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The Honorable Joseph R. Paolino, Jr.
Mayor of the City of Providence, and
The Honorable City Council

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We at Providence Recreation, are very pleased to present our annual report on the status of the City of Providence's Department of Recreation. Without your support our continued growth could not have been realized.

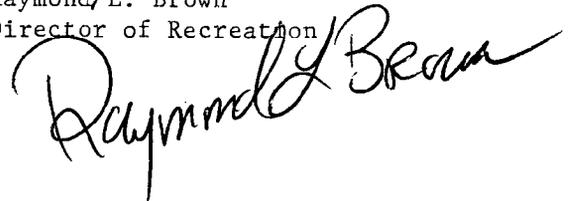
We have many successful programs in process and expect to see their continued growth. We must, however, work together in our efforts for continued support. Due to the existing fiscal climate it will be our primary focus in 1990-1991 to service funding for programs.

Our journey is not an easy road to travel. We believe that the services and programs that we have developed address the needs of the city's population. It will be our goal to continue on this journey working within existing guidelines and seeking to find new area's of resource. Our children are our most valuable resource. Together we can accomplish our goals.

Respectfully Submitted,

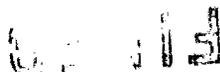


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RECREATION FACILITIES

Basketball Courts

1. Patterson St.
2. Gano St.
3. Elmgrove Avenue - Nathan Bishop Middle School
4. Camp & Cypress Sts. - William Taylor Memorial
5. Collyer St.
6. Windmill School - Pope St.
7. Metcalf Court - Hawkins St.
8. Davis Park - Chalkstone & Raymond Sts.
9. Fagnoli Park - Smith St.
10. Viscolosi Park - Lower Chalkstone Ave.
11. George J. West - Mt. Pleasant Ave.
12. Salmon St.
13. Daniel Ave.
14. Neutaconkanut Park - Plainfield St.
15. Ellery St.
16. Columbia Park - Michigan & Washington Ave.
17. Ardoene Park - Narragansett & Roger Williams Ave.
18. Sackett St.
19. Dudley St.
20. Harriet & Sayles Sts.
21. Candace St.
22. Danforth St.
23. O'Brien Park - Regent Ave.
24. Ridge St.
25. Corliss Park - Corliss St.
26. Wallace St.

Basketball Courts - Lighted

1. Engineers Field - Gano St.
2. Camp & Cypress Sts. - William Taylor Memorial
3. Corliss Park
4. Davis Park - Chalkstone Ave.
5. Fagnoli Park - Smith St.
6. Bucklin St.
7. Richardson Park - Richardson St.

Boccee Courts

1. Dexter St.

Football Fields

1. Hope High School - Hope St. (football & soccer combination)
2. Hopkins Field - Admiral & Chad Brown Sts. (touch football)
3. Metcalf Field - Hawkins St.
4. John McDonald - Neutaconkanut Park Plainfield St. (football & soccer)
5. Bucklin Park - Bucklin St. (football & soccer combination)
6. Drummond Field - Fields Point & New York Ave.
7. Conley Stadium - Mt. Pleasant High School

Playgrounds

1. Arnold St. - Arnold & Brooks Sts.
2. Patterson St.
3. Fox Point - (beside Fox Point Elementary School)
4. Ives & Preston St.
5. Gladys Potter - Humboldt & Cole Ave.
6. Morris Ave.
7. Lippit - Hope St. & Blackstone Blvd.
8. Collyer St.
9. Camp & Cypress Sts. - William Taylor Memorial
10. Ascham - Ascham & Hawkins Sts.
11. Hopkins - Admiral & Chad Brown Sts.
12. Metcalf - Hawkins St.
13. Windmill Street School - Pope St.
14. Fagnoli Park - Smith St.
15. Nathanael Greene School - Chalkstone Ave.
16. Davis Park - Chalkstone Ave.
17. George J. West - Mt. Pleasant Ave.
18. Viscolosi Park - Lower Chalkstone Ave.
19. Manton Heights Park - Salmon St.
20. Daniel Ave.
21. Neutaconkanut Park - Plainfield St.
22. Laurel Hill Ave.
23. Warren St.
24. Ellery St.
25. Diamond St.
26. Columbia Park - Michigan & Washington Ave.
27. Sackett St. - Sackett & Niagara Sts.
28. Joseph Williams
29. Ardoene Park - Narragansett & Roger Williams Aves.
30. Dudley St.
31. Richardson Park - Richardson St.
32. Harriet & Sayles Sts.
33. Candace - Candace & Orms Sts.
34. Danforth St.
35. O'Brien Park - Regent Ave.

Playgrounds - continued

36. Ridge St.
37. Pastore Park - Knight & Tell Sts.
38. Dexter St.
39. Corliss Park - Corliss St.
40. Veazie St.
41. Valley St.
42. Joslin Park - Hyat St.
43. Clarence St. - Webster & Terrace Ave.
44. Wallace Sts. - Wallace & Cumberford St.
45. Cranston St.

Soccer

1. Engineers Field - Gano Street, lighted
2. India Point Park
3. Hope High School - (soccer & football combination)
4. Metcalf - Hawkins St.
5. Obediah Brown (Triggs) - Chalkstone Ave.
6. Neutaconkanut Park - John McDonald Field, Plainfield St.
7. Bucklin Park - Bucklin & Daboll Sts. (soccer & football combination)
8. Drummond Field - Fields Point, New York Ave. (soccer & football)

Street Hockey Court

1. Pastore Park - Knight & Tell Sts.

Swimming Pools

1. Fox Point Pool - Rear of Fox Point Elementary School
2. Stephen Almagno Pool - 675 Plainfield St.
3. McGrane Pool - Bucklin & Dexter Sts.
4. Davey Lopes Recreation Complex (formerly So. Providence Pool)
227 Dudley St. (both indoor & outdoor)
5. Zuccolo Pool - 11 Gesler St.
6. Joslin Pool - 17 Hyat St.
7. Madeline Rogers-Selim Recreational Facility (formerly Danforth Pool)
1 Danforth St.

