

ANNUAL REPORT 1995-1996

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The Honorable Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.
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The Honorable City Council

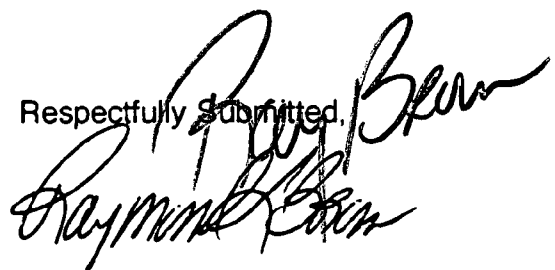
Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is with great pleasure that I present this annual report for your records and perusal. 1995 was another outstanding year.

During the year, we were honored to have one of our staff members, Michael Stephens, nominated for the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association (SGMA) Award. It is presented to individuals who, through their unique commitment and humanitarian spirit, have made a lasting and exceptional contribution to the pursuit of sports excellence, sportsmanship, participation or opportunity within their local community or beyond. Also, the Department had an overwhelming response to the ad for summer jobs. Nearly 700 teenagers over the age of 15 applied to work in various summer programs.

With sincere gratitude and dedication we in the Recreation Department extend our appreciation to you. We look forward to your continued support in the 1996-1997 year.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymond L. Brown", written over the typed name.

Raymond L. Brown
Director of Recreation

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Summer Office Hours:	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Winter Office Hours:	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

FULL-TIME RECREATION CENTERS

Centers	Neighborhood
1. Davey Lopes Recreation Center	South Providence
2. Joslin Recreation Center	Manton / Olneyville
3. Neutaconkanut Recreation Center	Silver Lake
4. Rogers-Selim Recreation Center	Smith Hill
5. Vincent Brown Recreation Center	East Side / Mount Hope
6. West End Recreation Center	West End
7. Zuccolo Recreation Center	Federal Hill

PART-TIME RECREATION CENTER

1. Robert F. Kennedy Recreation Center	Elmhurst
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SWIMMING POOLS AND WATER PARKS

1. Davey Lopes Recreation Center- 227 Dudley Street (Both indoor & outdoor)
2. Fox Point Water Park- Rear Fox Point Elementary School
3. Joslin Recreation Center- 17 Hyat Street
4. McGrane Pool- Dexter Street
5. Rogers-Selim Recreation Center- 1 Danforth Street
6. Stephen Almagno Pool- 675 Plainfield Street
7. Zuccolo Recreation Center- 11 Gesler Street

BOYS YOUTH BASKETBALL

During the winter season, the Department of Recreation sponsored two city wide leagues. The Tavares League, which contains eight teams, is for boys ages 9 to 12, and the Hassett League, which contains eleven teams, is for boys ages 13 to 14. Both teams have playoffs and championships, however the Tavares League plays a twelve game schedule while the Hassett league only plays a seven game schedule. On Saturday mornings, the Tavares League games were played at the Joslin Recreation Center while the Hassett League games were held at the Neutaconkanut and West End Recreation Centers. The League Championship games were held at the Neutaconkanut Recreation Center. Due to inclement weather, some games were canceled.

1994-1995 Tavares League Final Standings

West End	7-0
Davey Lopes	6-1
Joslin	5-2
Olneyville	4-3
Neutaconkanut	3-4
Project Outreach	3-4
Nickerson House	1-6
Rogers	1-6

League Champion	West End Recreation Center
Runner Up	Davey Lopes Recreation Center
Playoff Champion	Davey Lopes Recreation Center
Runner Up	West End Recreation Center

1994-1995 Hassett League Final Standings

Joslin	7-0
Davey Lopes "A"	6-0
West End	5-2
Nickerson House	4-2
Project Outreach	4-3
Davey Lopes "B"	3-3
Fox Point	2-4
Olneyville	2-4
Smith Hill	1-5
Rogers	1-5
Neutaconakut	1-6

League Champion
Runner Up

Joslin Recreation Center
Davey Lopes Recreation Center

Playoff Champion
Runner Up

Davey Lopes Recreation Center
Nickerson Community Center

BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

The Providence Department of Recreation's Boys High School Basketball League for 1995 played a ten game regular season plus playoffs and a championship game. The games were held at the Rhode Island School for the Deaf on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm. The following is a list of the teams who participated in the league: Central, Classical, Mt. Pleasant, Hope, PCD, Wheeler, Hendricken, Cranston East. The teams were coached by high school coaches and the games were officiated by interscholastic referees. The regular season champion was Cranston West with Mount Pleasant winning the playoffs. These teams will receive their awards at the Department of Recreation's Annual Awards Dinner to be held in May, 1996.

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

The Providence Department of Recreation's Girls High School Basketball League for 1995 also played a ten game schedule plus playoffs and finals. Girls from all over the state come to compete at the Neutaconkanut Recreation Center on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm. the following is a list of the teams that participated in the league: Central, Ponagansett, Smithfield, St. Raphael, Bayview, Tollgate, North Providence, Pilgrim, North Smithfield, and Cranston East. Like the Boys League, the Girls are coached by high school coaches and games are officiated by interscholastic referees. Ponagansett was both the division and the playoff winner with St. Raphael's coming in second in both categories. These teams will receive awards at the 1996 Annual Recreation Department Awards Dinner in May.

MIDNIGHT BASKETBALL LEAGUE
1995
MEN'S LEAGUE

The Midnight Basketball League was cosponsored in joint effort by the Providence Department of Recreation and Citizen's Bank. The league attracted 24 teams of men ages 17 years and older with each cite having the following number of teams: Bucklin 10, Fox Point 6, East Side 8. Each team, wearing T-shirts donated by Citizen's Bank, sported 10-12 players per team. Citizen's Bank also donated the trophies for the playoff champion and runner-up teams.

The league is offers an opportunity for people to get together to play basketball with friends, while for others, it's a great way to fine tune the skills of players on their way to play on the college level.

The Semi-Finals had Top Notch losing to the Players Presidents and 8-Deep defeating the Green Hornets. The Championship game was played on August 23, 1995 with 8-Deep beating Player's Presidents in the finals.

MIDNIGHT BASKETBALL LEAGUE
1995

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

This year was the second season for the Providence Midnight Basketball Women's League. This League was made possible by the joint efforts and cosponsorship of the Providence Department of Recreation, the Rhode Island Attorney General, the Rhode Island Department of Health, and Citizen's Bank. This year the League was expanded from four teams to six teams with eight players on each team. The following are the Final Standings and the play-off results:

Final Standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>L</u>
Spurs	8	-	3
Bulls	7	-	4
Rockets	6	-	5
Lakers	6	-	5
Nets	4	-	7
Magic	2	-	9

Playoffs

Quarters: Rockets 59 Magic 43
 Nets 53 Lakers 44

Semis: Nets 46 Bulls 29
 Rockets 51 Spurs 41

Finals: Nets 63 Rockets 48

Midnight Champions: Nets

MICHAEL STEPHENS

The Department of Recreation is pleased to have Michael Stephens working for them. During the past year, Michael was nominated for the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association (SGMA) Award. It is presented to individuals who, through their unique commitment and humanitarian spirit, have made a lasting and exceptional contribution to the pursuit of sports excellence, sportsmanship, participation or opportunity with their local community or beyond.

