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Ladies and Gentlemen:

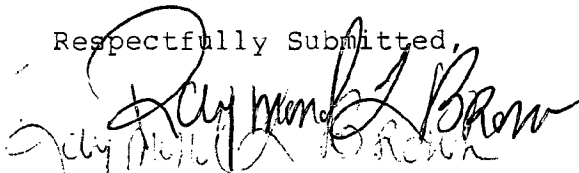
It is again both a privilege and a pleasure to present our annual report on the status of the City of Providence Recreation Department. 1990 was a banner year of growth in all department areas.

We have continued to make alternative funding services a reality in recreational programming. By this, many valuable programs will continue during the winter of 1991.

We believe that an existing network has been established in leisure services and by being the conduit and principle vein in that system, more programming goals will be attained.

Again, without your support, none of this would become a reality nor have growth potential. We look for your continued guidance and input to accomplish our goals.

Respectfully Submitted,

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RECREATION FACILITIES

Basketball Courts:

1. Patterson St.
2. Gano St.
3. Elmgrove Ave. - 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 Aves.
18. Sackett St.
19. Dudley St.
20. Harriet and 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 and 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.

Playgrounds:

1. Arnold St. - Arnold and Brook Sts.
2. Patterson St.
3. Fox Point - (beside Fox Point Elementary School)
4. Ives and Preston Sts.
5. Gladys Potter - Humboldt and Cole Ave.
6. Morris Ave.
7. Lippit - Hope St. and Blackstone Blvd.
8. Collyer St.
9. Camp and Cypress Sts. - William Taylor Memorial
10. Ascham - Ascham and Hawkins Sts.
11. Hopkins - Admiral and 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 and Washington Aves.
27. Sackett Street - Sackett and Niagara Sts.
28. Joseph Williams
29. Ardoene Park - Narragansett and Roger Williams Aves.
30. Dudley St.
31. Richardson Park - Richardson St.
32. Harriet and Sayles St.
33. Candace - Candace and Orms St.
34. O'Brien Park - Regent Ave.
35. Danforth St.
36. Ridge St.
37. Pastore Park - Knight and 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 and Terrace Ave.
44. Wallace St. - Wallace and Cumberford Sts.
45. Cranston St.

Football Fields:

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

Soccer Fields:

1. Engineers Field - Gano St., Lighted
2. India Point Park
3. Hope High School - (soccer & football)
4. Metcalf - Hawkins St.
5. Obediah Brown (Triggs) - Chalkstone Ave.
6. Neutaconkanut Park - John McDonald Field
7. Bucklin Park - (soccer & football)
8. Drummond Field - (soccer & football)

Swimming Pools:

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

Tennis Courts:

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:

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

Softball Fields:

1. Engineers Fields - Gano St.
(lighted)
2. Session St.
3. Hope High School - 324 Hope St.
4. Hopkins Park - Admiral and Chad Brown Sts.
(2 fields)
5. Ascham Field - Ascham St.
6. Obediah Brown (Triggs) - Chalkstone Ave.
7. LaFazia Field - Neutaconkanut Park
8. Classical High School - Broad St.
9. Bucklin Park - Bucklin and Daboll Sts.
(girl's field)
10. Sackett St.
(girl's field)
11. Drummond Field - California Ave.
12. Harriet and Sayles Sts.
(girl's field)
13. Richardson Park - Richardson St.
14. Dexter St.
15. Corliss Park - Corliss St.
(lighted)
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 and Cemetery St.
3. Metcalf Field - Hawkins St.
4. Davis Park - Chalkstone Ave.
(lighted)
5. Mt Pleasant High School - Mt Pleasant Ave.
6. George J. West Middle School - Mt Pleasant Ave.
7. John McDonald - Neutaconkanut Park
8. Bucklin Park - Bucklin and Daboll Sts.
9. Joseph Williams Fields - Elmwood Ave.
10. Ardoene - Narragansett and Roger Williams Ave.

Handball Court:

1. Corliss Park - Corliss St.

Street Hockey Court:

1. Pastore Park - Knight and Tell Sts.

Vita Course / Walking Course:

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

Volleyball Court:

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

Bocce Court:

1. Dexter St.

FULL TIME RECREATION CENTERS

Centers	Neighborhood
1. 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

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

SPORTS 1990

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

The Providence Recreation Department's Boy's High School Basketball League for 1990 played a fourteen game schedule plus playoffs and a championship. The games were held at the Rhode Island School for the Deaf on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

The league was made up with teams from Bishop Hendricken, Central, Classical, Cranston West, Mount Pleasant, St. Dunstan, Wheeler, and new comer North Providence. The regular season champion and playoff champion was Bishop Hendricken. The teams were coached by high school coaches, and the games were officiated by interscholastic referees.

1990 High School Summer Basketball League Final Standings

Bishop Hendricken	14- 0
Central	9- 5
Mount Pleasant	9- 5
Classical	8- 6
Cranston West	6- 8
North Providence	5- 9
St. Dunstan	4-10
Wheeler	1-13

League Champion	BISHOP HENDRICKEN
Runner Up	CENTRAL
Playoff Champion	BISHOP HENDRICKEN
Runner Up	MOUNT PLEASANT

These teams will receive their awards at the Department of Recreation's Annual Awards Dinner to be held in May, 1991.

Recreation league seasons are reaching playoff climaxes

By KEVIN McNAMARA
Journal-Bulletin Sports Writer

School may be back in session next week, but many Providence high school students still have their minds set on the summer. Summer sports leagues, that is.

Many summer recreation leagues still have their playoffs to conclude in the next week, making the last weeks of the summer the most important.

Two of the three leagues sponsored by the Providence Recreation Department have concluded. In girls' volleyball, Classical battled strong teams from Ponaganset, Cumberland and North Smithfield evenly all year long. The Purple finished second in the regular season behind Cumberland, a perennial state playoff team in Class A.

In the playoffs, Classical upset Cumberland, advancing to a match against Ponaganset. Their luck ran out in the finals, however, as the Chieftains, behind the leadership of Lena Duva and Jean Abbamamoto, defeated the Purple in three games.

In girls' basketball, defending state Class A champion Central continued its luck by capturing the league title over four other teams. Joining the Knights in the loop were La Salle, Hope, Classical and Fatima.

Junior center Yvonne Martin, a valuable forward for coach Jim Robinson during last winter's playoff upset over Cranston East, was the Knights' strongest player in the summer league. She dominated Hope in the finals, scoring 27 of her team's points in a title-clinching 37-33 victory. The Knights

also captured the regular season championship.

The volleyball and basketball contests were held at Providence College's Alumni Hall, helping boost interest and support.

"Other places have had leagues going for years that we just couldn't keep up with," Providence Rec official Chris Donilon said. "We had only three teams in girls' basketball last year, but everything went real well this year. The fact that we play at PC helps so much in bringing teams from outside the city into our leagues. Little by little everything is getting better and better. We'd like to become the host of the best summer leagues in the state."

The recreation department also sponsors a boys' basketball league which plays its games at the Rhode Island School for the Deaf. The regular season of that league ended last week and a champion will be crowned tomorrow night at 7 p.m.

The regular season ended with Wes' Rib House, a team comprised of players mainly from St. Dunstan's Prep, posting a 14-2 record, good for the title. Wes' is led by guard Anthony Wright and a player from prep league rival St. Andrew's, forward Ron Williams. Williams has averaged close to 20 points a game.

Entering the last two weeks of the season, Wes' was locked in a virtual tie for first place with Courts Sports (Central High). Those two teams squared off for the top spot with Wes' winning, 49-46. Williams sank crucial free throws down the stretch to secure the victory.

Every other Providence high school has

a team entered in the league and some players have blossomed this summer. The league's director, Larry Pallister, insists that the best player in the league has been Oziel Perkins, a slender forward from Mt. Pleasant.