Tennis Courts

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|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Nathan Bishop Middle School | - | 101 Sessions St. (8 double) |
| 2. Hope High School | - | 324 Hope St. (8 double) |
| 3. Nathanael Greene Middle School | - | 721 Chalkstone Ave. (2 double) |
| 4. Mt. Pleasant High School | - | 434 Mt. Pleasant Ave. (8 double) |
| 5. Roger Williams Park | - | Elmwood Ave. (8 asphalt, 14 clay) |
| 6. Corliss Park | - | Corliss St. (2 double) |

Little League Fields

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| 1. Engineer's Field | - | Gano St. |
| 2. Fox Point Playground | - | Rear of Fox Point Elementary School |
| 3. Session Street | | |
| 4. Metcalf Field | - | Hawkins St. |
| 5. Fagnoli Park | - | Smith St. |
| 6. Davis Park (lighted) | - | Chalkstone Ave. |
| 7. Mt. Pleasant Fields | - | Mt. Pleasant Ave. (3 fields, lighted) |
| 8. Hector Ladati (lighted) | - | Neutaconkanut Park, Plainfield St. |
| 9. Tim O'Neil Fields | - | Roger Williams Park (3 fields) |
| 10. Harriet & Sayles St. | | |
| 11. Richardson Park | - | Richardson St. |

Softball Fields

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|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Engineer's Fields (lighted) | - | Gano St. |
| 2. Session St. | | |
| 3. Hope High School | - | 324 Hope St. |
| 4. Hopkins Park | - | Admiral & Chad Brown Sts. (2 fields) |
| 5. Ascham Field | - | Ascham St. |
| 6. Obediah Brown (Triggs) | - | Chalkstone Ave. |
| 7. LaFazia Field | - | Neutaconkanut Park, Plainfield St. |
| 8. Classical High School | - | Broad St. |
| 9. Bucklin Park | - | Bucklin & Daball Sts. (girl's field) |
| 10. Sackett St. | - | Girl's field |
| 11. Drummond Field | - | California Ave. |
| 12. Harriet & Sayles St. | - | Girl's field |
| 13. Richardson Park | - | Richardson St. |
| 14. Dexter St. | | |
| 15. Corliss Park (lighted) | - | Corliss St. |
| 16. Veazie St. | | |
| 17. Valley St. | | |
| 18. Joslin Field | - | Hyat St. |
| 19. Wallace St. | | |

Baseball Fields

1. Hope High School - 324 Hope St.
2. Collyer Field - Collyer & Cemetery St.
3. Metcalf Field - Hawkins St.
4. Davis Park (lighted) - Chalkstone Ave.
5. Mt. Pleasant High School - Mt. Pleasant Ave.
6. George J. West Middle School - Mt. Pleasant Ave.
7. John McDonald - Neutaconkanut Park, Plainfield St.
8. Bucklin Park - Bucklin & Daboll Sts.
9. Joseph Williams Fields - Elmwood Ave.
10. Ardoene - Narragansett & Roger Williams Ave.

Handball Court

1. Corliss Park - Corliss St.

Vita Course / Walking Track

1. Davis Park (walking) - Chalkstone Ave.
2. Neutaconkanut Park - Plainfield St.
3. Vita Course - Rear of Mt. Pleasant High School

Volleyball Court

1. Cranston St. Playground - (2 courts)
2. Davis Park - Chalkstone Ave.

ATTENDANCE (ACTIVITY) REPORT - 1989

October, 1988 / September, 1989

Recreation Centers (6)	95,808
Neighborhood Soccer League	1,370
Summer Lunch Program	600,000
Adult Volleyball	236
Arts & Crafts	4,296
Cultural Programs	1,909
Athletic Clinics	4,870
Basketball Leagues	23,157
Special Events - Youth Transportation	8,316
Learn To Swim Program	6,630
Softball - Adult & Youth	98,366
Senior Little League	12,015
Little League	38,522
Babe Ruth League	9,070
Amateur Baseball - Adult Leagues	13,674
Football - Youth & Adult (Flag)	3,182
Swimming Pools (6)	140,270
Kickball League	581
Neighborhood Groups Use of Centers - 23	26,877
Playground Activity for 7 monitored areas	1,677
Fagnoli Park	
Sackett St.	
Wallace St.	
Joseph Williams	
Mt. Pleasant	
Valley St.	
Pastore Park	

SPECTATOR REPORT

October, 1988 - September, 1989

Neighborhood Indoor Soccer League	1,750
Kickball League	396
Cultural Programs	4,825
Basketball Leagues	2,130
Softball	47,386
Little League	29,611
Senior Little League	5,079
Babe Ruth League	3,714
Amateur Baseball	3,399
Swimming Pools	20,470
Athletic Clinics	970
Adult Volleyball	73

FULL TIME RECREATION CENTERS

<u>Centers</u>	<u>Neighborhood</u>
1. Madeline Rogers-Selim Recreation Facility	Smith Hill
2. Joslin Recreation Center	Manton/Olneyville
3. Davey Lopes Recreation Complex	South Providence
4. Zuccolo Recreation Center	Federal Hill

PART TIME RECREATION CENTERS

1. Robert F. Kennedy Rec. Center 195 Nelson St.	Elmhurst
2. Martin Luther King Rec. Center 35 Camp St.	East Side/Mount Hope
3. Bridgham Middle School 1655 Westminster St.	Olneyville
4. Fox Point School 455 Wickenden St.	Fox Point/East Side

WINTER PROGRAMS

RECREATION CENTERS

We operated eight recreation centers, (four full time centers and four part time centers), from October 3, 1989 to April 1st. 1990, which were located throughout the City of Providence. The centers were opened Monday through Saturday and featured activities of interest to both boys and girls between the ages of eight to fifteen. After school programs were offered in the broad areas of active, passive and cultural pursuits. Such activities as basketball, kickball, soccer, street hockey and many others were offered to the younger group. Instructional sessions were held to expose this group to many new and traditional types of table and floor games. A few of them were football, table tennis, checkers, nok-hockey and many others. Arts and crafts projects were offered to the younger group in certain centers on a regular basis.