Michael is a 1991 graduate of Central High School in which he played on the championship basketball team. Right after high school, Michael began working at the Davey Lopes Recreation Center where he is now the assistant director. While there, he has coached the basketball team to four championships as well as working with the Rhode Island's AAU basketball program. He has also coached the West Elmwood Intruders youth football team and under his leadership, only lost one game.

Michael is a positive role model for the youths of Providence and the Department of Recreation is proud to have him on their staff.

PROVIDENCE INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE

In October of 1989, a group from the Elmhurst and Mount Pleasant areas formed a youth league that would teach the fundamentals of basketball through good sportsmanship. The league is made up of four levels:

- Little Friars- Grade 1
- Division I- Grades 2-3
- Division II- Grades 4-6
- Division III- Grades 7-8

The Providence Department of Recreation aids this league by assisting Robert F. Kennedy Elementary School gym for practices and games and supplies the referees.

This year, the Intramural League was once again involved with the NYSCA program. All league coaches and administrators participated in the coaches certification program.

YOUTH SOCCER PROGRAM

This spring, Providence youths entered into the Rhode Island Youth Soccer League. The four teams are collectively called the Capital Youth Soccer of Providence. These teams will play against others from Barrington, Coventry, Burrville, and elsewhere. Providence citizens, politicians and businesses were the reason why Providence entered the league. The initial plan was to have one team represent Providence in the league, but 150 children responded to the ad. As a result, 80 children were chosen to play on four teams. The tams also had winning seasons, a boost for the league and its sponsors. Funding for the program was made possible by the Capital Youth Soccer of Providence, the Providence Department of Recreation, the RI Youth Soccer League and the Portuguese Sporting Club in Fox Point.

Plans for next year include adding both boys and girls to play in the Rhode Island League.

YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE

During the summer, the Department of Recreation assisted the neighborhood Baseball Leagues which included eight little leagues, five senior leagues, four softball leagues, and a Babe Ruth league. The Department issued the park permits for the use of the fields for the leagues and acted on behalf of the leagues for field maintenance with the Parks Department.

The Department of Recreation also assisted the leagues with operating costs for charitable tournaments. For these tournaments, the Department aided with defraying the cost of umpires, T-shirts, pins, and trophies. Also, the Department continued its promotion of the National Youth Sports Coaches Association. The program certifies coaches in the area of coaching psychology, first aid, drug awareness, and practice organizations. The NYSCA program certifies first, second, and third year coaches, as part of a three year program.

The Department of Recreation coordinated the Mayor's Cup tournament for the Boys Senior League at Davis Park. The Senior League champions and runners-up from Elmwood, South Providence, and Silver Lake participated in it. The Major League Champions from each league participated in a single elimination tournament, held at O'Neil Field.

The Mayor's Cup for the Girl's Softball Leagues were held at Mount Pleasant. The league champions and runners-up for both the Girl's Senior and Major Leagues from Elmwood, Mount Pleasant, and Silver Lake participated in the single elimination tournaments.

The following were the winners of the 1995 Mayor's Cup tournament:

Girl's Major League Courts Sports- Mount Pleasant

Girl's Senior League Rialto Furniture- Mount Pleasant

Boys Major League 9th Ward District- South Providence/Washington Park

Boys Senior League Cicilline Law- South Providence/Washington Park

THE PROVIDENCE HEROES CHALLENGER DIVISION BASEBALL

Last year in conjunction with the Elmhurst Little League, the Providence Department of Recreation assisted with the formation of a city-wide Challenger Division of Baseball. The team's name was the Providence Heroes. The program was designed for physically and mentally challenged children from ages 6-18 or older provided the child is still in school. The team attracted close to 30 children city-wide and were assisted by other members of the Little League called "buddies".

The Heroes, which turns away no one, was a member of the state-wide Challenger Program. Some teams they played against were from Coventry, Warwick, West Warwick, Wickford, and other cities. The team played games amongst themselves and against their parents and siblings. At the year end banquet, each member of the Challenger Team received a trophy. All the children had a great time playing baseball.

SWIMMING POOLS

The Department of Recreation operated six swimming pools from the end of June to the end of August and were open to all city residents at no charge. The pools accommodated between 275 and 400 people during peak hours, and a total of 700 to 900 people daily at each neighborhoods.

Pool Hours:	Monday - Friday	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
	Saturday and Sunday	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Due to high temperatures and inclement weather, some times were altered.

During the week, the Summer Lunch Program served nutritious, well balanced lunches to children at each location. Children from each pool were treated to one day of sun and fun at Camp Cronin, a camp on the bench in Narragansett, operated by the Department's Senior Division. For some children, this was their first time to see and experience the ocean.

Also during the summer, the city residents were treated to an Evening in the Neighborhood, a special event that took place after hours at the pools. These shows included the Marc Kohler Puppets, the Seventeen-piece Night Life Orchestra, and a cookout which served hamburgers and hot dogs.

SWIM LESSONS

For eight weeks, swimming lessons were conducted at the six pools and at the Roger Williams Day Care and the John Hope Settlement House. Each location attracted between 25-100 participants. Those who benefited from the Monday - Friday program included beginner swimmers between the ages of 5 - 12, parents learning to swim, and other parents who assisted in it.

During the winter, the Department of Recreation offers a Learn to Swim program in conjunction with the Providence School Department. The program is open to all fourth graders throughout the city. As part of the program, the Department of Recreation provides transportation to Pleasant View School.

FAMILY SWIMMING

The Providence Recreation Department in conjunction with Mayor Vincent A. Cianci Jr., Councilwoman Evelyn V. Fagnoli, Councilman Peter S. Mancini, and Providence College presented a Family Swimming Day. The program began on November 5, 1995 and continued every Sunday from 2-4 pm at the Taylor Pool at Providence College. Residents from the Elmhurst and Mt. Pleasant area were welcomed to bring a child/children to the program. Admission was free of charge, however space was limited and passes were given out on a first come, first serve basis. The program has been successful thus far and between 25-100 people have been attending.

