truck's equipment will consist of a complete outfit for mechanics, also pulmotors, pumps, spraying apparatus, danger signs, first aid kits and many other emergency devices.

Emergency truck will operate in the entire Borough of Manhattan and in approximately half of the Boroughs of Brooklyn, Queens and Bronx.

The terminal for operations will be at Central Park, Regent 4-1000 or Rhineland 4-5330. Upon receipt of a complaint from the public the truck will be dispatched immediately to the point of emergency. The Park Department lists emergencies such as: fallen street trees, sliding rock, broken water pipes, dangerous road conditions and accidents of like nature within the parks or parkways.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MAY 7TH, 1936.

Saturday morning at 6 A. M. the Split Rock and Pelham Bay Golf Courses in the Bronx, and the Kissena Course in Queens, will be open for play. With these courses the Park Department will have ten eighteen-hole courses open to the public.

Split Rock, Kissena and the second nine at LaTourette, Borough of Richmond, are new. Dyker Beach in Brooklyn, Forest Park in Queens, Pelham Bay in the Bronx, Silver Lake in Richmond and the first nine holes at LaTourette in Richmond are thoroughly reconstructed with new tees and greens throughout. Van Cortlandt and Mosholu in the Bronx, and Clearview in Queens have been reconditioned and remodeled to some extent. All this work has been done with relief funds provided by the C.W.A., T.E.R.A. and W.P.A.

The opening of the new Split Rock course and the completely remodeled Pelham Bay layout has been long awaited by the golfing public. It is an interesting fact that both courses measure 6,617 yards in length. It was not the original intention to make them the same length, and the condition was revealed after a survey of the completed courses. Par at Pelham Bay is 73 and at Split Rock 71, owing to a greater number of par 5 holes on the former.

The formal opening of the new golf house at Pelham Bay to serve both the Pelham Bay and Split Rock Courses will be announced at a later date, but it will be in temporary use.

Reports of play and the sale of permits indicate a most successful season. On this date in 1935, 6,683 rounds of golf had been played as compared with 18,300 this year.

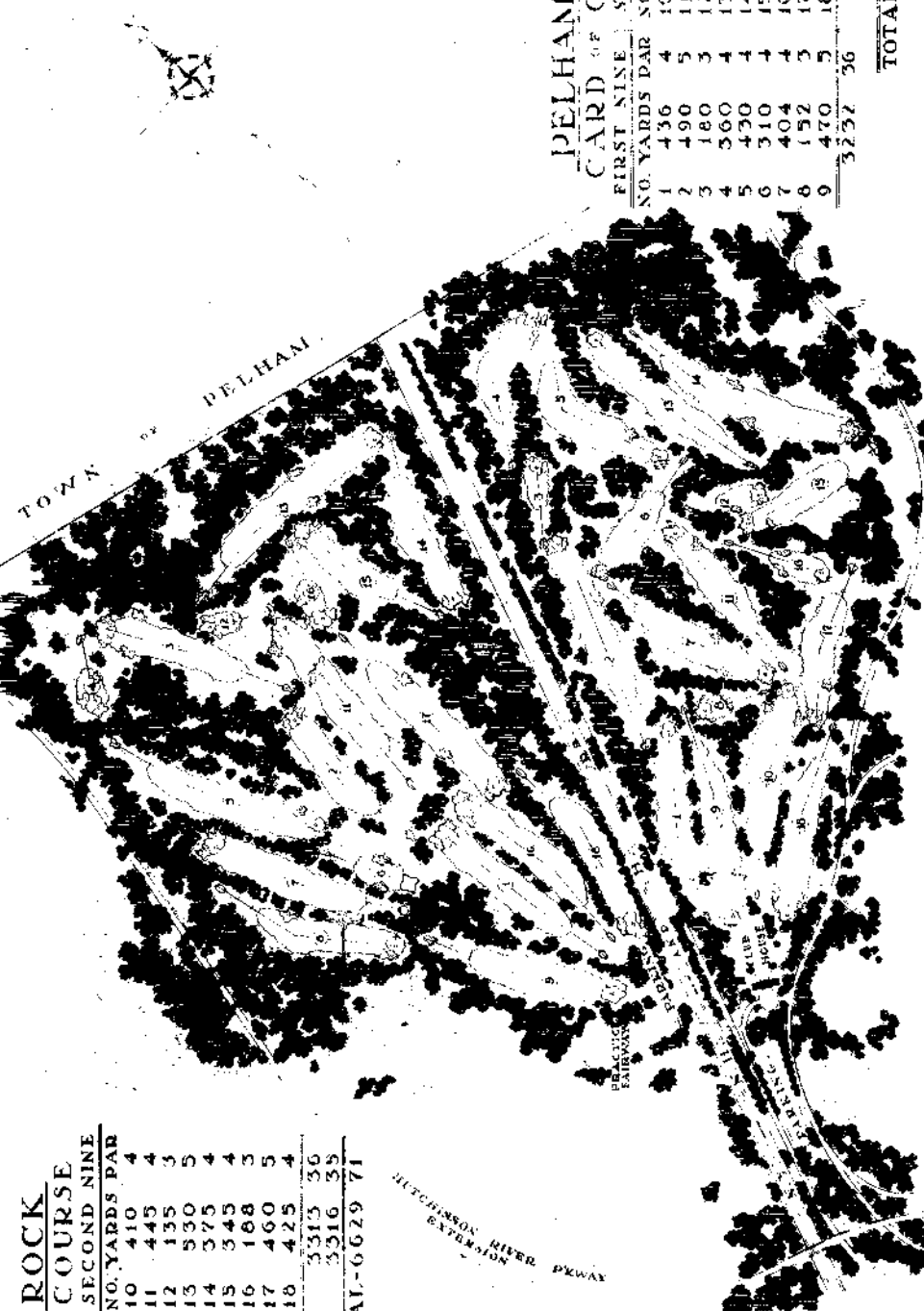
SPLIT ROCK

CARD OF COURSE

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2	360	4	445
3	415	4	135
4	150	3	530
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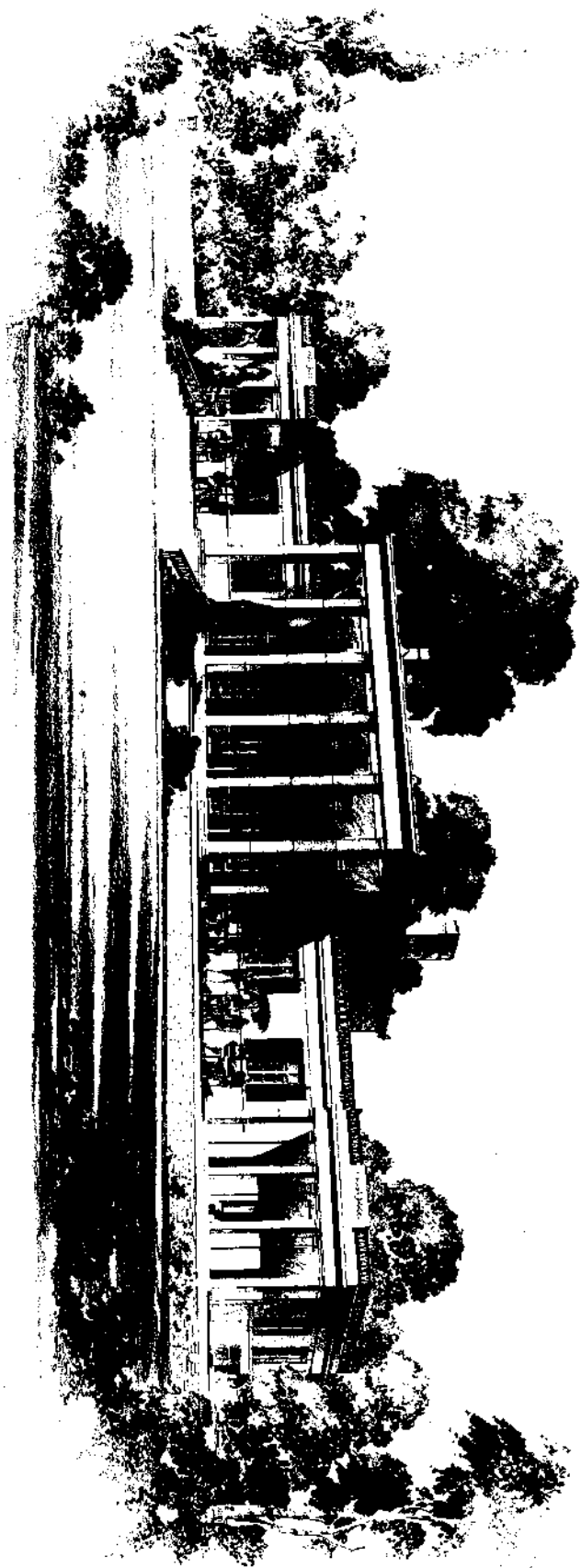
PELHAM BAY CARD OF COURSE

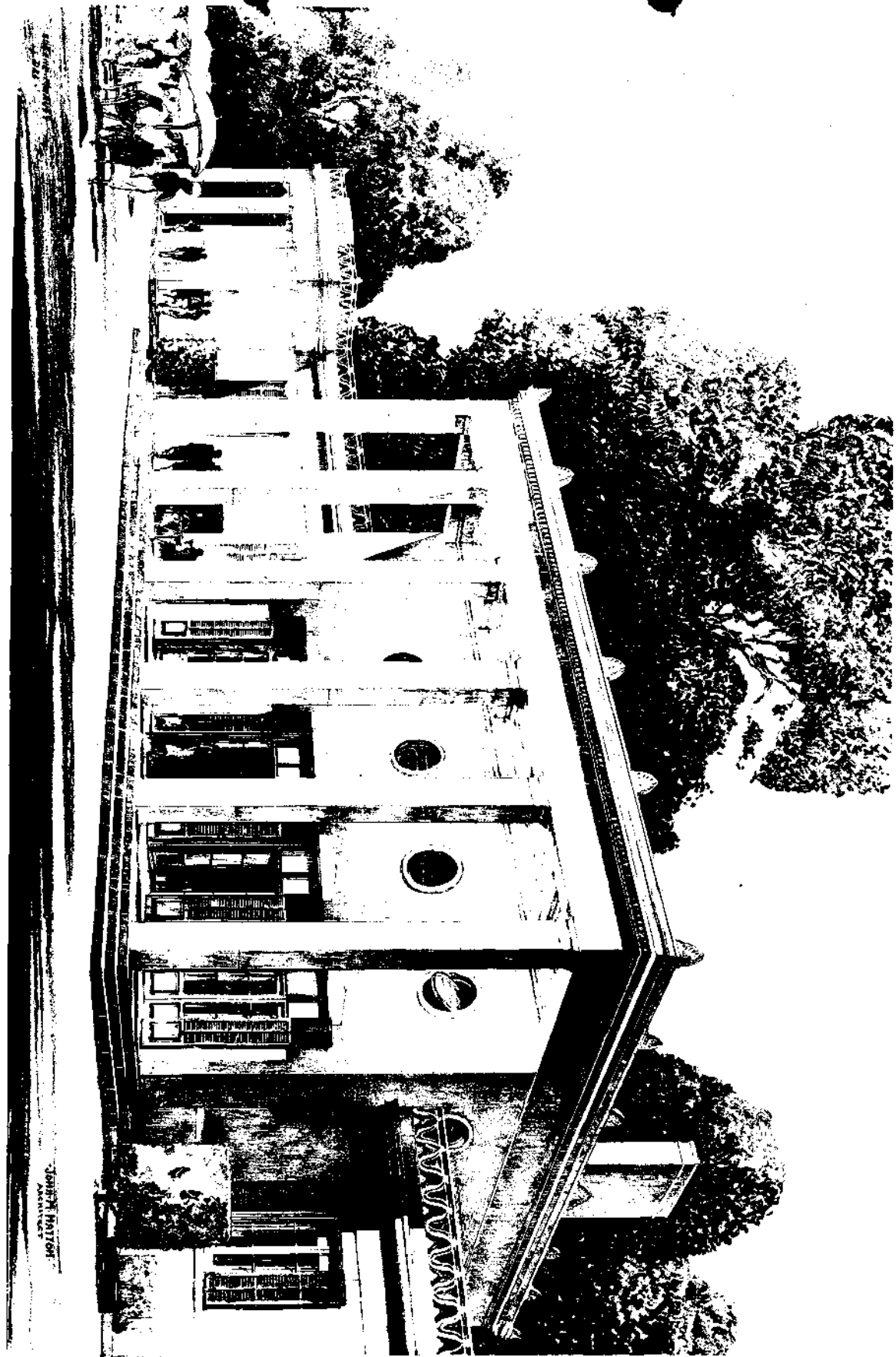
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2	490	5	11
3	180	3	12
4	560	4	13
5	430	4	14
6	310	4	15
7	404	4	16
8	152	3	17
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PELHAM BAY AND SPLIT ROCK GOLF COURSES

PELHAM BAY PARK BOROUGH OF THE BRONX
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION CITY OF NEW YORK





JOHN W. HAYES
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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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MAY 8th, 1936
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Department of Parks announces that the Galway and Tipperary Hurling teams will play a hurling game at the formal opening of the Gaelic Grounds at Van Cortlandt Park, Sunday afternoon, May 10th, at 3:00 P. M.

The teams which will line up Sunday are two of the best in New York. Both teams boast four men on the all star team that will meet Ireland at the Yankee Stadium, May 17th. Jim Snee, Dick Purcell, Chris Hayes, Tom Donlon and Paddy Morgan, outstanding stars at hurling, will be seen in action at the Van Cortlandt grounds.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
THURSDAY, MAY 7TH.

The Department of Parks announces that on Saturday, May 9th, at 2 o'clock, the borough winners of the park lake model yacht and motorboat contest will compete in a city championship to be held on Conservatory Lake. In the event of rain, the contest will be set for Sunday, May 10th.

Arrangements have been made with the officers of the French Line to permit the winners of the 1935 and 1936 contests in the five boroughs to visit The Normandie on May 12th at 2:30 P.M. Captain Rene Puguat of the Normandie will accompany the children on a tour of inspection of the huge liner. Captain Puguat will inspect sailboats brought by the children and eight ten-inch accurate scale models of The Normandie will be awarded winners of the 1936 championships. Other winners will be presented with official Park Department medals.

The children also will be entertained by a puppet show, after which light refreshments will be served aboard ship. One guardian will be permitted to accompany each child.

The sailboat contest has attracted and interested 5,000 children with boats classified according to size.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MAY 5TH, 1936.

Rugby football will be introduced on North Meadow in Central Park on Saturday afternoon, May 9th, the Department of Parks announces today. Several thousand enthusiasts are expected to witness the game scheduled between the French Rugby Club and the Princeton Rugby Club, two of the most powerful aggregations on the Eastern seaboard.

Both clubs are at the top of their game at present. They have scored notable victories over rival rugby fifteens in the past two months and an exciting tussle is in prospect for the fans.

The Department of Parks is making all arrangements for the rugby inaugural in Central Park and the teams will find an excellent field ready for the game. The game will get under way at 3 o'clock sharp.

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FOR RELEASE
MONDAY, MAY 4th, 1936

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The Department of Parks is opening thirteen new playgrounds today. These will make a total of 149 playgrounds added to the recreational system of the Park Department since January, 1934. Prior to that date there were 108 playgrounds in the park system. Fourteen of these old playgrounds have been completely reconstructed and modernized and thirty-five more will be rebuilt before the end of the year. In addition to these rehabilitated areas, there will be 82 entirely new recreational areas which will be opened to the public before January 1st, 1937. When the present program is completed, there will be a total of 325 playground areas under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks.

Five of the playgrounds to be opened today are in Manhattan. Among them are three marginal areas in Central Park located at 77th Street and Fifth Avenue, 100th Street and Fifth Avenue, and 68th Street and Central Park West. These three new perimeter playgrounds for children of pre-school age make a total of eleven of these areas in Central Park. The other two playgrounds are in the southeast corner of Mt. Morris Park and on Sixth Avenue between Third and Fourth Streets.

In Brooklyn, there will be four new playgrounds located in the northwest corner of Fort Greene Park, in Tompkins Park, at Tompkins Avenue and Lafayette Avenue, on 23rd Street between Fourth and Fifth Avenues, and on Eighth Avenue between 65th and 66th Streets. The latter area is adjacent to Leiv Eiriksson Playground and will provide baseball and other adult facilities which were not included in the Leiv Eiriksson development.

In the Bronx, a completely equipped small children's playground will be opened on 146th Street, between the Grand Concourse and Walton Avenue. In Bronx Park, south of the intersection of Boston Road and Pelham Parkway, a baseball field has been constructed as the first unit of an active recreational development, and three reconstructed big league baseball diamonds will be opened on the Parade Grounds in Van Cortlandt Park. This entire area has had a new system of drainage installed and construction is proceeding on seven similar baseball fields, three cricket fields, two soccer fields and one lacrosse field.

In Queens, there will be a playground opened at 47th Avenue at 111th Street.

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Miss Sullivan

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General File

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For Immediate Release

April 30, 1936

The Department of Parks announces that "The Portable Farm Yard" will again visit many playgrounds throughout the city, starting May 1st.

This model farm yard will remain in each play area for three days during the course of the summer with the exception of a ten day period each month when the animals will remain in one play area in order to rest.

City dwellers and especially the under-privileged children of the congested districts will be given an opportunity to see and enjoy the domestic animals which are common to children of rural districts.

This miniature farm yard will contain a barn for housing animals. It will also have a regular farm fence connecting the area adjacent to the barn where the animals can move around.

Through the courtesy of Bordens Milk Company, a cow and a calf will be a featured attraction. In addition, there will be pigs, ducks, chickens, chicks, turkeys and pigeons.

The first showing of "The Portable Farm Yard" will be at the Roosevelt Playground, Chrystie & Forsythe Streets, Friday, May 1st. After three days it will move to Corlears Hook Park, South Street, foot of Jackson Street.

Playground directors will notify children the time the farm yard will visit the respective playgrounds.

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PORTABLE FARMYARD SCHEDULE

	May 1	Roosevelt Playground	Manhattan
	May 4	Corlears Hook Park	"
MANHATTAN	May 7	Battery Park	"
	May 10	Hudson Park <i>Houston & 6th St</i>	

	May 13	St. Mary's Playground	Bronx
	May 16	Franz Siegel	"
	May 19	Claremont Park	"
BRONX	May 22	Crotona Park	"
	May 25	St. James	"
	May 28	De Voe Park	"
	May 31	Fort Independence	"
	June 3	Mosholu	"

	June 10	Highbridge 189th	Manhattan
MANHATTAN	June 13	Payson Ave. & Dyckman	"
	June 16	Hamilton Place	"
	June 19	John Jay	"

	June 22	Williamsburg Bridge	Brooklyn
	June 25	City Park	"
	June 28	McLaughlin	"
	July 1	Red Hook	"
	July 4	Gravesend	"
	July 11	11th St. & 2nd Ave.	"
BROOKLYN	July 14	Lindsey	"
	July 17	Cooper	"
	July 20	Bushwick Playground	"
	July 23	Betsy Head	"
	July 26	Lincoln Terrace	"
	July 29	New Lots	"
	August 1	Heckscher	"
	August 4	Kelly Memorial	"

	August 10	Rainy Park	Queens
	August 13	Jackson Heights	"
QUEENS	August 16	Kissena Park	"
	August 19	O'Connell	"
	August 22	Baisley	"
	August 25	St. Albans	"
	August 28	Greenhouse Forest Park	"
	August 31	Anawanda	"

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
APRIL 29, 1936.

The Department of Parks announces that on Friday, May 1, Arbor Day Tree Planting will take place at the following Children's Gardens--

Grotona Park, Bronx)	1:30 P.M.
Children's Garden)	300 Children
Fulton Ave. & St. Pauls Place)	

Betsy Head Park, Brooklyn)	2:00 P.M.
Children's Garden)	300 Children
Hopkinson & Blake Sts.)	

St. Nicholas Park, Manhattan)	10:30
Children's Garden)	300 Children
131st St. & St. Nicholas Terrace)	

In addition to a grown tree, seeds of Oak, Sycamore and others will be planted by the children in a forestry plot so that their growth may be observed in the years to come, as an object lesson for their preservation, thereby helping to mould an attitude of greater respect and appreciation toward our public parks and teach the value of tree conservation and its relation to our public and economic needs.

Suitable ceremonies, recitations, tree and tree seeds planted by the children will commemorate the Arbor Day Celebration.

PROGRAM

Planting of tree seeds and trees by the children

Address by child -----Value of trees

Recitation by child ---Tree Mutilation

" " " ---Woodman Spare That Tree, with a little history of
this poem.

THE VALUE OF TREES

Whether you live in the country with trees overshadowing your doorstep or near a city park, it is fitting this day, to give a thought to trees, those silent friends whose value and beauty contribute so much toward our happiness and comfort. Their beauty in spring, summer and autumn is but a part they play in the general scheme of our lives. Pencils and paper, desks and doors, houses and floors, all these things and hundreds more depend upon our forests. Without trees, we could not have them. Do you know that 160 million trees are cut down every year for various uses? One billion lead pencils are used each year. It takes 160 acres of spruce trees to make the paper for a large, Sunday edition of a newspaper. Planting trees and giving them protection is true conservation.

HISTORY OF POEM

"WOODMAN SPARE THAT TREE"

The history of the writing of this poem by Geo. P. Morris, the author, was explained in a letter to a friend by Mr. Morris in 1837. Mr. Morris was riding in the country with an old gentleman who asked him to turn down a little country lane, to look at an old tree which was planted by his grandfather, near the doorstep of the house in which he was born. He had many recollections about this old tree and always remembered it as an old friend. As they neared the tree, they saw before it a man with his coat off and sharpening an ax. You're not going to cut down this tree the old gentleman asked? -- Yes but I am, the old woodman said. I want that tree for firewood. It is worth \$10.00. The old man then said-if I give you \$10.00 will you let it stand? The woodman agreed and a bond was drawn up and signed by the three men, to spare that tree. This impressed Mr. Morris, the author, who then wrote the poem, WOODMAN SPARE THAT TREE.

"WOODMAN SPARE THAT TREE"

Geo. P. Morris

Woodman, Spare that tree!
Touch not a single bough!
In youth it sheltered me,
And I'll protect it now.
'T was my forefather's hand
That placed it near my cot;
There, woodman let it stand,
Thy axe shall harm it not

My heart-strings 'round thee cling,
Close as thy bark, old friend
Here shall the wild bird sing,
And still thy branches bend.
Old tree, the storm still brave
And woodman, leave the spot;
While I've a hand to save,
Thy axe shall harm it not.

TREE

MUTILATION

By Ann Williams

I wonder if I shall ever see,
A lovely, stately white birch tree,
Whose bark has not been marred by hand,
Leaving an ugly, dark red band.

Along the highway, or in a park,
Each beautiful birch has lost some bark,
Disfigured for life it stands apart,
Drooping as with a broken heart.

We are given eyes that we might see,
The beauty of each lovely tree;
Yet thoughtless people leave a scar,
That shows unsightly from afar.

God never meant for you or me,
To injure or abuse a tree;
A kindly thought we each should give,
To every tree,--and help it live.

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Two identical statues of stainless steel will be erected in the near future on the promenade of the Astoria Swimming Pool in the Borough of Queens.

The figures, each sixteen feet high, are the first pieces of three-dimensional sculpture of any considerable size to be executed in stainless steel and are the result of nearly two years of planning and experimental work by the Department of Parks.

They were designed by Emil Siebern and executed by sheet metal workers under the direction of Thomas Roberts, representing a collaboration of architects, sculptors and artisans. As the limitations of steel had to be kept in mind when making the models, the shapes and forms were developed along modern lines. Stainless steel is not only fitted to harmonize with the architectural features of the Bath House, but its cost is less than that of bronze, marble or any of the other materials usually associated with sculpture.

As the statues are a new departure in this field, the method of assembling them is of particular interest. After the full size models were completed, preliminary paper patterns, similar to those used by dressmakers, were made and fitted to them. The paper patterns were then copied in zinc and eventually in galvanized iron. This stage of the work had to be executed with the utmost attention to detail as each figure consists of one hundred and twenty five separate pieces which had to be assembled with the greatest accuracy. Once the metal patterns were completed and carefully fitted to each other, the final work was cut in stainless steel by means of electric shears specially designed to overcome the unusual toughness of the material.

The next stage was to construct a system of reinforcement inside the figures to counteract the wind pressure which would be exerted on their sixteen feet of height. The pieces were welded together, using a special alloy so as not to break down the rust resisting qualities of the metal through overheating.

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APRIL 14th, 1936.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The official opening of the Park Department baseball diamonds, postponed by inclement weather last Monday, will take place Thursday, April 16th, the Park Department announces today.

Mayor LaGuardia will greet representatives from ten baseball teams at City Hall at 1 P.M. and autograph ten baseballs, after which the teams will travel to their respective borough diamonds and officially open the 1936 season.

At 2:30 P.M. the opening games will be played at North Meadow, Central Park; the Parade Grounds in Brooklyn; Mosholu Park, 201st Street and Mosholu Avenue, Bronx; Victory Field, Woodhaven Blvd. and Myrtle Avenue, Queens; and at Willowbrook Park in Richmond.

Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and Earle Combs, present and past stars of the New York Yankees, and Mr. Daniel Chase, "father of playground baseball", have been invited to be present on the steps of City Hall when the Mayor receives the representatives of the boys' clubs.

The Department of Parks will cooperate with the New York City Baseball Federation and all organizations promoting baseball for juvenile teams. Playing facilities of the Department of Parks have been increased 20% for baseball and ~~62%~~ for softball since 1933.

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
APRIL 14, 1936

The Department of Parks will open golf courses under its jurisdiction as follows:

April 18th-

Mosholu	-	Bronx
Clearview		Queens
Dyker Beach		Brooklyn
LaTourette		Richmond

April 25th-

Van Cortlandt		Bronx
Kissena		Queens
Forest Park		Queens

May 2nd -

Silver Lake		Richmond
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May 5th -

Pelham Bay		Bronx
Split Rock		Bronx
(Formal Opening)		

Department of Parks
Arsenal Central Park
Regent 4-1000

April 9th, 1936
For Immediate Release

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The Department of Parks announces today that the first international rugby football game of the 1936 season will be staged at Van Cortlandt Park, Sunday Afternoon, April 12th at 3:00 P.M. A representative all Montreal team from Canada will oppose an all-star team recruited from the Eastern rugby Union of U.S.A.

The French Rugby Club is sponsoring the event in co-operation with the Department of Parks and several thousand rugby football enthusiasts are expected to witness the game between the all-star fifteens.

Phoned in to the City News Association

Opening of Mosholu, Clearview and Dycker Beach Golf Courses
on Sunday at 6 A.M.

O.K. By Mr. James A. Sherry.

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Easter Exhibit

The Department of Parks announces that the Easter Show in the Park Department Greenhouses, Brooklyn, will surpass anything that has heretofore been done.

The Department will offer another masterpiece of horticultural display. This year the cross, which measures 14 by 27 feet, is made of Easter Lilies edged with beautiful Blue Cineraria, which sets off the formation of the cross and yellow Genista as a background. The foundation of the cross on both sides is made of beautiful Rhododendrons in pink and the rear is banked with Crab Apple, Acacias and Azaleas. The main bed is laid out in Azaleas with all the shades of various colors. Visitors will find the side benches a great mass of color in Cinerarias, Calceolarias, Sweet Peas, Snapdragons, Schizanthus, Calla Lilies, white and yellow Lilacs and Wisterias, Crab Apple, Flowering Peach and Cherry.

The entrance to the greenhouse has a great set up of Hydrangeas in all colors and lilies.

The greenhouses are located in Prospect Park, 9th Street and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn.

The doors will be open to the public from 10:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. while the exhibit lasts.

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April 2, 1936

The Department of Parks announces that applications for permits to play the Municipal Golf Courses and to use the Public Tennis Courts will be received at the following offices:

The Bronx - Zbrowski Mansion, Claremont Park
Brooklyn - Litchfield Mansion, Prospect Park
Manhattan - The Arsenal, Fifth Avenue at 64th Street, Central Park
Queens - The Overlook, Forest Park, Kew Gardens, L.I., N.Y.
Richmond - Clove Lakes Park, Victory Blvd. and Clove Road, S.I., N.Y.

Permits will be issued as follows:

GOLF:

Season Permit - \$10.00 - Good for any day that course is opened to play.
Limited Season Permit - \$5.00 - Good for play Monday to Friday inclusive, excepting holidays.
Junior Permit - \$3.00 - Issued to players up to and including 16 years of age. Good for play week days, Monday to Friday, inclusive, excepting holidays.
Daily Fee - Monday to Friday, inclusive, excepting holidays - \$.75
Saturday, Sunday and holidays - \$1.00

Season Locker - \$5.00
Daily Locker - \$0.25

Permit holders may reserve starting time for Saturday, Sunday and holidays during the calendar week prior to the day of play. Reservations for foursomes only may be made by personal application or by telephoning the Borough Park Department office in which the course is located. The name of each player in the foursome will be required. Reservations are limited to one-fourth of actual play. Fee for reservations will be \$1.00 a foursome.

Courses under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks are:

Bronx: Van Cortlandt, Mosholu, Split Rock, Pelham
Brooklyn: Dyker Beach
Queens: Clearview, Kissena, Forest Park
Richmond: Silver Lake, La Tourette

Applicants are required to submit with application, a photograph of themselves, size 1 3/4" x 1 3/4".

Permits will be issued as follows:

TENNIS:

Season Permit - Adult.	\$3.00
Junior (under 17 years). . .	1.00
Season Locker Permit	2.00
Daily Locker Permit (for one day only). . .	.25

Courts may be used for a period not exceeding ONE hour.

Applicants are required to submit with application, a photograph of themselves, size 1 1/2" x 1 1/2".

Tennis courts under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks are:

Borough of The Bronx:

Bronx Park, Crotona, Macombs Dam, Macombs Extension, St. James, St. Mary's East, Van Cortlandt, Woodlawn.

Borough of Brooklyn:

Betsy Head, Canarsie, Fort Greene, Gravesend, Kelly Memorial, Liew Eiriksson, Lincoln Terrace, McKinley, Prospect Park

Borough of Manhattan:

Central Park, Fort Washington Park at Riverside Drive & W. 173rd St.

Borough of Queens:

Anawanda, Forest Park, Flushing Memorial, Howard Beach, St. Albans Memorial, Kissena, Highland, Wayanda, and at 30th Avenue and 48th St., Astoria.

Borough of Richmond:

Walker Park, Silver Lake Park

The Department of Parks announces that it will conduct a sail boat contest for children who have not reached their sixteenth birthday in all boroughs, in accordance with the following schedule:

Borough Eliminations:

- Brooklyn - Prospect Park, Saturday April 25th at 2:30 P. M.
- Queens - Kissena Park, Saturday April 25th at 2:30 P. M.
- Richmond - Martlings Pond, Clove Lake, April 25th at 2:30 P. M.
- Bronx - Macombs Dam, Wading Pool, April 26th at 2:30 P. M.
- Manhattan- Conservatory Lake, Central Park, May 2nd at 2:30 P. M.

Final Contest

Conservatory Lake - May 9th at 2:30 P. M. (In the event of rain, May 10th.)

CLASSES

Sail Boats:

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| 1. Boats from 12 to 18 inches | 4. Boats from 26 to 30 inches |
| 2. Boats from 18 to 22 inches | 5. Boats from 30 to 36 inches |
| 3. Boats from 22 to 26 inches | 6. Constructed models to 30 inches |

Motor Boats:

- 1. Electric and spring-powered boats.
- 2. Steam and gasoline driven boats.

Arrangements have been made with the French Line to permit winners of this contest, as well as winners of the Park Department contest in 1935, to inspect the S.S. NORMANDIE May 12th.

A Puppet and Marionette show aboard the NORMANDIE will also be given for the entertainment of the winners, who will be accompanied by their parents.

Light refreshments aboard ship will be served.

Winners of the final sail boat contest will be awarded Park Department medals. Eight 10-inch models of the NORMANDIE will be awarded the champions of the respective classes by Captain Rene Pugnet, who will inspect the winning boats aboard the NORMANDIE.