Our older teen age group attended the centers in the evenings and on Saturday afternoons. They were afforded the same activities as the younger group. They, however, participated in more sophisticated activities which included intramural leagues and formal competition in city wide leagues and special activities. Included in this were such leagues as soccer, basketball and volleyball.

Additionally, centers offered their own unique programs in addition to those prescribed by the central staff.

A typical weekly program activity report is attached. You will notice that in the "89" winter schedule we have provided an open and special time slot these time slots we hope can be used to introduce new activity at our centers.

GYMNASIUM - AFTERNOON

<u>DAY</u>	<u>3:00 - 4:00PM</u>	<u>4:00 - 5:00PM</u>
Monday	Whiffleball	Special
Tuesday	Nerf Football	Hockey
Wednesday	Kickball	Special
Thursday	Open	Basketball
Friday	Scatterball	Special
<u>DAY</u>	<u>9:30-10:30AM</u>	<u>10:30-12:00PM</u>
Saturday	Basketball	Volleyball/Scatterball
Sunday	Adult Basketball League (P.M.)	

GAME ROOM

Monday thru Friday	3:00 - 5:00PM
Saturday	10:00 - 12:00PM
Arts & Crafts	1 session per week
Table Tennis	
Table Games	Checkers, nok-hockey, bas-ket, card playing, etc.

GYMNASIUM - EVENING

<u>DAY</u>	<u>7:00 - 8:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 - 9:00 PM</u>
Monday	Volleyball	Basketball
Tuesday	Special	Open
Wednesday	Open	Volleyball
Thursday	Basketball	Volleyball
Friday	Volleyball	Basketball
Saturday	Street Hockey	
(Afternoons)	Volleyball Whiffle Ball	

GAME ROOM

Checkers
Card Playing
Table Tennis
Nok-Hockey

DAILY ACTIVITIES AT THE PART-TIME CENTERS

In order to serve more of the population the department makes arrangements to utilize the gymnasiums of these schools. These centers are primarily used for adult programming and outside groups. Part-time centers are open from November 13th through April 1st from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM weekdays. Centers are available upon request, providing the time slot is available.

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| 1. Blessed Sacrament CYO | 8. St. Pius CYO |
| 2. Holy Ghost School | 9. St. Pius Midget Team |
| 3. Providence Postal Employees | 10. St. Raymond's CYO |
| 4. Providence Recreation Volleyball | 11. Trinity United Methodist Church |
| 5. R.I. Department of Health | 12. Young Fellowship Church |
| 6. St. Augustine's CYO | 13. Pentacostal Church |
| 7. St. Mary's CYO | 14. Elmwood Community Center |

BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Basketball, traditionally, has been one of our most popular games throughout the city. All youth centers conduct leagues for both boys and girls in several age groups as part of their winter program. Additionally, "pick up" games are played almost daily. One may stop by any of our gymnasiums or our many outdoor courts and observe people of all ages involved in many varied types of games.

Recognizing this, the Recreation Department conducts formal programs city wide throughout the calendar year. At this time, we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the valuable financial assistance provided to this program by private business and corporate sponsors.

In the summer a daily basketball clinic is conducted by a highly qualified staff of coaches. City youngsters are introduced to the basic fundamentals plus affording them the opportunity to participate in formal games, most of them, for the very first time. We also administer a league for high school players two evenings per week on our lighted courts. Using qualified interscholastic league officials, teams play a fourteen game schedule plus a play-off. The games are highly competitive and attract a good many spectators.

During the winter season several city wide leagues are operated by the Recreation Department. Leagues include a Midget Division for boys 9 to 13 years of age, and Providence Community League for ages 13 to 15. Both are operated as doubleheaders on Saturday mornings. An adult league plays on Sunday evenings. Weekdays there is an interesting league in operation for boys 14 to 17 years of age who have passing grades in their academic courses. This league was started by staff people of the Washington Park Community Center several years ago. It has since grown to include teams from many Providence neighborhoods. The Providence Recreation Department is happy to assist the Washington Park Community Center in administering this fine league.

GIRLS COMMUNITY BASKETBALL LEAGUE

In the past the Recreation Department has worked with the Providence College Lady Friars and the Rhode Island College Women's Basketball teams in an effort to promote girls basketball.

Thanks to the efforts of these coaches and their teams the first Providence Recreation Department Girls Basketball League is scheduled to begin this month.

The league is structured for girls between the ages of 11 and 15. Several area community centers will be participating in the league. Games will be played Tuesday evenings from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Bridgham Middle School.

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

The Providence Recreation Departments High School Girls Basketball League is expanding each summer. The league moved from Classical High School to Providence College which attracted two new teams.

Teams included the past summer are Classical, Fatima, Hope, LaSalle, and the state champions Central High School.

The girls participate in a highly competitive schedule and a playoff. The teams were coached by area high school coaches and interscholastic league referees officiated.

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

This past summer marked the season of seasons of the Providence Recreation Department's Girls High School Volleyball League. The league consist of several high school teams throughout the state.