SUMMER AT FARGNOLI PARK - 1995

Mayor Vincent A. Cianci Jr., Councilwoman Evelyn V. Fagnoli, Councilman Peter S. Mancini, and the Department of Recreation presented "Summer at Fagnoli Park" every Tuesday from July 11, 1995 to August 29, 1995. It was an opportunity for children from the Elmhurst and Mt. Pleasant area to paint portraits, learn to juggle, play sports, walk on stilts, and see shows. The following is a breakdown of the educational shows, workshops, and clinics for children:

- July 11 - 6:30 Everette Dance Theater
- July 18 - 6:30 The Magic of Science
- July 25 - 6:30 The Carriage House School and the Providence Recreation Department Youth Ensemble
- August 1 - 6:30 Walter the Stilt walker; Stilt walking and juggling workshop
- August 8 - 5:00 Neighborhood Cookout and Big Band
- August 15 - 6:30 Coach T's Basketball Clinic
- August 22 - 6:30 Kids Break
- August 29 - 6:30 Basketball Clinic

Other events included the following:

ARTS AND CRAFTS - Every Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 10:30

SWIMMING - The Providence College pool was opened to neighborhood children from 2:00 to 4:00 pm on July 11th, 13th, 18th, 20th, 25th, and the 27th. The Program is for youth ages 15 and under. All swimmers must be accompanied by an adult.

All programs are free of charge. They were also well attended. The Arts and Craft days had between 25-50 people attend per day; Swimming had 60 people attending per day, and between 125-250 people attended the shows held on every Tuesday.

RECREATION CENTERS

The Providence Department of Recreation ran seven full-time recreation centers, and one part-time center. The seven full-time centers were the Roger-Selim Recreation Center, the Davey Lopes Recreation Center, the Angelo Zuccolo Recreation Center, the Joslin Recreation Center, the Neutaconkanut Recreation Center, the West End Recreation Center, and the Vincent Brown Recreation Center. The part-time recreation center was located at Robert F. Kennedy Elementary School.

The centers were open Monday-Friday 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm, and Saturdays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

The recreation centers scheduled activities, which included basketball, whiffleball, volleyball, soccer, kick ball, street hockey, frisbee football, ping pong, and board games, for boys and girls from ages 8 - 15. Practice times were scheduled for the youth basketball teams representing the recreation centers in the Tavares League, the Hassett League, and the Girl's Basketball League. Other organizations were allotted time to use the facilities for team practices. Special events such as movies and parties were also scheduled for the children.

SUMMER IN THE CITY - 1995

The Providence Department of Recreation, in conjunction with the Mayor's office and the Park's Department, were involved in the "Summer in the City" program. The program was developed to promote various activities offered by the City of Providence.

Activities offered by the Providence Recreation Department included the use of swimming pools, swimming lessons, Arts and Crafts, Puppets by the Pool, the Summer Lunch Program, transportation, Co-Ed Beach Volleyball, High School Basketball Leagues, Midnight Basketball, and trips to Camp Cronin.

A program developed last summer was the Mayor's Youth Squads. The Youth Squad offered employment to 20 city teenagers and their main task was to clean up vacant lots in the city.

The Providence Recreation Department offered an "Evening in the Neighborhood." These events were held at each of the city's pools, plus the Fox Point Water Park. These evenings offered the Puppet Workshop, the 17 Piece Night life Orchestra, and a cookout that featured hamburgers and hot dogs, chips and beverages. A fun time was had by the 300 people that attended each location.

The Providence Recreation Department also offered "Youth Day" at Camp Cronin. Each pool site as well as some other invited city youth agencies had a one day field trip. The children and their chaperons were taken to camp Cronin for games, a cookout, and swimming at Captain Wheeler State Beach. It was amazing how many children stared out the windows of the bus as they approached the beach. This is due to the fact that many of these children have never been to or seen the beach.

MAYOR CIANCI'S SUMMER KICK-OFF - 1995

Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr. and the Department of Recreation kicked off the City of Providence Summer recreation programs for the upcoming 1995 summer session. It began with a celebration that was held on Wednesday, July 12 at 10:00 am at India Point Park, located on the East Side. "Mayor Cianci's Summer Kick-Off" was not only a great opportunity to inform those attending of the various summer programs, competitions, and special events planned for the upcoming summer, but a great day for youth entertainment as well.

John Dawson's "Kid's Break" entertainment showcase was a multi-variety entertainment program utilizing both youth and adult participation and was enjoyed by all ages. He started the day's activities rolling off to a great start. Another group that came to entertain the audience was Perishable Theater. They performed their award-winning performance of "The Sun's Musician", a fabulous tale of how music was brought to the Earth. There was a sneak preview of work shops planned and available for the youth throughout the summer. They dealt with social issues such as substance abuse, violence, cultural and racial harmony and understanding, and utilizing, involving, and innovative methods such as dancers and music to help demonstrate the various topics.

AN EVENING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Family oriented activity was the motivation for this series of pool-side evenings. Included in the festivities, which began at 5:00 pm, were cook-outs featuring hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and beverages: entertainment by Marc Kohler's Puppets and live music performed by the Nightlife Orchestra.

Taking place on seven different dates from July to August, the sites were geographically located at pools throughout the city: Fox Point Boys and Girls Club, Davey Lopes, Zuccolo, Neutaconkanut, Joslin, McGrane, Rogers, and Regent Avenue. The staff worked together as a team to coordinate and implement the activities, making a fun event for the entire family. Their success was made evident by the strong turn out of families and the approximately 300 attendees who participated.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

In years past, the Department of Recreation has held Halloween parties to kick-off its winter seasons, and the recreation centers would play host.

This year, well over 300 people were treated to a Haunted Mystery Hay Ride in Glensfarm, Portsmouth during the last week of October. Each center went on the trip on different days of the week and treats were given out on the ride. A fun time was had by all those who attended.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Also in years past, the Department of Recreation would play host to Christmas parties held at each different recreation center. This year, the Department decided to do something different. Each recreation center was extended an invitation to attend a showing of A Christmas Carol, on December 21, at Trinity Repertory Company in Providence. Those who attended enjoyed the performance.

NORTH POLE CALLING

The Department of Recreation held its 7th Annual North Pole Telephone Calls from "Santa Claus". Each year a Providence elementary school is chosen to participate in the program. This year's school was Fox Point Elementary School. Calls were made to children in grades K-2 from the Recreation Department from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 21, 1995. The calls were made by volunteers and the children were overjoyed to have a "call" from Santa Claus.

SPECIAL EVENTS - 1995

Puppet Workshop:

The Providence Recreation Department, along with Rhode Island Hospital Trust, presented a number of performance by the Marc Kohler Puppets at each pool and at the Providence Boys Club. The shows combined comedy and music that some 300 people were able to enjoy. Some of the performances were held as part of the Evening in the Neighborhood as well as the 7th Annual Summer Recreation Kick-Off.

Miniature Golf/Bowling/Roller Skating:

The Providence Recreation Department sponsored trips for city youngsters. These trips included Miniature Golf and the Legion Bowl in Cranston, and US Skates in East Providence. These trips were enjoyed by several hundred children and the bus fair was free of charge.