Entries can be forwarded to the Park Department Borough offices as follows:

- Bronx: Zbrowski Mansion, East 173rd Street & Claremont Parkway, Claremont Park, Bronx, N. Y.
- Brooklyn: Litchfield Mansion, Prospect Park West and 5th Street, Prospect Park, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- Manhattan: The Arsenal, Fifth Avenue at 64th Street, Central Park, New York, N.Y.
- Queens: The Overlook, Union Turnpike and Park Lane, Forest Park, Kew Gardens, L.I., N.Y.
- Richmond: Clove Lakes Park, Victory Blvd. and Clove Road, Staten Island, N. Y.

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APRIL, 1936

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, NEW YORK CITY

CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

ACTIVITIES

Baseball

Inwood Park	Dewitt Clinton
Jasper Oval	Hudson
North Meadow	Corlears Hook
Central Park Lawn Playground	Queensboro Oval

Horseshoe Pitching

Highbridge & 168th St.	10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. Daily
North Meadow	" " "
175th St. - East of Amsterdam Ave.	" " "

Basketball Tournament - Boys 16 years and under

J. Hood Wright	April 1	4:00 P.M.
Hamilton Pl.	" 1	"
W. 59th St.	" 1	"
Roosevelt	" 1	"
Gulick	" 1	"
Seward	" 1	"
York & 67th St.	" 1	"
Yorkville	" 1	"
Hamilton Pl.	" 3	"
Roosevelt	" 3	"
Gulick	" 3	"
York & 67th St.	" 3	"
Roosevelt	" 6	"
York & 67th St.	" 6	"
Roosevelt	" 9	"

Handball Tournament - Boys up to 16; 16-21; over 21

Corlear	April 4	3:00 P.M.
Gulick	" 4	"
E. 67th St.	" 4	"
E. Houston & 1st	" 4	"
Hudson	" 4	"
W. 59th St.	" 4	"
Jasper	" 4	"
J. Hood Wright	" 4	"
Corlear	" 11	"
E. Houston	" 11	"
W. 59th St.	" 11	"
Jasper	" 11	"
Corlear	" 18	"
Jasper	" 18	"
Houston & 1st	" 25	"

Borough of Manhattan

ACTIVITIES

Roller Hockey

Central Park-Center Drive	April 1	4:00 P.M.
Roosevelt	" 4	3:00 P.M.

Rugby Contest

Central Park-North Meadow	April 4	NY Rugby Club vs Princeton	1:00-5 P.M.
" " " "	" 25	Pilgrims vs L.I.University"	"

Gymnasiums - 3:00 to 6:00 P.M. for neighborhood children
 6:00 to 10:00 P.M. for groups and clubs by permit

West 134th St.	John Jay
West 59th St.	East 54th St.
West 28th St.	Rutgers St.
Carmine St.	Cherry & Oliver Sts.

Mothers' Clubs

Carmansville	April 30 - 8 P.M.	St. Nicholas & 140th St.	Thursdays - 8 P.M.
Sauer	Tuesdays 1 - 3 P.M.	W. 134th St. Gym.	Tuesdays 7 P.M.
McCray	Mondays 8 P.M.	Morningside & 123rd St.	Every second
Roosevelt	Fridays 8 - 9 P.M.		Wednesday 1-3 P.M.

Harmonica Band

McCray	Mondays	4-5 P.M.	Gulick	Thursdays	4 - 5 P.M.
Roosevelt	Tuesdays	"	Carmansville	Fridays	"
Yorkville	Wednesdays	"	John Jay	Saturdays	"

Glee Club & Folk Dancing - Children

Carmansville	Mondays	3:30 P.M.
West 17th St.	Thursdays	3:30 P.M.
Roosevelt	Fridays	3:30 P.M.

Glee Club - Adult Group

Carmine St. Gym.	April 1, 15, 29	10:00 A.M.
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Junior Park Protective League

Highbridge 189th St.	April 11 and 26	2:30 P.M.
Carl Schurz	" 11 " 26	2:30 P.M.
Colonial	" 11 " 26	2:30 P.M.
96th St. & Riverside	" 11 " 26	2:30 P.M.
Fort Tryon	" 11 " 26	2:30 P.M.
Morningside & 123rd St.	" 11 " 26	2:30 P.M.
Corlears Hook	" 11 " 26	2:30 P.M.
DeWitt	" 11 " 26	2:30 P.M.
J. Hood Wright	" 11 " 26	2:30 P.M.
Central Park Unit		
at Heckscher Foundation	" 11 " 26	2:30 P.M.

Borough of Manhattan

ACTIVITIESTraveling Troupe - "Jiggs & Anna"

Morningside & 123rd St.	April 18	3:00 P.M.
Lewis & Rivington	" 22	4:00 P.M.
Gulick	" 25	3:00 P.M.

Puppet-Making Class

Payson Ave.	Wednesdays	3:00 P.M.
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Puppet Show - "The Brass Trumpet"

W. 28th St. Gym.	April 20 - 4:00 P.M.	W. 59th St. Gym.	Apr. 27 - 4:00 PM
Carmin St. Gym.	" 21 - "	W. 17th St. Gym.	" 28 "
Rutgers St. Gym.	" 22 - "	Roosevelt Plgd.	" 29 "
E. 54th St. Gym.	" 23 - "	83 Roosevelt St.	" 30 "
John Jay Gym.	" 24 - "		

Special Meeting

Grant's Tomb	April 26	Union Veterans	2:30 P.M.
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Bicycle Dress Parade

Central Park - Center Drive	April 11	10:00 A.M.
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Egg-Rolling Contest & East Egg Hunt

Central Park - Sheep Meadow	April 12	2:30 P.M.
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Dancing

Carmin St. Gym.	Fridays	7:30 - 9:30 P. M.
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THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

ACTIVITIES

Kindergarten Classes - 10:00 A.M. to 12 Noon Daily

Betsy Head	Heckscher	McKinley
Bay Parkway	Fulton-Classon	New Lots
Drier-Offerman	Kelly Memorial	Sheridan
Gowanus	Lindsay	Schermerhorn
Gravesend		Taaffe Place

Dancing Classes

Dreier-Offerman	Mondays	4:00 - 5:00 P.M.
McKinley	Mondays	4:00 - 5:00 P.M.
Schermerhorn	Mondays and Fridays	3:30 - 4:30 P.M.
Betsy Head	Tuesdays	4:00 - 5:00 P.M.
New Lots	Tuesdays	4:00 - 5:00 P.M.
Sheridan	Tuesdays	4:00 - 5:00 P.M.
Bushwick	Wednesdays	4:00 - 5:00 P.M.
Kelly Memorial	Thursdays	4:00 - 5:00 P.M.
Lindsay	Thursdays	4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Amateur Hour

Fulton-Classon	Thursdays	3:30 - 5:00 P.M.
Taaffe Place	Thursdays	3:30 - 5:00 P.M.
Dreier-Offerman	Fridays	4:00 - 5:00 P.M.
New Lots	Fridays	3:30 - 5:00 P.M.
Lindsay	Fridays	3:30 - 5:00 P.M.
Betsy Head	Saturdays	11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
McKinley	Saturdays	11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Heckscher	Saturdays	2:00 - 3:00 P.M.
Sheridan	Saturdays	11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Greenpoint	Saturdays	11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Junior Park Protective League - Boys and Girls between the ages of 12 and 16.

Bay Parkway and Avenue P.	April 4 and 18	2:30 P.M.
Bedford Ave. & Avenue X	" 4 " 18	2:30 P.M.
Betsy Head	" 3 " 17	4:00 P.M.
Bushwick Park	" 4 " 18	2:30 P.M.
Bushwick Playground	" 4 " 18	2:30 P.M.
Carroll Park	" 4 " 18	2:30 P.M.
Cooper Park	" 4 " 18	2:30 P.M.
Douglas & Third Avenue	" 4 " 18	2:30 P.M.
Dreier-Offerman	" 4 " 18	2:30 P.M.
Dyker Beach	" 4 " 18	2:30 P.M.
Eleventh St. & Second Ave.	" 4 " 18	2:30 P.M.
Fifty-sixth St. & Second Ave.	" 4 " 18	2:30 P.M.
Gowanus - 3rd St. & 4th Ave.	" 4 " 18	2:30 P.M.

ACTIVITIESJunior Park Protective League (Contd.)

Gravesend	April 4 and 18	2:30 P.M.
Greenpoint	" 4 " 18	"
Kelly Memorial	" 4 " 18	"
Leiv Eiriksson	" 4 " 18	"
Lincoln Terrace	" 4 " 18	"
McCarren	" 4 " 18	"
McKinley	" 4 " 18	"
New Utrecht & 70th St.	" 4 " 18	"
Nostrand & Montgomery	" 4 " 18	"
Ocean Parkway & Avenue P.	" 4 " 18	"
Picnic House, Prospect Park	" 4 " 18	"
Prospect & Greenwood	" 4 " 18	"
Riverdale & Snediker	" 4 " 18	"
Schermerhon St. & 3rd Ave.	" 4 " 18	"
Stillwell Ave. & Avenue U.	" 4 " 18	"
Sunset Park	" 4 " 18	"

Clubs

Gravesend	Nature Study	Mondays	3:30 P.M.
McLaughlin	Apparatus	Mondays	3:00 - 4:00 P.M.
Bushwick	Junior Police	Wednesdays	3:30 P.M.
Taaffe Place	Stamp Club	Wednesdays	3:30 P.M.
Dyker		Thursdays	3:30 P.M.
Gowanus	Mothers	Thursdays	3:00 P.M.
Fulton-Classon	Choral	Fridays	3:30 P.M.
Cooper		Saturdays	3:00 P.M.
Dreier-Offerman		Saturdays	3:00 P.M.
Schermerhorn		Saturdays	4:00 P.M.
Gowanus	Girls' Scout Meeting	Saturdays	2:30 P.M.
Gravesend	Soap Sculpture	Saturdays	2:00 P.M.
Nostrand & Montgomery	Nature	Sundays	3:30 P.M.

Hand Ball Contest - Boys not over 16 years of age.

Borough Semi-Finals

Sheridan Playground	April 21	Eastern Division vs Southern Division 4 P.M.
Gowanus	" 21	Western Division vs Northern Division 4 P.M.

Borough Finals

Gowanus Playground	April 25	2:00 P.M.
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Marble Shooting Contest - Boys and Girls - 12 yrs. and under

Borough Finals

McLaughlin Park	April 25	2:30 P.M.
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BOROUGH of BROOKLYN

ACTIVITIESHorseshoe Contest - Young Men over 16 years of age.

Gowanus	April 30	4:00 P.M.
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Puppet Show - "The Brass Trumpet"

McLaughlin Playground	April 3	4:00 P.M.
Red Hook "	" 6	4:00 P.M.
Sheridan "	" 7	4:00 P.M.
Kelly Memorial"	" 8	4:00 P.M.
Gravesend "	" 9	4:00 P.M.
Dreier-Offerman Playground	" 13	4:00 P.M.
New Lots "	" 14	4:00 P.M.
Gowanus "	" 15	4:00 P.M.
Lindsay "	" 16	4:00 P.M.
Classon-Fulton"	" 17	4:00 P.M.

One-Act Play

Sheridan	"The Three Wishes"	April 18	2:30 P.M.
Gowanus	" " "	" 25	2:30 P.M.

Traveling Troupe - "Jiggs & Anna"

Bushwick	April 4	3:00 P.M.
McKibben	" 8	4:00 P.M.
New Lots	" 11	3:00 P.M.

Childrens' Band

Gowanus	Saturdays	10:00 A.M. - 12:00 M
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Harmonica Band

Betsy Head	Practice Daily	4:00 - 6:00 P.M.
Hopkinson & Dean	" "	4:00 - 6:00 P.M.
Heckscher	" "	4:00 - 7:00 P.M.
Riverdale & Snediker	Sundays	3:00 P.M.
New Lots	"	3:00 P.M.

Singing - Southern Spirituals

Fulton-Classon	Fridays	3:30 P.M.
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Social Dancing

Prospect Park (Picnic House)	Tuesdays	8:00 - 10:30 P.M.	Gotham Dance Orchestra
" " " "	Thursdays	8:00 - 10:30 P.M.	Knickerbocker Dancing Orchestra

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
BOROUGH OF BRONX
Division of Recreation

ACTIVITIES

Kindergarten Classes - 10 A.M. to 12 Noon.

Mullaly 141st Street	St. Mary's E. St. Mary's W. Mosholu	Lyons Square Crotona West Fort #4	Ciccarone Zimmerman
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Dancing Classes

Lyons Square	Mondays	4 - 5 P. M.
St. Mary's E.	Mondays	4 - 5 P. M.
Mosholu	Tues. & Thurs.	4 - 5 P. M.
141st Street	Wednesdays	4 - 5 P. M.
Fort #4	Thursdays	4 - 5 P. M.
Mullaly	Fridays	6 - 7 P. M.

CLUBS

Senior Boys

Zimmerman	Tuesdays	8:00 P.M.
Lyons Square	Tuesdays	8:00 P.M.
Mosholu	Fridays	8:00 P.M.
Mullaly	Fridays	8:00 P.M.
St. Mary's East	Fridays	7:00 P.M.
Crotona West	Saturdays	1:00 P.M.

Senior Girls

Mosholu	Mondays	5:00 P.M.
Mosholu	Tuesdays	8:00 P.M.
Mullaly	Tuesdays	4:00 P.M.
Crotona West	Thursdays	4:00 P.M.
Zimmerman	Fridays	8:00 P.M.

Junior Boys

St. Mary's East (Art Club)	Sundays	11:00 A.M.
Cauldwell Avenue	Tuesdays	4:00 P.M.
St. Mary's West	Wednesdays	3:30 P.M.
Mullaly	Thurs. & Fri.	4:00 P.M.
Mosholu	Fridays	4:00 P.M.
Mosholu	Saturdays	11:00 A.M.
Claremont	Saturdays	1:00 P.M.

Junior Girls

Mosholu	Tuesdays	4:00 P.M.
Cauldwell Avenue	Wednesdays	4:00 P.M.
Crotona West	Thursdays	4:00 P.M.
Mosholu	Fridays	4:00 P.M.
Ciccarone	Fridays	4:00 P.M.
Claremont	Fridays	4:00 P.M.

Clubs Contd.

Mothers' Clubs

St. Mary's E.	Mondays	3:00 P. M.
Mullaly	Tuesdays	1:30 P. M.
Lyons Square	Tuesdays	2:30 P. M.
141st Street & Brook	Tuesdays	7:00 P. M.
St. Mary's W.	Wednesdays	2:00 P. M.
Mullaly	Thursdays	4:00 P. M.
Mullaly	Saturdays	11:00 A. M.

Girls Scouts

Lyons Square	Fridays	8:00 P. M.
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Drama

St. Mary's E.	Fridays	8:00 P. M.
Lyons Square	Fridays	8:30 P. M.
Zimmerman	Fridays	8:00 P. M.
Mosholu	Fridays	8:30 P. M.
Mullaly	Saturdays	10:30 A. M.

Aquarium Club

Crotona West	Sundays	2:30 P. M.
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Glee Club

Mullaly	Tuesdays	4:00 P. M.
St. Mary's E.	Sundays	2:00 P. M.

Harmonica Clubs

Lyons Square	Mondays	4 - 5 P. M.
141st Street Playground	Mondays	7:30-8:30 P. M.
St. Mary's E.	Tuesdays	4 - 5 P. M.
141st Street Playground	Wednesdays	4 - 5 P. M.
Mosholu	Thursdays	4 - 5 P. M.
Mosholu	Thursdays	7:30-8:30 P. M.
Mullaly	Fridays	4 - 5 P. M.
Mullaly	Fridays	7:30-8:30 P. M.
Crotona West	Saturdays	4 - 5 P. M.

Chess & Checker Club

St. Mary's E.	Fridays	9:00 P. M.
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Newspaper & Literary Club

St. Mary's E.	Fridays	8:00 P. M.
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Art Club

St. Mary's E.	Saturdays	1:30 P. M.
" " "	Sundays	11:00 A. M.

Clubs Contd.

Junior Birdmen of America

141st Street	Friday	8:00 P. M.
Mullaly	Friday	4:00 P. M.

Leather Craft Club

Mullaly	Friday	4:00 P. M.
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Junior Protective League

Crotona East	Apr. 11-25	11:00 A.M.
Crotona West	" " "	11:00 A.M.
Claremont	" " "	2:30 P.M.
Mosholu	" " "	" "
Fort #4	" " "	" "
Mullaly	" " "	" "
Macombs	" " "	" "
St. James	" " "	" "
Van Cortlandt	" " "	" "

Handball

Semi-Finals

Mullaly	Apr. 1	4:00 P.M.
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Finals

Mullaly	Apr. 4	2:00 P.M.
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Roller Skating Hockey

Semi-Finals

164th St. & Jerome Ave.	Apr. 6	4:00 P.M.
Crotona West	" "	" "
164th St. & Jerome Ave.	" 11	2:00 P.M.

Finals

Crotona West	Apr. 12	2:00 P.M.
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Outdoor Basketball

Finals

Mullaly	Apr. 5	2:30 P.M.
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Soccer - Football

Semi-Finals

(A) Winner of I vs. II (Claremont)	Apr. 16th	10:00 A.M.
(B) Winner of III vs. IV. " " "	" "	2:00 P.M.

Finals

Winner of A. vs. B. (Claremont)	Apr. 18	10:00 A.M.
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ACTIVITIES

Horseshoe Pitching

(Boys and Young Men over 16 Years)

Finals

Winner of A. vs. B. (Crotona) Apr. 26 2:00 P. M.

Marble Shooting Contest

Quarter Finals

A vs. B (Fulton)	Apr. 25	10:00 A. M.
C vs. E (Teasdale)	" "	10:00 A. M.
D vs. L (Mullaly)	" 27	4:00 P. M.
F vs. G (Pulaski)	" 29	4:00 P. M.
J vs. K (St. James)	" 30	4:00 P. M.
H vs. I (Mullaly)	May 1	2:00 P. M.

Junior Protective League

Trip to Botanical Garden Apr. 4 10:00 A. M.

Puppet Show - "The Brass Trumpet"

141st Street	Apr. 1	4:00 P. M.
Mullaly	Apr. 2	4:00 P. M.

Special Puppet Show

Mullaly Apr. 14 2:00 P. M.

Girl Scout Meeting

Mullaly Apr. 18 2:00 P. M.

Vaudeville - "Memories on Parade"

By Federal Theatre Project

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

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BOROUGH OF QUEENS

ACTIVITIES

Kindergarten Classes - 10:00 A.M. to 12 Noon daily, except Sundays

Jackson Heights	Flushing Memorial
O'Connell	Corona - 102nd Street
Von Dohlen	John Andrews

Roller Hockey Contest

Semi-Finals - April 18 - - 2:30 P.M.

Victory Field
Bridge Plaza

Finals - - - April 25 - - 2:30 P.M.

Victory Field

Horseshoe Pitching Contest

Finals - Singles and Doubles - April 25 - 2:30 P.M.

Bridge Plaza

Dancing Classes

Von Dohlen	(Junior)	Mondays	3:00 - 5:00 P.M.
Anawanda	"	Mon. & Wed.	3:00 - 5:00 P.M.
Jackson Heights	"	Tuesdays	3:00 - 5:00 P.M.
O'Connell	"	Tues. & Fri.	3:00 - 5:00 P.M.
Corona - 102nd St.	"	Wednesdays	3:00 - 5:00 P.M.
Rainey	"	Thursdays	3:00 - 5:00 P.M.
John Andrews	"	Saturdays	10:00 - 12:00 Noon

Von Dohlen	(Senior)	Mondays	8:00 - 9:00 P.M.
Jackson Heights	"	Thursdays	8:00 P.M.

Puppet Class

Von Dohlen		Fridays	3:30 - 6:00 P.M.
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Dramatic Clubs

Anawanda	(Junior)	Tuesdays	3:30 P.M.
Corona - 102nd St.	"	Tuesdays	3:30 P.M.
Rainey Park	"	Tuesdays	3:30 P.M.
Von Dohlen	"	Wednesdays	3:30 P.M.
Jackson Heights	"	Thursdays	3:30 P.M.
Flushing Memorial	"	Fridays	3:30 P.M.
Flushing Memorial	"	Friday, April 3	- "Red Riding Hood"

BOROUGH OF QUEENSACTIVITIESDramatic Clubs - contd.

Corona - 102nd St. (Senior)	Tuesdays	8:00 P.M.
Von Dohlen "	Wed. & Thurs.	8:00 P.M.
Jackson Heights	Thursdays	8:00 P.M.
Flushing Memorial	Fridays	8:00 P.M.

Harmonica Clubs

Rainey	Mondays	4:00 - 5:00 P.M.
John Andrews	Mondays	8:00 - 9:00 P.M.
Kissena	Tuesdays	4:00 - 5:00 P.M.
Corona - 102nd Street	Tuesdays	8:00 - 9:00 P.M.
Anawanda	Wednesdays	4:00 - 5:00 P.M.
Von Dohlen	Wednesdays	8:00 - 9:00 P.M.
O'Connell	Thursdays	4:00 - 5:00 P.M.
College Point	Fridays	4:00 - 5:00 P.M.
Jackson Heights	Fridays	8:00 - 9:00 P.M.

Senior Girls' Clubs

Corona - 102nd Street	Mondays	8:00 P.M.
Jackson Heights	Fridays	7:30 P.M.
O'Connell	Saturdays	11:00 A.M.

Boys' Clubs

Rainey Park	Mondays	7:00 P.M.
Von Dohlen	Tues. & Thurs.	8:00 P.M.
College Point	Wed. & Fri.	5:00 P.M.

Mothers' Clubs

Jackson Heights	Mondays	7:00 P.M.
John Andrews	Mondays	7:00 P.M.
O'Connell	Wednesdays	1:30 P.M.
Corona - 102nd Street	Wednesdays	2:00 P.M.
Von Dohlen	Fridays	2:00 P.M.

Archery Clubs

Jackson Heights	Sundays	11:00 A.M.
Flushing Memorial	Sundays	2:00 P.M.

Stamp Club

Corona - 102nd Street	Sundays	1:00 P.M.
Anawanda	Sundays	1:00 P.M.

BOROUGH OF QUEENSACTIVITIESSoap Carving Club

Corona - 102nd St.	Fridays	3:30 P.M.
Rainey Park	Sundays	2:00 P.M.

Calisthenics Club

Von Dohlen (Girls)	Mon. & Wed.	9:00 P.M.
" " (Boys)	Tues. & Thurs.	8:00 P.M.

American Indian Councils

Jackson Heights	Sundays	10:00 A.M.
Jackson Heights	Tuesdays	3:00 P.M.
Rainey	Wednesdays	10:00 A.M.
O'Connell	Thursdays	3:00 P.M.
Flushing Memorial	Thursdays	7:00 P.M.
Corona - 102nd St.	Fridays	3:00 P.M.
Von Dohlen	Saturdays	10:00 A.M.

Junior Park Protective League - Saturday - April 4 at 2:30 P.M.

Anawanda	Jackson Heights	O'Connell
Baisley	Jackson Pond	O'Connor
College Point	Newtown	St. Albans Memorial
Flushing Memorial	Kissena	Laurelton
Highland	Rainey	Bowne
	Von Dohlen	

Evening Recreation (Adolescent Group only) Nightly except Sundays-6:00-10:00 P.M.

Jackson Heights	Flushing Memorial
John Andrews	Corona - 102nd St.
	Von Dohlen

Social Evenings and Parties

Flushing Memorial	Wed., April 1	April Fools Party
Corona - 102nd St.	Wed., April 1	" " "
Jackson Heights	Wed., April 1	" " "

Traveling Troupe -

	"Jiggs & Anna"	
Corona - 102nd St.	April 15	4:00 P.M.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
BOROUGH OF RICHMOND
Division of Recreation

ACTIVITIES

Handbell Contest

McDonald (Men's)	April 4	2:00 P. M.
McDonald (Juniors)	" 15	2:00 P. M.
McDonald	" 5	2:00 P. M.
McDonald	" 8, 9	4:00 P. M.

Shuffleboard Contest (Final Game)

Faber	" 18	2:30 P. M.
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Stunts

McDonald	" 18	3:00 P. M.
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Horse Shoe Contest

Stapleton	" 27	4:00 P. M.
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Athletic Events

Model	" 11	3:00 P. M.
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Story Telling Hour

Model	" 12	3:00 P. M.
Stapleton	" 18	2:00 P. M.

Junior Park Protective League

Clove Lakes	" 4, 25	2:30 P. M.
Richmond	" 8, 21	4:00 P. M.

Amateur Show

Model	" 25	3:00 P. M.
Richmond	" 16	3:00 P. M.

Model Yacht Races

Martlings Pond (Clove Lakes)	" 25	2:00 P. M.
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Parties

DeMatti - April Fool's Day Party	" 1	3:00 P. M.
DeMatti - Girls' Club Party	" 25	7:30 P. M.
DeMatti - Kindergarten Exhibition	" 29	1:30 P. M.
DeMatti - Kindergarten Party (Easter)	9	1:30 P. M.
Walker - Social	" 25	8:00 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
BOROUGH OF RICHMOND
Division of Recreation

ACTIVITIES

Boy's Clubs

Clove Lakes	April 18	2:00 P. M.
Model	" 7, 14, 21, 28	8:00 P. M.
Mariner Harbor	" 7	4:00 P. M.
Stapleton	" 3	4:00 P. M.
Walker	" 30	3:30 P. M.

Girl's Clubs

DeMatti	" 11	3:30 P. M.
Faber	" 4, 11, 18, 25	10:30 A. M.
Model	" 10, 24	7:30 P. M.
Stapleton	" 14	4:00 P. M.

Young Men's Club

Mariner's Harbor	" 17	5:00 P. M.
Richmond	" 4	7:30 P. M.
Stapleton	" 24	4:00 P. M.

Handicraft Club

Mariners Harbor	" 24	4:00 P. M.
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Harmonica Club

DeMatti	" 2,6,9,13,16,20,23,27,30	4:00 P. M.
Faber	" 4, 11, 18, 25	4:00 P. M.
McDonald	" 1,7,8,14,15,21,22,28,29	4:00 P. M.
Richmond	" 3, 25	5:00 P. M.

Junior Faberites Club

Faber	" 4, 11, 18, 25	10:00 A. M.
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Fencing Club

Faber	" 4, 11, 18, 25	11:00 A. M.
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Library Club

DeMatti	" 4	1:30 P. M.
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Newspaper Club

Clove Lakes	" 8	4:00 P. M.
Mariners Harbor	" 20	4:00 P. M.
McDonald	" 6, 13, 20, 27	7:30 P. M.
Stapleton	" 22	4:00 P. M.
Walker	" 18	10:30 A. M.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
BOROUGH OF RICHMOND
Division of Recreation

ACTIVITIES

Mothers' Club

DeMatti	April 2	1:30 P. M.
Faber	" 9, 16, 23, 30	2:00 P. M.
Model	" 2, 16, 23, 30	8:00 P. M.
Richmond	" 17	8:00 P. M.

First Aid Class

Stapleton	" 7	4:00 P. M.
Faber	" 16	4:00 P. M.

Nature Study Hike Class

McDonald	" 11, 25	1:00 P. M.
Richmond	" 30	3:30 P. M.

Safety Class

Mariners Harbor	" 15	4:00 P. M.
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Paddle Tennis

Mariners Harbor	" 10	4:00 P. M.
Model	" 9	4:00 P. M.
Model	" 18	2:00 P. M.
Richmond	" 15	2:00 P. M.

Ping Pong

DeMatti	" 16	2:00 P. M.
Faber	" 4	2:30 P. M.
Model	" 5, 26	11:00 A. M.

Roller Hockey

Clove Lakes	" 11	2:00 P. M.
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Volley Ball

Clove Lakes	" 29	4:00 P. M.
Model	" 4	11:00 A. M.

Punch Ball

Clove Lakes	" 15	4:00 P. M.
Model	" 30	4:00 P. M.

Basket Ball

McDonald	" 2, 23	4:00 P. M.
McDonald	" 4	2:00 P. M.
DeMatti (Boys vs Girls)	" 21	4:00 P. M.
Mariners Harbor	" 5	4:00 P. M.
Mariners Harbor	" 25	2:00 P. M.
Richmond	" 14	2:00 P. M.
Richmond	" 24	3:30 P. M.
Stapleton	" 11	2:00 P. M.

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The Department of Parks will open ten new playgrounds Saturday, March 28, making a total of 125 added to the recreational system in two years.

Seven are in Brooklyn. At Remson Avenue, Winthrop to Clarkson Streets, there will be a hard ball baseball diamond, a football field, four hand-ball courts, three basket-ball courts, horseshoe, quoits and Boccie courts; at Smith Street between Luqueer and Nelson Streets there will be kindergarten swings, see-saws, a jungle gym, a sand table and six play houses; at Smith Street between Nelson and Huntington Streets there will be four shuffle-board courts, three horseshoe courts and one basket-ball court; at White, McKibben and Bogart Streets there will be three hand-ball courts, three shuffle-board courts, three horseshoe pitching courts, three basketball courts and swings; at Smith Street, Carroll Street and First Place there will be four hand-ball courts, four shuffle-board courts and six horseshoe courts; at Jay and Nassau Streets there will be one hand-ball court, four see-saws, six junior swings, eight kindergarten swings, a play slide, a kiddie slide and a jungle gym; at Owl's Head Park there will be a wading pool, an area for group games, four slides, six kindergarten slides, kindergarten swings, large swings, see-saws, a jungle gym and a baby jungle gym.

In the new Rosebank Playground at Virginia and Vermont Avenues in Richmond there will be a basketball court, garden swings, junior swings, kindergarten swings, shelters, play houses, a sand table, see-saws, a jungle gym and a portable shower.

In Manhattan there will be two new playgrounds: At East Houston, Elizabeth Street and Bowery there will be two hand-ball courts, three horseshoe pitching courts, parallel and horizontal bars and an open play area for games, and at 106th Street East of Fifth Avenue there will be junior swings, kindergarten swings, see-saws, slides, a jungle gym, a junior horizontal bar, two sand tables, two play houses and an open area for games.

All of these playgrounds were constructed as Works Progress Administration projects.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MARCH 20, 1936

The Department of Parks announces that owing to the poor playing pitch at North Meadow in Central Park due to recent heavy rains, the rugby football game featuring the New York Rugby Club and college stars from Long Island University has been shifted to Van Cortlandt Park where the teams will clash Saturday, March 21 at 3:00 P.M.

The game will mark the first of a series of three in which the New York Rugby Club will meet college and amateur rugger clubs on Department of Parks fields. The French Club will be encountered at North Meadow in Central Park, Saturday, March 28, while the Princeton Rugby Club will be met Saturday, April 4, at the same site.

Several thousand spectators are expected to thrill to the famous English sport.

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MARCH 19TH, 1936
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Rugby football will make its debut in North Meadow Central Park this Sunday, March 21st, at 3:00 o'clock with the strong fifteens of the New York Rugby Club and New York University furnishing the competition. The Department of Parks will sponsor the match.

The game will be the first of a series of three in which the New York Rugby Club will meet the outstanding amateur clubs on the Eastern seaboard. On Sunday, March 29th, the French Club will make its appearance at North Meadow for a match with the New Yorkers while on Saturday, April 4th, Princeton's Rugby Club will travel here to engage the locals. A regulation rugby field has been laid out in North Meadow between 99th and 100th Streets off Central Park West.

The Department of Parks plans to invite the invading Oxford University squad touring the United States in the summer to compete in several international exhibition matches.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MARCH 18, 1936

The Department of Parks announces that rugby football will be introduced to the general public for the first time at the North Meadow, Central Park. The New York Rugby Club, one of the outstanding amateur organizations in the metropolitan district, will engage in a series of three games, the opening game being scheduled Saturday afternoon, March 21, at 3:00 o'clock, with New York University's collegiate squad.

Sunday, March 29, the New York Rugby Club will play host to the French Club and Saturday, April 4, the New York team will oppose the strong Princeton Rugby Club. These games will be staged at the North Meadow field in Central Park.

The Department of Parks plans to invite leading English teams visiting the United States to engage in several international exhibition matches later in the season. The sport is spectacular and considered as fast and exciting as modern American football.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MARCH 17, 1936

SIGNS IN CITY PARKS

The agreement with the Works Progress Administration reached in the Mayor's office yesterday as to signs in City parks has been carried out by the Park Department. This includes the placing of one 30 x 30 placard at each of the new swimming pools and a similar sign on each other major construction project.