The girls participated in a schedule of 9 games and a playoff which were played at Providence College, Alumni Hall two evenings per week. The teams were coached by area high school coaches and interscholastic league referees officiated.

FOOBIE AND THE MILLION DOLLAR MACHINE

This year we had a visit from Foobie the Million Dollar Machine. Foobie D. Robot is a robot who talks about drugs to kids and their bodies. His message was the importance of taking care of yourself (bodywise) from eating the right things to doing the right things to maintain our million dollar machine. Each kid was told that he or she has this machine. Foobie has great communication skills, and most importantly, solid information on the problems and solutions to the killing drug problems facing our young people today. The visit took place February 16, 1989. 300 - 400 youth ages 7 - 11 heard the message. The visit was made possible through the co-sponsorship of the Providence Recreation Department and Edgehill Newport Foundation.

LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM

The Learn to Swim Program co-sponsored by the Recreation Department provides an opportunity for the Providence School Department to schedule swim classes for their students as part of their physical education program. Daily classes are scheduled at Pleasant View School indoor pool located on Obediah Brown Road. The Recreation Department provides daily transportation and instruction. Appropriate certificates of achievement are awarded each student at the conclusion of the program. Our daily attendance records show that transportation, instruction and supervision was provided to 6,480 public school students during the past 1988 - 1989 academic year.

In addition to instruction to public school students this past year, we provided 150 residents with Learn to Swim Lessons at our six outdoor swimming pools throughout the summer. Those who took advantage of this program were offered summer employment and all lesson fees were reimbursed by the department.

ADULT AEROBICS

The department has conducted classes in Low Impact Aerobics for the past two years at the Kennedy Recreation Center two evenings per week.

This beginner level exercise program provides an energentic workout without the stress of jumping and bouncing. All classes are taught by a certified aerobics instructor. Over 150 people have taken advantage of this program and others are still on a waiting list.

1989 AWARD DINNER

On June 14, 1989 the Providence Recreation Department held it's second annual award dinner to award the winners of the playoffs of the various leagues. Ken Hopkins was the master of ceremonies and Bob Foley, Providence College Women's Basketball coach was our guest speaker.

The Providence Recreation Department introduced the establishment of the Providence Recreation Hall of Fame. The inductees were Jack Cronin, Paul Grande, Rev. Emil John, Joseph Shea and the late Joseph Hassett. The inductees were recognized for their past and present admiral contributions to Providence youth.

The inductees were presented plaques on behalf of the department and the Mayor of the City of Providence, the Honorable Joseph R. Paolino, Jr. Duplicate plaques are now on display at the Providence Recreation Department's administration building located at One Reservoir Avenue, Providence. The plaques are displayed on a wall known as the "Hall of Fame Wall" to be appreciated by all those who visit our building and to award them that because of their efforts the youth of the City of Providence will be able to enjoy the present and future recreational programs that department has to offer.

The Providence Recreation Department is in deep gratitude for the donations made to the Providence Support Fund by the members of the Providence Softball Association. It was through their donations that helped to co-sponsor the event and made it the success that it was.

BE A WINNER/PLAY IT STRAIGHT

(Substance Abuse Prevention Program)

On July 13, 1988 the Providence Recreation Department introduced it's inter-departmental substance abuse prevention program to the youth of the City of Providence at it's annual kick-off to the year's 1988 summer programs. Since that day the program continues to reach out to the youth by inviting outside agencies to discuss the dangers of abusing alcohol and drugs. This is the primary basis of the program but the department also discuss the other alternative activities that the department and other agencies have to offer.

Some of the events that included a anti-substance abuse theme for 1989 were a visit by Foobie D. Robot arranged through the efforts of the Edgehill Newport Foundation also there were visits by the High School Youth to Youth substance abuse prevention program out of Channel One, Warwick, to various events held through the year including the various pool sites. The anti-substance abuse was also included in the Tennis Against Drugs program co-sponsored by the Providence Housing Authority.

There were workshops conducted in 1989 as in 1988 for the Providence Recreation staff conducted by representatives of the Human Junction Service, Good Hope Foundation, Youth to Youth and the Edgehill Foundation to better inform them about alcohol and drug use and where necessary referrals can be made for those in need.

Plans are now in effect to invite other agencies to participate in the program. Meetings have already taken place with the possibility of establishing future programs with Youth to Youth and the Providence Police D.A.R.E. program for the present 1990 year and years to follow. Although our main concern and responsibility is to provide the best possible recreation programs to the youth of Providence, we also feel it's our obligation to contribute to the combating of substance abuse so that youths who otherwise might not truly enjoy the rewards of recreation by being "A Winner and Playing It Straight."

PUBLIC RELATIONS

This past year the Providence Recreation Department made a special effort to promote department awareness.

During the summer of '89 a public service announcement aired prime time television on Channels 10, 12 & 6 promoting summer programs.

At present, there is a public service announcement airing on three major channels promoting winter programs.

Numerous newspaper articles have appeared in the Providence Journal and other newspapers. Summer and winter program booklets have been distributed through the city. Department personnel have been interviewed on radio talk shows a number of times. Press releases are sent out each time there is a special event in order to draw the media.

At present, there is a promotional film being made about the department that will be presented at different agencies throughout the city.

PROVIDENCE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

PILOT PROJECT

This past summer of 1989 was again a success coordinating programs between our department, the Fox Point Boys & Girls Club and the Olneyville Boys & Girls Club. By coordinating programs between our department and these organizations a great number of youth get some extra fun out of the summer season through well planned recreation. This would have not been possible if not for the cooperation of all those concern, it was without a doubt a joint effort. Every weekday throughout the summer the recreation department would pick up the youth at the Mt. Hope Niighborhood Center on Camp Street, bring them to the Fox Point Club, 90 Ives Street and 50 Asians picked up at Asa Messer School and taken to Olneyville Boys & Girls Club. Then later in the afternoon return to their centers, thus allowing them a full day of programming with a professional staff.