Jazz Orchestra:

Each year, the Department of Recreation sponsors the 17 Piece Orchestra to play at various event throughout the summer. The community is invited on various nights to each of the pools and at Fox Point. It's a great event because the music reaches people of all ages. The Orchestra plays music from the 40's through the 90's, especially targeting adults who enjoy "The Big Band Era". Their performances included an "Evening in the Neighborhood" and "Summer in the City - 1995".

COLUMBUS DAY CROSS INVITATIONAL 1995

On Monday, October 9, 1995, the Providence Recreation Department sponsored the 51st Annual Columbus Day Cross Country Invitational. Created in 1944, the race began as a public road race and started at Elmwood Avenue and finished at Columbus Square. During the mid 1960's, the race organizers changed the race to include only high school cross country teams and moved the race onto the trails of Roger Williams Park. The race almost saw its end in 1988 with the death of long time director John O'Shea but was salvaged by the efforts of Providence Recreation Director Raymond Brown, who was the Athletic Director of Our Lady of Providence, and City Councilwoman Josephine DiRuzzo.

Last year new additions were added to the event's agenda such as a new course layout measuring 2.85 miles and a new timing result board that was provided by Ron Boenker and those associated with the R.I. Timers Guild. Coca-Cola was again helped with this year's event by donating some 40 gallons of "Power Aid" that was greatly appreciated by the runners.

This year's field consisted of 335 runners representing 19 high schools. This is the second highest number of high schools entering this event since 1988 except for last year's record of 20. The schools participating included Classical, Hope, Mount Pleasant, Barrington, Bishop Hendricken, Cranston East, Cranston West, East Providence, Johnston, LaSalle, Moses Brown, Mount Hope, North Providence, Pilgrim, Tollgate, Tolman, Warwick, Scituate, and North Kingston. Competitions were held for both boys and girls in the categories Freshman/Novice, Junior Varsity, and Varsity. Awards were given to the top finishers in each event and to the top team for both overall meet and Providence Public Schools. Again this year's runners from the Rhode Island Special Olympics were invited to enter in a 1.7 mile race and trophies were awarded to the top five male and female runners.

Special thanks and appreciation is extended to the Providence Fire Department Rescue, Parks Department, and the Police Department for making the day's event a safe and secure one.

COLUMBUS DAY AWARDS

EVENT	OVERALL	PUBLIC SCHOOL
SPECIAL OLYMPICS BOYS	First Five Finishers	
SPECIAL OLYMPICS GIRLS	First Five Finishers	
BOYS FRESHMAN/NOVICE INDIVIDUAL	Rogers St. Andrews	Penza Central
TEAM	St. Raphael	Central
GIRLS FRESHMAN/NOVICE INDIVIDUAL	Tart Pilgrim	Vasquez Hope
TEAM	St. Raphael	Hope
BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY INDIVIDUAL	Guarni Bishop Hendricken	Leasky Central
TEAM	Pilgrim	Classical
GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY INDIVIDUAL	Nierki Barrington	Butler Mt. Pleasant
TEAM	Barrington	Classical
BOYS VARSITY INDIVIDUAL	Karns Moses Brown	Colon Mt. Pleasant
JOHN O'SHEA TROPHY TEAM	Mt. Pleasant	Classical
GIRLS VARSITY INDIVIDUAL	Twoney Barrington	Batastini Classical
JOHN O'SHEA TROPHY TEAM	Barrington	Classical

HERSHEY'S TRACK AND FIELD YOUTH PROGRAM 1995

The Providence Department of Recreation was once again active in the Hershey's National Track and Field Youth Program. The program was cosponsored by the Department of Recreation, the Rhode Island Park and Recreation Association, and Hershey, Incorporated. The local coordinator of the program was Thomas Spann, and the state coordinator of the program was Alan Southwick from North Kingstown.

The Providence Department of Recreation City Championship Meet was held on Thursday, June 29, 1995 at Conley Stadium in Providence, Rhode Island. Sixty-eight children ages 9-14 from the John Hope Day Camp, Mt. Hope Neighborhood Association, Providence Housing Authority, the Providence Cobras Youth Track Team and many city wide individuals accompanied by their parents participated in this meet.

The events were held on the following events: 50 meter dash, 100 meter dash, 400 meter run, 800 meter run, 1600 meter run, relays, softball throw, and long jump. Awards were given to the top three persons in each event.

The State Championship Meet was held on Wednesday, July 12, 1995 at Cranston West High School and 33 children represented Providence. The City of Providence was well represented by a group of enthusiastic athletes who gave 110% on the track and displayed sportsmanship both on and off the field. The Providence team turned in their share of medals.

Two children from the Providence team were chosen to represent Rhode Island at the Hershey National Championship Meet in Hershey, Pennsylvania during the month of August. Martha Trimbur (14) finished 6th in the 1600 meter run, and Charles Lambert (11) finished 4th in the 800 meter run. Everyone who participated in this program received a certificate of participation and a T-Shirt. Transportation and lunches from the Summer Lunch Program were provided by the Providence Recreation Department.

PROVIDENCE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION
1995 AWARD DINNER BANQUET

On Thursday, May 25, 1995, the Providence Department of Recreation held its 8th Annual Award Dinner to honor the champions of the sports leagues. Also honored were the inductees to the Providence Department of Recreation Hall of Fame. This years inductees were John Britto and Carol A. Mazzeo.

John is the Physical Education Director at the Fox Point Boys and Girls Club. In years past, he was the recipient of the Jefferson Award (1981), RI Soccer Hall of Fame (1993), and had the Gano Street basketball courts renamed to the John Britto basketball courts (1994).

Carol A. Mazzeo works with the District I Little League. In years past, she served as the Vice President of the major and Senior League Association (1976-1979, 1983-1984), Chief of Umpires (1987-1988), and District Volunteer in 1993.

On behalf of the Department of Recreation and Mayor Vincent Cianci a plaque was presented to them for their accomplishments. A duplicate plaque is on display on the Hall of Fame Wall at the Department of recreation.

The Carriage House School and the Providence Recreation Department Youth Ensemble was honored for their outstanding youth program. The program offers a variety of classes, taught by quality artists, including stilt walking/circus arts, hip hop dancing, Meringue, African drumming, ballet, modern dance, arts and crafts, and Polynesian dancing.

Finally, forty-four members of the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA) coaches class were presented with certificates and T-shirts.