"I understand he didn't play all that well at the Ocean State Games but he does it all here," Pallister said. "He does everything for his team (Rep. Kennedy). Runs well, shoots three-pointers and flies to the hoop on the break. If he was on my team he'd play 39½ minutes in a 40-minute game."

Defending state champ Bishop Hendricken also should be a factor in the playoffs this week, led by point guard John Creedon. Central, behind center Mo Caldwell and Ralph Taylor, also has a shot at the playoff championship.

Hendricken captures summer hoop title

While most athletes in Warwick concentrated on playing baseball over this summer, a group of Bishop Hendricken athletes hit the basketball courts - and hit them hard. In all, 45 Hawk hoopsters were involved in various basketball leagues across the state, and the Hawks, who won the state division last year and reached the finals of the state high school playoffs before losing to Rogers, made it to the finals in four of the five leagues they participated in.

"The kids just really wanted to play this summer," said Hendricken coach Salvo Ceseretti. "And playing in all the leagues gave every kid a

good opportunity to play." On Tuesday night, the Hawks captured the Providence recreation high school basketball championship. The Hawks, who went undefeated through the season and through the playoffs, finishing with a perfect 17-0 record, defeated Mount Pleasant for the title, 101-81.

The Hawks got a boost this summer from Shawn Martin. Martin, a 6-foot-7, 14 year-old from Seekonk, MA, who will enter his freshman year at Hendricken next month, consistently scored in double figures for the Hawks all season.

"He's going to be a great player," noted Ceseretti. "We're very happy with what we saw this summer." In the Providence recreation league, Martin, Jamaal Gomes, Wes

Porter, Mike Brock and Tim Henseler were the Hawks' starting five. Gomes, who will be a senior this year, led the way in the championship game over the Killies, scoring 19 points. Henseler added 19, Martin chipped in 16, Porter added 11.

In addition, Fred Mayhew, Bill Campbell, Jim Sohar, Mike Gormar, Matt Kelly, Mike Kelly, John Casey, Mark Alaire and Anthony Almont all contributed in the various league the Hawks participated in.

Last night Hendricken faced L. Salle in the finals of the high school division of the North Providence Summer League.

Hendricken also participated in the 15 and under league in Cranston as well as North Kingstown high school league.



LIVING HAWK: Hendricken's Tim Henseler drives to the basket for the Hawks' summer league team that captured the Providence Rec title. (Warwick Beacon photo by Stephen Cloutier)

BIG SHOT CONTEST

On August 15, 1990, the Providence Department of Recreation sponsored a Big Shot Contest. Children from throughout Providence participated in a basketball shooting contest held at Fargnoli Park. After two rounds of competition, T-shirts that were donated by Providence College Lady Friar Coach Bob Foley, were given out to the award winners.

Big Shot Results:

1. Boys under 10
 1. Doug Benson 34 pts
2. Boys 10-11
 1. Jolon O'Conner 65 pts
 2. Jaymie Robinson 63 pts
 3. George Marcellus 60 pts
 4. Chandler Taylor 46 pts
3. Boys 12-13
 1. Bryan Cook 75 pts
4. Boys 14-15
 1. Curtis McCiats 94 pts
 2. Warren Hackney 67 pts
5. Boys 16-17
 1. Jamal Gomes 85 pts
 2. Meriuk Cook 73 pts
6. Girls 12-13
 1. Christina Batistini 70 pts

ADULT BASKETBALL

The Department of Recreation sponsored an Adult Basketball League during the winter. The league was made up of six teams from local businesses and organizations. The teams played a twelve game schedule, plus playoffs and a championship. The games were played on Sunday evenings at the Joslin Recreation Center.

1990 Adult Basketball League Final Standings

Blondies	11- 1
Club Eagle	9- 3
Providence Junction	8- 4
Design A Window	7- 5
F. & H	4- 8
CNC International	2-10
Homenetmen	1-11

League Champion
Runner Up
Playoff Champion
Runner Up

BLONDIES
CLUB EAGLE
DESIGN A WINDOW
CLUB EAGLE

YOUTH BASKETBALL

During the winter season, the Department of Recreation sponsored several city wide leagues. The leagues were divided into two divisions, the Midget Division, for boys ages 9 to 13, and the Hassett Division, for boys ages 13 to 15. The Leagues were made up of teams from community and recreation centers. The Midget Division had ten teams, played an eighteen game schedule, plus playoffs, and a championship. The Hassett Division had eight teams, played a fourteen game schedule, plus playoffs and a championship. The games were played as a doubleheader on Saturday mornings at Providence College, Joslin Recreation Center, Danforth Recreation Center, and South Providence Recreation Center.

1989-1990 Midget Division Final Standings

Midget A:		Midget B:	
S Providence Rec	8-1	Fox Point	8-1
Hartford	6-3	Joslin Rec	7-2
Zuccolo Rec	6-3	Rogers Rec	5-4
Silver Lake	5-4	John Hope	4-5
Silver Lake Ctr	2-7	Olneyville	2-7
Elmwood CC	0-9	West End	2-7

1989-1990 Midget Division A

League Champion	S PROVIDENCE RECREATION
Runner Up	HARTFORD PARK COMMUNITY
Playoff Champion	S PROVIDENCE RECREATION
Runner Up	SILVER LAKE

1989-1990 Midget Division B

League Champion	FOX PT BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
Runner Up	JOSLIN RECREATION CENTER
Playoff Champion	FOX PT BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
Runner Up	JOSLIN RECREATION CENTER

1989-1990 Hassett Division Final Standings

Hartford	8-0	Joslin Rec	2-6
West End	7-1	Fox Point	2-6
S Providence Rec	6-2	Chad Brown	2-7
S Side Boys Club	4-3	Elmwood C C	1-6
John Hope	3-4		

1989-1990 Hassett Division

League Champion	HARTFORD PARK COMM CTR
Runner Up	WEST END COMMUNITY CENTER
Playoff Champion	HARTFORD PARK COMM CTR
Runner Up	S PROVIDENCE RECREATION

The Providence Department of Recreation, held a Jamboree to kick off the 1990-1991 season. The jamboree was attended by the 12 teams from the Community Division, and 8 teams from the Midget Division. The Community Division Jamboree was held at the Rogers Recreation Center, the Midget Division Jamboree was held at the Olneyville Boys and Girls Club. The teams played a round-robin tournament beginning at 9:30 am.

INDOOR SOCCER

The Department of Recreation sponsored an Indoor Soccer League. The league was made up with teams from the South Side Boys and Girls Club, Hartford Park, Joslin Recreation Center, and Fox Point Boys and Girls Club. The games were played on Tuesday during January. Each team had two home games and two away games.

1990 Indoor Soccer League

South Side Boys and Girls Club	4-0
Hartford Park	2-2
Joslin Recreation Center	1-3
Fox Point Boys and Girls Club	1-3

Providence Rec League provides kids with an opportunity to learn the game

By DESIREE LESIEUR
Special to the Journal-Bulletin

As the players in the Midget Friars division dribbled down the court, Ray Brown, director of the Providence Recreation Department, remembered back to 1984, when people like Mark Anderson and Bob Jrbani made this Saturday morning league possible.

Brown recalled that the league was born from a discussion involving a group of basketball buffs, and since that talk it has rapidly developed into a successful program with

more than 200 players from all sections of the city.

Competition, which is held at Providence College, is free. Even bus transportation is provided. Neighborhood businesses donate money for uniforms so that the kids can play in appropriate attire.

Mark Anderson, assistant coach of Providence College's basketball team, donates a lot of his time to the various leagues. He visits the gym to teach the kids the fundamentals.

"Together Anderson and (PC coach) Rick Barnes have made ev-

everything possible. Without their support, this league wouldn't have happened," said Brown.