The City of Providence Recreation Department "Summer Lunch Program" provided a total of over 50 breakfast and 250 lunches every day to the youth attending the program.

Each Wednesday throughout the summer between 50 and 60 youth were taken on a field trip to salt water beaches, recreation parks, fresh water lakes, etc. If not for this joint "Pilot Project" some of these youth would never have seen some of these places. These thoughts were related to us by the people who we had the privilege of serving through the project.

The department also provided equipment such as books, games, balls, etc. and also staff to help suppliment the needs of the programs that were jointly planned by these organizations that took part in the project and the recreation department.

The final event of 1989 "Pilot Project" was the "Indoor Picnic". From the remarks of the youth who were able to attend it was a grand event enjoyed by all and also a great way to end the '89 summer season for the project, with thoughts of the up coming '90 season.

FITNESS PROGRAM

The Providence Recreation Department was one of ten recreation departments in the country to be chosen to serve as a pilot for the National Fun & Fitness Program during the summer of 1989. The program was presented in cooperation with the Presidents Council of Physical Fitness and Sports, the National Recreation and Parks Association, L.A. Gear and Gametime Inc., in response to the growing sources among education and recreation leaders that youth lack opportunities to develop sound lifetime physical fitness habits.

This summer program was designed to encourage and motivate youth to start participating in lifetime fitness activities at an early age. With this goal in mind the recreation department implemented a city wide fitness program for boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 14. Along with their usual recreational activities such as baseball and volleyball children practiced the three basic elements of our effective workout. Three times a week for six weeks the children were given a proper warmup, aerobic and endurance activities, and a cooldown. Children charted their progress on 9 personal fitness guide and grow board. On completion of the program participants received t-shirts and certificates of accomplishments from the sponsors.

It is the Providence Recreation Department's belief that fitness and recreation are inseparable. America's adults have become more health conscious within the last decade. We as recreation leaders can encourage and motivate our youth to take that first step to becoming healthy fit individuals.

The Providence Recreation Department is proud to be a part of this worthwhile program and is already planning a fun and fitness program for the summer of 1990.

NEIGHBORHOOD SOCCER LEAGUE

The Providence Recreation Department administered an indoor soccer program comprising seven teams representing various youth agencies located throughout the City of Providence. Each team played a 14 game schedule and all were involved in a league playoff. Games were played twice weekly starting on February 6th and continuing to March 30, 1990. Approximately 160 players and 125 spectators were involved with the league on game days.

The Recreation Department, in addition to drawing up the league schedule, assisted in providing transportation and paying for all league officials. We would like to acknowledge the fine cooperation we received from the Rhode Island Soccer Officials Association.

Appropriate team and individual awards were provided to all teams at the conclusion of the season by this department.

ADULT FLAG FOOTBALL

The Providence Recreation Department co-sponsors the R.I. Flag Football League for young adults. The league consist of six teams and plays on Sunday mornings at Conley Stadium, (Mt. Pleasant) from September to November.

The top three teams from the playoffs go to the National Flag Football in New Jersey. Hats off to Commissioner Joseph DeLuca and all the league players and officials for their fourth fine season.

ADULT BASKETBALL

The Providence Recreation Department has operated an 18 and over basketball league for the past five years at the Joslin Recreation Center, 17 Hyat Street in Providence on Sunday evenings. The recreation league is based on a good workout, competition and organization. These goals have made the league a success. All Providence residents are welcome to enter a team in this adult program come next fall.

ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

The Providence Recreation Department Adult Co-Ed Volleyball League is now in its second successful season. The league consist of several teams representing agencies throughout the city.

Each team played a 14 game schedule and were involved in a league playoff. Games were played once a week at Bridgham Middle School. Approximately 120 players participated in this fine league.

The recreation department provides the gymnasium, draws up schedules, keeps standings and provides awards at the conclusion of the season.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Various special events were held throughout the year for our city residents. These were usually a "one time only" event and were city wide in scope. This years Easter event was held at our 4 full time centers; on March 25, 1989 Mr. & Mrs. Bunny Rabbit visited the centers with radio personality Mike Sands of WSNE 93.3. The transportation was provided by the WSNE van, candy and assorted goodies were given out. Many parents brought their children directly to the center and enjoyed the event with their offspring.

Other events were planned and conducted throughout the year. As an example of an ongoing event, each neighborhood center was transported at least once during the season to conduct a roller skating or bowling party exclusively for their center. The total participation for both trips exceeded 1,055 for the '89-'90 season.

Additional events conducted by the Recreation Department included the Hershey Track and Field meet, Special Olympics Track meet, NBA Hot Shot contest, Halloween, Christmas and Valentine Day parties. Also, transportation and admission was arranged for city youngsters to attend the circus, Ice Capades, R.I. Hospital Kid's Health Fair, Rocky Point Amusement Park, college and local high school basketball games to list just a few.

In addition to these events the department had it's second annual kickoff for our own inter-departmental ongoing substance abuse "Be A Winner/Play It Straight" prevention program along with the introduction of the National Youth and Fitness Pilot program, co-sponsored by the President's Council on Physical Fitness, L.A. Gear and Gametime. The festivities included music by New World Generation, performances by the Puppet Workshop and a visit from the California Raisins, and aerobic instructions were given by a certified instructor,

and introduction to various substance abuse counselors that have in the past and present contributed their time to the Providence Recreation Department. The purpose was to inform our youth that there are other alternatives and assistance available to them.