AWARDS

1995 Boys High School Summer Basketball League

League Champion	Cranston West
Runner Up	
Playoff Champion	Mt. Pleasant
Runner Up	Classical

1995 Girls High School Basketball League

League Champion	Ponagansett
Runner Up	
Playoff Champion	Ponagansett
Runner Up	St. Raphael's

1994 Co-Ed Beach Volleyball League

League Champion	John Hope East
Runner Up	JB's
Playoff Champion	John Hope East
Runner Up	Providence Center

1994-1995 Tavares Basketball League

League Champion	West End Recreation Center
Runner Up	Davey Lopes Recreation Center
Playoff Champion	Davey Lopes Recreation Center
Runner Up	West End Recreation Center

1994-1995 Hassett Basketball League

League Champion	Joslin Recreation Center
Runner Up	Davey Lopes Recreation Center
Playoff Champion	Davey Lopes Recreation Center
Runner Up	Nickerson Community Center

PROVIDENCE RECREATION - FOX POINT BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB SUMMER RECREATION CENTER

For the tenth year, the Providence Department of Recreation coordinated a program with the Fox Point Boys and Girls Club. This project began in 1985 as a joint effort for a large number of youths to have fun through well organized recreation programs. Every weekday, the Department of Recreation would pick up between 55-60 children at the Mount Hope Neighborhood Center and bring them to the Fox Point Boys and Girls Club. Later in the afternoon, the children would then be returned to the center. Another 90-100 children from throughout the city also participated.

The Fox Point Program also took advantage of the transportation offered through the Department of Recreation and were able to attend trips to Rocky Point, Coventry Water slide, Lincoln Woods, and Goddard Park. The Department of Recreation also delivered 75 breakfasts and 175 lunches daily as part of the Department's Summer Lunch Program.

As part of the Recreation Program, the children participated in the "Biddy" Basketball League, Kickball League, and Capture the Flag League. They were also given swimming lessons three days a week, and arts and crafts twice a week. The children were also visited by the Puppet Workshop, which is cosponsored by Rhode Island Hospital Trust.

The children were actively involved in two events sponsored by the Department of Recreation: Mayor Cianci's Annual Summer Kick-Off and An Evening in the Neighborhood. Over the past eight years, this program has had a high success rate because it gives the children a normal routine during the summer.

NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS COACHES ASSOCIATION 1995

The National Youth Sports Coaches Association was created in 1981 in West Palm Beach, Florida to help improve out-of-school sports for over 20 million youths under the age of sixteen. The non-profit association staff of professionals work to implement a variety of programs, all in cooperation with the national, state, and local association.

Chapters have been adapted through many areas including YMCA/YWCA, churches and recreation departments and youth activities worldwide.

The NYSCA program was instituted by the Department of Recreation in 1990. NYSCA is a three year instructional program to be given to volunteer coaches to help them develop skills in coaching psychology, drug awareness, first aid, and practice organization.

First year coaches were given two three hour instructional sessions dealing with coaching psychology, drug awareness, first aid, strength and conditioning, and the dangers of steroids. The second session was a specific sports tape that deals with practice organizational tips. Second year certification is a three hour session that deals with the psychological and emotional development of children, and the differences among different age groups. Third year certification is also a three hour program that deals primarily with ethics and sportsmanship.

At the completion of each course, each coach signs a "Coaches' Code of Ethics". This pledge and the 11 standards set forth a framework which each coach should work from to better the experiences of the athletes. With their certification, coaches receive a \$500,000 liability insurance policy to guard against any wrongdoing.

In 1994, the NYSCA program was expanded to include young athletes and parents involved in baseball and softball leagues through the youth sports initiative grant. The program will be expanded to include certification of coaches in many different youth sports which included football, soccer, flag football, hockey, volleyball, and cheerleading as well as continuing in baseball, softball, and basketball.

FOOD, FITNESS AND FUN EXPO

On June 3, 1995, the Providence Department of Recreation joined more than 300 companies, clubs, teams, associations, and recreation departments throughout the state as part of the Food, Fitness and Fun Expo held once again at the Rhodes on the Pawtuxet in Cranston, RI. Our information booth included informational brochures regarding our fun and fitness programs such as free walking packets as well as nutrient prune packets, all of which are part of our "Healthy Stride" walking program, was provided for Providence residents. Also available was free information provided by the President's Council on Physical Fitness dealing with adult and adolescence fitness.

There were pictures and videos on display to demonstrate the Department of Recreation's everyday activity and program agendas to compliment the written materials provided. Set-up began early in the morning, and was opened for the public at 11:00 am and closed at 7:00 pm. The day, which included thousands of visitors as well as exhibitors, gave a great opportunity to have many people become informed about the Recreation Department.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Throughout the year, the Providence Department of Recreation made a special effort to promote the Department's programs. Various press releases were sent to Channels 6, 10, and 12, and to the Providence Journal Bulletin. These different media outlets were notified of upcoming events which were to be held. As a follow-up, results of all events were sent to the media.

Numerous articles and stories have appeared in area newspapers and in television reporting on the Recreation Department's programs. Throughout the year, public service announcements promoting the Recreation Departments activities have aired on the local television stations, local cable television, and in the local newspapers.

The Recreation Department had announcements made in the schools, promoting its activities. Posters were also posted in the schools and in the community centers, notifying people of up coming events.

YOUTH TRANSPORTATION - 1995

The Providence Department of Recreation provides transportation for agencies that serves the city's young people. Transportation is provided for field trips to many sites throughout the State. The destination of various trips, number of times visited, and the number of people that attended are listed.

ORGANIZATION	TRIPS	PEOPLE
ASA Messer	6	144
Alternate Learning Program	17	561
Arch Street Neighborhood Association	2	141
Bishop McVinny School	2	79
Blessard Sacrament School	4	119
Brown/Fox Point Day Care	3	94
Camden Avenue School	31	894
Cape Verdian Association	3	195
CCRI Sports Camps	27	832
Central High School	3	78
Chambers of Commerce School	1	42
Chad-A-Sun Day Care	2	60
Chad Ad Community Center	3	78
Chase Wiggins	4	123
Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ	4	154
Coddling Court	5	181
Community Safety Network Association	4	133
Daughters of Isabella	1	41
Department of the Army	1	34
Early Learning Center	6	214
Esek Hopkins Middle School	21	411
Family Outreach Center	5	241
Federal Hill Tutorial	7	219
Feinstein School	7	234
Flynn Elementary School	2	35
Fogarty Center	1	32
Fogarty Elementary School	5	130
4-H Clubs of Rhode Island	3	137
Fox Point Boys & Girls Club Summer Program	29	631
Fox Point Boys & Girls Club	4	133
Fruit Hill Tennents Association	2	94
Gilbert Stuart Elementary School	3	157
Girls Scouts of Rhode Island	2	69
Glory Days	3	84
Hartford Park Community Center	4	8