The objective of the league and all the programs is "to keep the kids busy, in a safe environment," says Brown.

The referees are members of the Rhode Island Officials Association.

Rollins Carron, a referee, also teaches in the Coventry elementary schools.

"These teams are very well organized," said Carron. "The kids are very enthusiastic. Opportunities that aren't available through the Providence school systems are available through the city."

"Either way, the kids don't miss out. They have a good stepping stone by playing sports. The coaches teach kids how to dribble, and the ways of playing basketball."

Kenneth Coakley, a coach for the South Providence Recreation team, has a daughter in the league. In fact, Kea Coakley is the only girl involved in the league. She serves as a role model for other young girls to join.

"I don't like playing against the boys because they never pass the ball to me," says 11-year-old Kea.

"She's been on the team for three years," said Kenneth Coakley. "This year she has improved because she is just learning to want the ball. I tell the entire team that you can't want the ball until you get it."

"The boys, for some macho reason, don't pass her the ball as much as they should, so she has been going after it. She has come a long way, and now has caught on to the idea of the sport."

Kerrin Coakley wants the team to consist of her family members. She intends to join the league next sea-

son just like her older sister.

"My 5-year-old brother is going to play next year, and so am I, but I am going to be better than Kea," said 9-year-old Kerrin.

The teams are broken up into two divisions. The Midget Friars got their name from their idols, the PC Friars.

The other division is the Hassetts, named after the late Joe Hassett, who died last year of lung cancer. Hassett was the former basketball coach at Our Lady of Providence High School and a former Providence recreation director.

The league has its loyal spectators.

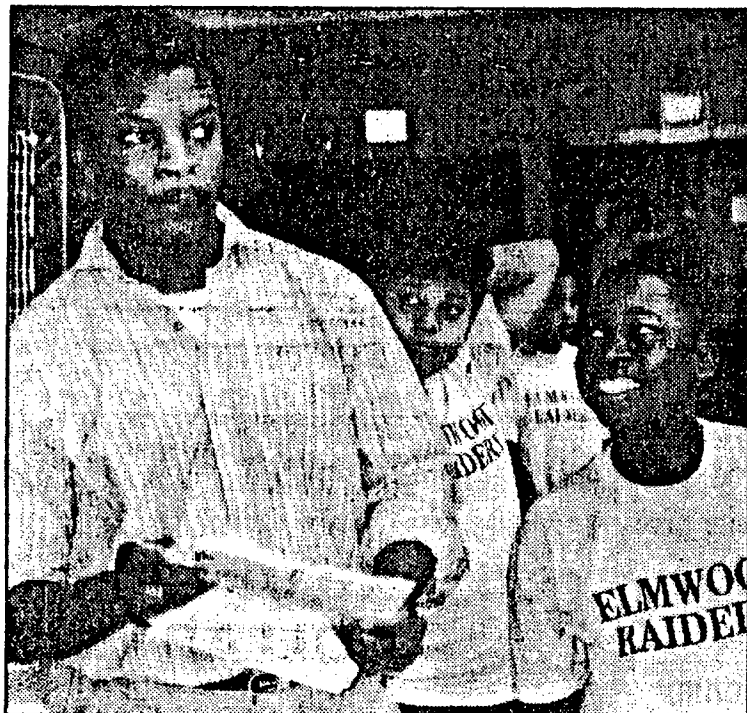
Elizabeth Smith is the proud grandmother of Joshua Smith, of the Elmwood Raiders. As she roots for the talented 11-year-old, he smiles up at her.

"This is my first season as a basketball player, but definitely not my last," says Joshua.

Elmwood coach Dan Rivers, a graduate of both Roxbury Latin High School in Massachusetts and Dartmouth College, got involved with the league when his employer, Fleet National Bank, required all new loan department trainees to do a community project.

"When I heard of the opportunity, I knew it was for me because, as a previous basketball and football player, I've always wanted to be a coach," said Rivers. "Although the project is supposed to last only two months, I suspect that I will continue next season, but this time, not as a requirement, but for pure enjoyment."

At the end of the season an awards banquet will be provided. In May, the third annual dinner will recognize champions.



—Photo by DESIREE M. LESIEUR

COACH Dan Rivers is looked up to by members of his team

Youth league accents enjoyment

By DESIREE LESIEUR
Special to the Journal-Bulletin

The Providence Intramural League, consisting of boys and girls from grades one through six, is the newest kid on the block in Providence's Elmhurst section.

These youngsters can be found practicing and playing basketball games at the Robert F. Kennedy Center in Providence every week. There, two schools have intermingled.

The league, which started play last month, began as a brainstorm among several persons. The goal was to keep kids busy. A basketball league was suggested, and the idea took off.

Soon after the George J. West and the Robert F. Kennedy Schools passed around flyers to students explaining the idea, 87 eager youngsters had signed up.

The league is divided into Division One for grades 1-3, and Division Two for grades 4-6.

The final scores often read 8-2 or 10-4, but that's not the point.



DOORLEY

"The objective is to teach basketball through good sportsmanship," says League President Judy Doorley, who has a son in the program. "We use the program as a model for the children. They all understand that the idea is to mainly have fun."

Ray Brown, director of the Providence Recreation Department, assisted by allowing the teams to use the Kennedy Center gym. Recreation Department officials Bob Urban and Dave Cournoyer also lent a hand in getting the league off the ground.

The league is funded by monies raised through a \$20 fee for each child, a Christmas fundraiser, snack bar profits and proceeds of the Booster Book, which contains ads. The money is used to buy the T-shirts the players wear, equipment, and insurance.

Jen Cronan and Brenda Edwards deal with activities other than the basketball.

Fathers also play a major role in the picture. Many coach the teams every Friday night, when the games are played. Although some aren't experienced, they all learn with the group.

The refs, all volunteers go easy on the whistles so the double dribble evolves into an art form in games between the younger players. No free throws are awarded, a team merely retains possession.

Asked what he likes about the league, Anthony Pacitto Jr. of the 76ers, a first-grader whose father coaches the team, enthusiastically said: "Playing. I like playing."

Does Anthony enjoy dribbling?

"Yes."

Passing?

"Yes."

Shortline?

The parents put as much time in the sport as their children," Doorley. "Joe Gerard, a Spurs player treats every player as if each is his own son or daughter."

Division One uses a youth size basketball, which is easier for the girls to handle and shoot. Division Two, however, uses an official size basketball.

Each child gets to play for at least 15 minutes in every game.

The players enthusiastically support Doorley's idea.

"I enjoy the games a lot. It's a great idea," said Joy Kemble, a fifth-grader. "And, no, I don't mind playing in the same league as boys."

Jen Cronan, a sixth-grade girl, much echoed Joy's evaluation of the league. As to the co-ed league, she said, "It doesn't matter. For girls, it's still fun."

"We are good losers and good winners," said Doorley. "The games teach the children in the right direction, educating them socially."

Post-season awards dinner is held, with awards and pizza. It's clear that in this league there are no losers.



—Journal-Bulletin Photo by DICK LEE

WHAT NEXT? Kristin Gill of the Spurs ponders her next move in the face of defensive pressure from Celtics players.

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Coaches give time to "little Friars"

The Providence College basketball staff, in conjunction with the Providence Recreation Department, has started a basketball league for children ages 10-12. The league is composed of teams from the city of Providence and the town of Johnston.

On Saturday mornings, the coaching staff meets with these young boys and girls at Peterson Recreation Center and works with them on their basketball fundamentals. After the learning sessions, the teams square off and play basketball.

"We are doing this primarily for the kids," said Coach Rick Barnes, "and also to give something back to the community for its support of our program."

Look out for the Little Friars at a future Friars halftime show.