A presentation that included monies from Rhode Island Hospital Trust for the continued performances of the Puppet Workshop during the summer at our city swimming pools. A presentation of a check to the amount of fifteen hundred dollars was awarded by representatives of L.A. Gear and Gametime for the establishment of the President's Council on Physical Fitness Pilot Program.

ARTS & CRAFTS

During the summer months arts & crafts classes were conducted at various playgrounds throughout the city. This winter a more extensive class is being offered at our full time centers.

Children are working on long term projects that encourage problem solving, imagination and self-esteem.

Classes are offered once a week from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM at each center. Instructor and all materials are supplied by the Recreation Department.

JAZZERCISE

Jazzercise dance classes are held every Saturday morning at the Zuccolo Recreation Center for girls between the ages of 7 and 14.

Jazzercise combines dance and exercise. Lessons consist of choreographed dance movements set to modern music.

All classes are taught by a qualified dance instructor.

COLUMBUS DAY CROSS COUNTRY RACE

The event is an official part of the City of Providence Columbus Day celebration. From 1944 to the early 70's the race was a major attraction for the state's schoolboy cross country runners but the introduction of several other regional races began eroding the popularity of the Providence event and the death of long time Director, John O'Shea in 1981 almost meant the end of the competition. The race was salvaged because of the efforts of the Providence Recreation's Director, Raymond Brown who then was Athletic Director at Our Lady of Providence and Councilwoman Carolyn Brassil who interceded and kept it alive.

Originally started as a public road race in 1944, the invitational changed its image to a cross country gallop in the mid 1960's. At one time the runners would gather at the Columbus Square and run down Elmwood Avenue and through Roger Williams Park. The race would conclude in the square, where the awards ceremony followed.

The race organizers took the race event off the streets and moved it to the grassy trails of Roger Williams Park where the race is currently held. The park provides an excellent view for spectators along its 3.1 miles course. The runners do not go into the woods and disappear for 3 miles, there are plenty of spots along the course to see the runners.

Because of the efforts over the last several years of the city's special committee for Columbus Day activities and City Councilwoman Josephine DiRuzzo, who chairs the committee and the support shown by the Mayor, Joseph R. Paolino, Jr. and various city departments, the race currently is now one of the most successful in the state with approximately fifteen high schools competing from a list of some thirty-five high schools that have runners competing on Columbus Day.

The Timer's Guild who lays out the course and conducts the race has contributed greatly to the success. The state high school teams compete in four categories, Boy's Freshman Novice Race, Boy's Junior Varsity, Girl's Varsity and Boy's Varsity Race.

SPECIAL EVENT 1989
PERISHABLE THEATRE

This year the Providence Recreation Department presented 6 performances by the Perishable Theatre at our six city pools. This theatre group is dedicated to bringing theatre to audiences of all ages; especially those people who because of their economic situation would otherwise not be able to enjoy the magic of live theatre. Several hundred youth seen these performances during the summer of '89.

SPECIAL EVENT 1989
NORTH POLE CALLING

This year for the second time we sponsored North Pole Calling. This is a one day event to have children receive a call from Santa's home, the North Pole. This year we conducted it on December 21, 1989.

Each child reached had a chance to have 3 to 4 minutes to talk. It's an event we certainly will be keeping in our winter activities.

R.I. URBAN LEAGUE ROAD RACE

On May 20, 1989 the Providence Recreation Department helped to co-sponsor the "One Church, One Child R.I. Urban League Road Race". The race included over a hundred runners, made up of both children and adults in their own prospective race categories. The race is held to encourage donations to the Minority Recruitment Adoption/One Church, One Child program.

The Recreation Department sponsored the cost of the trophies that were presented to the winners of the race. The department provided staff that were involved with the planning committee, in addition to taking part in the organizing of the race, on the day of the event.

The race for 1989 marked it's fifth year for the successful race that continues to grow with the number of runners competeing. The adult race was a 5 mile road race. The children's race was a 1 mile fun run, which for the first time dedicated as the Tarzan Brown 1 mile Children's Fun Run. A plaque was presented to Mrs. Brown in honor of the dedication that her husband showed while competing in running events in the past.

YOUTH TRANSPORTATION

The City of Providence Recreation Department provides transportation for agencies that serve young people. This cooperative effort enables young people to enjoy programs at sites other than their own. These sites included, Boy's Clubs, Community College of Rhode Island, Lincoln Woods, McCoy Stadium, Spring Lake, Rocky Point, Scarborough Beach, Sand Hill Cove, Neutaconkanut Park, Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball, Softball and Baseball Clinics.

Other transportation services were provided during the school year. Halloween parties in October and vacation shows at the Roger Williams Park Museum were provided for a total of 1,350 children. After school programs included skating at United Skates of America in East Providence, and bowling at Legion Bowl in Cranston in which 1,055 youngsters participated.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>No. of Trips</u>	<u>No. of Participants</u>
Cambodians to Olneyville	20	850
Cambodians	6	340
Carter Day Care	26	697
CCRI Program (2 Buses)	29	4324
Central High School	72	2482
Chad-Ad Child, Educ. & Sun	8	292
Jewish Comm. Ctr.	5	201
Project Outreach	4	79
Mt. Hope Neigh. Day Care	5	235
Mt. Hope Neigh. (Camp St.)	3	197
Hope Neigh. (Silver Lake)	5	132
West End Intruders	14	1337
West End Comm. Ctr.	1	193
Hartford Park Comm. Ctr.	7	202
John Fogarty Ctr. (Handicap)	1	44
Blessed Sacrament School	3	121
Blessed Sacrament Seniors	1	31
Early Learning Ctr.	2	58
Flynn Elementary School	1	37
Nickerson House	5	201