In the course of this controversy, statements without foundation have been made as to other existing signs in City parks. These signs have been placed in areas from which the public has been excluded on account of temporary construction and where numerous inquiries have been received as to what is going on and at such places as temporary exits and entrances on the West Side development and at the end of Riverside Drive where the Henry Hudson Parkway begins. None of these signs have included the name of the Park Commissioner or anyone else connected with the Park Department. A few contractors' signs have been put up but only where there was some legal basis for doing so under contracts. On the other hand, thousands of signs have been taken down throughout the park system.

In order that there may be no misunderstanding as to the attitude of the Park Department, all signs of a temporary nature indicating construction work including contractors' signs and signs showing plans of construction work, except those recently agreed on with the Works Progress Administration, have been ordered taken down. The principle will, therefore, be carried out without any exceptions whatever.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 9, 1936

The Department of Parks announces that the first monkey to be bred and born in the Central Park Zoo according to the memory of the oldest keeper, was born to Gertrude, one of the Rhesus monkeys, at 9 o'clock this morning. Gertrude was acquired in February 1935, and has been noted for her termagant qualities. She has been the iron-fisted boss of her cage and her fellow occupants have always shown her the greatest respect. For this reason, the baby, which was born in the hospital room of the monkey house, has been returned with his mother to the large cage where he may be viewed by the public. The baby is perfectly formed, stands about 6" high, and weighs $15\frac{1}{2}$ ounces. There will be no diet prescribed for the new arrival as it is being nursed by its mother. Gertrude, however, will get delicacies not usually the fare of the primates during the next few weeks.

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FOR RELEASE
FEBRUARY 28, 1936

The enthusiasm of the children of Manhattan over the formation of a League of "Park Protectors" continues at high pitch. The next meeting of all Manhattan Units will be held Saturday, February 29.

Patrols already are reporting a willingness on the part of adults as well as children to respect Park Department ordinances when violations are courteously brought to their attention.

Each League Unit is industriously making and erecting a handsome replica of the Oath of Office, which will be displayed in their meeting rooms. A prize will be awarded for the best.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
FEBRUARY 27, 1936

The Department of Parks announces that beginning Saturday, February 29, and until further notice, the brown bear cub, which on that day will be sixteen days old, will be put on exhibition in the elephant house at Prospect Park, Brooklyn, between 2:00 and 4:00 P.M. Between those hours the little fellow will be placed in a glass incubator, fed and handled by the human hand, something that never before has ever been attempted. Probably there are fewer than 100 people in Greater New York who have ever seen a cub of his age, size and weight.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
FEBRUARY 26, 1936

The Park Department issues a warning to property owners who have trees in front of their houses, that specific attention must be given to trees where large quantities of rock salt and calcium chloride have been used to remove snow and ice from sidewalks.

The tree experts in the Department state that there is danger of the rock salt and the calcium chloride mixed with water being absorbed by trees and destroying them. It is unlikely that these chemicals will kill well-established trees at once. However, there is a danger that these materials will weaken them and cause trouble later in the season. Particular attention should be given to young trees that have been planted within the past few years.

The Park Department recommends that during the thaw the soil around these trees be given a liberal watering with a hose, if possible three times a week. This will dilute the strength of the rock salt and calcium chloride and will lessen the possibility of injury to the trees.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 21, 1936,

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The Department of Parks announces that over twenty thousand fans are expected to attend the City Championship Ice Skating Races and Winter Sports Carnival to be held this Sunday afternoon at 2 P.M. on the 59th Street Lake, Central Park.

Features of the elaborate program include fancy skating, ice skating races, figure skating, novelty races, a costume parade and other events.

The following stars have been invited to appear: Herman Lamazar, Rae Racine, Charlie Jewtra, Dick Williams and Wilbur Meyer.

Ray Murray, former Speed Skating Champion, will lead a fox chase in which children of the various playgrounds will participate.

Another event that will appeal to the young and old will bring together Sam See, 80 year old speed skater and Jimmy Schnell, the four year old boy wonder.

The following races will be held:

- Juvenile Boys - - - - 8 to 12 Years -- 100 Yards
- Junior Boys 12 to 14 Years -- 100 Yards & 200 Yards
- Intermediate Boys 14 to 16 Years -- 220 Yards & 440 Yards
- Senior Boys 16 to 18 Years -- 220 Yards & 880 Yards
- Juvenile Girls 8 to 12 Years -- 100 Yards
- Junior Girls 12 to 14 Years -- 100 Yards & 220 Yards
- Intermediate Girls 16 to 18 Years -- 220 Yards & 440 Yards
- Senior Girls 16 to 18 Years -- 220 Yards & 880 Yards
- Unlimited Class - Men One Mile
- Unlimited Women 220 Yards
- Senior Men (closed M.A.S.A.) Two Mile
- Senior Women (closed M.A.S.A.) 880 Yards

Prizes will be awarded those finishing one, two and three in the various races.

Beautiful cups or trophies will be presented to the champion of each individual event.

The program will finish with a hockey game between the Borough Champions of Queens and Manhattan to determine the Park Department Ice Hockey Championship.

A point score will be kept to determine the individual borough championship.

Arrangements have been made to accommodate the huge crowd.

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MONSTER WINTER SPORTS CARNIVAL

The Department of Parks announces that an ANNUAL MONSTER WINTER SPORTS CARNIVAL will be held at 59th Street Lake, Central Park, Sunday, February 23, 1936, at 2 P.M. The carnival will open with a parade of competitors and others in costumes. Eighteen speed races are scheduled. Winners who placed 1-2-3 in events of the borough carnivals held recently will be eligible to compete for the city championship. Two events are closed to the winners registered with the Middle Atlantic Skating Association and the remainder for the Park Department champions. These races will be conducted over an eight lap track.

Juvenile Boys	- 8 to 12 Years	-- 100 Yards	
Junior Boys	- 12 to 14 Years	-- 100 Yards	& 200 Yards
Intermediate Boys	- 14-16 Years	-- 220 Yards	& 440 Yards
Senior Boys	- 16 to 18 Years	-- 220 Yards	& 880 Yards
Juvenile Girls	- 8 to 12 Years	-- 100 Yards	
Junior Girls	- 12 to 14 Years	-- 100 Yards	& 220 Yards
Intermediate Girls	- 16-18 Years	-- 220 Yards	& 440 Yards
Senior Girls	- 16 to 18 Years	-- 220 Yards	& 880 Yards
Unlimited Class - Men			One Mile
Unlimited	Women		220 Yards
Senior Men (closed M.A.S.A.)			Two Mile
Senior Women (closed M.A.S.A.)			880 Yards.

In the Park Department championships the winners will be awarded silver engraved cups. Winners of the closed events will receive engraved plaques, and silver and bronze medals will be given to those who finish 2nd & 3rd.

Added features will include fancy skating exhibition by Herman Lamazar and Rae Racine. Figure skaters representing the Manhattan Skating Club will be led by Robert Fenn. Joe Moore, former Speed Skating Champion, will lead a fox chase in which 50 Playground children will participate. The Race of the Century will bring together Samuel See, 80 Year old skater against little Jimmy Schnell, 4 years of age.

Among others invited to take part are Charlie Jewtraw, former olympic winner, Dick Williams and his Beginner's Act, Bobbie Hearn, famous barrel jumper, Wilbur Meyer, and Ray Murray.

The program will close with a hockey game between the borough champions of Queens and Manhattan to determine the Park Department ice hockey championship.

All skaters will report at 1 P.M. sharp. The public is invited and admission is free.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 20, 1936

The Department of Parks announces that the next meeting of the Brooklyn League of Park Protectors will be held Saturday, February 22nd, 1936.

Patrols already are reporting a willingness on the part of adults as well as children to respect the ordinances of the Park Department where violations are courteously brought to their attention.

Each League Unit is now industriously making and erecting a handsome replica of the Oath of Office which will be displayed in their meeting rooms. A prize will be awarded for the best.

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FEBRUARY 13, 1936
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Department of Parks announces the greatest winter sports carnival of the 1935-1936 winter sports season. This monster carnival will be staged on the Fifty-Ninth Street Lake in Central Park on Sunday afternoon, February 23rd, at 2 P.M.

The carnival will be featured by 18 boy and girl speed skating events for the city parks championships. Winners of the recent carnivals held in Manhattan, Queens, Richmond, Brooklyn and the Bronx are eligible for these titular affairs. Prizes in forms of trophies will be awarded.

In addition to the park speed races, a second series closed to members of the Middle Atlantic Skating Association will be contested. These races, open to senior men and women, are expected to bring out the leading contenders of the present season.

Exhibitions in figure skating, barrel-jumping, a waltz contest and an inter-borough hockey match between playground teams also are scheduled on the program. Ideal skating weather and the great interest exhibited by the public in winter sports this year have been responsible for the most successful carnivals staged by the Department of Parks.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
FEBRUARY 11th, 1936,

The Department of Parks will sponsor a series of borough winter sports carnivals on Lincoln's Birthday, Wednesday, February 12th, at 2 P.M. Brooklyn, Richmond and The Bronx will see hundreds of speed skaters, fancy skating stars and playground hockey teams in action on programs of assorted events. The Brooklyn carnival will be staged on the Prospect Park Lake. The Richmond and Bronx meets, postponed from Sunday, will be held at Clove Lakes Park and Van Cortlandt Park, respectively.

In Richmond more than 15,000 are expected to witness the Richmond County speed skating championship. This meet has attracted the entries of leading boy and girl skaters in Richmond.

In Brooklyn speed skaters from the Middle Atlantic Skating Association will compete in the speed skating series. A fancy costume contest will be one of the highlights of Brooklyn carnival. Ten events and a hockey game between teams from Mullaly and De Voe Playgrounds will feature the Bronx carnival. Skaters who wish to compete in any of these three series are urged to report at 1 o'clock for registration.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 10, 1936

The Department of Parks will sponsor a monster Winter Sports Carnival, the fourth of a series of borough ice carnivals this winter, at Prospect Park Lake, Brooklyn, Lincoln's Birthday, Wednesday, February 12 at 2:00 P. M. Speed skating events open to skaters of all ages will feature the program.

Teams from the Brooklyn Ice Palace, high schools and public schools and Brooklyn playgrounds will compete in the speed skating races over distances ranging from 100 yards to two miles. Exhibition hockey games between playground sixes and fancy skating exhibitions are also listed on the borough carnival program.

All skaters wishing to compete in the meet are requested to appear and register at the course at one o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

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FEBRUARY 6, 1936.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Department of Parks announces that the first meetings of the Junior Park Protective League Units, recently organized under the supervision of park playground directors, will be held Saturday, February 8, at 2:30 P. M., at forty-one field houses throughout the five boroughs. More than 3,000 prospective junior members are expected to attend these meetings.

The conferences Saturday will be devoted to organization and the election of officers for each junior group. The aims of the Junior Park Protective League will be fully explained and a badge presented to each member.

The League is limited to school children between the ages of 12 and 16 who receive "A" in conduct and are recommended by their school principals. The members of the League will aid regular park forces in calling the park ordinances and regulations to the attention of park patrons throughout the city park system. They will make reports at their regular meetings, which are scheduled twice a month.

Other important functions of members of the League include the prevention of vandalism, the sanitation of parks and playgrounds and the cooperation of children and adults. The project, sponsored for the first time by the Department of Parks, has aroused great interest among the children.

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February 1, 1936.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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A Winter Sports Carnival Under the Stars will be sponsored by the Department of Parks at the Fifty-Ninth Street Lake, 59th St. and Fifth Ave., Manhattan, on Tuesday evening, February 4. The carnival which will be open to the general public will feature several novelty events in addition to speed skating events and a hockey game.

The program will get under way at 8:30 P.M. The card will consist of a waltzing contest on skates, a costume parade, a wheelbarrow race, a sled race and the hockey game between playground sixes. The leading speed skating stars of the Metropolitan district have been invited to compete in a two mile exhibition race.

An added feature will be the awarding of prizes to the winners of the Metropolitan championships and the Park Playground ice skating championships recently staged at Central Park.

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JANU 30, 1936.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The Department of Parks announces a Winter Sports Carnival Under the Stars which will be held at the Fifty-Ninth Street Lake Tuesday evening, February 4th, 1936, at 8:30 P.M. The carnival will be open to the general public and in the event there is skating that night, exhibitions and novelty events will take place.

Included among the features scheduled Tuesday night will be a waltzing contest on ice skates, a costume parade, a wheelbarrow race, a sled race and a hockey game. Speed skating champions have been requested to participate in a two-mile exhibition race. An added attraction will be the awarding of prizes to the winners of the recent Central Park Winter Sports Carnival.

Public skating will follow the carnival.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL - CENTRAL PARK
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
JANUARY 25, 1936.

The Department of Parks announces that the twice-postponed annual Winter Sports Carnival will be staged this afternoon, Sunday, January 26, 1936, at the Fifty-Ninth Street Lake, 59th St. and Fifth Ave., Manhattan. Several hundred speed skaters recruited from playgrounds and skating centers will compete in eighteen events over an eight lap track. Added features will include figure skating exhibitions, a hockey game and the presentation of prizes to the winners of the recent Snow Sculpture contest sponsored by the Department of Parks.

Juveniles, Juniors, Intermediates, Seniors and Unlimited Age contestants will flash their speed in races over distances ranging from 100 yards to a half mile. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded the one-two-three finishers in each speed skating event.

The skaters will appear in two races limited to each division. The leading senior boys of the metropolitan district will battle in a 220-yard sprint and an 880-yard fixture.

Through the courtesy of Joseph K. Savage of the United States Figure Skating Association, a bevy of leading fancy skaters will exhibit in singles and pair skating events. The hockey game will be between representative playground center teams from Manhattan and Queens. This game will close the winter sports carnival program.

All skaters who wish to compete today are invited to report at the course at 1 o'clock sharp. Admission is free both to the competitors and the public.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
REGENT 4-1000

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
JANUARY 23, 1936.

The Department of Parks announces that its annual Winter Sports Carnival will be staged Sunday afternoon, January 26, 1936, on the Fifty-Ninth Street Lake, 59th St. and Fifth Avenue, Manhattan, starting promptly at 2 o'clock. Eighteen speed skating finals, figure skating exhibitions and a hockey game between representative playground squads will comprise the program.

Juvenile, junior, intermediate, senior and unlimited age skaters from playgrounds and skating centers throughout the five boroughs will compete in the speed skating events. The skaters will contest over distances ranging from 100 yards to a half mile. Skaters who qualified in elimination tests several weeks ago will advance to the finals without having to start in the trial heats. All other skaters who wish to compete are invited to report and register at the course at 1 o'clock.

An eight lap track has been laid out on the northeast end of the lake. The Park Department Band will furnish music before and during the carnival.

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Yesterday's heavy snowfall makes it possible to complete the "Snow Sculpture Contest" that was begun by the Department of Parks, December 30th in all city playgrounds.

This is the second annual snow sculpture contest sponsored by this department. City-wide competition to determine the best example of snow architecture and sculpture in each borough is being held the first week of January. Eliminations in this contest have been confined to the six best models submitted from each borough.

The playgrounds are as follows:

MANHATTAN:	East 28th St. St. Catherine's W 130th St. & Amsterdam Ave. Columbus Fort Tryon J Hood Wright Ave A & 3rd St.
QUEENS:	Kissena O'Connell Van Dohlen Rainey Jackson Heights Flushing Memorial Victory Field, Forest Park
BRONX:	Mosholu Mullaly Crotona West Spofford Ave. St Mary's E. Cauldwell Ave. Fort #4.
BROOKLYN:	Montgomery & Nostrand Gravesend Plygd. McKinley Dyker Beach 3rd St & 4th Ave. Kelly Memorial
RICHMOND:	De Matti McDonald Model Mariners Harbor Walker Park Clove Lakes Park

Their ingenuity is shown in such sculpture as a replica of Gowanus field house, a temple, a sea monster, Father Time and the Baby 1936, a polar bear on a cake of ice, a hippopotamus, seal and lion.

Eliminations to determine the best snow model in each borough and the city winner will be held in the park grounds January 21st to 23rd.

A committee of judges will select the best examples of this art Wednesday and Thursday, January 22nd and 23rd.

Judging will be determined from the following:

1. Subject matter.
2. Skill and workmanship.
3. Originality
4. Conformity to prescribed rules of the contest.

Prizes, furnished by Wanamaker's, will be awarded to winners for the best structure built by group effort as well as for individual ability. Sweaters will be given winning playground contestants and leather jackets will go to finalists. The prize awards will be topped by a grand prize of a complete sportman's outfit, with a suitably engraved cup which Wanamaker's will award the winner for the best display of snow structure to be found in the city.

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

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
JANUARY 17TH, 1936.

The Department of Parks announces it will give a Recreation Course at the Carmine Street Gymnasium, Clarkson Street and Seventh Avenue, Manhattan, beginning January 22 to and including March 4. Classes are from 10 to 12 A.M. There will be one evening lecture and demonstration February 19 from 6 to 8 P.M.

This course is for the benefit of all Works Progress Administration Playground Directors, who are performing such duties in our park playgrounds. This course is also open to regular Civil Service Playground Directors, who will be excused to attend the lecture whenever their absence does not interfere with the regular recreational program of the playground.

The Park Department is anxious to increase the efficiency of its playground staff because the children become the ultimate beneficiaries.

All courses are in the form of lectures and, whenever possible, demonstrations will be given on different subjects. Some of the courses are:

1. General Duties, Responsibilities, Organization and Administration, Control, Courtesy, Contact with Public, and Sanitation of a Playground.
2. Kindergarten Organization and Activities.
3. Athletics.
4. Club Organization.
5. Scout Organization, Purpose, Program.
6. Day Camps.
7. Folk Dancing.
8. Tournaments.
9. Tennis and Paddle Tennis.
10. Baseball.
11. Basketball.
12. Dramatics.
13. Handcraft.
14. Group Games.
15. Stunts.
16. Puppets and Marionettes.
17. First Aid.
18. Music.

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 17th, 1936

The Department of Parks announces that during 1935 an average of 750 Civil Service and W.P.A. men were employed on forestry work in the five boroughs.

This program called for the removal of dead and damaged trees, pruning of dangerous or obstructing limbs, insect and disease eradications and fertilization of trees to keep them in a healthy growing condition.

A summary of reports from the five boroughs shows that approximately 120,000 trees were pruned to better their condition or to eliminate poor visibility at traffic lights or intersections.

In cooperation with the State and Federal Conservation Departments the park foresters detected 989 cases of Dutch Elm disease. The only method of eradication for this disease is to destroy the infected tree. Every elm tree in the five boroughs has been spotted and is being closely watched to prevent further spread of this menace which is threatening to destroy the American Elm.

At intervals throughout the year over two and a half million gallons of spray solution were used on four hundred thousand trees in all boroughs. This was the largest program of spraying for insect and disease eradication ever carried out by the Park Department. Destructive pests were conspicuous by their absence in localities which had been sprayed.

Two boroughs reporting on tent caterpillar eradication show over ten thousand nests destroyed during the early summer. This is in addition to the countless thousands of egg masses destroyed by spraying with penetrating oils.

A healthy tree is less susceptible to disease. Twenty-five thousand trees were treated with three hundred and fifty tons of fertilizer. A still larger program of tree feeding is planned for this year.

Van Cortlandt Park and vicinity were thoroughly gone over to detect the presence of Gypsy Moth, one of our most destructive pests. This work was done under the direction of the State Conservation Department. About two hundred acres of woodland were fine-combed and approximately thirty thousand shade trees inspected in parks and along streets, resulting in an application of fifty thousand pounds of arsenate of lead to eradicate the pest.

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January 16, 1936.

To: Borough Directors
Borough Supervisors

FROM: James V. Mulholland

SUBJECT: Recreation Course

In order to increase the efficiency of our playground directors, this Department will conduct a Recreation Course at The Recreation Building, Carmine Street Gymnasium, Clarkson Street & 7th Avenue, January 22 to March 4, 10-12 A.M.

It is compulsory for all Playground Directors who entered this Department subsequent to September 20th, 1935, to attend this course.

The various instructors selected to lecture have been chosen for their superior ability in a particular subject and they are directed to prepare an instructive and intelligent lecture. The Supervisors of Recreation are directed to notify all playground directors mentioned above to attend this Course.

Miss Mary E. McKenna, Manhattan, will designate a representative to keep an accurate attendance record during the entire period.

Attached find schedule of classes.

JAMES V. MULHOLLAND
Director of Recreation

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RECREATION COURSE
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
Carmine St. Gymnasium
Clarkson St. & 7th Ave., N.Y.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>COURSES</u>	<u>INSTRUCTORS</u>
Jan. 22	10-12 A.M.	General Duties, Responsibilities, Organization and Administration, Safety, Discipline, Control, Courtesy, Contact with Public, Sanitation of a Playground - (Men and Women)	J.V.Mulholland
24	10-11	Kindergarten (Women) -----	A.Buckley
			H.Goldberg
	11-12	Music (Women) -----	M.Kimbell
			A.DeCesare
29	10-11	Puppets and Marionettes-(lecture and demonstration (Women)	-K.Henderson -O.Calliston
	11-12	Folk Dancing (lecture and demonstration (Women)	-S. Naftalen -L. Oblas
31	10-12	Aims, Organization & Purpose of a Scout Program (Women)	-----C.Weingarten -----C.Thompson
Feb. 5	10-11	Handcraft (Men and Women) -----	A.Ficareff -----J.Sarych
	11-12	First Aid (Men and Women) -----	R.A.Learned -----F.Jaeger
7	10-11	Patrol System, Troop Recreation -----	C.Weingarten
	11-12	Community Organization (Women) -----	C.Thompson
11	10-11	Baseball (lecture & demonstration)(Men)	-----J.O'Donnell -----E.Cummins
	11-12	Basketball(lecture & demonstration)(Men)	-----M.O'Connell -----J. Gorman
14	10-12	Nature Program & Crafts -----	M.Gaudette -----C.Marsh
19	6-6:50 P.M.	Group Games (lecture & demonstration)(Men and Women)	---M.Hemley ---A.Rosenberg
	6:50-7:10	Junior Park Protective League-Aims, Purpose & Organization -----	G.Featherstone
	7:10-8	Tactics, Marching, Calisthenics -----	R.Stahl-H.Haas
21	10-12 A.M.	Day Camps & Program (Women) -----	K.Engle
		Co-op.with Boro Counsel-Boro Staff Members-----	C.Weingarten
26	10-11	Athletics (lecture and demonstration)-----	J.Downing
		(Men and Women)-----	J.McCahill
	11-12	Club Organization (lecture)(Men and Women)-----	G.Coughlin -----J.T.Murtha
28	10-11	Tennis-paddle tennis (lecture & demonstration)---	C.Starke-J.Roche
	11-12	Dramatics (Men and Women)-----	M.Flood-A.Lemke
Mar. 4	10-11	Stunts (lecture and demonstration)(Men)-----	E.Singer-M.Cohen
	11-12	Tournaments (lecture)-----	J.McCormack
		(Men)-----	J.Murray

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Department of Parks
Arsenal, Central Park

For Release
January 15, 1936

PRESS RELEASE - TRAVELING TROUPE

The Department of Parks announces a new schedule for the Playground Traveling Troupe, featuring "Jiggs and Anna" the performing chimpanzees. The revue which also stars clowns and a clever magician has proven tremendously popular since starting its tour of playgrounds and parks in the five boroughs two months ago.

The schedule from January to April:

- Jan. 25 at 3:00 P.M.....Faber, Richmond.
- Jan. 29 4:00 P.M.....McDonald, Richmond.
- Feb. 1 3:00 P.M.....DeMatti, Richmond.
- 5 4:00 P.M.....McCray, Manhattan.
- 8 3:00 P.M.....Payson Ave. & Dyckman St., Manhattan.
- 11 4:00 P.M.....Highbridge, 189th St., Manhattan.
- 15 3:00 P.M.....Zimmerman, Bronx.
- 19 4:00 P.M.....141st St., Bronx.
- 26 4:00 P.M.....Gowanus, Brooklyn.
- 29 3:00 P.M.....Fulton & Classon, Brooklyn.
- Mar. 4 4:00 P.M.....Lindsay, Brooklyn.
- 7 3:00 P.M.....John Andrews, Queens.
- 11 4:00 P.M.....Flushing Memorial, Queens.
- 14 3:00 P.M.....Model Playground, Richmond.
- 18 4:00 P.M.....Yorkville, Manhattan.
- 21 3:00 P.M.....83 Roosevelt, Manhattan.
- 25 4:00 P.M.....Carmine St., Manhattan.
- 28 3:00 P.M.....Mosholu, Bronx.
- Apr. 1 4:00 P.M.....Ciccarone, Bronx.
- 4 3:00 P.M.....Heckscher, Brooklyn.
- 8 4:00 P.M.....McKibben, Brooklyn.
- 11 3:00 P.M.....New Lots, Brooklyn.
- 15 4:00 P.M.....Corona 102d St., Queens.
- 18 3:00 P.M.....Morningside, 123d St., Manhattan.
- 22 4:00 P.M.....Lewis & Rivington St., Manhattan.
- 25 3:00 P.M.....Gulick, Manhattan.
- 29 4:00 P.M.....Drier-Offerman, Brooklyn.

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 PRESS RELEASE, KINDERGARTENS, Department of Parks

The kindergartens for children of pre-school, age which were established one year ago for the first time by the Department of Parks, are proving so successful they will be continued during the spring and summer. Such great interest has been manifested by children that the Department of Parks is conducting kindergarten activities in fifty-five park and playground centers throughout the city.

Children between the ages of three and six years are admitted to the kindergartens. Attendance is not compulsory, but every effort is made to arouse the interest of children so they will voluntarily attend daily. To further this end an educational play program has been devised that arouses the interest of the child, at the same time tending to develop social instincts and preparation for grade school.

The children engage in a multitude of varied activities, each of which has some definite recreational value, not only to the child but to the community at large. Conversation between children upon planned topics, dramatization of nursery tales, games designed to make little fingers nimble, construction work with building blocks, the design of figures by the use of peg-boards, paper cut-outs, songs and story telling are some of the activities indulged in by the children during the kindergarten sessions.

While kindergartens are planned principally for the benefit of the children, it has been noted that the mothers themselves derive pleasure from them. Many of the mothers are, for the first time, enabled to do the morning marketing and perform other household duties without fear that their children will be exposed to injury or danger, as they know the children are in the hands of competent, older persons interested in their welfare.

As far as possible, the children are kept in the open air. With the arrival of the fine spring days, the kindergartens will soon be moved into the open entirely. Kindergartens are located at the following places:

Manhattan--Carmansville, Morningside & 123rd St., W. 134th St. Gymnasium, Riverside & 96th St., 83 Roosevelt St., Highbridge & 180th St., Roosevelt Playground, Highbridge & 189th St., Sauer Playground, W. 17th St., John Jay, Payson Ave. & Dyckman St.

Bronx--Fort #4, Mosholu, Mullaly (Recreation Bldg.), 141st St., St. Mary's E., St. Mary's W., Crotona Park W., Ciccarone, Zimmerman, Lyons Sq., Crotona E., Claremont, Echo, Cauldwell, Spofford & Faile, McCombs, St. James, 163d St. & Tinton Ave.

Brooklyn--McLaughlin, Gowanus, Sheridan, Fulton & Classon, New Lots, Kelly, Red Hook, McKinley, Drier-Offerman, Heckscher, Gravesend, Betsy Head, Lindsay, Bushwick.

Queens--O'Connell, Von Dohlen, Corona 102d St., Jackson Hts., Dry Harbor, Anawanda.

Richmond--Faber Park, Model Playground, McDonald Playground, ~~Stati Playground.~~

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 11, 1936

The Department of Parks announces that the Winter Sports Carnival, scheduled at Fifty-ninth Street Lake in Central Park for Sunday, January 12, has been indefinitely postponed due to lack of ice. The carnival will be held on forty-eight hours' notice.

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 11, 1936

The Department of Parks announces the organization of a Junior Park Protective League under the supervision of the park playground directors. Membership in the league will be limited to school children between the ages of 12 and 16 who receive a grade of "A" in conduct and who are recommended by the school principals.

There will be separate league groups for fifty-five important parks in the five boroughs and 3,000 membership blanks will be distributed by the playground directors Monday, January 13th. The first meetings will be held Saturday, February 8th at 3:00 P. M.

Members of the Junior Park Protective League will aid the regular park forces in calling the park ordinances and regulations to the attention of the park patrons. They will make reports to the playground directors at their regular meetings to be held at the recreation buildings. Each member of the league will be given a special badge which has been paid for by the donation of private funds.













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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 10th, 1936

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment has received the Department of Parks' plans and specifications and estimates of cost for the covering of the New York Central Railroad tracks, continuation of the West Side Highway and park restoration through the entire length of Riverside Park. The item appeared on today's Calendar for reference to the Chief Engineer and Corporation Counsel for report before the January 24th meeting.

The plan calls for the complete covering of the New York Central Railroad tracks through Riverside Park and the covering is used for promenades and overlooks banked by trees and landscaping.

The West Side Express Highway is continued from 72nd Street to St. Clair Place with access and exit drives at 72nd Street, grade crossing eliminations and access drives at 79th Street, access to Riverside Drive at 95th Street, direct access to 96th Street including grade crossing eliminations, and connections with St. Clair Place and the Viaduct which is the continuation of Riverside Drive at this point. The Express Highway throughout the length of the park is laid out as a parkway with no crossings at grade and with proper landscaping. At

85rd Street it swings off the covering of the tracks and follows along the Hudson River shoreline. This will provide a safe, fast route extending from Canal Street to St. Clair Place where it connects with Riverside Drive leading to the Henry Hudson Parkway starting at Dyckman Street. The Henry Hudson Parkway will continue the route through Inwood Hill Park across the Harlem River and through the Bronx to the City Line where it will connect through the Saw Mill River Parkway to the Westchester Parkway system.

Riverside Park will be properly developed and landscaped from end to end. The plans include playgrounds, tennis courts, wading pools, walks and overlooks, landscaped areas and boat basins.

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January 4 1936
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RELEASE FOR SUNDAY PAPERS

The Department of Parks announces that the Winter Sports Carnival will be held at 59th Street Lake, Central Park, Sunday, January 5 at 2 P.M. There will be figure skating exhibitions by Olympic stars headed by Robin Lee of Minneapolis, National Men's Figure Skating Champion. Others who will give figure skating exhibitions are the following: Erle Reiter, runner-up to Robin Lee, Howard Meredith and Marjorie Parker of Brooklyn who will give a pair skating exhibition and Miss Nettie Frantell, Ardele Kloff, George Boleren and Joseph K. Savage who will demonstrate skill and grace in a group exhibition.

Approval has been obtained from the Middle Atlantic Skating Association to hold the Metropolitan Skating Championships in connection with this Winter Sports Carnival. At the present time, there are $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches of ice on the 59th Street lake.

There will be races for juveniles, juniors, intermediates and seniors from 100 yards to two miles. Winners of the Park Department Borough Eliminations will not be required to compete in the trial heats during the morning. All others who have not competed in Borough Eliminations must report at the tent at the 59th Street lake by 9:30 A.M. sharp.

Following the exhibitions and the races, there will be an exhibition hockey game between teams representing Manhattan and Queens and music will be furnished by the Manhattan Concert Band in the morning and the Brooklyn Concert Band in the afternoon.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
JANUARY 3rd, 1936.

The Henry Hudson Parkway Authority, which is headed by Park Commissioner Robert Moses, received bids today for the construction of the Riverside Drive Connection with the Henry Hudson Parkway at Riverside Drive and Staff Street in the Borough of Manhattan. The contract includes the Riverside Drive Bridge carrying the Henry Hudson Parkway over the access, which will handle southbound Riverside Drive traffic, and a steel viaduct alongside Riverside Drive which will carry the access drive up to the level of Riverside Drive.

A low bid of \$277,772 was submitted by P. T. Cox Contracting Co., 154 Nassau Street, New York City.

This is the last of a series of contracts for the construction of five bridges between Riverside Drive and Riverdale Avenue in the Bronx. This section of Henry Hudson Parkway is being constructed by the Henry Hudson Parkway Authority working in conjunction with the Department of Parks and includes the Henry Hudson Bridge across the Harlem River. The State Department of Public Works, working in conjunction with the Authority and the Department of Parks, is completing the section of the Parkway carrying along Riverdale Avenue and through Van Cortlandt Park, where it connects with the Saw Mill River Parkway.