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

The Providence Recreation Department's Girls High School Basketball League for 1990 played a fourteen game schedule plus playoffs and a league championship. The games were held at the Rhode Island School for the Deaf on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

The league was made up with teams from Central, Classical, and Cranston East. These teams were joined by newcomers Bay View, Cranston West, Mount Pleasant, North Kingstown, and Saint Raphael. The regular season champion was Central, and the playoff champion was North Kingstown. The teams were coached by high school coaches, and the games were officiated by interscholastic referees.

1990 High School Summer Basketball League Final Standings

Central	10-2
North Kingstown	10- 2
Saint Raphaels	7- 5
Bay View	7- 5
Classical	6- 6
Cranston West	4- 8
Cranston East	3- 9
Mount Pleasant	1-11
League Co-Champion	CENTRAL
Playoff Champion	NORTH KINGSTOWN
Runner Up	NORTH KINGSTOWN
	CENTRAL

These teams will receive their awards at the Department of Recreation's Annual Awards Dinner to be held in May, 1991.

GIRLS YOUTH BASKETBALL

The Providence Department of Recreation created a new sports league for the 1990 season, Girls Youth Basketball, for girls ages 11 to 15. The league was made up of teams from John Hope Settlement, South Side Boys and Girls Club, Hartford Park, and Fox Point Center. The teams played an eight game schedule, plus playoffs and a league championship. The games were played on Tuesday evenings from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Bridgham Middle School, from January to April.

1990 Girls Youth Basketball League Final Standings

John Hope	6-2
Fox Point	6-2
S Side Boys Club	3-5
Hartford Park	1-7

League Co-Champion

Playoff Champion

Runner Up

JOHN HOPE

FOX POINT BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

FOX POINT BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

JOHN HOPE

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

The High School Summer Volleyball League continued with another successful season. The league consisted of area high school teams from Classical, Cumberland, North Smithfield, and Woonsocket.

The games were played at Classical High School and Providence College on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The teams were coached by high school coaches, and the games were officiated by interscholastic referees.

1990 Girls High School Volleyball Final Standings

Classical	12- 4
Cumberland	12- 4
North Smithfield	6-10
Woonsocket	2-14

League Co-Champions	CLASSICAL
	CUMBERLAND
Playoff Champion	CLASSICAL
Runner Up	CUMBERLAND

These teams will receive their awards at the Department of Recreation's Annual Awards Dinner to be held in May, 1991.

CO-ED BEACH VOLLEYBALL

The summer of 1990 saw the creation of a new league, Co-Ed Beach Volleyball. The league was made up of eight teams from area businesses and organizations. The league played a seven game schedule plus playoffs and a league championship. The games were played on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Davis Park.

1990 Co-Ed Beach Volleyball League Final Standings

RI Refrigeration	16- 2
Providence Center	13- 5
John Hope	11- 7
Roger Williams Hospital	11- 7
Blood Center	6-12
O. I. C.	5-13
Outliers	5-13
Ace Painting	2-16

League Champion	RI REFRIGERATION
Runner Up	PROVIDENCE CENTER
Playoff Champion	JOHN HOPE
Runner Up	RI REFRIGERATION

These teams will receive their awards at the Department of Recreation's Annual Awards Dinner to be held in May, 1991.

New beach volleyball league is thriving on the fringe of downtown Providence

By DESIREE LESIEUR
Special to the Journal-Post

PROVIDENCE — John Hope, 9-8, O.L.C. 11-4.

What do those words and numbers mean?

For one thing, they mean they're playing beach volleyball in the Providence Recreation Department's adult co-ed league at Davis Park. And the numbers are the scores as called out by referee John Anderson during the Wednesday night games.

But it's not simply volleyball but beach volleyball.

On the fringe of downtown Providence!

The Recreation Department has

successfully sponsored a co-ed volleyball league during the winter but until this year had never bothered with a summer league.

"The players in the winter league insisted on a summer league," said Chris Donilon, the department's assistant program director. "so we were happy to go along with them. We're always looking for activities for adults."

To give the program a summer-like touch, the department, under the supervision of director Ray Brown, had sand delivered to the park to be used as a playing surface.

The players took to the spirit of the idea immediately and most of them play in their bare feet, California beach style.

Games begin about 6 p.m.

Co-ed teams representing the John Hope Center (the indoor winter league champion), Occupational Industrialization Center, Roger Williams Hospital and the Providence Center are in the league, which features determined, yet light-hearted competition.

Brown is so impressed by the positive reaction of the players to the league that he foresees an increase in teams in future years. Maybe even more sandy courts around the city.

After completing a regular-season schedule, the league will have playoffs to determine a champion.

ADULT VOLLEYBALL

The Department of Recreation ran an Adult Volleyball League from January to March. The games were played at Bridgeham Middle School on Thursday Evenings from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. The league consisted of teams from John Hope Settlement House, O. I. C., Outliers, and two teams each from Roger Williams Hospital and the Providence Center. The teams played a twelve game schedule plus playoffs and a league championship. Each game consisted of three matches.

1990 Adult Volleyball League Final Standings

John Hope	30- 6
Roger Williams Hospital I	24-12
O. I. C.	21-15
Outliers	18-18
Providence Center I	17-19
Providence Center II	13-23
Roger Williams Hospital II	3-33
League Champion	JOHN HOPE
Runner Up	ROGER WILLIAMS HOSPITAL I
Playoff Champion	JOHN HOPE
Runner Up	ROGER WILLIAMS HOSPITAL I

The Adult Volleyball League began its 1990-1991 season in November, and will go until March 1991. The league is played at Bridgeham Middle School on Thursday evenings. The league is made up with teams from John Hope Settlement House, Outliers, O. I. C., two teams each from Roger Williams Hospital and the Providence Center. The league is joined by newcomer, RI Refrigeration.

John Hope volleyball team wins by sharing the wealth

By CAROLYN THORNTON
Special to the Journal-Bulletin

The team has only been in existence for three years, but most of its players are nearing middle-age. And still they manage to stay on top.

The John Hope Settlement House Co-ed Volleyball team recently won the Providence Recreation Department's Adult Volleyball League title for the second straight year.

Having taken first place in the regular season with a record of 30-6, John Hope received a bye in the first game of the playoffs. John Hope then defeated the third-place Outliers of Brown University before cruising past OIC in the championship, 15-2 and 17-15.

"Tom Whitten is definitely our leader," player/assistant coach Atiba Mbiwan said of John Hope's player/coach. "He's always the first one in the gym to set up the nets. Tom is energetic and the key to our team." Mbiwan also cited

Sheila Levy as one of the team's most consistent players.

The players' occupations range from day care teachers to accountants, to executive directors. Their ages range from the early 30s to the early 60s. Most of John Hope's opponents are in their 30s.

"What is great about our team is that all of the players are very dedicated," said Mbiwan. "We all have families, but we still manage to practice on Mondays and Wednesdays."

The John Hope team had its share of problems normally associated with a co-ed team. There is a rule in co-ed volleyball that if a team takes more than one hit before returning the ball, at least one of those hits must be made by a female player. However, the rule was suspended in the Providence League.

"At first the guys tended to take over," said Mbiwan, "but as the season progressed the players became more conscious of team play. We became much better at setting up shots for one another."

Prior to last year John Hope's team played only scrimmages against other social service agencies, such as the United Way, the Urban League, and OIC.

"Until last year, our team was very recreational," said Mbiwan. "There was no real emphasis on fundamentals. Once we got involved in the Providence League, we started to work on our skills."

Generally, volleyball teams have players who specialize in one particular position, such as setters and spikers. Mbiwan claims that John Hope's team does not operate in such a manner.

"Our players are very generalized players," he said. "Everyone plays every position."

John Hope's team also used the strategy of substituting all six of its players at once, rather than making one substitution at a time. "It has taken some getting used to," said Mbiwan, "but I think it has helped the team to gel."