<u>Organization</u>	<u>No. of Trips</u>	<u>No. of Participants</u>
O.I.C.	2	19
Providence Housing	1	27
St. Theresa's Seniors	1	28
Federal Hill Day Care	4	181
So. Elmwood Little League	1	59
CCJ Groups - Seniors	2	43
Pawtucket Red Sox	1	69
Windmill Street School	4	73
Isolomics	3	129
Olneyville Boys & Girls Club	3	106
Fox Point Boys & Girls Club	9	278
Wanskuck Boys & Girls Club	5	420
So. Side Boys & Girls Club	7	337
Washington Park Comm. Ctr.	7	329
Roger Williams Day Care	11	508
Camp Meehan	2	74
Smith Hill Comm. Ctr.	4	104
Joslin Day Care (Amherst St.)	4	191
Joslin Day Care (Salmon St.)	3	152
Girl Scouts	3	118
4-H Club	3	127
So. Providence Ministry	3	90
Elmwood Comm. Ctr.	3	102
DaVinci Comm. Ctr.	3	44
L.A. Gear	6	162
Providence Sports Clinic	9	84
War Vets. Seniors	1	42
Park West Seniors	3	78
Dexter Manor Seniors	1	23
R.I. Educ. Enrichment Program	2	92
Federal Hill Tutorial	3	114
Keep Providence Beautiful (kids)	1	59
Urban League	1	33
Alternate Learning Program	1	24
Mt. Hope to Fox Point	40	460
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PROVIDENCE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

SWIMMING POOL SCHEDULE 1989

The six (6) swimming pools operate during the summer beginning on July 1 through August 31, 1989. They are open to all residents of the City of Providence at no charge. Because of abnormal high temperatures the pool hours were extended beyond the normal hours listed below on several days throughout the summer.

<u>Pool Hours:</u>	Monday through Friday	12:00 Noon - 5:00 PM
	Saturday & Sunday	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

(The Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel or alter the program subject to inclement weather).

<u>Pools</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. Almagno Pool	675 Plainfield Street
2. Madeline Rogers-Selim Center	1 Danforth Street
3. Joslin Pool/Recreation Center	17 Hyat Street
4. McGrane Pool	1 Dexter Street
5. Davey Lopes Recreational Complex	227 Dudley Street
6. Zuccolo Recreation/Pool Center	11 Gesler Street

OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOLS

The Recreation Department operated six neighborhood swimming pools during this past summer season. They were programmed for a nine week period operating from July 1 to September 2, 1989 for city residents of all ages. Open every day for five uninterrupted hours of fun, these pools accommodated between 275 and 400 people at one time during the peak afternoon hours. It was estimated that from 660 to 880 different people used the pools daily in each neighborhood.

Swimming lessons were offered in the mornings at several locations for anyone desiring to take advantage of this opportunity at no charge. While popular in some areas, we continue to attempt to induce more non swimmers to attend these classes each summer. Hopefully, the summer lessons will prove to be as effective in the future, as our very successful winter indoor Learn to Swim Program which we operate with the Providence School Physical Education Department.

THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

FOR CHILDREN - 1989

The Summer Food Service Program for Children is an extension of the School Lunch Program. It is sponsored by the Providence Recreation Department, funded by the Federal Government through the Department of Agriculture and monitored by the Rhode Island Department of Education, Food Services Division. Each resident of the City of Providence, up to and including the age of eighteen is eligible to receive, at no cost, a breakfast and lunch during the summer months. Starting on June 26, 1989 and running through September 1, 1989, meals were served at over one hundred locations in all neighborhoods in the Providence area. City youngsters taking day trips which took them outside the city to visit various camp sites, points of interest, lakes and beaches located in Rhode Island, and adjacent states were allowed to take meals with them as part of this program. These meal sites were monitored by both state and local monitors.

Over 600,000 well-balanced, highly nutritional meals were served to city youngsters this past summer. More than half the city residents eligible participated in the program. This was achieved through an extensive outreach effort conducted earlier in the year prior to the start of the program.

Operating with a budget in excess of five hundred thousand dollars, summer employment was provided to over one hundred and thirty city residents. The work force was comprised of senior citizens, young adults, and teenagers with females and minorities well represented.

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN-MEAL SITES

Almagno Athletic Complex	Plainfield Street
Althea Street Schoolyard	245 Althea Street
Ardoenne Playground	Narragansett Avenue
Birch Vocational School	434 Mt. Pleasant Avenue
Birch Vocational School Workshop I & II	434 Mt. Pleasant Avenue
Bishop McVinney School	155 Harrison Street
Bridgham Kitchen	1655 Westminster Street
Bridgham Playground	1655 Westminster Street
Broad Street Schoolyard	1450 Broad Street
Brown Fox Point	150 Hope Street
Calvery Baptist Church	747 Broad Street
Candace Street Playground	Candace & Orms Street
Carl G. Lauro School Cafeteria	97 Kenyon Street
Carter Day Nursery	239 Public Street
Central Vocational Print Shop	91 Fricker Street
Chad-Ad-Sun Camp Horizon	256 Chad Brown Street
Chad-Ad-Sun Community Center	263 Chad Brown Street
Chad-Ad-Sun Home Start	285 Chad Brown Street
Clarence Street Playground	Clarence Street
Congdon Street Baptist Church	17 Congdon Street
Rogers-Selim Recreational Athletic Complex	1 Danforth Street
Dexter Street Training Grounds	Parade Street
Ebenezer Baptist Church	475 Cranston Street
Elmwood Community Center	155 Niagara Street
Federal Hill House	9 Carpenter Street
Federal Hill Tutorial	254 Atwells Avenue
Fox Point Club	90 Ives Street
Hartford Park Community Center	20 Syracuse Street
Hmong-Lao Association	620 Potters Avenue
Hope Neighborhood Association Summer School I	529 Plainfield Street
Hope Neighborhood Association Summer School II	529 Plainfield Street
Hope Neighborhood Association Summer School III	529 Plainfield Street