The Henry Hudson Parkway, when completed, connecting with the West Side Express Highway and Riverside Drive at one end and the Westchester Parkway System on the other end, will provide the best route for people of Manhattan and Brooklyn and New Jersey to the Bronx, upper New York and New England.

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MONTHLY PROGRAM
RECREATION DEPARTMENT

JANUARY, 1936

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, NEW YORK CITY

The City of New York
Department of Parks

Borough of Manhattan

Activities

Kindergarten Classes - 10 to 12 daily, except Sundays.

Morningside 123rd St.	Carmansville
West 134th St. Gym	McCray Playground
Riverside 96th St. P.G.	Highbridge 189th St.
83 Roosevelt Street	Sauer Playground
Highbridge 180th Street	West 17th St.
Roosevelt Playground	John Jay
Carmin St. Gym	Payson Ave. &
	Dyckman St.

Horseshoe Pitching - 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Daily

Highbridge 168th St.	Playground Lawn,
	Central Park
North Meadow	Circle Lawn
175th St. East of Amsterdam	
Ave.	

Soccer Games - Daily

North Meadow	Jasper Oval
Playground Lawn	150 St.-Riverside
	Drive
Hudson	Chelsea
Inwood	Corlear

Mother's Club

St. Gabriels	Jan. 8 & 22	6 P.M.
Carmansville	" 30th	8 P.M.
Sauer	each Thursday	1 - 3 P.M.
McCray	" Monday	8 P.M.
83 Roosevelt St.	Friday	8 - 9 P.M.
St. Nicholas &		
140th St.	Thursday	8 P.M.
W. 134th St. Gym	Tuesday	7 P.M.
Morningside & 123rd	every	
	2nd Wed.	1 - 3 P.M.

Gymnasiums

West 134th St. Gym	John Jay Gym
West 59th St. "	East 54th St. Gym
W. 28th St. "	Rutgers Pl. "
Carmin St. "	Cherry & Oliver "

Coasting Hills

Weather permitting

100 St. Central Pk. West	79th St. West Drive
79 St. W. Dr. S. of Swedish Cot.	60 St. & West Drive
76th St. & West Drive	93 St. N. W. of Museum
	of Art
72nd St. & West Drive	N.E. of Conservatory Lk.
79th St. & East Drive	S.E. of Conservatory Lk.

Ice Skating

Weather permitting

59th St. Lake
 110th St. Lake
 Wading pools at -
 John Jay, Fort Tryon,
 Gulick
 86th St. Central Park
 De Witt Clinton

72nd St. Lake
 Conservatory Lake
 Blocks 2 & 5 Roosevelt P.G.
 McCray Wading Pool
 W. 59th St.
 St. Gabriel's Wading Pool
 93rd St. Tennis Cts. C.P.
 173rd St. & Riverside Dr.
 Tennis Courts

Ice Carnival

Conservatory Lake - 72nd St. C.P.

January 5th.

2 P.M.

Snow Modeling
Contest

All Playgrounds

January 1st to January 4th.

Playground Traveling
Troupe

"Jiggs and Annie"

Carmansville

January 2nd.

4 P.M.

Dancing

Carmine St. Gym

Every Friday 7:30 to 9:30 PM

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

Activities

Playground Openings

January 24th

3:30 P.M.

McKibben	-	White and McKibben
Unnamed	-	Remsen and Clarkson
Unnamed	-	Carroll and Smith
Unnamed	-	10th St. 2nd & 3rd Avenues
Owl's Head	-	Owl's Head and Colonial Road
Unnamed	-	Smith and Nelson

Kindergarten Classes

- for children of pre-school age

From 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon daily in the following playgrounds:

Betsy Head	Sheridan	Red Hook
Lindsay	New Lots	Bushwick
Drier-Offerman	3rd St. & 4th Ave.	McLaughlin
Bay Parkway	Heckscher	Kelly Memorial
		McKinley

Ice Skating

Weather Permitting

Daily

Bushwick & Aberdeen	3rd St. & 4th Ave.	Stillwell Ave. & Ave. U.
Prospect Park	Ft. Greene	Kelly Memorial
Leiv Eiriksson	Riverdale & Snediker	Sheridan
Schermerhorn Street	Gravesend	Union & VanBrunt
Drier-Offerman	Fulton & Classon	Cherry & Vandervoort
		Heckscher

Coasting and Skiing

Weather Permitting

Daily

Prospect Park	Owl's Head Park	Sunset
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Tobogganing

Weather Permitting

Daily

Bushwick Playground	Kelly Memorial
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Snow Sculpture Contest

All Playgrounds

Jan. 1st to Jan. 4th.

Boys' Club

Cooper Park	Saturday	3:00 P.M.
Dyker	Wednesday	3:30 P.M.
Red Hook	Tuesday	3:30 P.M.
Gravesend	Monday	3:30 P.M.
Drier-Offerman	Saturday	3:00 P.M.

Miscellaneous Clubs

Jr. Police Club	Bushwick Playground	Tuesday	3:30 PM
Nature Study Club	Montgomery & Nostrand	Sunday	3:30 PM
" " "	Gravesend	Monday	3:30 PM
Choral Club	Fulton & Classon	Friday	3:30 PM

Mothers' Club

Cooper Park	Colonial Club House 299 Graham Avenue	Monday	8:00 PM
Ocean Parkway & Avenue P.		Thursdays	1-3 PM

Dancing Classes

Lindsay	Thursdays	4:00 - 5:00 P.M.
Drier-Offerman	Monday & Friday	" "
Kelly Memorial	Thursdays	" "
Sheridan	Tuesdays	" "
Betsy Head	"	" "
New Lots	"	" "

Amateur Hour - Playground

Betsy Head	Saturdays	11:00 A.M. - 1:00 PM
Drier-Offerman	Saturdays	" "
McKinley	Saturdays	" "
Heckscher	Saturdays	1:00 P.M. - 3:00 PM
Red Hook	Fridays	4:00 P.M. - 5:00 PM
New Lots	"	3:30 P.M. - 5:00 PM
Lindsay	"	3:30 P.M. - 5:00 PM

Puppet & Marionette Shows

McLaughlin Playground	January 31st	4:00 P.M.
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Playground Traveling Troupe "Jiggs & Annie"

Lindsay Playground	January 11th	3:00 P.M.
Betsy Head	January 15th	4:00 P.M.

Band Concerts 8:30 - 10:00

Prospect Park (Picnic House)	Wednesdays	Park Dept. Band
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Social Dancing 8:00 - 10:30 P.M.

Prospect Pk. (Picnic House)	Tuesdays	Gotham Dance Orch.
" " " "	Thursdays	Knickerbocker Dance Orchestra

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
BOROUGH OF BRONX

Activities

Kindergarten Classes

Outdoor

Daily

Fort #4
Mosholu
Mullaly
141st Street
St. Mary's East

Crotona Park West
Ciccarone
Zimmerman
Lyons Square
St. Mary's West

Clubs

Senior Boys

Zimmerman	Tuesdays	8:00 P. M.
Lyons Square	"	"
Mosholu	Fridays	"
Mullaly	"	"
Crotona West	Saturdays	1:00 P. M.

Senior Girls

Mosholu	Mondays	5:00 P. M.
"	Tuesdays	8:00 P. M.
Crotona W.	Thursdays	4:00 P. M.
Zimmerman	Fridays	8:00 P. M.

Junior Boys

Cauldwell Ave.	Tuesdays	4:00 P. M.
St. Mary's W.	Wednesdays	3:30 P. M.
St. Mary's E.	"	3:30 P. M.
Mosholu	Fridays	4:00 P. M.
"	Saturdays	11:00 A. M.

Junior Girls

Mosholu	Mondays	4:00 P. M.
"	Tuesdays	"
Cauldwell Ave.	Wednesdays	"
St. Mary's W.	Thursdays	"
Crotona	"	"
Claremont	Fridays	"
Ciccarone	"	"

Girl Scouts

Lyons Square	Fridays	8:00 P. M.
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Mothers Club

Lyons Square	Tuesdays	2:30 P. M.
141st & Brook	"	1:30 P. M.
St. Mary's W.	Wednesdays	2:00 P. M.
Mullaly	Fridays	7:30 P. M.

Coasting Hills

Weather Permitting

Crotona 175th St. near Bryant Ave.
 Claremont, South of Claremont Mansion
 St. Mary's 146th St. & St. Ann's Ave.

Ice Skating

Weather Permitting

Van Cortlandt Park - Lake	French Charlie's
Crotona Pk.W.Wading Pool	St. James Tennis Courts
Ciccarone " "	St. Mary's Tennis "
Zimmerman " "	Pelham " "
De Voe " "	Macombs Athletic Field
Mullaly " "	Claremont-Large Play Field
Cauldwell " "	Bronx Park East
141st St. " "	Baseball Diamond
	Crotona Park - Lake

Toboggan Hill

Weather Permitting

Van Cortlandt - Golf Hill

Toboggan Slides

St. Mary's - 148th St. & St. Ann's Avenue
 Crotona Park East

Snow Sculpture Contest

All Playgrounds

Jan. 1st - Jan. 5th 4:00 P.M.

Puppet Shows

1/20 Fort #4	1/27 St. Mary's East
1/21 Mosholu	1/28 St. Mary's West
1/22 Ciccarone	1/29 141st St. & Brook
1/23 Zimmerman	1/30 Mullaly Recreation Bldg.
1/24 Lyons Square	

Puppet Making Class

Mosholu	Mondays	3:30 - 5:00 P. M.
Lyons Square	Tuesdays	"
Mullaly	Wednesdays	"

Playground Traveling Troupe

"Jiggs and Annie"

Lyons Square	January 4th	3:00 P.M.
St. Mary's East	January 8th	4:00 P.M.

Social Dancing

Mullaly Recreation	Mon. & Wednesdays	3:10-30 P. M.
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Band Concerts - Mullaly Recreation Building

Starting Jan. 14th. Every Tuesday Eve. 8:30 - 10 P. M.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
BOROUGH -- QUEENS

Activities

Kindergarten Classes

10 to 12 Noon

Daily

Jackson Heights
O'Connell
Von Dohlen

Dry Harbor
Corona 102 Street
Anawanda

Roller Hockey

Highland Park
College Point

Every Sat. 2:30 P.M.
2:00 P.M.

Sea Craft Club

Von Dohlen

Wed. & Fri. 8:30 P.M.

Mothers Clubs

Jackson Heights
John Andrews

Mondays 7:00 P.M.
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Coasting Hills

Forest Park - Hill north of tennis courts
Highland Park-Snake Hill Road
Alley Pond " -Top of Hill East of Nature
Trail, Turtle Lake

Crocheron Pk.-Ent. to Crocheron Ave.
Kissena Park -Hill at parking field
Chisholm " -Mansion to baseball field
Hillside " -Dirt road southside Grand
Cent.Pkwy.west of Hollis
Court Boulevard.

Ice Skating Areas

(Weather Permitting)

Baisley Park
Alley Pond "
Kissena Park
Crocheron Park
Oakland Park
Highland Park
St. Albans Memorial

Linden Park
Hillside Pond
Victory Field
Anawanda Park
Flushing Memorial
Wayanda Park
Rainey Park
College Point Shore Fr.Pk.

Jackson Pond
Jackson Heights P. G.
O'Connell P. G.
Von Dohlen P. G.
Dry Harbor
Bridge Plaza #2
O'Connor P. G.
Newtown

Snow Sculpture Contest

All Playgrounds Jan. 1 to 4th

Rythm Bands

Jackson Heights
Von Dohlen
John Andrews

Fridays 8:00 P.M.
Tues.Wed.Thrs.8:00 P.M.
Mon. 8:00 P.M.

Talent Shows

Jackson Heights
Corona 102nd

Jan.24th 8:00 P.M.
" 26th 3:00 P.M.

Musical Revue

Von Dohlen

Jan. 3rd 8:00 P.M.

Puppet & Marionette Shows

John Andrews Plgd.
Rainey Park
Corona Playground
Jackson Heights Plgd.
Anawanda Playground
O'Connell Playground
Von Dohlen Playground

Jan. 9th 4:00 P.M.
Jan.10th 4:00 P.M.
" 13th 4:00 P.M.
" 14th " "
" 15th " "
" 16th " "
" 17th " "

Dramatic Clubs

Jackson Heights	Mon. & Wed.	8:00 P. M.
Corona 102nd	Tues. & Thurs.	3:00 P. M.

Social Evenings

Jackson Heights	Jan. 4	Hobo Party	8:00 P. M.
	" 11	Automobile Party	" "
	" 18	Cootie	" "
	" 25	Salmagundi	" "

Evening Recreation

	(Adolescent Program)		
Jackson Heights	Nightly except Sun.	6 - 10 "	
John Andrews		6 - 10 "	
Dry Harbor		6 - 10 "	
Rainey		6 - 10 "	

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
BOROUGH OF RICHMOND

Activities

Basketball

Mariners Harbor	Jan. 2 & 31	3:30 P.M.
Clove Lakes	" 4	10:30 A.M.
" "	" 5	12:30 P.M.
" "	" 8,15,22,29	3:30 P.M.
" "	" 12	2:00 P.M.
" "	" 25	12:00 M.
Stapleton	" 6,10,20	3:30 P.M.

Volleyball

Model	Jan. 11	2:00 P.M.
"	" 28	4:00 P.M.

Football

Stapleton	Jan. 9, 31	3:30 P.M.
"	Jan. 11	2:00 P.M.
Mariners Harbor	" 25	2:00 P.M.
" "	" 15	3:30 P.M.

Soccer

Richmond	Jan. 11	2:30 P.M.
"	" 28	3:30 P.M.

Horseshoe Pitching

Richmond	Jan. 4	10:30 A.M.
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Paddle Tennis

Faber	Jan. 7	3:30 P.M.
Mariners Harbor	" 21	3:30 P.M.

Ping Pong Contest

McDonald	Jan. 3	3:00 P.M.
Model	" 5,12, 19	11:00 A.M.

Domino Contest

Stapleton	Jan. 15	3:30 P.M.
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Checker Contest

McDonald	Jan. 6	3:00 P.M.
Model	" 14, 30	4:00 P.M.
Faber	" 14	3:30 P.M.
"	" 25	2:00 P.M.

Coasting Hills

Silver Lake Park
LaTourette

Ice Skating Areas

Silver Lake	McDonald Playground	Wolfe's Pond
Walker Park	DeMatti "	Clove Lakes
Model Playground	Faber Park	Willowbrook

Ice Hockey Games

Model	Jan. 4	2:00 P.M.
Clove Lakes	" 5	11:00 A.M.
" "	" 11, 18	12:30 P.M.
" "	" 19, 26	2:30 P.M.

Ice Skating Contests

	Weather Permitting	
McDonald Park	Jan. 2	3:30 P.M.
" "	" 4, 11, 18	11:00 A.M.

Snow Sculpturing Contest

All Playgrounds	Jan. 1st to Jan. 4th
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Boys Club

Stapleton	Jan. 3, 24	3:30 P.M.
Mariners Harbor	" 9	4:00 P.M.
Model	" 10, 24	8:00 P.M.
DeMatti	" 16, 23	7:00 P.M.

Girls Club

Mariners Harbor	Jan. 17	4:00 P.M.
DeMatti	" 18	3:30 P.M.

Mothers Club

Faber	" 2	1:30 P.M.
Model	" 2, 16	8:00 P.M.
DeMatti	" 8	1:30 P.M.
Faber	" 9, 16, 23, 30	1:30 P.M.
Richmond	" 15	8:00 P.M.

Community Club Meeting

Richmond	Jan. 2, 10	7:30 P.M.
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Literary Club

DeMatti	Jan. 4	2:00 P.M.
Model	" 7	4:00 P.M.

Newspaper Club

McDonald	Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28	7:30 P.M.
Model	" 20	4:30 P.M.

Dramatic Club

Richmond	Jan. 3, 10, 17, 31	3:30 P.M.
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Knitting Club

Richmond	Jan. 7, 20	3:30 P.M.
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First Aid Class

Stapleton	Jan. 8, 27	3:30 P.M.
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Story Telling Hour

Model	Jan. 26	11:00 A.M.
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Handwork

DeMatti	Jan. 15	4:00 P.M.
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Handicraft Group

Faber	Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25	11:00 A.M.
Mariners Harbor	" 7, 27	4:00 P.M.

BOROUGH OF RICHMOND

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Soap Sculpturing

Stapleton	Jan. 18	3:00 P.M.
McDonald	" 25	11:00 A.M.

Dancing Class

DeMatti	Jan. 19,25,26	2:00 P.M.
Richmond	" 25	10:30 A.M.

Amateur Show

Model	Jan. 18,25	2:00 P.M.
Faber	" 18	2:00 P.M.

Puppet & Marionette Show

Faber	Jan. 6	4:00 P.M.
McDonald	" 7	" "
DeMatti	" 8	" "

Kindergarten Party

Richmond	Jan. 22	2:00 P.M.
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Hike

Richmond	Jan. 18	1:30 P.M.
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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

JANUARY 2, 1936.

The Department of Parks announces that the Central Park Winter Sports Carnival will be held at the 59th Street Lake, instead of Conservatory Lake, Sunday, January 5th, at 2:00 P.M. An unusually large attendance is expected.

There will be exhibitions by Robin Lee, the 16-year old Minneapolis boy who is National Figure Skating Champion and member of the Olympic Team and by Erle Reiter, National Senior Champion and runner-up to Lee. Both Lee and Reiter will give singles exhibitions. Howard Meredith and Marjorie Parker, of Brooklyn, who finished third in the National Championships last Monday, will give an exhibition of pair skating. Others who will take part in the program will be Nettie Frantell, Ardele Kloff, George Bolerin and Joseph K. Savage.

The winners of the playground eliminations which took place in all the Boroughs last week will be permitted to enter the final speed races and compete, in the respective divisions, for the championship of the metropolitan district. Those who have not competed in the Borough eliminations, will be permitted to enter the trials which will take place Sunday at 10 A. M.

If time permits, there will also be an interborough playground hockey game between representative teams from Manhattan and Queens.

End

- Program for the opening of the new Municipal Stadium at Randall's Island
- 7/1 452 Independence Day Celebrations announced in all playgrounds in all boroughs.
- 7/1 453 Opening of Astoria Swimming Pool.
- 7/5 454 " " Tompkinsville Swimming Pool, July 7th, 8:30 P.M.
- missing 7/8 455 Delay opening of Orchard Beach from July 18th to July 25th.
- 7/8 456 Opening of three new playgrounds July 10th.
- 7/12 457 " " Highbridge Swimming Pool.
- 7/15 458 Announcement of bookings for Randall's Island Stadium.
- 7/17 459 Announcement of varied sports program for the week-end at Randall's Is. Stadium.
- 7/19 460 Sunset swimming pool, Bklyn, opened and dedicated July 20th at 8:30 P.M.
- 7/23 461 Opening of Orchard Beach to public on Saturday, July 25th at 1 P.M.
- 7/23 462 Opening of Crotona Swimming Pool in Crotona Park, Bronx on 7/24/36 at 8:30 PM
- 7/23 463 Bids for the paving of H. Hudson Parkway from City Line to Riverdale ave, low bidder, The Lmaick Co., Meriden, Conn, bid of \$329,585.50.
- 7/27 464 Park Dept. will have travelling trailer exhibiting flowers, plants and garden implements in the various playgrounds starting July 27th.
- 7/29 465 Bids opened in Albany for construction of service road along the westside of Flushing Meadow Park - low bid - Johnson, Drake & Piper Co. of Freeport L.I., \$199,586.
- 7/30 466 Opening of 3 new playgrounds in Bklyn, Friday, July 31st.
- 7/30 467 Opening of McCarran Park Swimming Pool on July 31st at 8:30 P.M.
- 8/5/36 468 Opening of swimming pool in Betsy Head Memorial Playground Bklyn, 8/6/36 at 10 A.M.
- 8/7/36 469 Opening of new Colonial Swimming Pool, in Colonial Park, Aug. 8th at 8:30 P.M.

- 8/10/36 470. Announcement of opening of reconstructed playground in St. Gabriel's Park and reconstructed Stayvesant Square Park.
- 8/10 471. Dept. of Parks will inaugurate a "Learn to Swim Campaign" in the Thomas Jefferson Swimming Pool.
- 8/13 472. Control of Japanese Beetle
- 8/14 473. Golf tournament for men and women to be held bet. Aug. 15 and 30th.
- 8/15 474. Borough finals of a city-wide amateur singing contest
- 8/15 475. Golf tournament for men and women on municipal courses bet. 8-15 & 8-30
- missing 8/17 476. Opening of Red Hook Swimming Pool
- 8/19 477. Progress on Henry Hudson Parkway
- 8/20 478. Learn to Swim Campaign in Thomas Jefferson pool.
- 8/20 479. Com. Moses reply on the article in the N.Y. Sun re. Randalls Is. construction.
- 8/25 480. Police protection in parks, parkways and playgrounds.
- 8/27 481. Amateur Golf championship finals - Split Rock golf course - 8/30/36
- 8/28 482. Open. playground in Rosebank & plaque unveiled to R. B. Maitenmeier
- 8/28 483. Gala water pageant in Hamilton Fish pool on August 30th.
- 8/31 484. Finals of Amateur singing contest on Mall Sept. 2nd at 6:30 P.M.
- 9/3/36 485 inter-pool swimming and diving championship - Astoria Pool 9/7/36
- 9/3/36 486 Last Naumberg concert on Mall, Central Park, 9/7/36, at 8:15 P.M.
- 9/3/36 487 Results of golf championship held on August 30th at Split Rock course
- 9/4/36 488 Municipal swimming and diving championship in Astoria Pool 9/13/36 P.M.
- 9/5/36 489 Community Singing - Mall, Central Park every Sunday at 3:30 P.M.
- 9/10/36 490 Bridge bids for Roosevelt Ave. vehicular traffic - Worlds Fair project
- 8/21/36 491 Open. of one new playground and one redesigned area - Macombs & 59th St. Man
- 9/12/36 492 Swimming pools to remain open until Sept. 20 - acct. warm weather
- 9/12/36 493 Swimming event in Astoria Pool Sept. 13th at 2:30 P.M.
- 9/14/36 494 2nd annual barber shop quartet contest to be held in Randalls Is. 9/15/36.
- 9/18/36 495 Childrens orchestral concert in Central Park Mall, Sept. 20 at 1:30 P.M.
- 9/21/36 497 Closing of 12 pools - to be converted into active play areas.
- 9/22/36 496 Water carnival on 72nd St. Lake, Central Park, Sept. 22nd at 3:30 P.M.
- 9/22/36 498 Finals of amateur musical instrument contest Mall, Central Park 9/24/36
- 9/22/36 499 Harvest festival Betsy Head Park, Bklyn, Sept 24th at 3:30 P.M.

- 9/25/36 - 500 - Introduction of football in Randalls Island 9/26/36.
- 10/1/36 - 501 - Opening of 4 new playgrounds - Fort Tryon Pk; Stuy. Square Pk; Tompkins square Pk and Central Park - 10/2/36.
- 10/2/36 - 502 - Unveiling of Sophie Irene Loeb Memorial at Hechscher Plg. 10/3/36.
- MISSING 10/3/36 - 503 - Comm. Moses statement regarding budget.
- 10/5/36 - 504 - 11 swimming pools converted into playgrounds.
- 10/6/36 - 505 - B. Somervell's reply to Comm. Moses' request for \$2,000,000 relief approp.
- 10/7/36 - 506 - Handicraft exhibit of park playgrounds at Mullaly Recr. Building.
- 10/6/36 - 507 - New Recreational areas which have been developed from the swimming pools to be open 6 days pr wk - acct. of shortage of personnel.
- 10/8/36 - 508 - Comm. Moses' statement to press regarding resignation from Worlds Fair
- MISSING 10/13/36 - 509 - Repairs and restoration of 7th Reg. Memorial on 5th Ave. & 65th St.
- 10/21/36 - 510 - Presented to the Zoo - Black bear - by M. O. R. Kelly.
- 10/26/36 - 511 - Swimming pools to be converted into play areas.
- 10/28/36 - 512 - Hallowe'en to be celebrated on Mall-Central Park, 10/30 at 8 P.M.
- 10/29/36 - 513 - Chrysanthemum show - Prospect Park greenhouse
- 10/30/36 - 514 - Marine Parkway Authority - bids on contract #9.
- 10/30/36 - 515 - Stover Memorial dedication on Nov, 5th at 3:30 P.M. in Central Park
- 11/2/36 - 516 - Social dancing in various recreation areas starting 11/5/36.
- 11/7/36 - 517 - Opening of 4 new playgrounds by the Park Department
- 11/11/36 - 518 - Open 2 new playgrounds in the Bronx on Nov. 11, 1936
- 11/12/36 - 519 - Interboro roller skating contest in Central Park Nov. 14, 1936
- 11/16/36 - 520 - Survey of concessions made by Parks Department
- 11/16/36 - 521 - Bids for reconstr. of 4000 ft, of Grand C. Pkwy. Extension of F. Meadow Pk.
- 11/19/36 - 522 - resumpti n of work on Marine Park, Staten Island
- 11/18/36 - 523 - Received two ocelots in Zoo from M. C. E. Gomez of Columbia, S.A.
- 11/19/36 - 524 - 3rd annual inspection of Civil Service personnel and equipment
- 11/20/36 - 525 - Open new playground in Manhattan 86th St. and NE. corner of Gr. Lawn.
- 11/21/36 - 526 - 10 municipal golf courses to be closed Nov. 29th, 1936.

- 11/24/36 - 527 - Bids opened by State Dept. of P. Works in Albany, for construction of bridge to carry the L.I.R.R. over the E. Service Rd. in Flushing Meadow Park, Queens.
- 12/4/36 - 528 - Open. of new Geo. Cronwell Recr. Centre on Pier 6, Tompkinsville, S.I.
- 12/4/36 - 529 - Open. of 1 new playground, 2 redesigned and reconstructed playgrounds another section of new playgr. previously opened and 2 reconstr. park areas.
- 12/11/36 - 530 - Bids received for the constr. of bridge to carry Northern Blvd. over the east Service Rd. of the Gr. Central Pkwy. Extension in Fl. Meadow Pk.
- 12/11/36 - 531 - Open. 2 remodeled playgrounds, another section of a new playground previously opened and 2 renovated buildings
- 12/11/36 - 532 - Henry Hudson Parkway will be opened to public, Dec. 12th.
- 12/19/37 - 533 - Ceremonies in connec. with 25 Christ. trees erected in various boros.
- 12/23/36 - 534 - Newspaper playground contest in all the 5 boros.
- 12/23/36 - 535 - Comm. Reply to Bx. Bd. of Trade, regarding Bronx Parkways future plans
- 12/30/36 - 536 - On 12/31 Park Dept. open. 1 new playground, 2nd half of 2 remodeled playgrounds and additional sections of 2 new play. previously opened.
- 12/31/36 - 537 - Bids taken for grading and drainage of a parking field, betw. Northern Blvd. and Roosevelt Ave. in the north end of Flushing Meadow Park.

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ROBERT MOSES
COMMISSIONER



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THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

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

December 28, 1936

Hon. Roderick Stephens, President
Bronx Board of Trade
349 East 149th Street
Bronx, N.Y.

Dear Roderick:

You have asked for future city and state parkway plans for the Bronx. These are indicated on the attached map. I must warn you against any assumption that these improvements can be effected overnight or that they have as yet been financed. These plans represent the cooperation of a number of city and state agencies authorized by law to proceed with such a program. In all cases, some funds are available at least for plans or preliminary studies.

The traffic from Westchester County and points north and east converge like a funnel on the upper boundary of the Bronx. Much of this south and west bound traffic is carried over the three Westchester County parkways beginning with the Saw Mill River Parkway in the west, the Bronx River Parkway, and the Hutchinson River Parkway.

It is proposed to build an entirely new parkway spur from the Henry Hudson Parkway in Van Cortlandt Park to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse, and by way of the reconstructed Mosholu Parkway to a junction with the Bronx River Parkway in Bronx Park. The Bronx River Parkway is proposed to be reconstructed from 233rd Street to Gunhill Road and thence, on an entirely new line, will be extended south through Bronx Park, bordering the east side of the Botanical Garden and the Zoological Park. From the southern boundary of Bronx Park, the parkway will follow the Bronx River on new right-of-way to be acquired and will bring the combined Saw Mill and Bronx River traffic to Eastern Boulevard. This artery, together with Whitlock Avenue, has already been improved as a Triborough Bridge connection.

Construction will be completed next year on the extension of Hutchinson River Parkway through Pelham Bay Park to Eastern Boulevard. This widened improved artery will serve as a fairly adequate bridge connection for some time, but in the future a parkway connection should be built as nearly as possible along the east and southeast shore front of the Bronx to relieve city streets of the burden of traffic induced by the Triborough and Whitestone bridges. The location of this new parkway is being studied and preliminary plans for it are being made.

Hon. Roderick Stephens, President

December 28, 1936

Another arterial improvement which will have a great effect on Bronx traffic is the extension in 1937 of the Henry Hudson Parkway south through Fort Washington and Riverside Parks, to connect at 72nd Street with the express highway constructed by the Borough President of Manhattan. Another improvement, for which funds have already been provided by the Public Works Administration, is the westerly approach to the Triborough Bridge, on which construction by the Borough President of the Bronx will commence early in 1937.

In connection with the reconstruction of the Bronx River Parkway through Bronx Park, the New York Botanical Society is transferring to the Department of Parks approximately one-third of the land under its jurisdiction, while the New York Zoological Society is ceding an additional strip of land along its east boundary. In neither case is the property to be transferred to the Park Department actively used by the Society. In the north portion of the Bronx Botanical Garden it is proposed to use all the transferred land for recreational purposes.

Cordially,



Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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During the past two years children attending playgrounds of the Department of Parks have edited and published monthly playground newspapers.

This newspaper contains various items of interest to the children and parents of each particular recreational area.

In an endeavor to stimulate and increase the enthusiasm of the children in the monthly publication the Park Department decided to hold a contest each year at which a banner will be awarded to the playground submitting the best newspaper. Also, certificates of award will be presented to those playgrounds which, in the estimation of the judges, merit second and third places.

This year the playground newspaper contest is scheduled to take place at the Roosevelt Playground, Chrystie & Hester Street, on Tuesday, December 29th, at 4 P. M.

The supervisors of recreation in each borough have been requested to select the newspaper publications which are most representative of playground activities in their respective boroughs.

Men prominent in the field of journalism will act as judges.