Hillside Village Association	4	127
Hmong United Association	3	124
Housing Authority	1	31
Holy Ghost School	3	107
Hope High School	4	123
Hope Neighborhood Association	2	115
Jewish Community Center	4	164
John's Street School	1	27
Joslin Community Development Corporation	5	174
Joslin Day Care	6	211
Junction Human Services	4	151
Learn To Swim Program	45	3121
Lockwood Plaza	2	63
Manton Heights Tenets Association	2	41
Martin Luther King, Jr. School	1	47
Mt. Hope Day Care	3	137
Mt. Hope Neighborhood Association	2	92
Nathan Bishop School	2	65
Neutaconkanut Community Center	4	119
Plain Street Block Association	2	56
Pleasant View School	2	43
Project Outreach	3	84
Providence Daredevils	5	319
Roger Williams Middle School	4	104
Sackett Street School	3	79
Salvation Army Day Care	3	217
Smith Hill Day Care	7	392
Smith Hill Baptist Center	3	105
South Providence Neighborhood Ministries	4	217
South East Asians Association	3	94
St. Bartholomew's School	2	63
St. Edward's Day Care	4	73
St. Mary's School	3	96
St. Patrick's School	1	45
St. Patrick's Dinner	14	857
Trinity Baptist Church	2	51
Urban League	12	168
Veazie Street School	7	119
Wanskuck Boys & Girls Club	5	183
Washington Park CC	6	195
West End Intruders and Cheerleaders	8	717
Windmill Street School	2	91
Zuccolo Recreation Center	1	53

TOTALS	431	16,353
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TRIPS TO CAMP CRONIN - 1995

The Department of Recreation, Senior Division has operated Camp Cronin over the past several summers. The Camp is located in Narragansett near the Point Judith Lighthouse, and is used primarily as a day camp for senior citizens. The senior's utilize Camp Cronin three days a week through the months of July and August.

Camp Cronin Itinerary

9:00	Pick-up Seniors
10:00-10:15	Seniors arrive
10:15-10:30	Coffee and donuts (donuts provided by the Providence Fire Department)
10:30-12:00	Nature walks, bingo, and bus tour of Galilee
12:00-1:00	Lunch - (choice if box lunch or cook-out)
1:00-2:00	Entertainment provided by Bill Volpe and Nick Cannao
2:00	Departure time - stop at local ice cream shop
3:00	Arrive in Providence

This past summer two days a week were reserved for youth groups (City of Providence pools and recreation centers). The youth groups are given a cook-out at Camp Cronin and then bused to Captain Wheeler State Beach to swim.

Transportation is provided by the Department of Recreation, Senior Division.

TRIPS TO CAMP CRONIN - 1995

<u>Organization</u>	<u># Trips</u>	<u>#People</u>
Aaron Briggs	1	7
Bay Towers	1	15
Blessed Sacrament	1	19
Brick Manor	1	21
Bridgham Manor	1	8

<u>Organization</u>	<u>#Trips</u>	<u>#People</u>
Carroll Towers	1	16
Cathedral Four	1	12
Charles Place	1	10
Charlesgate East	1	36
Charlesgate North	1	33
Charlesgate Nursing	1	25
Charlesgate South	1	34
Colony House	1	20
Curtis Arms	1	10
Davey Lopes Pool (kids)	1	19
DaVinci Center	1	44
Dexter Manor	1	10
East Side Apartments	1	11
East Side Center	1	20
East Side Recreation (kids)	1	50
Elmhurst Extending Care	1	15
Elmwood Community Center	1	22
Federal Hill House	1	33
Fox Point Seniors	2	76
Fox Point Manor	1	14
Grace Church Apartments	1	16
Hogan Manor	1	17
Hartford Park	1	15
Hillcrest Apartments	1	25
Huntington Towers	1	14
Jewish Community Center	1	29
Joslin Recreation Center (kids)	1	70
Kilmartin Plaza	1	14
Manton Seniors	1	20
Marvin Gardens	1	14
Metcalf Courts	1	17
Nickerson House	1	25
Olney Towers	1	11
Parenti Villa	1	15
Park West Apartments	1	5
Pocassett Manor	1	10
Riveredge Apartments	1	24
Rogers-Selim Recreation Center	2	56
Rosewood Manor	1	28
South Side Boys & Girls Club	1	58
Saint Adalbert's	1	20
Saint Martin DePorres	3	107

Saint Sahog and Mesrob	1	28
Saint Teresa's	1	33

<u>Organization</u>	<u>#Trips</u>	<u>#People</u>
Silver Lake Community Center	1	51
Sister Domenic	1	16
Smith Hill Center	2	90
Steere House	2	18
Stratford House	1	15
Washington Park Community Center	2	97
Westminster Senior Center	1	34
Westminster Place	1	9
Zuccolo Recreation Center	1	12

TOTALS	65	1643

BE A WINNER / PLAY IT STRAIGHT SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM

Since its beginning in 1988, the department has produced a substance abuse prevention program called "Be A Winner / Play It Straight". This program has been put on in conjunction with other programs by incorporating its message on T-shirts, hats, and stationary and has also been included as a workshop in other funded programs such as the Mayor's Council on Substance Abuse, and other city and state programs dealing with the problem. The message is also circulated through other avenues such as music, word of mouth, and at special events funded through the Department of Recreation.

This year was different, and as always new ways to expand and support the efforts of program are needed. This year's efforts included the 1995 Annual Kick-Off as well as special events such as the neighborhood cookouts held during the summer. Members of the staff attended various workshops sponsored by the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Association of Rhode Island throughout the 1995 season.

The Department of Recreation is proud to have other recreation departments inquire about the prevention program and to be recognized nationally by the National Parks and Recreation Department to name a few.

THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

The Department of Recreation sponsored the Annual Summer Food service Program for children. The program is an extension of the School Lunch Program and is funded by the Federal Government through the Department of Agriculture and monitored by the Rhode Island Department of Education, Food Services Division. City residents up to the age of eighteen are eligible to receive a breakfast and a lunch.

The program runs from the end of June through the end of August, serving meals to over one hundred forty locations throughout Providence and was monitored by both state and local officials.

Operating with a budget of over one million dollars, the program was able to distribute over 100,000 breakfasts, and 325,000 lunches to city youngsters. The program also offers summer employment to over 160 residents, mostly comprised of senior citizens, young adults, and teenagers.

This is one of the most successful programs that the Department of Recreation supports because it is helping children get good, healthy meals while also producing summer jobs for its residents.