Hope Neighborhood Assoc. Day Care	529 Plainfield Street
John Hope Day Camp	7 Burgess Street
John Hope Day Care	7 Burgess Street
John Hope Playground	Elmwood Avenue
Joslin Athletic Complex	17 Hyat Street
Langston-Huges Center for the Arts	1 Hilton Street
Lippitt Tot Park	Hope St. & Blackstone Boulevard
Manton Tot Park	31 Salmon Street
McGrane Athletic Complex	Dexter Street
Mt. Hope Day Care	35 Camp Street
Mt. Hope Comm. Assoc. William Taylor Playground	Camp & Cypress Streets
Niagara Street Playground	Niagara & Potters Avenue
Nickerson House Community Center	123 Delaine Street
Camp Hamilton-Nickerson Comm. Center	123 Delaine Street
Oliver Hazard Perry Schoolyard	370 Hartford Avenue
O'Brien Park	Regent & River Avenue
Pond Street Baptist Church	75 Chester Avenue
Providence Recreation Department (Special Events)	1 Reservoir Avenue
Hershey Track & Field, Conley Stadium	Rialto Street
Providence Recreation Hot Shot So. Prov. Athletic Complex	277 Dudley Street
Providence Summer School	70 Fricker Street
Project Focus Family Outreach Center	11 Hawthorne Street
Project Outreach, Washington Park Meth. Church	1520 Broad Street
Pleasant View School	Obediah Brown Road
So. Providence Neighborhood Ministries	747 Broad Street
Summer Literacy Program, Carl G. Lauro School	97 Kenyon Street
Providence YMCA, Camp Shepard	Camp Shepard
Reservoir Avenue School	156 Reservoir Avenue
R.I. Indian Council	444 Friendship Street
Roger Williams Middle School Cafeteria	278 Thurbers Avenue
Roger Williams Middle Schoolyard	278 Thurbers Avenue
Sports Clinic, Track	Conley Stadium - Mt. Pleasant
Sports Clinic, Basketball, Fagnoli Park	Smith & Nelson Sts.
Sports Clinic, Soccer, Joslin Athletic Cmpx.	Joslin Street
Sports Clinic, Volleyball, Joslin Athletic Cmpx.	Joslin Street

Sports Clinic, Baseball, Mt. Pleasant Field	430 Mt. Pleasant Avenue
Sports Clinic, Baseball, Neutaconkanut Field	Plainfield Street
Sports Clinic, Tennis, Nathan Bishop School	Sessions Street
Sports Clinic, Volleyball, Zuccolo Ath. Cmpx.	9 Gesler Street
Sports Clinic, Golf, Triggs Memorial Golf Course	Chalkstone Avenue
Sackett Street Schoolyard	159 Sackett Street
Salvation Army	386 Broad Street
Silver Lake Day Care Annex	529 Plainfield Street
Smith Hill Center, Camp Meehan	Angell Rd., Lincoln, RI
So. Providence Athletic Complex	227 Dudley Street
South Side Boy's & Girl's Club	1 Louisa Street
South Providence Neighborhood Ministries	747 Broad Street
South Providence Tutorial Center	1 Louisa Street
St. Edwards Day Care	1001 Branch Avenue
Temple Head Start, So. Providence Neighborhood Center	214 Prairie Avenue
Tot Park	Glenham & Taylor Sts.
Trinity Church	375 Broad Street
University I GAP	70 Fricker Street
University I School Partnership Program	22 Hayes Street
Urban League of Rhode Island	246 Prairie Avenue
Veazie Street Playground	Veazie Street
Warren-Fuller Playground	Warren & Fuller Streets
Washington Park community Center	47 Jillson Street
West End Community Center	107 Bucklin Street
Wanskuck Boy's & Girl's Club	550 Branch Avenue
Joseph Williams Playground	Elmwood Avenue
Valley Street Playground	Valley Street
Zuccolo Athletic Complex	11 Gesler Street

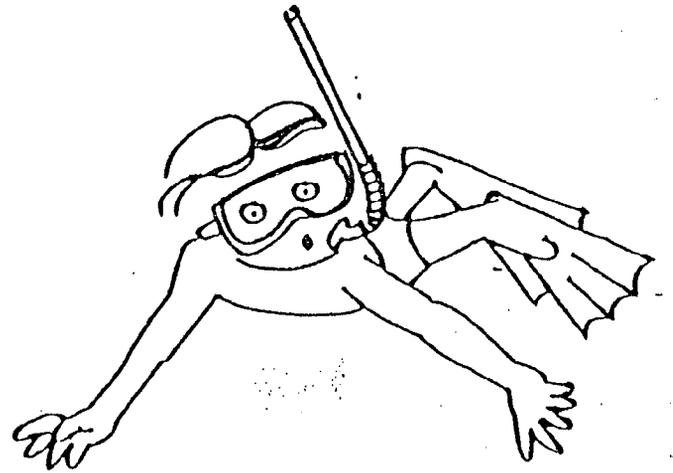
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PUPPETS BY THE POOL



This year the Puppet Workshop performed at all six of our city pools, and also at the Fox Point Boys & Girls Club. The Puppet Workshop is dedicated to bringing their wonderful performances to youth of all ages, especially the youngsters who because of economic reasons would probably never be able to enjoy their brand of entertainment. Over twelve hundred children seen these performances. The Puppet Workshop has been a stable part of our summer activities for years now, and we look forward to working with them in the upcoming years.