In appraising the newspapers the following points will be considered:

- 1. Content; mainly art work, special stories, news, features - 60%
- 2. Style; English and treatment of subject ----- 30%
- 3. Originality ----- 10%

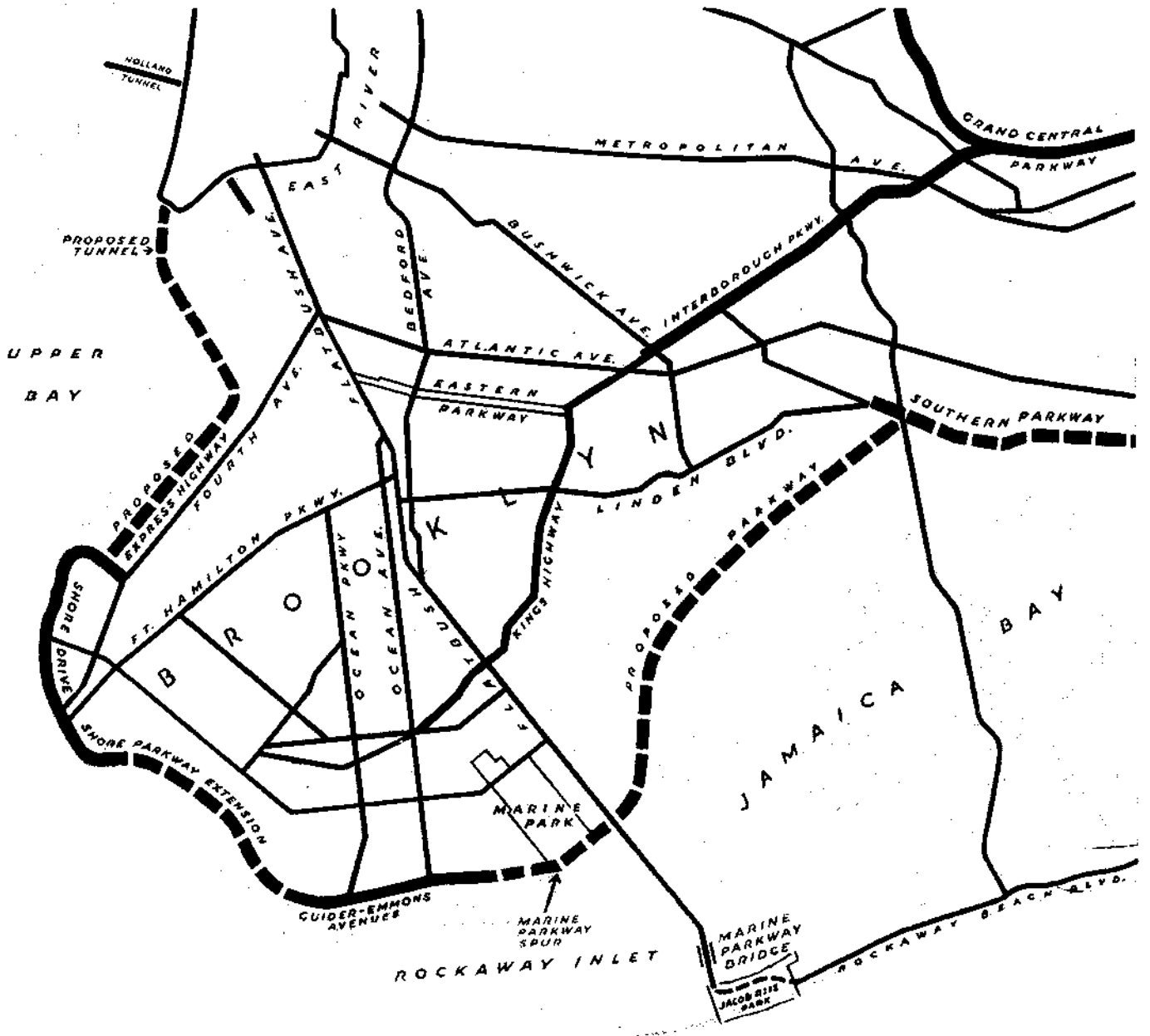
The Park Department announced yesterday that ceremonies in connection with the twenty-five Christmas trees, which are being erected and decorated in the parks of the five boroughs, will take place on Monday, December 21st at 4:45 P. M. A special program will be held at the principal trees in each borough, which will be at City Hall Park, Manhattan; Borough Hall Park, Brooklyn; Joyce Kilmer Park, The Bronx; King Park, Queens; and Borough Hall, Richmond.

At City Hall Park the ceremonies, which will be broadcast over WNYC, will start at 5:00 P.M. Mayor LaGuardia will preside at the exercises and throw the switch that will light the tree at 5:15 P. M; starting officially New York City's observance of the Christmas season. An address will be made by Borough President Samuel Levy. Selections will be played by the Department of Sanitation band, and Christmas Carols will be sung by the Police Department Glee Club and the boys' choir of the Sacred Heart Church. Borough Presidents Ingersoll, Lyons, Harvey and Palma will light the trees in their respective boroughs, where exercises will be conducted under the direction of the borough Park Directors who have arranged appropriate programs.

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

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

- Manhattan - City Hall Park, Broadway and Murray Street
Arsenal, Central Park, 64th Street and Fifth Avenue
Thomas Jefferson Park, First Avenue and 111th Street
Roosevelt Park-Block 7-Forsythe and Canal Streets
Center Plot-Seventh Avenue and 135th Street
Fort Tryon Park - N.E. Flag Pole Terrace,
Fort Washington and Northern Avenues
Carl Schurz Park, 85th Street and East End Avenue
- Bronx - Joyce Kilmer Park, 161st Street and Grand Concourse
Claremont Park, Claremont Parkway and Webster Avenue
St. Mary's Park, St. Ann's Avenue and East 144th Street
Pelham Parkway, Boston and Polham Parkway North
Grand Concourse and Kosholu Parkway
- Brooklyn - Borough Hall Park, Fulton and Joramemon Streets
Grand Army Plaza, Prospect Park, Flatbush and Vanderbilt Avenues
Leiv Eiriksson Park, 67th Street between 4th and 5th Avenues
McCarren Park, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street
- Queens - King Park, Jamaica Avenue and 151st Street
Flushing Park, Northern Boulevard and Main Street
Forest Park, Park Lane South and 108th Street
Highland Park, Jamaica Avenue and Elton Street
- Richmond - Borough Hall, Bay Street and Borough Place
Silver Lake, Victory Boulevard and Forest Avenue



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JAMAICA
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TUNNEL

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ADDRESS HIGHWAY

PROPOSED
PARKWAY

SHORE DRIVE

SHORE PARKWAY
EXTENSION

GUIDER-EMMONS
AVENUES

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BRIDGE

JACOB SIEG
PARK

ROCKAWAY BEACH BLVD.

HOLLAND
TUNNEL

EAST
RIVER

BEDFORD
AVE.

METROPOLITAN
AVE.

GRAND CENTRAL
PARKWAY

BUSHWICK AVE.
INTERBOROUGH PKWY.

ATLANTIC AVE.

EASTERN
PARKWAY

SOUTHERN PARKWAY

FOURTH AVE.
SOUTH AVENUE

FT. HAMILTON
PKWY.

OCEAN PKWY.

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TO THE PRESS

For Release Friday,
December 11, 1956

The Henry Hudson Parkway will be opened to the public without formal ceremony on Saturday morning, December 12th. No tolls will be collected on the Henry Hudson Bridge on that day and Sunday. The regular toll of ten cents will be collected beginning Monday, December 14th.

The Shore Parkway Extension in Brooklyn will also be opened to motorists on December 12th.

Reports on the Henry Hudson Parkway and the West Side Improvement, and on the Shore Parkway Extension and Brooklyn Circumferential parkway and boulevard system are enclosed. This information is for release on Friday, December 11th.

ROBERT MOSES

On Saturday, December 12th, the Department of Parks will open two remodeled playgrounds, another section of a new playground previously opened in part and two renovated buildings.

In Brooklyn, in McLaughlin Park at Cathedral Place and Bridge Street, the old comfort station building has been equipped with a new heating plant, new wiring and lighting fixtures. Modern plumbing has been installed and the interior of the building remodeled to provide up-to-date comfort facilities for men and women and also a large play room for children.

The Elephant house of the old Prospect Park Zoo has been converted into a modernized comfort station for men and women.

In McCarron Park at Union and Driggs Avenues, the remodeled play area has sixteen handball courts and a circular roller skating track.

At Dry Harbor Road in Juniper Valley Park, Queens, another section of the Juniper Valley Playground will open. The first part, which is for girls' use, was opened earlier this fall. The new play area is for senior boys and has parallel bars, horizontal ladders and bars, basketball, volleyball and horseshoe pitching courts.

At 46th Avenue and 164th Street, the old Martin's Field Playground has been redesigned and reconstructed. The new design includes a circular wading pool, see-saws, swings, slides, jungle gym, play houses and sand tables for younger children, and a large play area with two soft basketball diamonds, basketball, shuffle board, handball and horseshoe pitching courts for older children and adults.

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Two bids were received this afternoon in the office of the State Department of Public Works in Albany for the construction of a bridge to carry Northern Boulevard over the East Service Road of the Grand Central Parkway Extension in Flushing Meadow Park.

This is the fifth of nine contracts to be let by the State for the construction of basic improvements in the preparation of Flushing Meadow Park for the World's Fair in 1939.

The bridge to be constructed under this contract will consist of seven steel spans. The East Service Road of the Parkway will pass under the center span. The abutments will be concrete treated architecturally in the same style as the concrete work on the Tri-Borough Bridge approaches.

This new bridge will tie the boat basin and shore development north of Northern Boulevard to the main portion of Flushing Meadow Park, extending south to Kew Gardens. During the Fair, it will permit the passage of pedestrian and intra-mural traffic under Northern Boulevard. Upon the termination of the Fair, it will give pedestrians a place to pass under Northern Boulevard between the boat basin on the north side and the athletic fields and play areas on the south side.

During the course of construction, the trolley tracks and all traffic on Northern Boulevard will be detoured around the south side of the bridge site on a temporary earth fill.

The new bridge will carry four lanes of traffic in each direction on Northern Boulevard, which continues the widening of Northern Boulevard which was started with the two existing bridges over the Grand Central Parkway Extension. The new widths on Northern Boulevard will be extended to the east along the shore of Flushing Bay to the new bridge to be constructed over Flushing River, and on to Main Street, Flushing, so as to relieve the present congestion of traffic on this artery and to provide ample roadway widths for the heavy traffic expected during the Fair.

The two bids received were:

Tully and di Napoli	\$448,376.30
New York City	
Arthur A. Johnson - Necaro Corp.....	\$576,000.00
The engineer's estimate was.....	\$448,376.50

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On Saturday, December 5th the Department of Parks will open one new playground, two redesigned and reconstructed playgrounds, another section of a new playground previously opened in part and two reconstructed park areas.

In Manhattan, in Highbridge Park at 167th Street and Edgecombe Avenue the new playground is equipped with wading pool, swings, see-saws, slides and jungle gym for younger children and a large play area with horizontal bars and ladders, basket ball, hand ball, paddle tennis and horse-shoe courts for older children and adults. At 111th Street and First Avenue in Thomas Jefferson Park, the remodeled play area has two hard ball baseball diamonds and can also be used for football, soccer and rugby. In Stuyvesant Park at First Avenue, East 17th Street and Livingston Place, the northeast section of the rehabilitated square will be opened. This is a passive recreation area and around its two semi-circular walks there will be continuous rows of permanent concrete benches.

In the Bronx, at Jerome Avenue and East 161st Street in Macombs Dam Park, an area for passive recreation has been redesigned and reconstructed; in the same park at River Avenue and East 162nd Street, two baseball diamonds and a turf play field which can be used for football, soccer and rugby have been provided, and are encircled by a four lap to the mile running track.

In Brooklyn, at Gerritsen and Bijou Avenues, in Marine Park, the second section of the Avenue X marginal playground, the first part of which was completed early this Fall, will be opened. The new play space is for senior children and adults and has hand ball, paddle tennis, shuffle board and horseshoe pitching courts.

On Monday, December 7th at 8:00 P. M. the Park Department, in cooperation with the office of the Borough President of Richmond, will open to the public the new George Cronwell Recreation Center on Pier 6, at the foot of Arietta Street, Tompkinsville, Staten Island.

The interior of the pier has been remodeled to provide for three basket ball courts, three paddle tennis courts, two volley ball courts, two hand ball courts, two shuffle board courts and badminton. An indoor running track of slightly over six laps to the mile has also been provided.

Supplementing these facilities, there will be equipment for high jumping, running broad jumping, wrestling and calisthenics. An area with benches and tables has been set aside for use by those desiring quiet games, such as checkers and chess. There will be free public dancing one night each week, with music furnished by the Division of Music of the Works Progress Administration. There is floor space sufficient to accommodate more than 5000 people.

Arrangements are being made to schedule paddle tennis exhibitions and also basket ball games with ping-pong matches between the halves, and it is proposed to promote basket ball, paddle tennis, ping-pong, volley ball and badminton tournaments.

Calisthenic classes will be established for business men and women.

There are provisions for checking clothes, as well as dressing room and shower facilities, and the structure will be heated during the hours of supervised play.

The recreation center is available for amateur theatricals upon application to the Park Department at the Clove Lakes Park office.

Bids were opened this afternoon by the Chief Engineer of the State Department of Public Works in Albany, for the construction of a bridge to carry the Long Island Railroad over the East Service Road in Flushing Meadow Park, Queens.

One bid was received from Wilson and English Construction Company, Inc. of New York City for \$168,729.00.

The engineer's estimate was \$178,283.80.

The work under this contract consists of the construction of a steel girder bridge with stone-faced abutments, similar to the present bridge which carries the railroad over the Grand Central Parkway Extension. During the construction period, the railroad tracks will be detoured to the south around the operation on a temporary fill and temporary wood trestle over the Grand Central Parkway Extension.

The East Service Road which will pass under this new bridge will provide a route for intra-mural bus and pedestrian traffic during the life of the fair, between the main fair development, south of the Long Island Railroad and the bus terminal along the south side of Roosevelt Avenue, the New City Parking Field between Roosevelt Avenue and Northern Boulevard and the Boat Basin and excursion boat docks at the south end of Flushing Bay. Upon termination of the fair, this service road will become a pedestrian walk to provide communication between the various sections of Flushing Meadow Park which are separated by the Long Island Railroad, Roosevelt Avenue and Northern Boulevard.

This is the fourth of nine contracts to be let by the State Department of Public Works for the construction of basic improvements in Flushing Meadow Park in preparation for the 1939 World's Fair.

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The Department of Parks announces that the ten municipal golf courses will close after the play on Sunday, November 29th.

This has been decided upon because of the earlier winter conditions prevailing this year, combined with the necessity for protecting the greens and fairways which have been seeded and sodded within the last twelve months. Play over them with conditions of alternate freeze and thaw would be injurious, and the resultant damage would retard the date of opening in the spring.

The small demand at this time for the year is another factor which determined the closing date of the courses, which, as well as other revenue facilities under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks, are run on a self-sustaining basis which requires the income to be sufficient to pay the cost of maintenance and operation.

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The Department of Parks will open in Manhattan one more new playground on Saturday, November 21st. This will make a total of one-hundred and eighty-seven new playgrounds added to the Park Department recreational system since the beginning of the present administration, while twenty-six of the one-hundred and eight playgrounds, which were in the park system prior to January 1, 1934, have been completely reconstructed and modernized.

The new playground, which is for older children, is located south of 86th Street in the northeast corner of the Great Lawn, formerly occupied by the old reservoir. The play area includes basketball, horseshoe and paddle tennis courts, game tables and horizontal ladders, while surrounding the play spaces is a 20 ft. wide elliptical roller-skating track of concrete, eight laps to the mile. The opening of this playground completes the development of 32 acres of park land which has been torn up since the reservoir was drained six years ago.

The center of the Great Lawn area is developed into a tree-studded oval meadow surrounded by a promenade connected with the adjacent park path system. In the lower end, just north of the 79th Street transverse road, and at the foot of the rocky prominence upon which the Belvedere stands, is a new two-acre lake, the sloping banks of which have been planted with Japanese cherry trees and other flowering shrubs. Another playground for small children in the northwest corner of the Great Lawn was completed and opened in the summer of 1934.

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The Park Department, on Friday, November 20th at 10:00 A. M., will hold its Third Annual Review of its Civil Service personnel and equipment, on the Sheep Meadow, which lies between 66th and 69th Streets east of the West Drive in Central Park.

The Manhattan Borough forces, which won the Gold Star for appearance and record during the year 1935, will be in the front rank. Competition for the Gold Star, which was won the first year by the Borough of Queens, is much keener this season than in former years. The various borough units have been holding inspections, replacing worn uniforms and repairing and painting the motorized equipment.

The inspection will be a routine affair, giving park executives an opportunity to look over the combined forces and men from the various boroughs a chance to meet and renew acquaintances.

As a skeleton force must be left in the parks, particularly to operate comfort stations, playgrounds, revenue producing facilities and borough offices, approximately twenty-four hundred of the regular civil service maintenance and operations force will be present. Included in the ranks will be foremen, laborers, mechanics, gardeners, climbers and pruners and men and women playground directors.

There will be 110 pieces of equipment, or 33-1/3% of the department's total in the review. One of the tree movers, as part of the ceremonies, will be used in planting a five inch pin oak.

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Mr. C. Enrico Gomez has a ranch in Columbia, S.A. -
donated two ocelots to the Zoo, Saturday, November 14th
one of which is slightly lame in the front leg, otherwise
they are in good health and nice specimens. They have been
put on exhibition in the Antelope House.

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The Park Department announces that work on the development of Marine Park, Staten Island resumed last week.

The City of New York is acquiring title to 94 acres of privately owned land on Oakwood Point by purchase and condemnation. The acquisition of this land, with an assessed valuation of \$171,850, is necessary to close the water gap between Crookes Point on Plum Island and Oakwood Point on the mainland and to prevent infiltration of sand into the 370 acres yacht basin, which will be formed by the L-shaped bulkhead to be constructed. This yacht basin will undoubtedly stimulate the formation of new local yacht clubs and bring thousands of pleasure craft and summer visitors to this new Marine Playground.

Contracts for the sheet piling and equipment, such as tugboats, scows, pile drivers, tenders, compressor and hydraulic dredge, have been let, with \$25,000 of the cost furnished by the city and the balance furnished by the Works Progress Administration, which is also supplying all the labor.

As part of the development, 5,500 linear feet of steel sheet piling bulkhead is being added to the 2,300 linear feet of bulkhead previously placed on Crookes Point. After the bulkheading is completed hydraulic fill will be placed against its ocean side as a protection from seaward wave action.

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The Department of Parks received bids this afternoon for a contract for the reconstruction of 4000 feet of the Grand Central Parkway Extension, in Flushing Meadow Park, between the Long Island Railroad tracks and Horace Harding Boulevard.

There were eight bids submitted. The lowest bidder was the Harlem Contracting Company who submitted an estimate of \$194,270.50. The next two bidders were Johnson, Drake & Piper of Freeport, L.I., and John Meehan & Sons of New York City who submitted bids of \$208,113.90 and \$209,829.60 respectively. The engineer's estimate was \$240,126.00.

The work under the contract will consist of the construction of a temporary detour along the west side of the parkway, the paving of the parkway itself with permanent concrete pavement, and grading, topsoiling and seeding the slopes on each side of the parkway. The present pavement in this section of the parkway, constructed by the State Department of Public Works, was made of temporary materials because, at the time it was built, the requirements of the World's Fair Development were not known. The new concrete pavement will be constructed at a grade averaging ten feet lower than the present grade, so that the parkway will be depressed below the general grade of the Fair Development on each side, and so that bridges can be constructed between the two largest units of the Fair Development at grades which would not discourage passage from one part of the Fair to another. The detour will be constructed of bituminous concrete of substantially the same character as the temporary pavement with which the parkway is now surfaced. Half of the detour is located within the area leased by the Fair Corporation and will be left in place on the termination of this contract to form part of the road system of the Fair. Construction is to be completed by May 1st, 1937.

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For Release

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NOVEMBER 16, 1936

Some interesting facts have been established by the Department of Parks as a result of a survey of the concessions now operated under its jurisdiction. This study was made to determine the results of the policies introduced by the present administration in 1934.

One of the many major problems which confronted the Department was the solution of the difficulties arising from the granting of concessions within the City's parks. To quote the words of Commissioner Moses in a memorandum on the subject:

"The smaller concessions seem to have been parceled out to the aged, the blind, the lame and the needy, and to war veterans -- wounded or unwounded . . . irrespective of the need of the concessions or the ability of the concessionaire to render adequate and sanitary service . . . The large concessions were, for the most part, let at public bidding. This did not prevent favoritism. In practice, it prompted and abetted trickery."

In short, the old policy was based entirely on favoritism and political expediency rather than upon the service which the concessionaire was able to render the public. The new policy, which is predicated on the principle that the public must be served well, and that the revenue shall be fair to the City and the concessionaire alike, provides that all agreements must be in the form of licenses rather than leases. This makes it imperative for concessionaires to abide by the terms of the agreements or be removed by the Commissioner.

It is the policy of the present administration to issue no licenses extending beyond the term of its administration, except in instances where concessionaires have entered into license agreements and made corresponding commitments, and have not been established sufficiently long to clear their capital outlay, or where exceptionally good service has been rendered.

The large concessions within the parks now pay their rent as a fixed percentage of their gross receipts rather than as definitely stipulated sums. This practice has worked well, in that it places no hardship on concessionaires when business is dull nor does it deny the department its fair share when business is at a peak.

Most of us remember how the parks were formerly overrun with peddlers selling all kinds of items from shoe strings to ice cream. Sanitary conditions were then at a low ebb, but itinerant facilities are now officially provided, and properly supervised.

Newly designed, gay colored food carts, euphemistically called carretinas, have been placed in the larger parks -- approximately one hundred have been put into service. Laden with candy, cakes, cigars, cigarettes and souvenirs, they are as inviting and adequate as the old basket of the peddler was unwholesome and unsatisfactory.

The old type of news stand, ugly in design and poorly arranged, has been replaced by thoroughly modern stands which do not offend good taste and which provide better service. Incidentally, these news stands, now located only at subway entrances and exits, are bringing increasing revenue to both the City and the concessionaire. Modern news stands have been placed in Greeley Square, Battery Park and Bryant Park, Manhattan; in Grames Square, Bronx, and on Roosevelt Avenue, Queens.

In former years it was the policy of the Department to issue permits for ground rentals, to make leases with private clubs serving only those who were members and to give approval, by silence, to squatters building unsightly sheds as their homes on park property. These conditions have been entirely eliminated and today no enterprises are located on park land which are not conducted for the convenience of the entire public. This involved the cancellation of 1,741 permits.

New cafeteria buildings were erected within the Central Park and Prospect Park Menageries, and the old Sheepfold in Central Park was remodeled into a restaurant along the lines of an English tavern. New facilities at Clove Lakes Boathouse, in Richmond, and at Kissena Park Golf Course in Queens have been provided and the old oyster bar at Jeanette Park, on South Street in Lower Manhattan has been rebuilt to give better accommodations to its patrons. The club house at Pelham Bay Golf Course contains a thoroughly modern restaurant having tables on its terrace overlooking Long Island Sound. Food is also sold on the terraces of the eleven new swimming pools.

The net income from concessions in 1933 was \$252,000 although there was \$292,000 in charges. The remaining \$40,000 was uncollected until 1934 when it was possible to recover approximately \$4,400 or 11%. - The remaining \$35,600, or 89%, was practically uncollectable and has already been partially written off. In 1934 the net income was \$222,000 but this figure includes the sum recovered from the uncollected debts of the previous year. In 1935 the net income was \$184,000. This decrease was due to the elimination of undesirable concessions and those not serving a park purpose, as well as others that were removed to make way for park improvements. It is expected that the revenue will show a steady increase in 1936 and the succeeding years because of improved and increased patronage.

The concessions in the parks are now on a sound basis of operation. To the City they pay a fair and equitable rental based on their volume of business; and to the citizen and visitor they make available at reasonable prices wholesome food served under carefully supervised and sanitary conditions.

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The Department of Parks announces that the annual Interborough "Roller Skating Contest" will be held on the concrete roller skating track surrounding the Circle Lawn, 106th Street and the West Drive, Central Park, Saturday, November 14th at 2:00 P. M.

The roller skating area was opened on October 23rd and has proven to be tremendously popular. These finals are the first organized function to be held in the area since its opening.

360 contestants will take part in the following twelve events; the ages of the competitors ranging from eight to over eighteen years.

EVENTS

8 to 10 years - Boys -	50 yard dash
" " " " - Girls -	40 " "
10 to 12 years - Boys -	60 yard dash
" " " " - Girls -	50 " "
12 to 16 years - 4'-8" and under	
Boys -	100 yard dash
" " " " - 4'-8" and under	
Girls -	70 " "
12 to 16 years - 5'-2" and under	
Boys -	100 yard dash
" " " " - 5'-2" and under	
Girls -	80 " "
16 to 18 years - Boys -	220 yard dash
" " " " - Girls -	110 " "
Over 18 years - Senior Men	880 yard race
" " " " - Senior Women	440 " "

Roller skates and medals of gold, silver and bronze will be awarded to winners with Park Department certificates.

The Department of Parks will open two more new playgrounds on Wednesday, November 11. This will make a total of one hundred and eighty-six new playgrounds added to the Park Department's recreational system since the beginning of the present administration. Twenty-six of the one hundred and eight playgrounds which were in the park system prior to January 1, 1934, have been completely reconstructed and modernized.

In the Bronx, at 181st Street and Ryer Avenue, the new William F. Deegan Playground will have swings, see-saws, sand tables, playhouses and a jungle gym for younger children, and handball courts, play apparatus and a large open play area with a softball diamond for the older children. There will also be a comfort station for men, women and children.

This is the first of twenty-four sites recently purchased by the city for playgrounds in thickly populated and neglected areas to be developed and opened to the public. The property was acquired on August 24, 1936. It has been named after the late Major William F. Deegan, former Tenement House Commissioner and World War veteran.

At Charlotte Street and Crotona Park East, in Crotona Park, there will be a new marginal playground with a wading pool and play equipment for small children, and handball, volley ball, shuffleboard and paddle tennis courts, a large play area and a soft ball diamond for older children. The area is landscaped and provided with benches. Included in the area is a recreation building with comfort station facilities for men, women and children.

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The Department of Parks will open ~~four~~ more new playgrounds, one new recreation building and two renovated buildings on Saturday, November 7. This will make a total of one hundred eighty-four new playgrounds added to the Park Department's recreational system since the beginning of the present administration. Twenty-six of the one hundred and eight playgrounds which were in the park system prior to January 1, 1934, have been completely reconstructed and modernized, with twenty-three more to be rebuilt before the end of the year.

In Manhattan, at Columbus Park, Mulberry, Barter and Park Streets, a new recreation building of granite with slate roof will be opened. It will house comfort stations for boys and girls, a mothers' room and a large play room.

In the Bronx, at Van Cortlandt Park South and Broadway, there will be a fully equipped small children's playground, with an oval wading pool 56' x 94' and with benches and shade trees for mothers and guardians. This is the first unit to be completed in a large recreational development, which will include football and baseball fields and a quarter mile running track.

In Macomb's Dam Park at 161st Street and Ruppert Place the field house has been completely renovated and modernized.

In Brooklyn, at Neptune Avenue between 28th and 29th Streets there will be a wading pool 54' x 96', two hard ball diamonds for older boys and see-saws, swings, jungle gym, slides and playhouses for younger children. / At Avenue U between East 58th Street and East 60th Street there will be a play area with two baseball diamonds and a soccer and football field. / Also, in Brooklyn at Fort Greene Park, Myrtle Avenue and St. Edwards Street the old comfort station has been redesigned and completely modernized, with facilities for both men and women.

In Queens a playground under the approach to the Triborough Bridge, at 21st Street between Hoyt Avenue North and Hoyt Avenue South, will be opened. It will be an adult play area with handball, basketball, horseshoe and shuffleboard courts, horizontal bars and ladders.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
THE ARSENAL, Central Park

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Nov. 2, 1936

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The Department of Parks announces that social dancing for the public scheduled in the following locations from 8:30 to 11 P.M. will be held in the same recreation centers from 8:00 to 10:30 P.M. beginning Thursday, November 5th:

Tuesdays	West 154th St. Gymnasium
Wednesdays	Mullaly Recreation Building, 165th St. and Jerome Avenue
Thursdays	Highbridge Swimming Pool Building, 174th St and Amsterdam Avenue
Thursdays	Picnic House, Prospect Park
Fridays	Astoria Pool Building, Hoyt Avenue and East River, Astoria

On Thursday, November 5th at 3:30 P. M., the Department of Parks will hold a ceremony in connection with the dedication of the Stover Memorial at the Shakespeare Garden, east of the West Drive opposite 80th Street in Central Park, Manhattan.

Mayor LaGuardia, Park Commissioner Robert Moses, Dr. John H. Finley, Associate Editor of The New York Times; James K. Paulding, Chairman of the Charles B. Stover Memorial Fund; Jacob S. Eisinger, President of the Charles B. Stover Memorial Association; Joseph M. Price, Treasurer of the Charles B. Stover Memorial Fund; Dr. Jane S. Robbins, former Director of the College Settlement; Gregory Weinstein and Stanley Bero will speak.

The site of the Stover Memorial at the top of the rock outcropping, known in the past as the Rock of Ages, is a particularly fitting location for a monument to Charles B. Stover, who was Park Commissioner of Manhattan and Richmond under Mayor William J. Gaynor from 1910 to 1914. In 1912 Mr. Stover changed the Rock of Ages from a dilapidated stone mass covered with poison ivy to a rock garden with an artificial stream of water and pools of water lilies, which became a popular point of interest for numerous visitors to the park.

Shakespeare Garden, as it is now known, has been rehabilitated and a circular memorial overlook of granite walls with bluestone walks and platforms and with a large curved seat of highly polished granite, has been erected on the summit of the old Rock of Ages. The Memorial was conceived by a group of prominent men who gave their time and thought to the formation of the Charles B. Stover Memorial Association, Inc., which organization collected by donation the funds used in furthering the work and its design. The inscription on the seat reads:

1861 Charles B. Stover 1929
Founder of Outdoor Playgrounds
Who devoted his life to Public Service
In Grateful Recognition
1936

From the Stover Memorial looking westerly over the roof of Central Park's Swedish school-house, first exhibited in America at the 1876 Philadelphia Centennial Fair, one obtains an extremely interesting view of the Roosevelt Memorial Wing of The American Museum of Natural History.

North of the overlook is the site of the old lower Reservoir, now a 32-acre expanse of lawn with a two-acre lake and with the huge oval meadow encircled with wide walks, tree-shaded and bench-lined.

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October 30, 1936

This afternoon the Marine Parkway Authority received bids on Contract No. 9, for work in connection with the Marine Parkway Bridge across Rockaway Inlet, from Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, to Jacob Riis Park, Queens.

This contract calls for the construction of two and a half miles of concrete roadway in Jacob Riis Park, an underpass, a bus terminal, incidental drainage and guard railing. The major portion of the new roadways will take the traffic of Rockaway Beach Boulevard from the east boundary of the park northerly and westerly around the park, to the approach to the Marine Parkway Bridge at the northwest corner of the park. The balance of the roadways will form a connection to the new parking field and to the bus terminal adjacent to the bathhouse.

With the completion of these new roadways, the old Rockaway Beach Boulevard or, as it is sometimes called, Washington Avenue, through the park will no longer be needed and will be removed to make way for the new developments and enlargements of the bathing beach.

The work under this contract will be completed by May 15th, 1937, so that there will be no interference with the use of Jacob Riis Park next summer.

The engineer's estimate was \$237,000., and out of eight bids received the three lowest were:

	<u>Total Bid</u>
1. Mill Basin Asphalt Co., Inc.	\$ 231,802.50
2. Tully & Dinapoli, Inc.	247,211.00
3. Johnson, Drake & Piper Co., Inc.	259,907.50

PRESS RELEASECHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW - PROSPECT PARK GREENHOUSE

The annual Fall Chrysanthemum Show will be opened on Sunday, November 1st, 1936, at 10 A.M., at the Prospect Park Greenhouse, Prospect Park West and 9th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

The display, featuring over 4000 pots of Chrysanthemums, will be one of the most magnificent ever staged.

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 in these groupings are the Pockets in 3 varieties, the Turners in 3 varieties, John S. Bush, Rise of Day, Melba, Marion Uffinger, Marie De Petres, Earl Kitchener, Mrs. B.D. Spilman, De Inglis, Gaety, J.A. Booth, Mrs. Firestone, Grace Sturgis and others.

Surrounding the ground bed and banked along the sides of the show house are about 75 of the smaller varieties of chrysanthemums, such as the pompons and anemones. They also come in many shades of bronze, red, yellow and white. Some of the more outstanding chrysanthemums in this class are Titan Tangerine, Norman Pink and Bronze, Mrs. Harrison Craig Orange and Crimson, Betty Rose Pink and Yellow, Crimson Glow and Crimson Red.

The exhibit will be open every day from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. and the Department of Parks extends a cordial invitation to the public to view the display for the three weeks of its duration.

The Department of Parks announces that it will celebrate Hallowe'en on the Mall, 72nd Street, Central Park, Friday evening, October 30th, from 8:30 to 11 P. M.

An elaborate outdoor setting is being arranged as a background on the Mall bandstand. This will consist of grinning pumpkins, witches, goblins and skeletons, amid shucks of cornstalks, hay and autumn leaves.

The program of the evening will be social dancing for the public interspersed with a variety of acts for their entertainment, viz: Magic Acts by the Park Department Magicians, American country dances, Mass ball game, Egg and Spoon race, Songs and Ducking for apples.

The public is invited to come in costume.

The following village trustees have donated prizes for appropriate costumes:

Dora Stitch -	Village Seamstress	Sampler
Silas Shortweight	Village Grocer	Basket of Vegetables
Hiram Bellows	Village Blacksmith	Gallon of cider
Miranda Taekem	Chairman of Village Grange	Vegetable Corsage
Joshua Haysced	Village grain dealer	Pumpkins
Bill Cutton	Village Veterinarian	Bale of hay

The judges will award the above articles to persons selected for wearing the best:-

1. Funniest costume - Boy
2. Nicest looking costume - Girl
3. Most unusual " - Boy
4. " " " - Girl
5. Most Appropriate for Hallowe'en - Boy
6. " " " " - Girl

All are invited to come to these festivities and enjoy a gala Hallowe'en.