SPORTS CLINICS

The Providence Recreation Department offered sports clinics in Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Volleyball and Track. The clinics ran five days a week, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, in a six week program. The clinics were run by area high school and college coaches and assisted by area high school athletes.

The clinics ranged from teaching fundamentals to simulated high school practices. The clinics worked with boys and girls from 8 to 14 years old.

The clinics were rotated to various playgrounds throughout the city. These clinics were conducted at Fagnoli Park, Neutaconkanut Park, Joslin Park, Mount Pleasant High School, Ardoene Park, Corliss Park, Wallace Park, and Valley St. Park. The clinics were locations where lunches were distributed from the Summer Lunch Program

Recreation clinics help keep youngsters busy . . . and fit

PROVIDENCE — Take heart, parents. If you can't seem to get your son or daughter off the couch and out of the house this summer because "There's nothing to do," the Providence Recreation Department can help.

Not only can they keep your children out of your hair, but they'll also keep them physically fit in the process.

Recreation clinics are not new to the summer or the city, but Providence has added a new wrinkle to its programs for youths between the ages of 6 and 14. Providence has been chosen as one of 10 U.S. cities to receive a \$1,500 grant and to serve as a pilot for the National Fun and Fitness Program.

The project is a joint venture between the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, the National Recreation and Parks Association, Gametime and L.A. Gear. The purpose of the program is to encourage and motivate youth to begin participating in fitness activities they can enjoy throughout their lives.

It's no secret that America's youth has grown soft in the middle during the last decade or so, and become more apt to play video games than baseball. While adults are becoming more fitness conscious, the President's Council would like to see it filter down to the nation's children.

"It's a growing concern," said Christine Donilon, assistant program director for the Providence Recreation Department. "The

idea of this is to make physical fitness more fun for the kids.

"This program is to stress fitness. We give the kids a warm-up, help them work their cardio vascular (heart) and give them a cool-down. We try and make them realize that physical fitness can be fun and that it doesn't have to be a drill."

Records will be kept of each individual youth's progress throughout the summer. All of this will be tied into the children's normal recreational activities — baseball, basketball, tennis etc. Participants will receive t-shirts, special prizes and visits from L.A. Gear and Gametime coordinators.

All of the recreation clinics are free and lunch is supplied by the Summer Food Service Program for Children, and extension of the School Lunch Program.

Here is a list of the clinics offered from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Monday through Friday at various playground areas within the city:

Baseball: Mount Pleasant High School or Neutaconkanut Park (Plainfield Street).

Girls' softball: Neutaconkanut Park.

Basketball: Fargnoli Park (Smith Street) or Dudley Street playground.

Co-ed volleyball: Joslin Recreation Center (17 Hyatt Street).

Tennis: La Salle Academy.

Soccer: Madeline Rogers Selim Center (Danford Street).

Golf: (Monday only, 10 a.m. until noon) Triggs Golf Course.

According to Donilon, between 400 and

500 youths are currently involved in program. Many take advantage of one the city's six public pools after their recreation clinic. Free swimming classes with qualified water safety instructors are offered at all of the pools from 10 a.m. to noon.

Pools available for public use are: Magno Pool (Plainfield Street), Joslin F. (Hyatt Street), McGreen Pool (Dexter Street), South Providence Pool (Duc Street), Zuccolo Pool (Gesler Street), Madeline Rogers Selim (Danford Street).

The pools are open from 12-5 p.m. weekdays and 12-4 p.m. on weekends.

For more information, contact the Providence Recreation Department at 421-7777 ext. 339.

Hoop clinics pride of city summer program

Sessions next week
at Dudley St. pool

By DICK LEE

Journal-Bulletin Sports Writer

PROVIDENCE — If you're a resident of Providence and you feel that there is nothing for you to do this summer, there's a chance that your thinking might be on the wrong wavelength.

The Providence Recreation Department, which has been running baseball, softball and volleyball clinics since school ended, has a series of basketball clinics for boys and girls and a sports festival on tap for the second half of its summer program.

The basketball clinics, headed by Central High boys' basketball coach Harold Metz and Central High girls' coach Jim Robinson, start next Monday at the Dudley Street pool and residents from throughout the city are invited.

Robinson last season coached Central's girls team to an undefeated season and its second straight state Class A high school championship, and Metz coached Central's boys into the Class A state playoffs.

The sports festival, for girls and boys 10 through 14 years old, is slated for Aug. 3 at Hope High School. Registration is set for July 23-25 at the various pools and playgrounds around the city.

Seeking indoor sites

Ray Brown, director of recreation for the city, is looking for indoor sites to hold the basketball clinics.

"Right now," says Brown, "we're scheduling the clinics for the pools. But we're looking for people with access to indoor facilities — Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCA, YWCA, parish groups — to call us and we'll go there and hold a clinic, free, on a given day from 1 to 3 p.m. The need for indoor facilities is obvious — so the clinics can be held rain or shine.

"Girls' clinics are held on Mondays and Wednesdays, boys' clinics are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays," said Brown. Anyone interested should call the department, at 421-7740, ext. 325.

"Tell the people not to hesitate. To please call," added Brown. "These are excellent clinics."

College players to help

Metz and Robinson will be assisted by Providence College players Eddie Cooley, Marcus Turner and Kevin McDonald and University of Rhode Island star Eric Leslie. Hartford University women's star Dacia DeAngella, formerly of La Salle Academy, will help with the girls along with Central star Jessica Napolitano and St. Raphael star Nikki Maynard.

The Recreation Department currently holds baseball, softball and volleyball clinics around the city each morning, again under expert direction.

Ray Tessaglia, assistant baseball coach at Providence College, and Mike Manzo, La Salle Academy coach, run the baseball clinics; John Ellinwood, who coached Classical High into the state high school girls' softball final this season, handles softball along with some of his stars, including pitcher Maria Nero and third baseman Chris Souza; and Debbie Bustin conducts the volleyball clinics.

YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUES

During the summer, the Department of Recreation assisted the neighborhood Baseball Leagues, the eight little leagues, the four senior leagues, and the Babe Ruth League. The department issued the park permits for the use of the fields for the leagues. The department also acted on behalf of the leagues for field maintenance with the Parks Department.

The Department of Recreation also assisted the leagues with operating costs and the cost of tournaments. The department assisted with defraying the cost of umpires, T-shirts, pins, and trophies.

The Department initiated a new program this year, the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA). The program was instituted to certify coaches in the areas of coaching psychology, first aid, drug awareness, and practice organization.

The Department of Recreation also assisted in coordinating the Mayor's Cup Tournament for the Senior League at Neutaconkanut Park and for the Little League at Mount Pleasant Fields. The league champion from each league played a 'round robin' tournament, and a championship game. The recipient of the 1990 Mayor's Cup for the Senior League was Silver Lake/Olneyville, and for the Little League was Mount Pleasant.

The Department has received a Youth Sports Initiative Grant. The grant will be used to promote a drug-free and alcohol-free environment and awareness.

SWIMMING POOLS

The Department of Recreation operated six swimming pools from July 1, 1990 to September 4, 1990. The pools 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 in each neighborhood.

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

Due to high temperatures and inclement weather, on some days these hours were altered.

During the week, the Summer Lunch Program served nutritious and well balanced lunches to the children at the six pools.

Also during the summer, the children were treated to special events at the pools. These shows included Perishable Theater, Puppet Workshop, Captain Conservation, and Rap It Up Rhode Island. These shows were not only entertaining, but were also informative and educational.

City recreation department is offering plenty of ways to stay cool (or active)

By DESIRÉE LESIEUR
Special to the Journal-Bulletin

Is the hot weather making you sizzle?

If so, the Providence Recreation Department can provide a splash of cool in your life.

The department opened six Olympic-sized swimming pools around the city this week, and they are available for use from noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

On Saturdays and Sundays the pools are open from noon to 4. Even if you're a non-swimmer, the pools are for you because swimming lessons are available starting at 10 a.m. each day on request.