FIELD TRIPS

The Providence Department of Recreation, in conjunction with other organizations, provided trips to many sites throughout Rhode Island. These trips were organized to provide the youth of Providence with an opportunity to visit many different location.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF TRIPS</u>
Adult Correction Institute	9
Amtrak	2
American Express	2
ASA Messier School	6
Berkshire School	4
Biltmore Hotel	2
Black Heritage School	1
Bonanza Bus Terminal	1
Bristol Fourth of July Parade	1
Brown University	2
CCRI-Lincoln	29
Camp Westwood	2
Castle Theater	4
Charles Street Fire Station	1
Children's Museum	5
Christian Dinner	1
Chuck E. Cheese	1
City Beach	9
Cole Farm	1
Columbus Day Parade	1
Carl Lauro School	3
Cranston Bowl	7
Cumberland High School	2
Cupson Parks	5
Discovery Zone	4
District Court House	2
East Providence SPCA	2
Eleo Quto Ice Cream	2
Fay's Place	1
Federal Express	1
Galilee	3
Getty Park	1
Goddard Park	11

Haunted Hayride	3
Haunted Labyrinth	3
Hazard Brothers Orchard	4
Heffington Farm	2
Jamestown	2
Jaswell Farm	4
Johnston Landfill	4
Johnson and Wales College	3
Joslin Community Center	8
LaSalette Shrine	2
League Game Sites	27
Legion Bowl	3
Lincoln Mall	2
Lincoln Woods	19
MHRH	6
Marriott	35
Mickey Stonen Pool	1
Mt. Saint Rita's	2
Mystic Seaport	1
Nathaniel Greene Middle School	1
Newport	3
Newport Naval Base	1
Oakland Beach	10
Old Rhode Island Court House	1
Phantom Farms	5
Pleasant View School	51
Providence City Hall	3
Providence College	8
Providence Fire Station	2
Providence Journal	2
Providence Police Stables	2
Providence Public Library	2
Rhode Island College	2
Rhode Island Hasbro Children's Hospital	5
Rhode Island Hospital Trust	1
Rhode Island School for the Deaf	1
Rhode Island School of Design	7
Rhode Island State House	1
Rhodes on the Pawtuxet	2
Rocky Point	43
Roger Williams Park	39
Rogers Recreation Center	6
St. Ann's School	1
St. Mary's Bay View	1
St. Peter and Paul Church	1

Sabin's Pool	1
Scarboro Beach	3
Scituate Carriage Works	1
Shartner Farms	4
Sprague Field	3
Shrine Circus	2
Spaghetti Warehouse	1
Superior Court House	1
Sunset Orchard	9
T.F. Greene Airport	1
Thanksgiving Dinner	11
Trinity Repertory Theater	3
University of Rhode Island	3
US Post Office	1
US Skates	11
Veazie St. School	21
Veterans Auditorium	3
Warwick Showcase	3
Warwick Musical Theater	2
Wright's Farm	3
TOTALS	-----
	551

MAYOR'S DAY IN THE PARK

Also known as Seniors' Day in the Park '95, this annual event, started by Mayor Cianci in his first tenure, included the participation of nearly 2,000 senior citizens. On Friday, August 11, 1995, the Mayor celebrated Providence's senior community members on the grounds in front of the Casino at Roger Williams Park.

Kicking off at 9:00 am on a beautiful, late summer day, seniors were provided with coffee and donuts from Dunkin Donuts while WCTK, 98.1 broadcasted live throughout the day. Lunch began at 12:00 pm and consisted of a turkey sandwich, fruit cup, cranberry juice, coffee milk, and peanut butter crackers.

The day focused on the group's wellness from inside out. Led by Ray Edwards who served as Emcee, music was provided by Artie Cabral and his Seven Piece Orchestra from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. All attendees were encouraged to sing and dance with the band. Booths were set up by health related organizations and institutions to provide valuable information and testing. In addition, the Providence Recreation Department offered a display of arts and crafts items. Filled with new memories and gained insight, at 2:30 pm the seniors loaded into the 26 Ryder Student Transportation buses to return home. Free transportation was provided to and from the park.

The day was made possible by the efforts of the Summer Youth Program volunteers; the Senior Aides Department; the Providence Police, Fire, Public Works, and Parks Department; and the volunteers from the Talbot House.

Special thanks were given to the following organizations which provided cash or in-kind support: Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island, Rhode Island Hospital Trust Corporation, Harvard Community Health, Roger Williams Hospital Home Care Program, Visiting Nurse Association, Alternative Care of Rhode Island, Power House Gym, Rhode Island Society to Prevent Blindness, URI College of Pharmacy, Providence Recreation Arts & Crafts, Neighborhood Empowerment for Prevention, Hy-Test Oil, and AAA Surgical Supplies.

SENIOR FIELD TRIPS

The Providence Department of Recreation, in conjunction with other organizations, provided trips to many sites throughout Rhode Island and Southern New England. These trips were organized to provide the elderly of Providence with an opportunity to visit many different locations.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Number of Trips</u>
<u>Restaurants</u>	
Amici Wood Grill and Bar	1
Bamboo House	2
Carriage Inn	1
Caserta's Pizza	1
Chello's Restaurant	2
Cherrystones Restaurant	4
China Inn	2
Club 44	1
Clyd's Restaurant	8
Coastguard House	6
Cock 'N' Kettle Restaurant	1
Conrad's Restaurant	2
Duncan Fyffe Restaurant	2
Evelyn's Restaurant	2
Frank's Restaurant	4
Gregg's Restaurant	1
Harborside Restaurant	1
Hawthorne Country Club	2
Independence Harbor	1
Kountry Kitchen	4
Knight's of Columbus - Gano Street	1
Larchwood Inn	6
Lodge Restaurant	2
Lombardo's	1
Lucia's Restaurant	1
Marriott	5
McGovern's Restaurant	3
Nicole's Restaurant	1
Old Country Buffet	17
Old MacDonald's Restaurant	1

Palastine Shrine Restaurant	1
Ponderosa Restaurant	1
Restaurant 99	1
Shoney's Restaurant	6
Smith Applebee	1
Spaghetti Warehouse	7
Stateline Restaurant	2
Twin Oaks Restaurant	2
Venus DeMilo Restaurant	6
Village Haven Restaurant	1
West Valley Inn	8
White's Restaurant	1
Wright's Farm	14

Shopping Center and Malls

Ann & Hope	24
Apple Valley Mall	3
Braintree Mall	1
Crystal Mall (Connecticut)	1
Edward's Market	22
Emerald Square Mall	8
Fall River Mills	1
Garden City	4
Lincoln Mall	13
R.I. Mall	2
Shaw's Market	3
Silver City Galleria Mall	1
Swansea Mall	5
Vanity Fair	4
Walmart	3
Warwick Mall	7
Worcester Mall	1
Christmas Shopping	28

Miscellaneous Trips

<u>Location</u>	<u>Number of Trips</u>
Bay Queen	6
Beechwood House	2
Blethwald Mansion	1
Boston-Flower Show	1
Boston-Quincy Market	3

Buttonwoods	1
Camp Cronin	30
Galilee-Point Judith	5
Hazard Apple Orchard	3
Husenig Grove	2
Jaswell's Apple Orchard	4
John F. Kennedy Library	1
John Hope Settlement House	1
LaSalette Shrine	15
Lincoln Dog Track	5
Lincoln Woods	1
Mystic, Connecticut	2
Newport	5
Paramount Cards-Pawtucket	1
Pleasure Island	1
Plymouth Plantations	1
Providence Civic Center	2
Providence Convention Center-Flower Show	1
Rhode Island College	1
Rocky Point	5
Roger Williams Park	2
Spirit of Boston	1
Temple Beth-El	1
Theater By the Sea	1
Trinity Repertory	1
Veteran's Auditorium	1
Warwick Musical Tent	1
Watertown-Massachuettes	1

TOTAL	382
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SENIOR TRANSPORTATION

The Providence Department of Recreation provides transportation for agencies that serve the city's elderly people. Transportation was provided for field trips to many sites throughout the region. These locations are listed on the previous pages.