On Thursday, December 31st the Department of Parks will open one new playground, the second half of two remodeled playgrounds and additional sections of two new playgrounds previously opened in part.

In Queens, at Broadway and 78th Street, the new playground is equipped with swings, jungle gyms, sand tables, play houses and a shower basin for small children, and basket ball, hand ball and horseshoe pitching courts, roller hockey field and a soft ball diamond for older children. The area is designed so that it can be flooded and used for ice-skating in winter.

In Forest Park at Myrtle Avenue and 80th Street, the second half of the old Dry Harbor playground, which has been redesigned and reconstructed for girls, is equipped with horizontal bars and ladders, shuffle board and basket ball courts and a large play area for group games.

In Manhattan, in Central Park, the reconstructed Heckscher Playground, primarily for children, has been completed with the exception of the old comfort station building, which is being altered to provide indoor recreation rooms during all seasons. The old wading pool has been redesigned not only to fit more appropriately into its natural location, but also to provide restricted ingress and egress through a sterilized, chlorinated footbath. The playground has been equipped with swings, slides, see-saws, jungle gyms, horizontal bars and ladders for children, and croquet and horseshoe pitching courts, separated from the children's area, have been included for adults.

In Brooklyn, north of Avenue U in Marine Park, two more baseball diamonds have been added, making a total of seven in this section of the park.

In The Bronx, at Broadway and Van Cortlandt Park South, six hand ball courts have been added to the large recreational area, which will include football and baseball fields and a one-quarter mile running track.

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The Park Department's eleven new swimming pools, which were converted into active play areas with facilities for shuffleboard, basketball, handball, volley ball, paddle tennis, box ball, punch ball, quoits and group games after the end of the swimming season, are proving just as popular as play centers as they were as pool areas.

The following is the attendance for their first month's use from September 24 to October 24, inclusive:

Astoria	35,295
Betsy Head	49,574
Colonial	14,895
Crotona	60,230
Hamilton Fish	33,311
Highbridge	59,283
McCarren	39,181
Red Hook	17,710
Sunset	24,445
Thomas Jefferson	22,544
Tompkinsville	9,642
Total	366,110

For the past month intra-play center tournaments, which will end on October 28, have been conducted in handball, basketball, paddle tennis and volley ball. 225 teams are competing in these games and, starting November 2, the winners will compete in an inter-play center city-wide championship for each activity.

At the Sunset play center in Brooklyn, John Kelly, a Civil War veteran, 96 years of age, keeps fit by playing handball. Although not competing in the tournament, Kelly challenges any one over 70 years of age to a game of handball. Kelly also claims he was a former baseball player back in 1869 and is anxious to "get back in the game."

All the games and tournaments are being conducted under the supervision of competent instructors and coaches, many of whom, former college stars, are now regular Park Department employees.

The conversion of the bathhouses into gymnasiums is rapidly nearing completion and all will be ready for indoor activities, including social dancing, by the time weather becomes too cold or inclement for outdoor play.

Indoor social dancing from 8:30 P. M. to 11:00 P. M. will start at Highbridge play center on Thursday, October 29, and at the Astoria play center on November 6. Music will be furnished by the Knickerbocker, Gotham and Colonial dance orchestras from the Federal Music project.

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For Release IMMEDIATELY

October 5, 1936

The eleven swimming pools opened this summer by the Department of Parks have been converted into playgrounds with facilities for shuffle board, basket ball, handball, volley ball, paddle tennis and various group games. The pools were drained September 20th and on Monday, September 21st, workmen began to construct handball walls, erect stanchions for tennis and volley ball nets, and mark out the various courts. By Thursday, September 24th, this work was completed and at 3:00 P.M. they were opened as recreational areas for children and adults.

The pools, popular with children and adults this summer, are proving just as popular now that they are open as recreation centers. This is evidenced by the number that have used the facilities since they reopened. Following is the attendance from September 24th to October 4th, inclusive:

Astoria	-	10,098
Crotona		7,411
Tompkinsville		1,650
Sunset		6,349
McCarron		16,066
Betsy Head		9,161
Red Hook		4,532
Colonial		3,944
Highbridge		22,735
Thomas Jefferson		7,500
Hamilton Fish		6,525

The games are under the supervision of competent instructors and coaches and teams are being formed at the various pools. Leagues of different age groups are being formed and competitions for league championships will begin as soon as the children are classified into their various age groups.

During the summer inter-pool swimming matches were held and it is intended that this inter-pool rivalry be kept up this winter with teams of the various sports engaging in competitions with teams from other pools.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL CENTRAL PARK
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Through Former Governor Alfred E. Smith,
night superintendent of the Central Park Zoo, a black
Canadian bear has been presented to the City by Mr.
O. R. Kelly of 768 North Street, White Plains, New
York.

While the bear is slightly homesick in
his present quarters in Central Park, his diet has not
been affected for he eats from six to eight raw eggs
daily.

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October 8, 1936

Apparently there has been some comment on the absence of my name from the list of directors of the World's Fair. There is no significance in my recent resignation. This was a routine matter involving no difference with the corporation or lack of enthusiasm for the Fair. It was necessary to make a decision at the time the lease became effective and the Fair plan was adopted as to whether the man in charge of city and state permanent improvements at Flushing Meadow should also serve as a member of the Board of Directors. It became clear to me that such service might involve conflict of responsibilities and I resigned simply to concentrate on the preparation of the site and the permanent improvements which will be part of Flushing Meadow Park. In order that there may be no misunderstanding I am attaching copies of correspondence with Mr. Whalen on this subject.

ROBERT MOSES

CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

October 1, 1936

Hon. Grover Whalen,
New York World's Fair 1939,
Empire State Building,
New York City.

Dear Grover:

Thanks very much for your letter with reference to membership on the Board of Directors. My decision is, however, absolutely final. It is not based on lack of time or enthusiasm, but on the conviction that the interests of the city and state governments, as well as those of the Fair, are best served by my sticking to the basic permanent improvements at Flushing Meadow Park.

Cordially,

ROBERT MOSES

Commissioner.

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NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR 1939
INCORPORATED

EMPIRE STATE BUILDING
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Office of the President

September 30, 1936

Dear Bob:

I wish you would reconsider the suggestion you made in your letter of the 28th. You have been such a tower of strength in the formative stages of the Fair Corporation and in all its plans that your name should be indelibly written in the corporate records of the Fair.

I fully realize how busy you are and that it would mean a hardship and sacrifice for you to give much time to the actual work of the Fair Corporation, nevertheless, I do hope that you will reconsider your decision and continue as a member of the Board of Directors.

Speaking not as President of the Corporation but as a friend with the deepest admiration for you as a man, as an official, and for your unparalleled achievements. I want to be privileged to sit by your side at the future deliberations of the Board of Directors of the New York World's Fair 1939.

Very sincerely,

(sgd) GROVER WHALEN

The Honorable
Robert Moses
Arsenal, Central Park
New York, N. Y.

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CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

September 28, 1936

Mr. Grover Whalen,
New York World's Fair 1939, Inc.,
Empire State Building
New York City

Dear Grover:

You may recall that some months ago when the question of the approval by the city of the World's Fair lease was in the hands of the Corporation Counsel, I wrote the Mayor that I did not believe that there was any serious legal question involved in the membership of elected or appointed city officials on your Board of Directors. On the other hand, I said that Mr. Windel's opinion raised a real question of policy at least as to the Park Commissioner, and that so far as I was concerned I would make up my mind about October 1st, when the plan of the Fair was ready, whether as a city and state official immediately responsible for the site, I could best serve by remaining on the Board, or by concentrating on the basic improvements.

I have now come to the definite conclusion that, so far as the Fair is concerned, I ought to give all of my attention to the preparation of the site, and that it would be a mistake for me and my staff to have their attention diverted to the plans for the Fair itself, except to the extent that it is necessary that the two sets of plans be coordinated. Arrangements for such coordination have been made and I am sure that they will be quite satisfactory. My staff will have plenty to do to meet the schedule for the completion of the basic improvements and to assist in every way on permanent structures and facilities which are to remain as part of the park when the Fair is over.

Under the circumstances I am presenting herewith my resignation from the Board of Directors. I see no reason why it should have any public notice, because it is merely a routine matter. You will, of course, understand that this step involves no loss of interest in and enthusiasm for the Fair, and it simply means that those immediately responsible for the basic improvements will give all their available energy to the early completion of these improvements.

With kindest personal regards and continued good wishes for the Fair,

Sincerely,

/s/ ROBERT MOSES

Commissioner

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

THE NEW RECREATIONAL AREAS WHICH HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED IN THE
EMPTIED SWIMMING POOLS AND IN THE BATHHOUSES WILL BE OPERATED ONLY SIX
DAYS PER WEEK, THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS ANNOUNCED TODAY. THEY WILL BE
CLOSED EACH SUNDAY AS THERE IS ONLY SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL AVAILABLE FOR
THE WEEK-DAY OPERATIONS.

A.R.JENNINGS.

PRESS NOTICE

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The annual Handcraft exhibit, by the children of the park playgrounds, Bronx, will be held at Mullaly Recreation Building, East 165th St. and Jerome Avenue. The Manhattan exhibit will be held at Carmine and Varick Street, from October 5th to October 10th. These exhibits will be open daily from 1 to 10 P.M., admission free.

According to the variety and number of articles exhibited, it is the best and largest shown in the past eight years. Some playgrounds are submitting projects, Indian Village, Outdoor Camp, 20th Century Modern transportation, Colonial Cottage etc. The individual exhibits include, chip carving, basketry, soap modeling, dolls of all nations, bead work, crepe paper, model airplanes, paper flowers, party favors, etc.

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U. S. WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION

For Release

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IMMEDIATELY
Oct. 6, 1936

FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK
70 COLUMBUS AVE., NEW YORK, N. Y.

BREHON SOMERVELL
Administrator

October 6, 1936

Honorable Robert Moses, Commissioner,
Department of Parks for the City of New York,
Arsenal, 64th Street and 5th Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Moses:

I have your letter of October 5th, in which you ask whether this office knows of any changes in the Works Progress Administration rules and instructions, and whether arrangements can be made which would permit us to furnish relief personnel at a cost of about \$2,000,000 to the City Parks Department for the whole of the calendar year.

In reply I must state that there are no changes in these rules. You must remember that Congress has not yet appropriated funds for the coming year, and hence it would be impossible to assure you of the expenditure of \$2,000,000 or any other sum. Furthermore, the Works Progress Administration does not consider that regular operations and maintenance of City activities ordinarily carried in the budget are a proper WPA function.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brehon Somervell

Administrator

The Park Department announces the unveiling of the Sophie Irene Loeb Memorial in Heckscher Playground, Central Park, tomorrow at 12 noon.

Mayor LaGuardia, Governor Herbert H. Lehman, Park Commissioner Robert Moses and August Heckscher will speak at the exercises. Music will be provided by the Department of Sanitation Band.

The Memorial consists of a granite pediment rising from a pink granite bowl and surmounted by carved groups of stone statuary representing the famed characters of Alice in Wonderland, with the Duchess playing a prominent part. This sculpture was conceived and executed by F. G. Roth and is surrounded by circular granite steps and bluestone walks. At its base are drinking fountains for children.

Miss Loeb, a newspaper woman and prominent social worker, was instrumental in obtaining a great deal of social legislation for the State and City of New York and also in making Heckscher Playground a reality. She was the founder and first president of the Child Welfare Board of New York City.

Heckscher Playground was originally opened after considerable opposition from individuals and organizations who insisted that no playground was needed in Central Park. Probably the one person who did the most to combat this opposition was Sophie Irene Loeb. Mr. Heckscher's generosity was responsible for the actual construction and equipment of the playground, including a wading pool and a recreation building.

Mr. Heckscher's generosity was again evident by his contribution of \$15,000., which paid for the carved figures and bowl at the Memorial. The granite steps, bluestone walks, fencing, planting and plumbing were furnished by the Park Department.

The redesign of the playground recognizes the original intent of Miss Loeb and Mr. Heckscher that this area should be primarily for younger children. The old wading pool has been redesigned to fit more appropriately into its natural location, and provides for restricted entrances and egress through a sterilized, chlorinated footbath. The ball fields, formerly a mud hole after rainstorms, have been regraded, properly drained, seeded, and will be opened as part of the ceremonies, with an exhibition soft ball game played between the Roosevelt and Annunciation playgrounds' teams, finalists for the Park Department borough championship. There will be three soft ball and three junior hard ball diamonds. The present recreation building, primarily a comfort station, is being remodeled and heated to provide indoor recreation rooms during all seasons.

The Department of Parks will open four new playgrounds, a new triangular gore and five redesigned and reconstructed areas Friday, October 2nd. This will make a total of 177 playgrounds added to the Park Department's recreational system since the beginning of the present administration, and 85 more will be opened to the public before January 1, 1937. Purchase of sites for 25 of these was recently approved by the Mayor and the Board of Estimate. 26 of the 108 playgrounds which were in the park system prior to January 1, 1934, have been completely reconstructed and modernized, with 23 more to be rebuilt before the end of the year.

In Manhattan, located at Northern and Fort Washington Avenues, south of Fort Tryon Park, there will be a completely equipped small children's play area and also an area with shuffle board, paddle tennis and baseball courts, separated from the playground by a shaded promenade with a double row of benches. At Dyckman Street where Riverside Drive joins Broadway, the safety island has been provided with shade trees and benches for passive recreation.

At Stuyvesant Square Park the south half of the rectangular section west of Second Avenue and bounded by Second Avenue, East 15th Street, Rutherford Place and East 17th Street has been redesigned and reconstructed, with the exception of the central portion, comprising eight percent of the west half of the park. The area developed includes wide, semi-circular walks, with continuous rows of benches.

At Tompkins Square Park the north half of the park from Ninth to Tenth Streets between Avenues A and B has been redesigned and reconstructed and includes basket ball, volley ball, shuffle board, paddle tennis and horse-shoe pitching courts; complete play apparatus and a wading pool.

In Central Park two new completely equipped small children's playground will open - one at 84th Street and Fifth Avenue and the other at 93rd Street and Central Park West, completing the group of marginal play areas around the perimeter of Central Park.

In Brooklyn there will be one new and three redesigned play areas. At Gerritsen Avenue and Avenue X, in Marine Park, there will be a completely equipped small children's playground, with wading pool and a large soft ball area and basket ball, shuffle board, paddle tennis, horse-shoe and hand-ball courts for older children, all fitted into a landscaped scheme including wide walks lined with benches for passive recreation.

R At Carroll Park, Court and President Streets, the west half of the redesigned playground will include basket-ball courts and play apparatus for older children.

R In Fort Greene Park, at St. Edwards Street and Myrtle Avenue, the redesigned children's garden has been provided with benches under shade trees for guardians of children who visit the area.

R In McLoughlin Park the east half of the park bounded by Cathedral Place, Bridge and Tillary Streets will be opened, completing the reconstruction of the entire park. The area to be opened includes a wading pool and a large boys' playground with a soft ball diamond.

The Department of Parks announces the opening of the Metropolitan College gridiron season and the introduction of football to Randall's Island in the new Municipal Stadium on Saturday afternoon, September 26th, when Manhattan College plays Saint Bonaventure College.

Recent bookings for the Stadium promises a busy fall season and numerous worthwhile football contests between college and professional teams of national reputation.

Besides the Manhattan-Saint Bonaventure game, the following bookings have been scheduled:

Sunday	September 27th	- Professional football - NEW YORK YANKEES versus SYRACUSE BRAVES
Saturday	October 3rd	- FORDHAM UNIVERSITY versus FRANKLIN MARSHALL
Wednesday	October 7th (Night game)	- Professional football - NEW YORK YANKEES versus BROOKLYN TIGERS
Saturday	October 17th	- FORDHAM UNIVERSITY versus WAYNESBURG COLLEGE
Wednesday	October 21st (Night game)	- Professional football - NEW YORK YANKEES versus PITTSBURGH AMERICANS
Wednesday	October 28th (Night game)	- Professional football - NEW YORK YANKEES versus CLEVELAND INDIANS
Sunday	November 15th	- Professional football - NEW YORK YANKEES versus BOSTON SHAMROCKS
Sunday	November 29th	- Professional football - NEW YORK YANKEES versus BROOKLYN TIGERS

Sunday professional games postponed because of inclement weather will be played at night within the first three days of the following week and the date announced through the press.

The New York Rugby Football Club is negotiating for several of the open dates, and on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th, negotiations are under way for a double-header between four New York City high school teams.

HOW TO REACH RANDALL'S ISLAND STADIUM

Triborough Bridge Approaches
at
124th Street and Second Avenue - Manhattan
134th Street and Cypress Avenue - The Bronx
31st Street and Hoyt Avenue, Astoria - Queens
FREE pedestrian walks on bridge from above approaches

Bus Fares to Island:

5 cts. from Manhattan and Bronx Approaches and
10 cts. from Queens.

Automobiles:

Bridge toll for automobiles - 25 cts. for trip
to and from Randall's Island.
FREE parking on the Island.

HOW TO REACH TRIBOROUGH BRIDGE APPROACHES

FROM MANHATTAN: All north and south bound subway,
elevated, trolley and bus lines to 125th
Street, then to Second Avenue by crosstown
trolley to 124th Street and Second Avenue.

FROM THE BRONX: Lexington Avenue - Pelham Bay
Parkway line to Cypress Avenue Station. All
Bronx trolley lines transfer to Southern
Boulevard trolley to 134th Street and Cypress
Avenue.

FROM QUEENS: B.M.T. and I.R.T. at Queens Plaza
station (31st Street and Hoyt Avenue),
Astoria. Long Island Railroad to Woodside
Railway station, change for B.M.T. or I.R.T.
subway going to 25th Avenue Station (31st
Street and Hoyt Avenue) Astoria.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
SEPTEMBER 22, 1936

The Department of Parks announces that 300 children, ranging from eight to fourteen years of age, will harvest their second crop of the season at Betsy Head Park Farm Garden, Hopkinson and Blake Avenue, Brooklyn, Thursday afternoon, September 24th at 3:30 o'clock.

The vegetables, which consist of beets, carrots, corn, swiss-chaud and lettuce, were planted during the summer and are ready to be harvested.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 22nd, 1936

The Department of Parks announces the finals of the first amateur musical instrument contest in the city, which will take place on the Mall in Central Park Thursday evening, September 24, at 8:30 o'clock. The winners of all boroughs in the senior division will compete for special prizes offered for this event.

Contestants have been divided into the following classifications:

- Class A - Piano
- " B - Violin, viola, cello, basso
- " C - Banjo, mandolin, guitar, ukelele, zither
- " D - Trumpet, trombone, French horn, tuba, mellophone, (alto) bugle
- " E - Clarinet, oboe, flute, bassoon, fife, saxophone, English horn
- " F - Zyllophone and drums
- " G - Harp
- " H - Accordion
- " I - Bagpipes and One-man Band
- " J - Miscellaneous

The judges of the contest will be:

Judge Leopold Prince, Chairman, Conductor of the City Amateur Symphony Orchestra; Mishel Piastro, Concert Master of the Philharmonic; Leon Barzin, Conductor of the National Orchestral Association; Richard Korn, Assistant Conductor of the Goldman Band; Isidor Achron, piano virtuoso and for over ten years accompanist to Jascha Heifetz; Miss Lea Karena, Finnish soprano; Albert von Doenhoff, pianist, composer, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee of the Bohemians, and judge for the past twelve years of the Music Education League.

In addition to the foregoing event, which is for seniors, a Junior Championship Contest will take place on the Mall Sunday, September 27, at 2:00 P.M.

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Release Monday,
Sept. 21st, 1936

The Department of Parks announces the closing of twelve swimming pools on September 20th. They are being converted into active play areas and will be reopened for use on September 24th. Ten of these were newly opened this year, and of the other two, previously operated by the Department, one has been entirely re-constructed.

Receipts of \$175,105.45 have not balanced the expenditures of \$195,598.71 but the fact must be taken into consideration that this latter figure included an item of \$41,767.25 for permanent equipment, which will not need replacement for some time. Up to September 19th, 1,790,382 persons have used the pools, of which 604,405 were children who had been admitted free on week day mornings.

While the normal operation of these pools will be from May 30th to the third week in September, the first of the new pools was opened on June 20th and the last one on August 15th, and at the Red Hook and Colonial Pools the dressing facilities were only half completed when opened to the public. The total days of usage of all pools was only 47.67 percent of the normal swimming season. Revenue was obtained on the basis of a charge of 10 cents for children under 14 years of age and 20 cents for adults.

The following tabulation shows the number of days operated, and the percentage of normal season for which each pool was open to the public during 1936:

	<u>Days</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Faber Pool	104	83.5
Hamilton Fish	80	64.
Thos. Jefferson	77	61.67

	<u>Days</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Astoria	71	56.8
Highbridge	59	47.2
Tompkinsville	66	52.8
Sunset	53	43.4
Crotona	49	39.2
McCarren	43	34.4
Betsy Head	45	36.
Colonial	33	26.2
Red Hook	35	28.

Immediately after the closing of the pools, crews of workmen started emptying the water, cleaning the walls and converting the pools into areas where large boys and girls may participate in active games.

These new play areas will provide facilities for playing at one time 47 games of paddle tennis, 50 games of shuffle board, 10 volley ball contests, 12 basketball games, and 44 handball matches. Numerous other playground games and athletic activities may also be conducted within these areas.

The children's wading pools will be used by small children of pre-school age for kindergarten games until 3 o'clock each day. After school hours these areas will be used exclusively for roller skating rinks by boys and girls of elementary school age.

The sun decks adjoining the pools will be used by mothers and children for passive recreation.

All areas will be lighted for evening activities and the facilities will be available for boys and girls who are employed during the day time.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 19, 1936

The Department of Parks announces that a Water Carnival will be held on the 72nd Street Lake, Central Park on Tuesday, September 22nd at 8:30 P.M., in cooperation with the Folk Festival Council.

Participants representing each of the five boroughs of the City of New York and nine foreign countries will row out, in gaily decorated boats, to the stage, which is being especially constructed on the lake for this occasion. A program of dances, including a modern ballet by the Playground directors of the Department of Parks, will be presented. Folk dances, by playground children, as well as the age-old dances of Finland and Estonia, the gay Tarantella of Naples and a dance of Thessaly will be performed.

The program will open with songs by members of the Park Department Quartet and Glee Club, followed by the modern ballet. Then the three children's groups which won first prizes in the Folk Dance competition for playground groups, will dance a Russian, a Polish and a Scottish dance. The Folk Festival Council's share of the program will start with a Polka by all the dancers; then the Ukrainian Dancers' Club will demonstrate Koloseyka and Akran. The Finnish dancers of Imatra will swing through their flirtatious Sappo, which has ended in an engagement for many a Finnish maiden. The Esthonian Educational Society will sing to lovely old tunes. The Swiss Folk Dance Society will do the dance of the "Three Leather Stockings." The Lithuanian Lyrates will do a harvest dance that goes back to pagan times. The Polish Folk Dance group will dance; also the Greek daughters of Terpsichore; and the Coro d'Italia will sing and dance, bringing the program to a close.

The Hudson concert band, a unit of the Works Progress Administration Music Division, under the direction of Pasquale Acito, will play for the Carnival.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL BUILDING

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
SEPTEMBER 18, 1936

The Department of Parks, Division of Recreation, announces that a children's orchestral concert will be given on the Mall, Central Park, Sunday, September 20 at 1:30 P. M.

The orchestra was first organized the early part of June with a group of about five children. It grew quickly until at the present time it consists of 23 children who play violins, viola, cello, piano, saxophone, clarinet and flute.

They have been rehearsing in neighborhood playgrounds in preparation for this occasion. The ages of the children vary to a great extent, the youngest being eight years and the oldest eighteen years.

The program will consist of compositions by Mozart, Shubert, Beethoven, Grieg, Pleyel and Brahms. The two soloists of the afternoon are Joan Gluck, 7-year old violinist, who will play "Mighty Lak' a Rose" and Robert Bultar, 12-year old violinist, who will play "Czardas" by Monti.

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The second annual competition among the city's best Barber Shop quartets, euphemistically styled as the American Ballad Contest by its sponsor, the Department of Parks, will take place at 8:30 P. M. tomorrow evening, Tuesday, September 15th, 1936, at the new Randall's Island Municipal Stadium. Admission will be free.

The same stage which was used for the recent run of light opera has been left in place and will be set to depict a quiet corner of New York in the early 1900's. Flickering gas street lamps will illuminate the shop fronts of which the neighborhood barber shop will be a focal point. A cigar store, a pawnbroker's emporium and the inevitable corner saloon, behind whose swinging doors the passerby is informed he can obtain the largest in town for 5 cents, make up the rest of this minor civic center.

The time of action is a warm Saturday evening in the summer of 1904, too early in the season for those flamboyant single-sheets later to be indiscriminately plastered over the store fronts in the heated Presidential campaign. On this particular evening the citizenry seem more interested in hair-cuts and song than on the relative merits of Judge Parker or Colonel Roosevelt.

As groups emerge from the busy barber shop (or in some cases from behind the swinging doors) they will break into harmony of the closest, most tear-jerking variety.

A group of prominent neighborhood figures, who may be identified on closer inspection as Mayor La Guardia, former Governor Alfred E. Smith and Park Commissioner Robert Moses, occupy ancient chairs at one side, where they confer frequently with their neighbors on the relative merits of the merry songsters.

These other critical listeners are Sigmund Spaeth, the famed Tune Detective; Luther C. Steward, the noted collector of early American Ballads; Mark Andrews; widely-known American conductor and Cesare Sodero, eminent musi-

cian and composer.

Each group of singers, appropriately garbed in the dress of the period, is a quartet of the highest virtuosity selected by previous elimination contests in each of the five boroughs of the city. Sparrow cops, obese bartenders, Chinese laundrymen, ragged newsboy urchins, dirty-faced bootblacks and fashionably dressed dandies of the period complete the scenic background while the quartets render the dear, old melodies of a past generation.

After all of them have sung their selections, ranging from "Wait 'til the Sun Shines, Nellie," to "Sweet Adeline," the critics, keen of ear to the blending of tenor, bass and baritone strains wafter over 15,000 opera chairs and bleacher benches filled by the attending public, again will go into serious huddle and determine the first, second and third place winners of the 1936 championships.

There will be added features galore to the gay and rollicking scene, including a mammoth parade of the contestants who will circle the cinder track on tandem bicycles, open barouches, victorias, landaus, hansom cabs and a bevy of snorting, coughing one and two-cylinder horseless buggies so fearlessly driven by the linen-duster dare-devils of the period.

Another outstanding presentation will be musical selections rendered by Diane Gaylan and Robert Shafer, leading stars of the San Carlo Opera Company. Pierre de Reeder will accompany these players who thrilled a half million with their magnificent operetta performances at Jones Beach State Park and Randall's Island this summer. Community singing lead by Harry Barnhart, will be indulged in by the general public following the contest of quartets.

A special municipal quartet contest in which harmony foursomes from the Park, Fire and Sanitation Departments and from Jones Beach State Park will vie for a huge silver trophy, will furnish another added attraction. The Fire Department Brass Band will furnish music during the festivities.

To reach the site of this eye and ear filling extravaganza, the public may use the Triborough Bridge via buses from Manhattan at 124th Street and 2nd Ave., from the Bronx at 134th Street and Cypress Avenue, and from Queens at 31st Street and Hoyt Ave. Bus fares from the Bronx and Manhattan are 5 cents and from Queens 10 cents. A toll charge of 25 cents for automobiles is levied by the Bridge Authority. This charge includes trips to and from the Island. Parking for 6,000 cars is free on the Island. Pedestrians may use the Bridge, walks, from all approaches without charge.

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SEPTEMBER 12, 1936

In addition to the gold, silver and bronze medals that will be awarded to competitors who finish first, second and third in each event at the municipal swimming and diving championships, which will be held at the Astoria Swimming Pool, 19th Street and 23rd Drive, Astoria, Queens on Sunday, September 13th at 2:30 P. M., Mayor LaGuardia has donated a silver cup. This cup will be awarded the department winning the most points.

The Park Department, which is conducting the meet in cooperation with the Mayor's Committee on athletic activities, has also offered a mounted silver plaque to the winning department.

With over 200 entries received from the Law, Health, Hospital, Police, Fire, Sanitation, Plant and Structures, Correction, Public Welfare and Parks Departments and Board of Education, a spirited rivalry is anticipated for the team prizes, as well as keen competition in the individual events.

George Fissler, former national swimming champion, now working for the Department of Sanitation, will compete in the open events. In the Old Timers championship, open to employees who have been in the City employ at least twenty years, several well known swimmers of another era have entered. Among the entries for the Life Guard championship, open only to Pool Operators and Life Guards, are numerous former college swimming stars, including George Cronin of the Park Department, national life guard champion in 1935 and runner up for this title in 1936.

While the usual fee of 10 cts. for children under 14 years of age and 20 cts. for adults will be charged those using the swimming facilities, there will be no charge for spectators who may desire to witness the swimming and diving events.

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September 12, 1936

Owing to the continued warm weather the Department of Parks announces that the twelve swimming pools would remain open until Sunday, September 20, but the hours of operation will be from 1 P.M. to 6 P.M. only from Monday to Friday, with the Saturday and Sunday hours unchanged. No morning free periods - because of school reopening.

The Department of Parks opened one new playground and one redesigned and reconstructed play area today, August 21st.

The new area makes a total of 173 new playgrounds added to the Park Department's recreational system since the beginning of the present administration, and 89 more will be opened to the public before January 1, 1937. Purchase of sites for 25 of these was recently approved by the Mayor and the Board of Estimate.

Twenty-four of the 108 playgrounds which were in the park system prior to January 1, 1934, have been reconstructed and modernized with 25 more to be rebuilt before the end of the year. When the present program is completed, there will be a total of 349 playground areas under the jurisdiction of the Park Department.

In Macombs Dam Park, the Bronx, the reconstructed area, located north of East 158th Street, between Exterior Avenue and the New York Central tracks, will contain twenty handball courts, eight of which will be opened to the public immediately.

The new playground located between West 58th and West 59th Streets, East of Eleventh Avenue, Manhattan, was obtained by permit from the New Amsterdam Gas Company. When completed, it will have three basketball, four horseshoe pitching and six double handball courts; a large soft ball diamond and a large earth surface play area. All of these facilities will be completed for the opening except the handball courts, which will be finished at a later date. The opening of this area was marked by soft ball games between two ball teams representing the Roosevelt and Annunciation playgrounds in the Park Department's Junior Soft Ball League. Frequent games have been scheduled for the balance of the season between teams of the Park Department Playground League. This playground will be of particular value to Haaran High School which adjoins it.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
SEPT. 10, 1936

The State Department of Public Works received bids today on the bridge which will carry Roosevelt Avenue vehicular traffic over the East Service Road of Flushing Meadow Park, Queens, the site of the 1939 New York World's Fair. The I.R.T. tracks of the Flushing Division which are over Roosevelt Avenue will remain in their present position. The plans for the structure, which will have stone-faced abutments and a double steel span, were prepared by the Department of Parks.

Bids were received from only two concerns and were as follows:

John Meehan & Son, New York City	\$154,733.80
E. L. North, Islip, Long Island	201,515.80

The Engineer's estimate for the work was \$156,636.80. Both bidders were pre-qualified under the rigorous standards of the State Department of Public Works.

The East Service Road, which this bridge will span, consists of two strips of 22' concrete pavement and lies directly East of Grand Central Parkway Extension. It will become the major access to the Fair site from the Flushing Bay Boat Basin and the municipally operated parking space which will accommodate 11,500 vehicles.

This bridge is scheduled to be completed by May 1, 1937.

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Department of Parks
Arsenal, Central Park

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For Release
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The Park Department announces a series of Community Singing Programs to be given every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 P.M. on the Mall in Central Park. Harry Barnhart, well-known director of Community Singing Groups will conduct this feature.

The municipal swimming and diving championships will be held at Astoria Pool, 19th Street and 23rd Drive, Astoria, Queens on Sunday, September 13th at 2:00 P.M. The Department of Parks is cooperating with the Mayor's Committee on athletic activities in the conduct of this aquatic carnival.