The pools and their locations are: Almagne Pool at 675 Plainfield St.; Joslin Pool at 17 Hyatt St.; McGraney Pool at 1 Dexter St.; South Providence Pool at 227 Durlley St.; Zuccollo Pool at 11 Gesler

St.; and Madeline Rogers Sellin Pool at 1 Danforth St.

"As usual, there's something for everyone," said recreation director Ray Brown. "whether they want to just loiter around in the pool or whether they wish to actively participate in a sport or other activity."

Besides swimming, the department offers Puppets by the Pool and Perishable Theatre at each pool during the week.

Adult volleyball is available every Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at Davis Park through Aug. 28.

On July 13 at 10 a.m. at Bucklin Park, the recreation department invites everyone to its great kickoff, which will include aerobics, music, basketball and puppet shows.

And Aug. 1-3 at all six pools, Great Waves, a Cystic Fibrosis Charity, is sponsoring a fund-raiser in which participants collect

pledges of 25 cents or more for each lap of the pool.

For high school students, summer basketball and volleyball leagues are available to give athletes the chance to stay in shape or get in shape for the upcoming school year.

Boys' basketball programs are scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday nights at the Rhode Island School for the Deaf off Hawkins Street.

Girls' basketball programs are offered on Monday and Wednesday nights at Providence College's Alumni Hall.

Volleyball for high school boys and girls is offered at Providence College's Alumni Hall on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Jazzercise, in which modern music keeps you hopping to new moods, combines fun with exercise and is available at all playgrounds.

Let the summer begin.

SWIM LESSONS

Swimming lessons were conducted at the six pools, Monday thru Friday for 8 weeks. Lessons were offered for beginners between the ages of 5 to 12. Some parents assisted in the program, while other parents took lessons. The program attracted between 25-100 participants at each location. A total of 150 swimmers graduated.

At the Rogers-Selim pool, 50 children were able to receive Red Cross Certificates in swimming due to their hard work and a dedicated staff.

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 also provides transportation to Pleasant View School.

SWIM MEET

On Tuesday August 14, 1990, the Department of Recreation held its annual Swim Meet at the McGrane Pool. Events were arranged by age group, with awards for each of the top three finishers, and trophies for the top three teams overall. The event was enjoyed by several hundred city residents.

1990 Swim Meet Results:

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| 1. 25 yds - Boys 10 and under | |
| 1. Andy Andujar | Zuccolo |
| 2. Greg Ouimetto | Almagno |
| 3. Tom Dyer | Danforth |
| 2. 25 yds - Girls 10 and under | |
| 1. Dina Perry | McGrane |
| 2. Jessica Velasquez | Almagno |
| 3. Tiffany Bentley | Danforth |
| 3. 50 yds - Boys 10 and under | |
| 1. Leroy Beeman | Almagno |
| 2. Marquill Brooks | Danforth |
| 4. 50 yds - Girls 10 and under | |
| 1. Lisa Repoza | Almagno |
| 2. Lynelle Anderson | Danforth |
| 5. 50 yds - Boys 11-12 | |
| 1. Tony Threati | McGrane |
| 2. Lon Balloy | Almagno |
| 3. Richard Montavo | Danforth |
| 6. 50 yds - Girls 11-12 | |
| 1. Cassandra Stanley | Danforth |
| 2. Joann Johnson | South Providence |
| 3. Nikina Barron | McGrane |
| 7. 100 yds - Boys 11-12 | |
| 1. Chris Rossi | Almagno |
| 2. Jeff Cuomo | Zuccolo |
| 3. Damon Oliver | McGrane |
| 8. 100 yds - Girls 11-12 | |
| 1. Janet Pagan | Almagno |
| 2. Kimono Fields | Danforth |

9. 50 yds - Boys 13-14
1. Tony Melisi Almagno
2. Darnell Price Danforth
3. Jerry Vecchi McGrane
10. 50 yds - Girls 13-14
1. Mia Watts McGrane
2. Osyala Nunes Almagno
3. Ebony Gray South Providence
11. 100 yds - Boys 13-14
1. Dujuan Price Danforth
2. Jason Tenelt Almagno
3. Jerome Briggs South Providence
12. 100 yds - Girls 13-14
1. Mary Bucki Almagno
13. 50 yds - Boys 15-16
1. Damon Smith South Providence
2. Steven McSparren Almagno
3. Ken Butler McGrane
14. 50 yds - Girls 15-16
1. Danyelle Metts South Providence
15. 100 yds - Boys 15-16
1. John DeGraca Almagno
2. Dennis Davis South Providence
3. Milton Davis McGrane
16. 100 yds - Girls 15-16
1. Delia Catramo McGrane
- Meet Team Champion
1. Almagno Pool
2. Rogers Pool
3. McGrane Pool

RECREATION CENTERS

The Providence Department of Recreation ran four full-time recreation centers, and two part-time recreation centers. The four full-time centers were located at Rogers-Selim Recreation Center, South Providence Recreation Center, Zuccolo Recreation Center, and Joslin Recreation Center. The two part-time centers were located at Robert F. Kennedy Elementary School and Martin Luther King Elementary School. The centers are open Monday-Friday 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm, and Saturday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

The recreation centers scheduled activities for boys and girls from ages 8-13. The activities included basketball, wiffleball, volleyball, soccer, kickball, street hockey, frisbee football, ping pong, and board games. Practice time was also scheduled for the youth basketball teams representing the recreation centers in the Midget Division, the Hassett Division, and the Girls Youth League. Time was also allotted for other organizations to use the facilities for practice for their teams in the leagues. Special events were also scheduled, including Sleeque Feet, Looking Glass Theater, Movies, a Halloween Party, and a Christmas Party.

Many recreation programs ready to go

By DESIREE LESIEUR
Special to the Journal-Bulletin

PROVIDENCE. — Winter starts on Friday and, as usual, the Providence Recreation Department is ready with programs for city residents, young and old.

According to recreation director Ray Brown, the department's sports programs for the youth — both boys and girls — this winter include basketball, indoor soccer, kickball, arts and crafts, volleyball and aerobics.

"There also will be a learn-to-swim program and time will be set aside for viewing movies, which the department will rent," says Brown.

Adult programs in basketball and volleyball are available for adults, too.

"Most of the winter programs are available due to a recreational support fund through which adult teams pay a fee and contribute money so adults are able to have programs," says Chris Donlon, assistant program director for the recreation department.

The youth basketball programs embrace boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 16. The instructional groups are broken down into ages 8-12 and 13-15. The children are given a chance to practice what they learn through competition in midget leagues (8-12) and the Community League for the 13-15 age group. Besides the longstanding Community League for boys, there is now also a Community League for girls, 13-15.

The teams are based at neighborhood community centers and the city's boys and girls clubs.

The men's basketball league will play on Sunday nights at Joslin recreation Center.

Kickball games will be conducted on Mondays at the various centers.

Aerobics will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday at Kennedy Recreation Center.

Indoor soccer for boys and girls will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For its learn-to-swim program, the recreation department will bus

children from their schools to a pool. Parents should check with the recreation centers for details.

The recreation department also plans field trips which will be announced at the centers.

Also scheduled from time to time will be live presentations by various singers and dancers. They are the result of a financial grant last May by the Rhode Island Council on the Arts.

Brown, as the department's director, has been selected to receive training in programs dealing with the use of recreation as an alternative to alcohol and other drug use.

Because of his participation in the program, Brown has earned for the department a commendation from R. Dean Tice, director of the National Recreation and Parks Association for "demonstrating a sincere desire to assist the youth of the community in selecting recreational activities over alcohol and drug use while helping the youth develop a healthy lifestyle."

Good news — rec programs will remain in place

There's good news in the Providence Recreation Department these days.