Senior Transportation - 1995

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Trips</u>	<u>People</u>
1890 House	23	126
Aaron Briggs	12	128
Armenian Cong	1	28
Bay Towers	1	15
Beneficent House	1	26
Blessed Sacrament	4	127
Brick Manor	1	21
Bridgham Manor	6	87
Carroll Towers	6	69
Cathedral Four Apartments	10	199
Charles Place	4	45
Charlesgate East	5	182
Charlesgate North	8	226
Charlesgate Nursing	4	162
Charlesgate South	7	193
Colony House	3	43
Curtis Arms	2	18
DaVinci Center	3	83
Dexter Manor	10	131
East Side Apartments	1	11
East Side Center	5	100
Elmhurst Extending Care	1	15
Elmwood Community Center	1	22
Federal Hill House	16	336
Fox Point Manor	6	36
Fox Point Seniors	12	366
Grace Church Apartments	33	405
Hagen Manor	13	186
Hartford Park	5	40
Hillcrest Apartments	16	372
Huntington Towers	2	34
Jewish Community Center	7	133

Kilmartin Plaza	4	37
Manton Seniors	1	20
Marvin Gardens	2	33
Metcalf Courts	15	252
Mount Pleasant Seniors	2	52
Nickerson House	16	298
Olney Towers	4	45
Parenti Villa	14	148
Parkis Place	2	10
Park West Apartments	2	12
Pocassett Manor	6	63
Riveredge Apartments	5	116
Rosewood Nursing	1	28
Saint Adalbert's	10	228
Saint Martin DePorres	11	306
Saint Sahog & Mesrob	10	172
Saint Teresa's	9	134
Silver Lake Community Center	5	199
Sister Dominica	18	225
Smith Hill Center	21	692
Steere House	2	18
Stratford House	7	49
Summit Medical Center	4	68
St. Raymond's	9	283
St. Vartanantz	3	82
Washington Park Community Center	10	362
Westminster Place	2	30
Westminster Senior Center	9	228

TOTALS	435	8185
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BE A SPORT

To further increase the enrollment of volunteers, the Providence Department of Recreation has established a volunteer network program entitled "Be a Sport". This program not only benefited those affected by the generosity of the volunteers, but will also have lasting effect on the volunteers themselves. Aspects where volunteers can devote their time are coaching a particular sport, contributing to the skill development of children, or providing a wholesome community alternative. Volunteers are an important asset to the development and production of various Providence Recreation programs. Outreach efforts will continue throughout the year to make the community aware of the program and hopefully to increase the number of participants.

URBAN LEAGUE OF RHODE ISLAND 6TH ANNUAL JOB FAIR

The Providence Department of Recreation was one of 46 agencies who took part in the Urban League's 6th Annual Job Fair for 1995. The agencies were comprised from both government and private sectors, deriving from all over the state as well as the city. For those attending the Job Fair, it was an informative trip as well as a chance to see what the Recreation does on a daily basis. For example, people were able to see some of the duties and responsibilities that relate to the everyday operation of the Department. It also served as an excellent opportunity to spend more quality time with minority populations who can possibly lend some valuable assistance in some of our present or future programs.

The event was held at the CCRI Providence Campus and began at 9:00 am. The official opening was made by Mr. Dennis Langley, Programs Director of Urban League of Rhode Island. Speakers for the day included Mr. Jack White, Director of the CCRI Providence Campus, Henry Johnson Jr., Executive Director of the Rhode Island Urban Project, and Providence Mayor, the Honorable Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr. The official closing of the event took place at 2:00 pm.

This year marked the Providence Department of Recreation's second year with its involvement and looks forward to continuing this very worth while involvement.

HEALTHY STRIDES

Providence residents laced up their walking shoes for the third year to participate in "Healthy Strides", a national walking program sponsored by the California Prune Board in cooperation with the National Park and Recreation Association as well as the Providence Department of Recreation. Healthy Strides is designed to promote fun, fitness, and healthy eating habits. Last year Providence was one of 1,000 parks and recreation agencies nationwide that helped to kick off this program. It's expected that once all the data is tabulated, the numbers of those that entered for this year will double or triple the numbers of it's second year nationwide.

Some 165 adults, 55 seniors, and 97 children ranging from ages 5-14 took part and were introduced to this not only fun but beneficial form of exercise. Once again the participants received such items as a walking journal, brochures that deal with weight loss and myths and facts on walking. They also received wallet size cards containing walking information and tips on reducing fat intake, California Prune Packs, Prune the Fat buttons, as well as recipes and other items.

It is the hope of the Recreation Department to continue the efforts regarding future walking programs for the upcoming 1996 season and expand the number of participants. This past year there was a 100% increase in adults participation as well as a significant increase in the seniors and children categories. The 1996 season will as see an increase in recruitment in all categories throughout the city.

THE PROVIDENCE RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND CARRIAGE HOUSE YOUTH ENSEMBLE

Mayor Vincent A. Cianci and the Providence Department of Recreation in conjunction with the Carriage House School have once again assembled a group of performers/dancers called the Providence Recreation Department and Carriage House School Youth Ensemble. The Youth Ensemble is a group of 35 dancers/performers who travel around the state with their show. The children are picked up at the recreation centers and transported to the Carriage House (a professional theater) for rehearsals every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The school offers a variety of different classes all taught by qualified artists including stilt walking/circus arts, hip hop dancing, Meringue, African drumming, ballet, modern jazz, arts and crafts, and Polynesian dancing. The current show is a combination of all these skills.

The children have performed at the Rhode Island Convention Center, the Camden Avenue School, the Martin Luther King School, the Pawtucket Ethnic Heritage Festival, The Carriage House Theater, the Rhode Island School of Design Museum, and the Hasbro Children's Hospital.

Funding for the program was made possible by through the Rhode Island Council of the Arts, the Rhode Island Foundation, and the Ramsey Foundation. All classes are offered free of charge.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

During the summer, Arts and Crafts were offered at the six pool locations throughout the city. The classes taught creative expression through short-term projects such as painting, puppets, masks, and clay and plaster sculpting.

During the winter, a more extensive Arts and Craft classes were offered at the full-time recreation centers. These extensive classes were part of the classes at the Carriage House School and offered once a week from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

The instructors and all materials were supplied by the Recreation Department.