The events on the program are open only to the employees of the City of New York and its borough and county officers.

Entry blanks have been mailed to heads of all city departments for distribution to their employees. Additional blanks may be secured at the Department of Parks' office located at 64th Street and Fifth Avenue in Central Park, where all entries for the events must be filed not later than September 9th. No entry fee will be charged in order to enter in the events.

Gold filled silver and bronze medals will be awarded to competitors who finish first, second and third in each event and a placue and cup will be presented to the department scoring the greatest number of points.

The following events are to be conducted:

NOVICE EVENTS OPEN TO ALL CITY, COUNTY AND BOROUGH OFFICES

50-Meter Free Style; 50-Meter Back Stroke; 50-Meter Breast Stroke; 200-Meter Free Style; Obstacle Race; Diving (10 ft.) Swan Dive-Back Dive; 1 Optional

EVENTS OPEN TO ALL CITY, COUNTY AND BOROUGH OFFICES

50-Meter Breast Stroke; 50-Meter Back Stroke; 50-Meter Free Style; 200-Meter Free Style; 10-ft. Diving, Swan Dive, Back Dive, Running 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 3 Optionals.

RELAY RACES

200-Meter Free Style - 4 Men Swim 50 Meters each;
200-Meter Free Style Mixed Relay - 2 women, 2 men.

EVENTS OPEN TO MEN AND WOMEN WEIGHTING 200 LBS. OR OVER OR HAVING A WAIST LINE OF AT LEAST 42 INCHES

50-Meter Free Style; 10-Ft. Dive, 3 Optionals.

GIRLS EVENTS

50-Meter Free Style; 50-Meter Breast Stroke; 100-Meter Free Style; 10-ft. Diving, Swan Dive, Back Dive, 2 Optionals.

OLD TIMERS CHAMPIONSHIP

50-Meters Free Style - for employees who have been in the City service for at least twenty years.

LIFE GUARD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Events Open to All Pool Operators and Life Guards Only
100-Meters Free Style; 100-Meters Back Stroke; 100-Meters Breast Stroke; Rescue Race - 50 Meters.

End

The finals of the 1936 Championship of the New York City Golf Courses were held at the Split Rock course in the Bronx, on Sunday, August 30th.

137 Golfers, including 20 women, qualified for the finals. They were divided into three classes and handicapped according to their qualifying rounds.

As soon as the scores began to come in, it was evident that the course was living up to its reputation. There were many golfers playing who usually scored in the low seventies, but the woods and closely trapped greens collected their toll and at the end of the first 18 holes, 80 was the low score. In the afternoon, Olin Cerroche of Dyker Beach scored a 78 which turned out to be the low score for the course.

Low Gross was a tie between Olin Cerroche of Dyker Beach and L. E. Berg of Clearview at 163. This match will be played off at Split Rock on Sunday, September 6th, at 12 noon. They will play 18 holes medal score. The rules of the course will be suspended for that day and the public will be allowed to follow this match without fee.

Other results were as follows:

Class A - Low Gross - K. Furnya, Van Cortlandt - 167-139
Runner up - H. Hanley, La Tourette - 172-146

Class B - Low Gross - W. Sherry, Forest Park - 180-140
Runner up - J. Martinson, La Tourette - 177-141

Class C - Low Gross - J. E. Smith, Clearview - 207-143
Runner up - P. Donovan, Van Cortlandt - 199-145

Women - Low Gross - Rosita Wallace, Split Rock - 189
Low Net - Annette Reyl, Clearview - 198-150

Team Prize - Van Cortlandt - 685

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
SEPTEMBER 3rd, 1936

The last concert in the series of four Naumberg Concerts held yearly on "The Mall", Central Park, will be given on Labor Day, Monday September 7th at 8:15 P.M.

An exceptionally fine program is planned for this date. Mr. Rosario Bourdon will act as conductor and Mr. Ivan Ivantzoff will be the guest soloist for the evening.

Following is the program:

PROGRAM

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| 1. LEONORE OVERTURE NO. III | BEETHOVEN |
| 2. THIRD MOVEMENT SYMPHONY NO. VI | TSCHAIKOWSKY |
| 3. SIEGMUND'S LOVE SONG from "WALKURE"
Ivan Ivantzoff | WAGNER |
| 4. EMPEROR WALTZ | STRAUSS |

I N T E R M I S S I O N

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| 5. RHAPSODY "ESPANA" | CHABRIER |
| 6. a. AIR ON THE G STRING | BACH |
| b. MARCHE FRANCAISE (SUITE ALGERIENNE) | SAINT-SAENS |
| 7. TENOR SOLO "FELDHERR"
Ivan Ivantzoff | MOUSSORGSKY |
| 8. MEXICAN FOLK SONGS: "CIELITO LINDO" "LA GOLONDRINA"
ARR. BY ROSARIO BOURDON | |
| 9. OVERTURE "SAKUNTALA" | GOLDMARK |

"AMERICA"

End

The Department of Parks will hold its first inter-pool swimming and diving championship at Astoria Pool, 19th Street and 23rd Drive, Astoria, Queens, on Labor Day, September 7 at 3:00 P. M.

This event will be the climax of a program that was carried on throughout the summer season in the swimming pools operated by the Park Department.

Over 1,650,000 bathers have used these swimming pools so far this season. Inasmuch as some of the pools were opened rather late in the summer, this figure should be at least doubled next year.

Free diving and swimming lessons were given in the pools each morning by life-guards employed by the Park Department who were especially trained for this work.

To stimulate interest in swimming races and diving, events were arranged in each pool in which approximately 10,000 competitors participated. Two hundred and sixty swimmers and divers, the best twenty boys and girls from each pool have been selected to participate in the events to be held on Labor Day at the Astoria Pool, which is 165 feet wide and 330 feet long, one of the largest municipal pools in America.

In addition to the swimming and diving events, a number of children of exceptional ability, averaging five years of age, whose skill has been developed in the new swimming pools, will give exhibitions at this aquatic carnival.

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to those finishing first, second and third in each event. A mounted silver plaque will be presented to the pool scoring the largest number of points.

The following events are on the program:

BOYS' EVENTS

12 years	1. - 25 yd. free style	2. - 25 yd. back stroke
14 "	3. - 25 yd. free style	4. - 3 ft. dive - swan, back, front jack
16 "	5. - 50 yd. free style	6. - 50 yd. back stroke
	7. - 50 yd. breast stroke	8. - 200 yd. free style relay
	9. - 10 ft. dive - swan, back, running 1-1/2, 3 optionals	
17 years and over	10. - 100 meter free style	

GIRLS' EVENTS

12 years	1. - 25 yd. free style	2. - 25 yd. back stroke
14 "	3. - 50 meter free style	4. - 3 ft. dive - swan, back front jack
16 "	5. - 50 meter free style	6. - 50 meter back stroke
	7. - 50 meter breast stroke	8. - 10 ft. dive - swan, back, 2 optionals
17 years and over	9. - 100 meter free style	

Boys and girls from Colonial, Hamilton Fish, Highbridge and Thomas Jefferson Pools in Manhattan; Betsy Head, McCarron, Metropolitan Avenue, Sunset and Red Hook in Brooklyn; Crotona in the Bronx; Astoria in Queens; and Faber and Tompkinsville in Richmond, will participate in the events.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
AUGUST 31, 1936

The Department of Parks announces that the finals of the Amateur Singing Contest, conducted by the Recreation Division, will be held on the Mall, Central Park, Wednesday evening September 2 at 6:30 P. M.

Throughout the city thousands of children have competed in elimination contests at their playgrounds. The competitors, ranging from 3 to 16 years of age, were selected in the borough finals. There will be 17 entries in the final contest at which gold and silver medals will be awarded to the winners.

Randolph Hanson, Director of Junior Glee Club and of the University Glee Club, Brooklyn, and Supervisor of Music in Central High School, Brooklyn; Luther Gloss, teacher of Music in N. Y. C. High School and Director of Manhattan Junior Glee Club, and Mrs. A. L. Wolbarst, Chairman of Auditions of City Music League, have been invited to act as judges.

Following is a list of singers who will compete in finals:

QUEENS

Peter O'Keefe	-	John Andrews Playground
Ernest Presto	-	Jackson Heights Playground
Annette Ardizzone	-	Jackson Heights Playground

BROOKLYN

Georgia Sonnenberg	-	Kelly Playground
Leatrice Rosenthal	-	New Lots Playground
Salvatore Compitello	-	Tompkins Playground
Vito Mosco	-	Taffe Place Playground

BRONX

Eva Samberg	-	Crotona East Playground
Joseph Carroll	-	St. James Playground
Rosario Scarfeo	-	Tessdale Playground

MANHATTAN

John Hewitt	-	Colonial Park Playground
Michael Gillan	-	DeWitt Playground
Arietta Pfeiffer	-	John Jay Playground
Sylvia Lorend	-	McCray Playground

RICHMOND

Anita Simpson, George Kelly, Martin Rubin

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
AUGUST 28TH, 1936

The Park Department announces that a gala water pageant, the first of its kind to be held on the lower east side, will be presented to the patrons of the Hamilton Fish Swimming Pool, Pitt and East Houston Streets, Manhattan, Sunday, August 30th. Many of the neighborhood residents will participate.

The program, consisting of a pageant and aquatic sports, will be reviewed by Father Neptune and his court. Besides a special musical program the exercises will include formation and exhibition swimming, diving, novelty races, comedy acts and water polo.

Two performances will be given, one at 2:00 P. M. and the other at 8:00 P. M.

Admission will be as usual: 10 cents for children under fourteen years of age and 20 cents for adults.

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EXCLUSIVE RELEASE
To STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE
AUGUST 28, 1936

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The playground in Rosebank, located on Virginia Avenue, west of Bay Street, which was completed and opened on March 28, 1936, will be dedicated on Sunday, August 30 at 3:00 P.M., when a plaque will be unveiled in memory of the late Reinhard E. Kaltenmeier, former sheriff of Richmond County.

Borough President Joseph A. Palma, Magistrate Henry W. Bridges and Judge Frederick L. Hackenburg will speak. Park Director James J. Mallen, in charge of the borough office of the Department of Parks, will act as chairman. The Park Department color guard will raise the flag to full mast and immediately lower it to half mast while buglers blow taps in honor of the late sheriff.

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Program follows →

DEDICATION OF REINHARD E. KALTENMEIER PLAYGROUND

VIRGINIA AVENUE, WEST OF BAY STREET, ROSELBANK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 1936, at 3:00 P.M.

- 3:00 P.M. James J. Mallen, Park Director,
Borough of Richmond, Chairman
- 3:03 " Honorable Henry W. Bridges,
City Magistrate
- 3:07 P.M. Honorable Frederick L. Hackenburg
Justice of the Court of Special Sessions
- 3:12 P.M. Honorable Joseph A. Palma, President
Borough of Richmond
- 3:18 P.M. Unveiling of Plaque

Raising of colors by Park Department Color Guard

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
AUGUST 27th, 1936

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Department of Parks, City of New York, Amateur Golf Cham-
pionship Finals, 36 holes medal play, will be held at the Split Rock
Golf Course in the Bronx, Sunday, August 30th.

Qualifying rounds were played on all of the ten courses
during the period of August 15th to 23rd. 137 players have qualified
for the finals. The entire tournament will be conducted under the
direction of the Department of Parks assisted by a committee of golfers
chosen from the ranks of the Public Links players.

The entry fee was one dollar (\$1.00) and all of this money
will be used to purchase fifteen prizes of this tournament and also six
prizes for the caddy tournament, to be held at the Larouette Course
in Richmond, Monday, August 31st. One hundred caddies have qualified
for this tournament.

The cards of the golfers who qualified plus the existing club
handicap lists were the basis for the handicaps assigned by the Handi-
cap Committee.

All of the qualifiers were divided into three classes and
prizes will be awarded for low net and runner up in each class. There
will be a low gross prize and the winner will be awarded the City Cham-
pionship for 1936. Also a runner up prize on the gross score and a
team prize for the four low gross scores from any one course. This
team prize will be a permanent trophy and must be won three times for
permanent possession.

The following is the list of qualifiers with their handicaps
and starting time. One hour will be allowed for lunch before the start
of the final 18 holes.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
CITY OF NEW YORK

Amateur Golf Championship

Starting times and handicap list for qualifiers for 36 hole
finals to be held at Split Rock Golf Course, August 30, 1936.

<u>Starting Time</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Hicp</u>
7:30	(C)	Al Friedman	Van Cortlandt	30
		Dr. Burstan	Pelham	24
		James McGinty	Split Rock	24
		Bernard Seeman	Mosholu	27
7:35	(B)	J. Holmes	Split Rock	16
		M. Rogers	Mosholu	18
		B. R. Tolle	Van Cortlandt	23
		J. Yoshida	Van Cortlandt	16
7:40	(A)	J. Reilly	Split Rock	13
		W. Mohrwinkle	Pelham	10
		Peter De Caprio	Van Cortlandt	8
		F. J. Matthews	Split Rock	9
7:45	(C)	Howard McDonough	Van Cortlandt	30
		J. J. Dougherty	Pelham	30
		T. J. La Manna	Van Cortlandt	24
		A. R. Bernstein	Pelham	27
7:50	(B)	E. Moore	Van Cortlandt	18
		C. Schroer	Split Rock	17
		J. Gleacher	Mosholu	18
		I. Dickstein	Pelham	21
7:55	(A)	E. J. Tracy	Pelham	
		F. Rampersack	Pelham	12
		J. Columbo	Pelham	9
		H. Bassett	Pelham	13
8:00	(C)	John Lembach	Pelham	25
		John Donovan	Van Cortlandt	27
		Mac Altman	Forest	30
		Gilbert Addis	Clearview	30
8:05	(B)	Eva V. McDonald	Split Rock	22
		Caroline Roettger	Pelham	22
		Edna Anita Goodman	Pelham	22
		Rosita Wallace	Split Rock	20
8:10	(A)	Ken Furuya	Van Cortlandt	14
		G. E. Kellogg	Van Cortlandt	11
		E. J. Burns	Split Rock	12
		H. Michelson	Van Cortlandt	11
8:15	(C)	Trixie Rouch	Split Rock	28
		Viola Raves	Split Rock	27
		E. J. Hogg	Split Rock	32
		Connie Rosenbaum	Pelham	35
8:20	(B)	Molly Newman	Split Rock	21
		Nina I. Waite	Split Rock	23
		Mary Wilson	Kissena	22
8:25	(A)	C. Grapel	Van Cortlandt	12
		P. Brons	Van Cortlandt	14
		S. Strachner	Split Rock	18
		R. Rotunda	Van Cortlandt	12
8:30	(C)	Anna Rosenberg	Split Rock	28
		Annette Reyl	Clearview	24
		Rosaland Valenstein	Clearview	30
		Marie R. Collier	Forest Park	50
8:35	(B)	Steve Brody	Dyker	18
		F. C. Andrews	Kissena	20
		Stephen Frahm	Clearview	18
		Vincent Pierce	Dyker	16

<u>Starting Time</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Court</u>	<u>Hdcp</u>
8:40	(A)	W. J. Norman	Pelham	13
		Gordon Fraser	Van Cortlandt	11
		R. E. La Mar	Van Cortlandt	12
		Robert Cutler	Van Cortlandt	12
8:45	(C)	Sadie Schildkraut	Dyker Beach	34
		Claire Schmidlin	Forest Park	32
		Freda Doering	Forest Park	40
		Ida Gordon	Kissena	50
8:50	(B)	William Jannette	Clearview	20
		Louis Carbone	Forest Park	22
		N. Larry Smith	Kissena	15
		Arthur Baistedt	Dyker Beach	19
8:55	(A)	F. Maguire	Van Cortlandt	13
		J. Farrell	Van Cortlandt	11
		B. L. Kahn	Mosholu	9
		Nick Cimaglia	Van Cortlandt	12
9:00	(C)	J. E. Smith	Clearview	32
		A. Kowalczyk	Forest Park	24
		W. E. Gordon	Kissena	50
		W. Balenberg	Clearview	26
9:05	(B)	Charles Spicht	Forest Park	18
		J. A. Riley	Clearview	20
		C. Hendrickson	Clearview	15
		J. J. Gerow	Dyker Beach	21
9:10	(A)	A. Burroughs	Van Cortlandt	10
		C. Newman	Van Cortlandt	13
		M. Greif	Mosholu	14
		Irving C. Payne, Jr.	La Tourette	12
9:15	(C)	G. F. Sukoski	Forest Park	28
		R. Schneor	Clearview	40
		F. M. Bassimino	Clearview	28
		W. J. Kuzzckwalski	Clearview	24
9:20	(B)	James F. Frugone	Dyker Beach	18
		Irving Schlesinger	Clearview	22
		H. W. Tilson	Clearview	20
		Stanley H. Rice	Dyker Beach	16
9:25	(A)	Nicholas V. Baxter	La Tourette	13
		Peter P. Roche	La Tourette	13
		Belmont Murray	Forest Park	8
		Andy Murphy	Clearview	12
9:30	(C)	Lilly Kienzle	La Tourette	24
		Barbara Edlund	Clearview	25
		Mary B. Ditty	Kissena	24
9:35	(B)	G. Williams	La Tourette	15
		Victor Pavis	La Tourette	22
		Ralph Marinelli	Mosholu	16
		John F. Sullivan	Dyker Beach	18
9:40	(A)	William Jack	Forest Park	8
		L. F. Berg	Clearview	6
		Ray McDonald	Clearview	10
		A. Zadina	Clearview	9
9:45	(C)	G. M. C. McIneiny	Kissena	30
		James E. Montoux	La Tourette	24
		Vincent Pepe	Dyker Beach	10
9:50	(B)	Thomas Barkstedt	Dyker Beach	19
		James R. Schultz	Dyker Beach	20
		George Saunders	Dyker Beach	17
		James Martinson	La Tourette	18
9:55	(A)	Harold Hanloy	La Tourette	13
		J. Hausner	Clearview	12
		Cameron Thurston	La Tourette	13
		Olin Corrocke	Dyker Beach	2

<u>Starting Time</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Heap</u>
10:00				
10:05	(B)	A. R. Mc Crimon John A. Powers L. M. Glennon Frank L. Smith	Kissena Clearview Dyker Beach Kissena	20 15 22 15
10:10	(A)	George Ledwith Louis F. Fedor Wayne Christenson H. D. Scott	La Tourette La Tourette Clearview Dyker Beach	6 8 14 7
10:15				
10:20		Richard Payne, Jr. Walter Sherry Edwin Hildon Walter Crawford	La Tourette Forest Park La Tourette La Tourette	15 20 22 20
10:25	(A)	Edwin Thompson Ray M. Ward Roy Christianson Joe Maxwell	Dyker Beach Clearview Dyker Beach Dyker Beach	8 12 8 7
10:30				
10:35				
10:40	(A)	Sid Thomas Robert Barker R. Dean Sidney Fields	Forest Forest Forest Clearview	4 14 5 12
10:45				
10:50				
10:55				
11:00				
11:05				
11:10				

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
AUGUST 25th, 1936

The Park Department, after a careful analysis of the requirements for police protection, finds that a minimum of 500 additional over the present park quota of 552 men are required to protect park and parkway areas and to enforce park ordinances.

Since January 1, 1934, 173 new playgrounds have been added to the recreational system, all of which require additional vigilance from the patrolmen in whose territory they lie, and, in cases of playgrounds such as Roosevelt in Manhattan, Highland in Queens, Leiv Eiriksson and James S. Byrne in Brooklyn and Macomb's Dam in The Bronx, definite and constant assignments of police within the areas are necessary. In addition, Randall's Island with its stadium and 194 acres surrounding it, eleven new swimming pools and the complete reconstruction beach developments at Jacob Riis Park in Queens and Orchard Beach in Pelham Bay Park, The Bronx have been opened to the public. All of these revenue producing facilities attract large crowds of people and need constant assignments of sufficient police to keep order and prevent vandalism.

Besides the playgrounds, swimming pools, beaches and Randall's Island, several large park areas such as the 58 acre Fort Tryon Park in Manhattan, Alley Pond, Brookville and Cunningham Parks in Queens and Fort Schuyler in The Bronx have been added to the park system, practically every park area has been rehabilitated and provided with additional facilities, with such developments as the Prospect and Central Park zoos completely redesigned and reconstructed and many miles of parkways have been or are about to be completed and opened to traffic. These parks are extensively used by the public and require additional police protection.

Last year, after an unsuccessful attempt to have 300 additional police assigned to work directly under the Park Commissioner to make up for the shortage of regular city police, 200 Park Department Civil Service employees were deputized as special officers. However, these 200 men, whose police authority was simply added to their already burdensome supervisory duties, could not produce the same results as 200 regular police officers. The needs of last year have increased materially, and in order to help the Police Department obtain sufficient men to give adequate coverage to city parks, Park Department officials, representatives of the Park Association of the City of New York and other agencies familiar with the present unsatisfactory conditions will appear at a budget hearing on Wednesday, August 26th, to aid Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine in obtaining his authorized quota of 1932 which, if granted, would permit the appointment of some 1200 new patrolmen during 1937, plus all replacements for vacancies caused by death, retirement, dismissal, etc.

My attention has been called by the press generally to a malicious and irresponsible article in the New York Sun of today on the subject of the construction of the Randalls Island Stadium.

The article in question, which parallels other similar articles in the Sun, all of them aiming to discredit the National and City Administrations, makes a number of statements regarding the Randalls Island Stadium which are unqualifiedly false. The obvious bias of the Sun article is fully disclosed in its opening sentence. This sentence reads as follows:

"Rushed to completion as one of the properties in the political drama staged on July 11 when President Roosevelt opened the Triborough Bridge, Randalls Island Stadium, which already has cost the taxpayers more than \$4,000,000, is such a poor piece of construction work that 'if it had been done under contract, it certainly would not have been accepted by the city.' "

An analysis of this sentence discloses the following batting average of the Sun:

1. The Randalls Island Stadium was not "one of the properties in any political drama staged for the opening of the Triborough Bridge by President Roosevelt." There was no planned political drama. The date for the completion of the bridge was determined long before the Randalls Island Stadium was thought of, and was not changed since the reorganization of the Triborough under my direction in February, 1934. The entire construction schedule was geared toward opening the bridge immediately after the first week in July. This is a matter of record which cannot be disputed. The precise date of opening, that is July 11th, was determined in order to meet the schedule of the Olympic Trials to be held in the Stadium. It was not even known that the President would attend the ceremonies at the time these dates were fixed, and as a matter of fact,

he did not attend the ceremonies at the Stadium, but only those at the bridge.

2. The Stadium did not cost \$4,000,000. It has cost to date less than one third of this sum, including \$250,000 for material and equipment contributed by the city, and no responsible person could have given any such figures to the Sun. I therefore assume that the bright reporter took the figures off the back of a passing automobile.

3. The statement that it was a poor piece of construction work is also false, as is the statement that it would not have been accepted by the city if it had been done by contract. As a matter of fact, exactly the same standards are applied to acceptance of WPA work as for acceptance of any other work for which I am responsible.

As a further example of the character of the Sun article, I call the attention of other newspapers and the public to the following quotation:

"The faults are chiefly in the underpinning of the center section above which the President stood at the bridge dedication, and pointed to the gigantic structures around him as justification for the sky-rocketing costs of government."

The President did not stand on any part of the Stadium. He was nowhere near the Stadium at the dedication. The place where he stood is at the junction of the Triborough Bridge. This structure was built by a well-known firm of contractors and the work was supervised by the Triborough Bridge Authority and by federal engineers. There is nothing defective about it. Some of the concrete work is a little rough. It is a grotesque and malicious lie on the part of the Sun to indicate that this structure has anything to do with the Stadium, which is a quarter of a mile away, or to indicate that the work on it was done by relief forces, when it was done by contract, or to indicate that the President stood on the Stadium at the bridge dedication.

It is abundantly clear that any newspaper which prints a statement of

this kind as a fact, has no right to expect any confidence on the part of the public in other statements in the same article.

In point of fact, the other statements are just as false. The Stadium is an absolutely safe structure. The section referred to by the Sun as being particularly defective was subjected to a load test double that of the design strength and four times that of the heaviest usage to which it could be subjected. It is not true that the Stadium will have to be rebuilt or substantially repaired next spring. It is, of course, absolutely false that this structure was thrown together for the occasion without regard for expense and quality of work. It is true that there are minor defects and instances of rough work in connection with the Stadium, but none of this construction is vital or important, or substantially different from what occurs on every major construction job whether done by contract or force account. My experience is pretty extensive in this field and probably as great as that of any layman in the country.

It is always easy for snoopers and second-story men to find roving inspectors for the WPA who are ready to furnish highly critical memoranda reflecting on the work of the Park Department. It is an unfortunate factor in relief work that there are inspectors who have no real responsibility for construction schedules or work and who seek to ingratiate themselves with their bosses by making extravagant reports. It is also easy on any construction job, especially on a job where there are workmen who feel that they are put upon because they have been driven to exceptional exertions, to find a minority who will tell snoopers that the work is defective and that the structure will collapse shortly. I have had charge of a great deal of public construction work for many years, and I have not known a job yet where there were not some disgruntled workmen or "smart alocs" who were ready to make criticisms and gloomy prophecies. Obviously this is particularly true of the park organizations under my supervision, both city and state, which have demanded an exceptionally high standard of performance and speed on relief work, bearing in mind, as I have often stated,

that among relief workers the standard of performance is not normally high, that there are a good many loafers, some incompetents, some who cannot render full service, and others who are discouraged or hostile. Along with my chief assistants, I became accustomed long ago to be called a slave driver on relief work, but I was under the impression that the Sun was one of the papers that was anxious to do away with loafing and to get actual results from relief work. They can't have it both ways.

I happen personally to be a Republican, but I am quite sure that those opposed to the present National Administration will serve neither their own nor any public ends by malicious and unfounded criticisms which in the end simply prove to be boomerangs.

The Randalls Island Stadium is one of the worthwhile products of the depression. No one connected with it need apologize for it, and I personally do not propose that any one in Washington or New York shall be made the target of vicious and unjustified abuse, just because this happens to be the eve of a national election.

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The Department of Parks announces the successful culmination of the first "Learn to Swim Campaign" conducted in the new municipal pool Thomas Jefferson from August 10th to August 21st.

575 children have taken part in the two weeks drive to teach as many youngsters as possible the rudiments of swimming. 323 have learned to coordinate leg and arm movement sufficiently to propel themselves 25 feet and return. These children will be awarded "Beginners Buttons" for their ability to swim this distance.

164 ambitious youngsters will take the swimmers test on August 20th and 21st. This consists of the following requirements:

- 1 Tread water 30 seconds
- 2 Float motionless
- 3 Dive plain, front or racing start
- 4 100 yard swim, using side and one other standard stroke
- 5 Witness demonstration of artificial demonstration
- 6 Swim 50 feet on back using legs only
- 7 Surface dive in six to eight feet of water and recovery of object.

Successful candidates will receive their awards on "Graduation Day" August 21st at 12 noon.

Buttons donated by the American Red Cross will be given to "Beginners" and "Swimmers".

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The Henry Hudson Parkway Authority announced today that the closing steel on the deck span of the Henry Hudson Bridge across the Harlem River had been put in place by the American Bridge Company, its contractor. On July 8th the 300 ft. arch spanning the Harlem River was closed. Since that date the erection of steel has progressed so rapidly that today all the columns and beams supporting and composing the deck of the bridge have been placed. The paving of the roadway across the bridge will now start and be progressed rapidly until completed.

The Henry Hudson Bridge is being constructed by the Henry Hudson Parkway Authority which is headed by Commissioner Robert Moses. Besides the main bridge spanning the Harlem River, construction of the Henry Hudson Parkway is being rapidly progressed from the end of Riverside Drive in Manhattan through Inwood Hill Park over the Henry Hudson Bridge, through the Spuyten Duyvil and Riverdale sections of the Bronx into and through Van Cortlandt Park to connect with the Westchester County parkway system by means of the Saw Mill River Parkway at the City Line. This parkway is being constructed by the Henry Hudson Parkway Authority, the Department of Parks of the City of New York and the State Department of Public Works working in coordination. When completed it will provide a beautiful parkway and one of the most needed express traffic arteries, as it will connect with the West Side Improvement in Manhattan and upon completion of this Improvement will provide a through route from the Westchester County-New York City Line to Canal Street, Manhattan intercepting the George Washington Bridge, the Midtown Tunnel and the Holland Tunnel to New Jersey.

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The Department of Parks announces that a golf tournament open to men and women who play on the municipal courses will be held between August 15th and August 30th. A committee has been formed from the ranks of the public links players, and it is composed of one player from boroughs of Brooklyn, Bronx and Richmond. This committee will purchase and distribute prizes for the winners in the tournament and to defray the cost of these prizes an entry fee of \$1.00 will be charged to all entrants. Entry blanks for the tournament can be secured at any of the ten Park Department golf courses. It is necessary for entrants to have either a season permit or pay the regular golf fee of 75¢ for week days or \$1.00 for Sundays for each day that they compete in the tournament.

To qualify for the 36-hole final, a player must play two qualifying rounds of 18 holes each on any of the courses. These rounds must be played between August 15th and 23rd. Based on the qualifying scores, each player will receive a handicap and the entire entry list will be divided into three classes, A, B and C.

The final 36-hole match modal play will be held at the Split Rock Golf Course on August 30, 1936.

Prizes will be given for the low gross and runner-up and also the low net and runner-up in each class. There will be a team prize for season permit players only, the four low scores from any one course will constitute the team.

Tournament committees have been set up at each of the courses, who will supervise the qualifying rounds and the finals at Split Rock.

The Department of Parks will hold a caddy tournament, open to all caddies of the ten municipal courses.

All entries must play two qualifying rounds of eighteen holes each, to be played on August 17th and 24th. The ten low scores on each course will qualify for the final 36-hole match to be held at the LaTourette Golf Course on Monday, August 31st.

Prizes will be given for low gross and runner-up and also a team prize. The team prize will be a permanent trophy and will be deposited in the club of the winning team. Separate prizes will be awarded to the four members of the low scoring team.

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The Department of Parks announces that the borough finals of a city-wide junior amateur singing contest, conducted as part of the recreation program, will take place Tuesday, August 18th at 2:30 P. M. at the following places:

Roosevelt Playground	- Manhattan
Mullaly Playground	- Bronx
Prospect Park; Bandstand	- Brooklyn
Austin J. McDonald Playground	- Richmond
Forest Park; Bandstand	- Queens

Elimination contests are now taking place in the various playgrounds of the several boroughs. The winners will participate in the borough finals Tuesday afternoon.

Four winners from Manhattan and Brooklyn and three from Queens, Bronx and Richmond will compete in the city-wide finals, which will be held on The Mall September 2nd at 8:30 P. M.

The contest is limited to children under 16 years of age who are not professional singers. No fee is required and entries may be filed at each playground. Each contestant is allotted five minutes and is permitted to sing not more than two songs.

Suitable awards will be given to the winners of the borough contests and also to the winners of the finals on The Mall.

The judges at the finals on The Mall will be -

Mr. Luther Gloss,
Supervisor of Music in New York Public Schools, and
who also conducts the Manhattan Junior Glee Club;

Professor Randolph Hanson,
Supervisor of Music at Central High School, Brooklyn,
and Conductor of the Brooklyn Junior Glee Club;

Mrs. A. L. Wolbarst,
Chairman of Auditions of the City Music League; and

Mr. David Guion,
Composer of "Home on the Range"

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JAPANESE BEETLE

Property owners in the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Richmond, as well as in some parts of Queens and The Bronx, became aware during the early part of July, of damage caused in their gardens and shade trees by the Japanese beetle, an insect nearly one-half inch in length, with a shiny bronze green head and wings of tan or brown edged with green.

This insect, as its name implies, had its origin in Japan, and in this country was first noticed in New Jersey. From there, it has succeeded in spreading over a large area. As an omnivorous feeder, it has a ravenous appetite. Although it prefers certain kinds of trees and plants, when pressed for food supply it will attack almost any vegetation, including the foliage of vegetable and flower gardens, various weeds, fruit trees or shade trees.

The life cycle of this pest is as follows: As a grub it winters in the soil of gardens, lawns or orchards, or almost any waste ground from six inches to one foot beneath the surface during the months of March and April. After the cold weather has passed, it comes closer to the surface, eating the roots of grass and other plants, enters into the pupa stage, emerging in the latter part of June or July to feed upon its favorite foliage or fruit. About one month later the winged female beetle deposits eggs in the ground, a few inches below the surface. The young grubs hatch and feed on decaying vegetable matter or live roots and as colder weather approaches, bury deeper into the soil.