Thanks to Ray Brown, Providence's recreation director, and some other people involved in the administration of the city's winter recreation programs, the recent threat of a curtailment of activities no longer exists.

"Based on some budgetary constraints, it appeared a few weeks ago that we were going to have to consolidate some programs and lay off seasonal help earlier than usual," Brown said the other day. "But through a series of meetings we've come up with some cost-saving proposals that have been implemented, and we can now keep the (recreation) centers open."

The department at first thought it would have to consolidate three recreation centers into two. Such a move would have forced some children to attend another center and try to work their way in on activities that had been pretty much set for months among the regulars at that center. All of us who were kids once know that isn't easy to do unless you're one of those few who exhibit a strong presence and can get the entrenched kids to accept that characteristic.



SPORTS WEEK

By Dick Lee

No, the likely result of closing a center would have been that hundreds of kids would have had nothing to do recreationally for six weeks or so.

So Brown is to be commended for his service to the children of the city. There's more to the job than simply going from center to center and smiling at the children as they enjoy themselves, and Brown is aware of that. In fact, Brown not only recognized the extra responsibility to the children of Providence that the job calls for, but he also was quick to act in their behalf and, as a result, the programs went on pretty much without missing a beat.

Activities — all activities, not just sports — that are everyday occurrences in the

recreation centers and which involve a lot of children, now will go on," said Brown.

"We're happy, of course, that we can complete our youth basketball programs, especially the league competitions around the city. Now the leagues will continue and even playoffs that were going to be canceled will be played."

That last statement made me glad, even though I'm not a Providence resident.

Recently I had the opportunity to observe the Recreation Department's Saturday morning league at Providence College. I discovered that morning that there's more to the program than answering the needs of children.

I discovered that Ray Brown's Recreation Department has a way of answering the needs of parents, grandparents and other relatives of the children involved.

The Saturday morning league not only gives parents who work all week a chance to watch their kids in action, but more importantly it gives parents a chance to spend a few hours with their kids. The

children — girls and boys never said that they needed their parents there in order to perform adequately, but they did say that they liked and appreciated the fact that their parents and, in some cases grandparents, were there. Not only for the basketball but for the family get-together after the games.

Parents and grandparents they expressed identical feelings.

Ray Brown will tell you that the extra work he and his people performed in going to bat for the children in order to keep the programs going was all in the line of duty.

Maybe that's so, but a lot of children and adults in Providence today are thankful that Ray Brown has such an extended loyalty to duty.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

On Wednesday, October 31, 1990, the Department of Recreation held a Halloween Party to kick-off its 1990-1991 Winter Season. The parties were held at the four Recreation Centers. The parties included movies, puppets, and a magician. Awards were given out in two categories, the Best Costume and the Scariest Costume. Awards included trophies and basketball tickets donated by Providence College. The parties were enjoyed by several hundred city children at each location.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Department of Recreation held Christmas Parties at five recreation centers. Rogers Recreation Center, Joslin Recreation Center, and King Recreation Center had their parties on Thursday, December 20. Zuccolo Recreation Center, and South Providence Recreation Center had their parties on Friday, December 21. Toys were given out to the children by Santa Claus. The toys were donated by the Rhode Island National Guard Annual Toy Drive. Refreshments were furnished from private donations. The parties were enjoyed by several hundred city children at each location.

Arts & Crafts

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

During the winter, a more extensive Arts & Crafts class was offered at the full time recreation centers. Classes were offered once a week from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

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

Adult Aerobics

The Department of Recreation offered classes in Low Impact Aerobics at the Kennedy Recreation Center on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from January to May. The exercise program provides an energetic workout without the stress of jumping and bouncing. All classes were taught by a certified instructor, and were well attended.

Jazzercise

The Department of Recreation offered Jazzercise dance classes on Saturday mornings at the Zuccolo Recreation Center for girls age 7 to 14, from January to April. Jazzercise combines exercise with choreographed dance set to modern music. All classes were taught by a qualified dance instructor, and were attended by a large number.

Low impact aerobics classes set

The Providence Recreation Department will hold free Low Impact Aerobics for beginners starting Feb. 8 and continuing through March 31. Classes will be held Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Kennedy School gymnasium, 195 Nelson St. Space is limited and applications will be considered on a first come, first serve basis.

registration is Feb. 8. Call 421-7740, ext. 339 to register.

The program is open to Providence residents only. Deadline for

SPECIAL EVENTS 1990

Movies:

The Department of Recreation sponsored movies at four recreation centers: Rogers Recreation Center, Joslin Recreation Center, Lopes Recreation Center, and Zuccolo Recreation Center, from January to April and from November to December. The movies were held at each center once a month. Many city residents attended.

Perishable Theater:

The Perishable Theater was presented by the Providence Recreation Department and the Rhode Island Council on the Arts at the six city pools. The goal of the project was to present the children with new ideas, this year the performances pertained to Indian Folklore. The performances were enjoyed by over 750 city residents.

Puppet Workshop:

The Providence Recreation Department, along with Rhode Island Hospital Trust, presented eight performances of the Puppet Workshop. Six performances were held at the six city pools, plus one performance each at the Third Annual Summer Recreation Kickoff and First Annual Olympiad. The show combined comedy and music, teaching the children about living together and tolerating each other. The performances were enjoyed by several hundred city residents.

Captain Conservation:

The Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Narragansett Bay Commission, presented Captain Conservation at the six city pools. The theme of the show was to teach water conservation to children. The performances were enjoyed by several hundred city residents.

Rap It Up Rhode Island:

The Department of Recreation, in continuing its Anti Drug Abuse Program, was proud to present Rap It Up Rhode Island. The group had two performances held at two city pools, So. Providence and Rogers-Selim Pool. The performance included songs about staying away from drugs, staying in school, and preventing the spread of AIDS. The performances were enjoyed by several hundred city residents.

Miniature Golf / Bowling:

The Providence Recreation Department sponsored trips for city youngsters. These trips included Miniature Golf in Cranston and Legion Bowl in Cranston. The trips were enjoyed by several hundred children.

Sleeque Feet:

The Providence Department of Recreation sponsored four performances of Sleeque Feet. The shows were made available by a grant receive from the Rhode Island Council on the Arts. The shows were performed at the four full-time recreation centers, Rogers Recreation Center, Zuccolo Recreation Center, Joslin Recreation Center, and South Providence Recreation Center. Thirty-two girls danced in the show. The shows were performed during December. The shows were enjoyed by several hundred city children.

Looking Glass Theater:

The Department of Recreation sponsored two performances of the Looking Glass Theater. The shows were made possible by a grant received from the Rhode Island Council on the Arts. One show was held Wednesday, December 12, 1990 at the Rogers Recreation Center. A second show will be held in January 1991. The show was enjoyed by several hundred city residents.

North Pole Telephone Calls:

The Department of Recreation held the Third Annual North Pole Telephone Calls from "Santa Claus". The program is run in conjunction with a city school. This year it is Reservoir Avenue School. The calls were made to children in grades 1 to 3 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 20, 1990. The calls were made by volunteers.

RHODE ISLAND COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM ROAD RACE

On Sunday April 8, 1990, the Providence Department of Recreation, along with the Rhode Island Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependence, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Rhode Island, and VeryFine Juice, co-sponsored a 5K Road Race and Fun Run . The race began at 11:00 am at the Boat House in Roger Williams Park.

The Department of Recreation offered assistance in the planning and organization of the race. Staff members served on the planning committee, and assisted on race day. The department also donated the use of some equipment on race day. The race attracted approximately 150 participants.

RHODE ISLAND URBAN LEAGUE ROAD RACE

On Saturday, May 12, 1990, the Department of Recreation, in conjunction with the Urban League Of Rhode Island, sponsored the Sixth Annual Road Race. The race was held to benefit the Minority Recruitment and Child Placement Program. The race consisted of a Five Mile "Tarzan Brown" Road Race for adults, and a one mile Fun Run for children 12 and under.