The control of the Japanese beetle has been a problem of the Park Department for the past few years. All of the Department's heavy duty spray trucks, using arsenical sprays, have been working in double shifts and have kept this pest under control and prevented the destruction of foliage on park trees and shrubs. However, this does not aid the home-owner or his flowers. The Park Department recommends that any one whose gardens or trees are affected with this beetle purchase coated lead arsenate at any seed store and follow the directions printed on the package. In using arsenical sprays as a means of control, the application must be thoroughly made on the flowers or foliage on which the beetles are feeding.

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The Department of Parks announces that it will inaugurate a "Learn to Swim Campaign" in the newly constructed Thomas Jefferson Swimming Pool 114th St. and 1st Avenue.

This is the first of a series of instruction periods to be conducted in the chain of municipal pools recently opened in greater New York.

Lessons will be given to children under 14 years of age, Aug. 11 to 19th daily from 10:30 to 12:15 P.M. Admission free on week days to children under 14 years.

The objectives of this campaign are to teach as many non-swimmers as possible the fundamentals of swimming and elementary diving and thus through personal achievement to inculcate a natural desire to partake in this healthful activity.

Graduation Day for youngsters who have learned to swim will be held on Friday Aug. 21 from 10:30 to 12:15 P.M. Final tests will be given and awards presented to successful candidates.

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AUGUST 10, 1936.

The Department of Parks announces the opening of one reconstructed playground and one reconstructed park area on Monday, August 10th.

Prior to January, 1934, there were 108 playgrounds in the park system, 23 of which have been completely reconstructed and modernized, with 26 more to be rebuilt before the end of the year. Since the beginning of the present administration, 172 new playgrounds have been added to the Park Department recreational system and 90 more new recreation areas will be opened to the public before January 1st, 1937. The purchase of sites for 25 of these was recently approved by the Mayor and the Board of Estimate. When the present program is completed, there will be a total of 349 playground areas under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks.

At St. Gabriel's Park located at 35th Street, 36th Street, First and Second Avenues, Manhattan, the westerly half of the reconstructed area will open. Hand ball, shuffle board, horseshoe and basket ball courts, parallel and horizontal bars, a roller skating track and a soft ball diamond are included in the facilities for older children. When the entire park is finished late this summer, there will be a completely equipped playground with wading pool and wide tree-shaded promenades paralleling 35th and 36th Streets.

At Stuyvesant Square, which is bisected by Second Avenue, the south half of the east rectangular section, bounded by Second Avenue, East 15th Street, Livingston Place and East 17th Street has been redesigned and reconstructed, with the exception of the central portion on which development has not progressed since June 22nd, when Supreme Court Justice William T. Collins handed down a decision restraining the Park Department from completing it as a play area after 65% of the development had been completed. This incompleting area comprising 8% of the east half of the Park, was to have been devoted to the play of neighborhood children and has been enclosed with a board fence, pending an appeal to higher Courts. The completed portion has wide, semi-circular walks with continuous rows of benches and flower beds containing 2800 petunias and 1500 zinnias.

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The new Colonial Swimming Pool, the tenth of eleven swimming pools constructed by the Park Department with W.P.A. funds to be opened this summer, will be formally dedicated and opened to the public Saturday, August 8th at 8:30 P.M. It is located in Colonial Park at 146th Street and Bradhurst Avenue, in the Harlem section of Manhattan.

Mayor LaGuardia, Park Commissioner Robert Moses and William (Bill) Robinson, stage and screen favorite, will speak and by special invitation Roland Hayes, the distinguished tenor will sing various selections, including the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

The program also will include swimming and diving exhibitions by local Harlem stars who are being coached by the Park Department's aquatic experts.

The swimming pool is 82 feet x 236 feet and the diving pool is 65 feet x 82 feet. The location of the pool and bathhouse was formerly the bed of a stream emptying into the Harlem River and considerable construction difficulty was experienced with quicksand and mud.

While only the south half of the two story brick bathhouse building, of medieval architecture with Roman arched windows, buttresses and towers, accommodating 1800 persons, will be ready for the opening, there will be accommodations for 4100 when the entire building is completed.

When the redesign of the Park is completed, there will be, north of the bathhouse, not only a completely equipped children's playground but also a large area for adult recreation, including a new granolithic outdoor dance floor to which will be transferred the popular street dances now being conducted on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, by the Park Department. The addition of these activities for adults within the heart of the colored section of Manhattan is in keeping with the Park Department's policy to increase adult recreation facilities wherever possible.

The pool will be opened from 10:00 A.M. to 10:30 P.M. The bathhouse will open at 9:30 A.M. to children under 14 years of age, who will be admitted to the pool free until 12:30 P.M., except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. During the free period, group swimming and diving classes will be held each day at 10:00 A.M. After 1:00 P.M. children under 14 years of age will be charged 10 cents and all others 20 cents. The wading pool opened earlier this year, like the wading pools in all new playgrounds, will be free at all times, and winter use of the pool and bathhouse areas which are designed for other sports before and after the swimming season, will also be free.

The facilities will be operated by uniform Civil Service Park Department employees. Instead of the customary lockers and dressing room arrangements, a basket system of checking clothes will be used, permitting a greater use of dressing room facilities.

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AUGUST 5th, 1936.

The Park Department announces that the new swimming pool located in the Betsy Head Memorial Playground on Hopkinson and Dumont Avenues, in the Brownsville section, Brooklyn, will be formally dedicated to the public Thursday, August 6th at 10 A.M.

Park Commissioner Robert Moses and Philip Klewansky, President of the Pitkin Avenue Merchants' Association will speak.

Following the speeches there will be a flag-raising ceremony and attractive exhibitions by the Park Department aquatic experts.

The opening of this pool makes a total of nine of the eleven new swimming pools constructed by the Park Department with W. P. A. funds which will be opened during this summer.

The Betsy Head Pool, formerly 60 feet x 150 feet, without filters, chemical and recirculatory systems, has been entirely reconstructed and is now 165 feet x 330 feet, with a broad, concrete beach on each side and ends - almost three times as wide as the old pool, and will have the most modern type of recirculatory system for the purification of water. The interior of the old locker and shower building, which formerly contained 400 lockers, has been entirely renovated and enlarged to provide dressing and checking facilities for 4800 persons. Instead of the customary lockers and dressing room arrangements, a basket system of checking clothes will be used, permitting a greater use of dressing room facilities.

The pool will be open from 10:00 A.M. to 10:30 P. M. The Bath house facilities will open at 9:30 A. M. to children under 14 years of age, who will be admitted to the pool free until 12:30 P. M. except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. During the free period, group swimming and diving classes will be held each day at 10:00 A. M. After 1:00 P. M., children under 14 years of age will be charged 10 cents and all others 20 cents.

Aquatic exhibitions will be offered periodically at the pools.

When completed, later in the year, the Betsy Head Memorial Playground will have not only the new swimming pool, but also diving and wading pools 50 feet x 100 feet, a new, completely equipped playground for children, a new five-laps to the mile cinder running track and a new soccer field, all fitted into a general landscape scheme.

The wading pool when completed will, like the wading pools in all playgrounds, be free at all times.

JULY 30, 1936.

The Park Department announces the opening of another asset in community health in the form of a new swimming pool in the Borough of Brooklyn. The new McCarron Park Swimming Pool located on Lorimer Street between Driggs Avenue and Bayard Street in the Greenpoint section will be formally dedicated to the public Friday, July 31st at 8:30 P.M.

The pool is equipped with special underwater flood lights, which make it more pleasant and safer for night use.

Mayor LaGuardia, Park Commissioner Robert Moses, Hon. Frank J. Taylor, Comptroller of the City of New York, Hon. Victor Ridder, Works Progress Administrator of New York City, Hon. Peter J. McGuinness, Sheriff of Kings County, and Dr. Ignatius P. A. Byrne, President of the Greenpoint Chamber of Commerce, will speak.

Following the speeches there will be a flag raising ceremony and elaborate and attractive exhibitions by the Park Department aquatic experts.

The opening of this pool makes a total of eight of the eleven new swimming pools constructed by the Park Department with W.P.A. funds which will be opened during this summer.

The McCarron Pool is 165 feet x 330 feet with semi-circular diving and wading pools at either end. The bathhouse, with dressing facilities for 6800 persons, is the largest of the eleven pool buildings, and, because of the high ceiling and clear span, will, during seasons when the pool is not in operation, be converted into a spacious, free gymnasium.

The pool will be open from 10:00 A.M. to 10:30 P.M. The bathhouse will open at 9:30 A.M. to children under 14 years of age, who will be admitted to the pools free until 12:30 P.M., except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. During the free period group swimming and diving classes will be held each day at 10:00 A.M. After 1:00 P.M. children under 14 years of age will be charged 10 cents and all others 20 cents.

The facilities will be operated by uniform Civil Service Park Department employees. Instead of the customary lockers and dressing room arrangements, a basket system of checking clothes will be used, permitting a greater use of dressing room facilities.

Aquatic exhibitions will be offered periodically at the pool and the wading pool opened last fall will, like the wading pools in new playgrounds, be free at all times.

The Greenpoint Chamber of Commerce have arranged for a parade of all neighborhood organizations along Manhattan Avenue to the pool. After the pool opening the parade committee, of which Dr. Ignatius P.A. Byrne is general chairman, will hold a reception and dinner at the Lexington Auditorium, Mesrole Avenue and Lorimer Street, Brooklyn.

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JULY 30, 1936

The Department of Parks will open three more playgrounds in Brooklyn on Friday, July 31st, making a total of 172 playgrounds added to the Park Department recreational system since the beginning of the present administration.

Prior to January, 1934, there were 108 playgrounds in the park system, 28 of which have been completely reconstructed and modernized with 27 more to be rebuilt before the end of the year.

In addition to these rehabilitated areas, there will be 90 more entirely new recreation areas which will be opened to the public before January 1, 1937. The purchase of sites for 24 of these was recently approved by the Mayor and the Board of Estimate. When the present program is completed, there will be a total of 349 playground areas under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks.

The new facilities to open at Marine Park are located in the southerly half of the area north of Avenue U between Stuart and East 32nd Streets, and include three baseball diamonds, two football and soccer fields and one-half of the oval-shaped bicycle and roller skating track. When the entire area is completed besides the 7/8ths of a mile track, there will be ten baseball diamonds, four football and soccer fields, tennis courts, separate completely equipped boys' and girls' playgrounds and a large parking area all fitted into a general landscape scheme.

The reconstructed area at McKibben Playground, White Street between McKibben and Siegel Streets, consists of a large game area, a wading pool and complete apparatus for children. Benches are placed around the edges of the playground under shade trees for the use of mothers and nurses.

At Carroll Park, Smith, President, Carroll and Court Streets, the entire area is being redesigned and the facilities in the east half which have been completed include a wading pool, which will be used as a basketball court in the spring and fall and play apparatus for girls and small boys. Around the granite monument, dedicated to the memory of the Eighth Assembly District boys who died in the World War, and which has been relocated, is a large circular plaza with benches and shade trees for passive recreation.

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JULY 29, 1936

Bids were opened in Albany this afternoon for the construction of the service road along the west side of Flushing Meadow Park from Union Turnpike to Northern Boulevard. This is the first of ten contracts for the construction by the State Department of Public Works of highways through and in the vicinity of Flushing Meadow Park, in preparation for the handling of the enormous traffic expected during the period of the World's Fair in 1939.

The designs and plans were prepared jointly by the City Park Department, the Queens Highway Department, and the State Department, and the State Department of Public Works. The roadway will be built with state funds appropriated under Chapter #465 of the Laws of 1936, under the supervision of the Division of Highways of the State Department of Public Works.

The low bid was made by Johnson, Drake & Piper Company of Freeport, Long Island, \$199,853. Two other bids were received, Tully & Di Napoli for \$201,981; and J. P. Burns for \$203,739. The engineers' estimate was \$203,071.25.

As a sequel to the Park Department's Travelling Farm Yard, which toured the park playgrounds this spring, a 6-ton trellised-covered Trailer, 17 ft. long and 7 ft. wide, has been arranged by the Park Department, with tiers of flowers, interesting plants, garden implements - their proper names and uses, and other reminders of life in the country.

This "Bit of Country" on wheels will start its tour of city playgrounds on July 27th at 9 A.M. Its first stop will be at Roosevelt Playground, on the lower east side. It will stay at each playground from one to two days, and then move on to the other playgrounds.

This novel display might attract but a passing glance from a suburban or country youngster, but to children whose start in life is a world of brick and stone, with burning pavements instead of shady lanes, it will prove as inspiring and thrilling as the cow and chickens of the Travelling Farm Yard.

The Trailer has a platform and steps on each side, from which the exhibit of over 100 different plants may be seen:

Marigolds, Black Eyed Susans, Cockscombs, Fuchsias, Forget-Me-Nots, Petunias, Snowballs, Roses, give color to the more sombre plants of Mint, Thyme, Sage, Sweet Potato, Cotton, Peanut and Tobacco. Plants of beans and sweet corn, in different stages of growth, are also included in this entertaining playground exhibit.

A plant of "Poison-Ivy" in a special glass enclosure will be shown, with the potent sign - "Know it when you see it - notice the three leaves." The versatile attendant will tell about the old country adage, which ran in regard to Poison-Ivy - "Fingers Three Turn and Flee."

The rear end of the Trailer will have a model window-box and a display of garden tools with their proper names and uses. The front end of the Trailer will have a folding table resting on and enclosing the coupling bar of the Trailer. On this table will be shown Frogs, Toads, Turtles, harmless Garter Snakes and other insects; friends and enemies of the countryside, properly named.

Many city youngsters still call the rake, "a scraper", the hoe, " a chopper", the spade "a shovel" and the trowel "a big spoon." Likewise, when it comes to the insects, they call the dragon-fly, "a darning needle", the earthworm, "a snake" and in many instances the friendly ladybug suffers an odious comparison.

The Trailer is so constructed that the side platforms and guard rails fold up, enclosing the sides of the exhibit when not in use.

The folding-table is fastened to the front when the Trailer is moved, and the spaces underneath the tiers of plants are used to house part of the exhibit at night.

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JULY 23, 1936

Bids were taken today by the State Department of Public Works in Albany for the paving of the Henry Hudson Parkway from the City Line to Riverdale Avenue, a length of one and a half miles. The low bidder was The Immick Company (Inc.), Meriden, Connecticut with a bid of \$329,585.50.

The Henry Hudson Parkway is being constructed through the cooperation of the State Department of Public Works, the Henry Hudson Parkway Authority and the New York City Department of Parks. It will run from the end of Riverside Drive at Dyckman Street through Inwood Hill Park, across the Harlem River on the Henry Hudson Bridge, through Spuyten Duyvil and Riverdale sections of the Bronx into and through Van Cortlandt Park to connect with the Westchester parkway system by way of the Saw Mill River Parkway at the City Line.

The contract calls for two 3-lane concrete roadways separated by a planting area which span all cross roads and the railroad by the use of bridges built under previous contracts and has access roadways leading to all important cross arteries.

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JULY 23, 1936.

The new Crotona Swimming Pool, located at 173rd Street and Fulton Avenue, Crotona Park, The Bronx, will be formally dedicated and opened to the public Friday, July 24th, at 8:30 P.M.

Mayor LaGuardia, Park Commissioner Robert Moses, Hon. James J. Lyons, President of the Borough of The Bronx, Alderman Peter Donovan, and John W. O'Brien, Chairman of The Bronx Committee of the Park Association of New York City, will speak.

The program also will include swimming and diving exhibitions by former swimming and diving champions now employed by the Park Department.

The Crotona Pool is the seventh of eleven swimming pools constructed by the Park Department with W.P.A. funds which will be opened during the summer and will accommodate 4265 persons at a time. The area includes a swimming pool 120 feet x 330 feet with a semi-circular diving pool 120 feet wide. There is also a wading pool 110 feet x 110 feet, which was opened to the children in 1935.

The bath house is a two-story white brick limestone trimmed building with a large brick arched entrance. Along one side of the swimming pool and encircling the diving pool are concrete bleachers where bathers may rest and sun themselves and where spectators may watch pool shows and meets.

The pool will be open from 10:00 A.M. to 10:30 P.M. The bath house will open at 9:30 A.M. to children under 14 years of age, who will be admitted to the pool free until 12:30 P.M., except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. During the free period, group swimming and diving classes will be held each day at 10:00 A.M. After 1:00 P.M. children under 14 years of age will be charged ten cents and all others twenty cents.

The facilities will be operated by uniformed Civil Service Park Department employees. Instead of the customary lockers and dressing room arrangements, a basket system of checking clothes will be used, permitting a greater use of dressing room facilities.

Swimming and diving exhibitions will be offered periodically at the pool. The wading pool built in connection with this project, like the wading pools in new playgrounds, will be free at all times, and winter use of the pools and bath house plan, which are designed for other sports outside of the summer season, will also be free.

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JULY 19, 1936

The new Sunset Swimming Pool, located at 44th Street and 7th Avenue, Sunset Park, Brooklyn, will be formally dedicated and opened to the public Monday, July 20th at 8:30 P. M.

Mayor LaGuardia, Frank J. Taylor, Comptroller of the City, Park Commissioner Robert Moses, Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine, Alderman James J. Molen and Cary D. Waters, President of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, will speak.

The program also will include swimming and diving exhibitions by former swimming and diving champions now employed by the Park Department.

The Sunset Pool is the sixth of eleven swimming pools constructed by the Park Department with W. P. A. funds which will be opened during the summer and will accommodate 4850 persons at a time. The area includes a swimming pool 165 feet x 256 feet with semi-circular diving and wading pools 165' wide at either end.

The pool will be open from 10:00 A. M. to 10:30 P. M. Children under fourteen years of age will be admitted free from 10:00 A. M. to 1:00 P. M. daily, except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, with free group swimming and diving classes held each day at 10:00 A. M. After 1:00 P. M. children under fourteen years of age will be charged ten cents and all others twenty cents.

The facilities will be operated by uniformed Civil Service Park Department employees. Instead of the customary lockers and dressing room arrangements a basket system of checking clothes will be used, permitting a greater use of dressing room facilities.

Swimming and diving exhibitions will be offered periodically at the pool. The wading pool built in connection with this project, like the wading pools in new playgrounds, will be free at all times and winter use of the pools and bathhouse plan which are designed for other sports outside of the summer season, will also be free.

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JULY 17th, 1936

The Department of Parks announces a varied sports program over the week-end at the new Municipal Randall's Island Stadium. A playground track and field meet, an exhibition of folk dancing, a Gaelic hurling game and a championship baseball game will be offered at the Island Sports Center.

The track meet and folk dancing is scheduled for tommorrow afternoon, Saturday, July 18th, at 2:00 o'clock. More than 1,400 assorted junior entrants will compete in this junior Olympic Carnival. Among the events scheduled are dashes from 40 yards to 100 yards; relays; obstacle races; shot put; high jump and running broad jump competitions and a baseball throw for distance. The entrants will come from the Park Department Playgrounds throughout the five boroughs. Three special events will be open to members of the Police Athletic League. More than 250 children will participate in the exhibition of folk dancing on the grass infield of the stadium.

Public admission to this event will be 10 cents for children and 20 cents for adults.

On Sunday, July 19th, at 2:00 P. M., Cork and Tipperary, two strong Irish Hurling teams will clash in the feature event of the day. Following the hurling game, the baseball nines of Saint Augustine and Saint Margaret Mary, members of the Bronx Holy Name Baseball League, will meet in a regulation league contest.

In the hurling match, many of the local stars who faced the Irish champions for international hurling honors will be seen in action. Val and Jack Madigan, Dick Purcell, Jimmy Smee, Teddy Mc Carthy, Ned Browne and Cris Hayes are among the local stars who will appear in this dashing game of Gael. The baseball game will feature Bob Kimmer and George Behlmar, young strikeout artists who will oppose each other on the mound.

Public admission for this Sunday double-barreled feature will be 10 cents for children and 20 cents for adults. Parking for cars on the Island is free. The Triborough Bridge toll is 25 cents for automobiles while pedestrians may cross without

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JULY 15th, 1936

The Department of Parks announces the following bookings scheduled for the new municipal Randall's Island Stadium which was formally introduced to New York's sports public with the Final American Olympic track and field tryouts last Saturday and Sunday.

Wednesday, July 15th, a -- Baseball Double - header, Edison Hotel vs: Roosevelt Hotel and Saks and Company vs: Franklin Simon Company, was held.

Saturday, July 18th, 2:00 P.M. -- Monster five-borough playground athletic meet with demonstration of folk dancing by playground children.

Sunday, July 19th, 2:30 P.M. -- Hurling Match, County Cook vs: County Tipperary of Gaelic League.

4:00 P.M. -- Baseball Game, St. Augustine vs: St. Margaret Mary, Catholic League champions of the Western and Eastern Division of the borough of The Bronx.

Sunday, July 26th, 1:00 P.M. -- Municipal Athletic League track and field meet.

Saturday, August 15th, 2:00 P.M. -- Opening day of World Labor Athletic Carnival.

Sunday, August 16th, 2:00 P.M. -- Final day of World Labor Athletic Carnival and Soccer game.

Competent observers at the recent tryouts are of the opinion that the Randall's Island Stadium is ideally suited for all types of sports competitions. Admission to the above events will be 10 and 20 cents with the exceptions of the Municipal Athletic League meet and the World Labor Carnival. Tickets for the Municipal meet will be distributed free of charge to the various City departments. Tickets for the World Labor Carnival are priced from 25 cents to \$2.00.

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The new Highbridge Swimming Pool, located at 175th Street and Amsterdam Avenue in Highbridge Park, Manhattan, will be formally dedicated and opened to the public on Tuesday, July 14th at 8:30 P. M.

Mayor LaGuardia, Park Commissioner Robert Moses, James E. Finegan, President of the Municipal Civil Service Commission, Aldermanic President Timothy J. Sullivan, Alderman Alexander Falk and Samuel R. Rosenberg of the Washington Heights Chamber of Commerce will speak.

The program also will include swimming and diving exhibitions by former swimming and diving champions now employed by the Park Department.

The Highbridge Pool is the fifth of eleven swimming pools constructed by the Park Department with W. P. A. funds which will be opened during the summer and will accommodate 4880 persons at a time. The area includes a swimming pool 166 feet x 228 feet with a wading pool 97 feet x 228 feet.

The pool will be open from 10:00 A. M. to 10:30 P. M. Children under fourteen years of age will be admitted free from 10:00 A. M. to 1:00 P. M. daily, except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, with free group swimming and diving classes held each day at 10:00 A. M. After 1:00 P. M. children under fourteen years of age will be charged ten cents and all others twenty cents.

The facilities will be operated by uniformed Civil Service Park Department employes. Instead of the customary lockers and dressing room arrangements, a basket system of checking clothes will be used, permitting a greater use of dressing room facilities.

Swimming and diving exhibitions will be offered periodically at the pool. The wading pool built in connection with this project, like the wading pools in new playgrounds, will be free at all times and winter use of the pools and bathhouse plan which are designed for other sports outside of the summer season, will also be free.

The Department of Parks will open three new playgrounds Friday, July 10th, making a total of 171 playgrounds added to the recreational system of the Park Department since January 1934.

Prior to that date there were 108 playgrounds in the park system, 20 of which have been completely reconstructed and modernized and 29 more will be rebuilt before the end of the year.

In addition to these rehabilitated areas there will be 67 more entirely new recreation areas which will be opened to the public before January 1, 1937. When the present program is completed there will be a total of 325 playground areas under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks.

Of the three new playgrounds, one will be in the Bronx and two in Queens.

The new playground in the Bronx, located at Bryant Avenue and 176th Street, is completely equipped with play apparatus for small children, has a portable shower for summer use and also a large game area.

In Queens, the portion of Martin's Field Playground, located at 46th Avenue and 164th Street to be opened, contains a wading pool, playhouses, sand tables and play apparatus for small children. Benches are set around the edges of the playground for the use of mothers and nurses.

At the Juniper Valley Playground, located on Dry Harbor Road from 62nd to 63rd Avenues, the play area to be opened contains play equipment, basket and volley ball courts and benches under shade trees for those with small children.

This playground is situated in a fifty acre tract formerly part of the estate of the late Arnold Rothstein, which was taken over by the City for back taxes. Over 100,000 cubic yards of valuable peat, which covered a major portion of the property, have already been salvaged from the site and used throughout the park system.

When completely developed the park will contain, besides the playground, a wading pool, a large athletic field with football, soccer and baseball fields, a large lake, sixteen tennis courts and two parking areas, all fitted into a general landscaped plan.

The new Tompkinsville Swimming Pool located at Arrietta Street and Pier 6, Borough of Richmond will be formally dedicated and opened to the public on Tuesday, July 7 at 8:30 P. M. by the Park Department.

Mayor LaGuardia, Park Commissioner Robert Moses, Borough President Joseph A. Palma, Alderman Harry Robillard and Louis Kaufman, President of the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce, will speak.

The program also will include swimming and diving exhibitions by former swimming and diving champions now employed by the Park Department.

The Tompkinsville Pool is the fourth of ten swimming pools constructed by the Park Department with W. P. A. funds which will be opened during the summer and will accommodate 2800 persons at a time. The 3.17 acre area includes a swimming pool 100 feet x 165 feet and diving and wading pools 68 feet x 100 feet.

The pool will be open from 10:00 A. M. to 10:30 P. M. Children under fourteen years of age will be admitted free from 10:00 A. M. to 1:00 P. M. daily, except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, with free group swimming and diving classes held each day at 10:00 A. M. After 1:00 P. M. children under fourteen years of age will be charged ten cents and all others twenty cents.

The facilities will be operated by uniformed civil service Park Department employees. Instead of the customary lockers and dressing room arrangements a basket system of checking clothes will be used, permitting a greater use of dressing room facilities.

Swimming and diving exhibitions will be offered periodically at the pool. The wading pool built in connection with this project, like the wading pools in new playgrounds, will be free at all times and winter use of the pools and bathhouse plan which are designed for other sports outside of the summer season, will also be free.

On the roof of the bathhouse is a wide promenade sun deck, which will be open to the public for the dedication ceremonies.

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Mayor LaGuardia, Park Commissioner Robert Moses, Parks Progress Administrator Victor Bidder, Borough President of Queens George U. Harvey and Alderman Joseph J. Paretti will participate on Thursday, July 2nd at 8:30 P.M. in ceremonies in connection with the official dedication of the new Astoria Swimming Pool at Hoyt and Ditmars Avenues, Queens.

In addition to the speakers, the program will include swimming and diving exhibitions participated in by Park Department and Jones Beach personnel. Julia Peters, Soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company, will sing the Star Spangled Banner, accompanied by the sixteen-piece St. Catherine's Band. As an added attraction the champion Sunset Park ten-piece harmonica band, recruited from Park playgrounds and which won the annual city-wide championship contest on the Mall in Central Park, will play during the pool show.

The pools are equipped with underwater floodlights and the skyscrapers of New York City across the river sparkling with lights in the fading twilight will offer a fitting setting for this modern, noteworthy project. This is the third of ten new swimming pools being constructed by the Park Department with W.P.A. funds to be opened for use this summer. The area includes a swimming pool 165 feet x 330 feet with semi-circular diving and wading pools 165 feet wide on either end. The pools are equipped to handle 6670 persons at one time.

Unusual design and construction features have been incorporated into this project, which stands upon the site of a former earth bottomed wading pool. In the building housing the toilets, showers and dressing room

facilities large wall areas have been constructed of glass brick permitting a maximum diffusion of light into the interior of the building without sacrificing wall space for windows.

The high diving tower, a very graceful, concrete shaft cantilevered to suspend out over the water, with platforms at the five, eight and ten meter elevations, represents new construction ideas.

The pool will be opened from 10:00 A.M. to 10:30 P.M. Children under fourteen years of age are admitted free from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. daily except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, with free group swimming and diving classes held each day at 10:00 A.M. After 1:00 P.M. children under fourteen years of age are admitted for ten cents and all others for twenty cents.

The facilities will be operated entirely by uniformed civil service Park Department employees. As at the Hamilton Fish and Thomas Jefferson Swimming Pools, instead of the customary lockers and dressing room arrangements a basket system of checking clothes will be used permitting a greater use of dressing room facilities. The swimming and diving pools will hold 2,400,000 gallons of water, which will be filtered, treated with chemicals, heated to the proper temperature and completely recirculated by the most modern machinery every eight hours.

Attractive pool shows consisting of swimming and diving exhibitions, similar to those given at the Hamilton Fish and Thomas Jefferson Swimming Pools opening exercises, will be offered periodically to patrons of the pool. In the free area are two completely equipped playgrounds, one for girls and small boys and the other for larger boys. Both have open play areas for games.

During the spring, fall and winter when the pool is not in operation the bathhouse will be converted into a gymnasium and the outdoor areas will be used for basketball, volley ball, shuffleboard, handball and other active outdoor games. During freezing weather provision will be made for ice skating. The use of the wading pool, playground areas and winter use of the pool and bathhouse plant will be free to the public.

The Department of Parks announces that appropriate Independence Day Celebrations will be conducted in all playgrounds within the five boroughs, Saturday, July 4th.

For many years it has been the policy of the Department of Parks to conduct programs in keeping with a safe and sane celebration. Activities will consist of athletic events, dance festivals, historical playlets, musical revues, water carnivals and baby parades. The most outstanding of these events will be conducted at the following play areas:

Borough of Bronx

11:30 A.M.	Mullaly Playground	165th Street & Jerome Avenue
	DeVoe	188th St. & Fordham Road - Sedgwick Avenue
2:00 P.M.	Macombs South Playground	
2:00 P.M.	Fort Independence	238th St. & Sedgwick Avenue

Borough of Richmond

10:00 A.M.	Clove Lakes Park	Victory Blvd. & Clove Road
12:00 Noon	Faber Park	Richmond Terrace & Faber St.
3:00 P.M.	Model Playground	Jewett & Castleton Avenues
2:00 P.M.	Richmond Playground	Park Ave. to Vreeland St.
2:30 P.M.	Stapleton Playground	Hygeia Place & Grove St.

Borough of Queens

2:00 P.M.	Flushing Playground	
11:00 A.M.	Rainy Park	33rd Road-Vernon Ave. East River
2:00 P.M.	O'Connell Playground	113 Ave. 196th St.-St. Albans
2:00 P.M.	Jackson Heights	30th Ave. - 85th St.
2:00 P.M.	Anawanda Playground	Grandview Ave. & Stanhope St.

Borough of Manhattan

11:00 A.M.	J. Hood Wright	178th St. & Ft. Washington Ave.
2:00 P.M.	Riverside & 96th Street	
2:00 P.M.	Gulick	Sheriff, Broome & Delancey Sts.
2:00 P.M.	St. Catherine's	67th St. & 10th Avenue
2:00 P.M.	Hudson & Essex	
3:00 P.M.	Hudson	Leroy & Hudson Streets

Borough of Brooklyn

2:30 P.M.	James J. Byrne	Fourth Ave. & Third Street
2:30 P.M.	Lincoln Terrace	Rockaway Ave. & Eastern Parkway
2:30 P.M.	Leiv Eiriksson	65th St. & Fifth Avenue
2:30 P.M.	New Utrecht Ave. & 70th Street	

Provisions are being made to accommodate large crowds of spectators at the Canoe Regatta on 72nd Street Lake and at the official opening of the Lawn Bowling Green in Central Park. These events will be conducted at 10:00 A. M.

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PROGRAM

OPENING OF THE NEW MUNICIPAL STADIUM

RANDALLS ISLAND

NEW YORK CITY

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 1936

at 2:00 P.M.

- 2:00 P.M. Introductory Remarks by Gustavus T. Kirby, Esq.,
 President, Public School Athletic League
- 2:03 P.M. Commissioner Robert Moses, Presiding
- 2:06 P.M. Honorable Victor Ridder
- 2:09 P.M. Honorable Harry Hopkins
- 2:12 P.M. Dr. John J. Finley
- 2:15 P.M. Mayor F. H. La Guardia
- 2:18 P.M. The Star Spangled Banner
- Flag Raising
- Athletic Games Begin

The ceremonies and games will be broadcast over stations WJZ, WEAJ, WOR,
WABC and WNYC.

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