The Department of Recreation assisted in the planning and organization of the road race, and in obtaining a permit for Roger Williams Park. The department also donated the use of equipment on race day. Awards were given by Mrs. Ellison "Tarzan" Brown to the male and female winners in the following groups: youth, juniors, open, seniors, and masters. The race was enjoyed by all the participants and the spectators.

COLUMBUS DAY CROSS COUNTRY INVITATIONAL 1990

On Monday, October 8, 1990, The Department of Recreation sponsored the 46th annual Columbus Day Cross Country Invitational. Created in 1944, the race began as a public road race, it went down Elmwood Avenue and finished at Columbus Square. During the mid 1960's, the race was moved onto the trails of Roger Williams Park. The race organizers also changed the race to include only high school cross country teams. The race almost saw its end in 1981 with the death of long time Director of John O'Shea. The race was salvaged by the efforts of Providence Recreation Director, Raymond L. Brown, who was then Athletic Director at Our Lady of Providence, and City Councilwomen Josephine DiRuzzo.

The park provides an excellent view for spectators and a challenging course for participants along its 3.1 mile course. The Timer's Guild has contributed greatly to the success of the race by laying out the course, timing, and scoring the race.

This year's field consisted of 188 runners representing 14 high schools. The schools included: Central, Classical, Hope, Mount Pleasant, Barrington, Charriho, LaSalle, Moses Brown, North Providence, Rogers, Saint Raphaels, South Kingston, Tolman, and West Greenwich. Competition was held for both boys and girls in three categories: Freshman/Novice, Junior Varsity, and Varsity. Awards were given out to the top finisher in each event and to the top team, for both the overall meet and the Providence Public Schools.

COLUMBUS DAY AWARDS

Event	Overall	Public School
Boys Freshman/Novice Individual	Dave Coleman South Kingston	Ray Rodriguez Mount Pleasant
Team	Barrington	Mount Pleasant
Girls Freshman/Novice Individual	Jeannette Packer Saint Raphaels	Ku Kanong Mount Pleasant
Team	Saint Raphaels	Mount Pleasant
Boys Junior Varsity Individual	Darryl Phillip Hope	Darryl Phillip
Team	Barrington	Hope
Girls Junior Varsity Individual	Jen Silva South Kingston	
Team	South Kingston	
Boys Varsity Individual	Ron Celio LaSalle	Billy Williams Hope
John O'Shea Trophy Team	Hope	
Girls Varsity Individual	Elise Herge South Kingston	Cesarina Santana Classical
Team	Barrington	Classical

PROVIDENCE — Wayne Newsom of Hope won the boys' varsity race but Barrington ran away with the lion's share of the honors, winning the boys' varsity team title and having the girls' individual champion in the annual Providence Columbus Day Cross Country Race at Roger Williams Park.

The Eagles took the boys' title with 64 points, seven fewer than La Salle. Hope was a close third with 79. Steve Carter's third-place finish led Barrington.

Barrington's Kerry Clark won the girls' race, edging Bridget Ward of East Greenwich for top honors, but Ward's Avenger squad easily took the team title with 38 points, Rogers was second with 68.

BOYS VARSITY

Team Totals

1. Barrington 63; 2. La Salle 71; 3. Hope 79.

Individuals

1. Newsom, H; 2. Myers, OLP; 3. Carter, Ba; 4. Celio, LS; 5. Svaes, M; 6. Walsh, OLP; 7. Barr, Moses Brown; 8. Barrera, Mt. Pleasant; 9. DeDellio, LS; 10. Glavin, Ba; 11. Bissitt, LS; 12. DelGado, EP; 13. Duran, Ba; 14. Mobrav, MB; 15. Cooney, PCD; 16: 18. 3.1 miles at Roger Williams Park.

GIRLS' VARSITY

Team Totals

1. East Greenwich 38; 2. Rogers 68; 3. Tolman 78; 4. La Salle 82.

HERSHEY'S TRACK AND FIELD YOUTH PROGRAM 1990

The Providence Department of Recreation was active in the Hershey's National Track and Field Youth Program. The program was co-sponsored by the Department of Recreation, the Rhode Island Parks and Recreation Association, and Hershey's Inc. The local coordinator of the program was Thomas Span, and the state coordinator of the program was Alan Southwick, from North Kingstown.

The Providence Department of Recreation City Championship Meet was held at Connolly Stadium at Mount Pleasant High School on June 28, 1990. One hundred and ten youths participated in this meet. The events that were held were the 50 meter dash, 100 meter dash, 400 meter dash, 800 meter run, 1600 meter run, relays, softball throw, and long jump. Each youth was given a certificate of participation, and the top three winners each received ribbons.

Thirty-one youths from the City Meet participated in the State Championship Meet held July 11, 1990 at Lincoln High School. An outstanding performance was turned in by these participants, as Providence won the State Championship for the first time.

One city child qualified for the National Championship Meet held in Hershey, PA, August 3-5, 1990. At the National Meet, 10 year old Tokumbo Adewuyi finished sixth in the 200 meter dash. A pool party was held in August at the South Providence Recreation Center for all the members of the State Championship Team.

Track and field



Long jump — J. Fargas, Newport, 6-7. Softball throw — N. Forbes, N. Kingstown, 126-2, 100 — A. Rivard, S. Kingstown, 14-66, 200 — T. Adewale, Providence, 31-28, 4 x 100 relay — E. Greenwich (Smith, Johnson, Griffin, Ryan), 1:05.76, 400 — J. Peters, Cranston, 1:11.47, 50 — A. Rivard, S. Kingstown, 7-36.

BOYS (11-12 year-olds)

Long jump — R. Pitts-Wiley, N. Kingstown, 6-10 1/2. Softball throw — A. Johnson, N. Kingstown, 166-2, 100 — D. Davis, Providence, 14-10, 200 — B. Pierson, E. Greenwich, 29-30, 800 — R. Burnett, Providence, 2-31.5, 4 x 100 relay — Providence (Davis, Garlington, Watson, Burrell), 1:00.23, 400 — B. Pierson, E. Greenwich, 1:07.75.

BOYS (13-14 year-olds)

Long jump — B. Mobray, Providence, 8-9 1/2. Softball throw — B. Rogers, E. Providence, 24-1, 100 — D. Lombardi, N. Kingstown, 12-24, 200 — S. Young, N. Kingstown, 26-43, 800 — T. Sturgeon, N. Kingstown, 2:30, 1,500 — M. D'Ambra, N. Providence, 5:34, 4 x 16 1/2 Hx, N. Kingstown (Lombardi, Young,

McAdams, Russell, 52.80.

GIRLS (9-10 year-olds)

Long jump — S. Parent, Cumberland, 5-8. Softball throw — J. Horibogen, Coventry, 88-3, 100 — J. Horibogen, Coventry, 19-34, 200 — W. Nunez, Providence, 34-40, 4 x 100 relay — N. Kingstown (Rackliffe, Welsh, Periman, Davis), 1:08.08, 400 — R. Overgaard, N. Providence, 1:19.26, 800 — J. Horibogen, Coventry, 7-71, 1,000 — J. Horibogen, Coventry, 7-71.

GIRLS (11-12 year-olds)

Long jump — T. Jackson, Newport, 6-10. Softball throw — J. Dandrow, Gloucester, 16-1, 100 — M. Bell, Gloucester, 14-18, 200 — M. Steward, S. Kingstown, 29-95, 800 — C. Beattini, Providence, 2-43, 4 x 100 relay — Gloucester (Hughes, Dandrow, Steward, Bell), 1:00:51, 400 — M. Rooney, E. Greenwich, 1:09.47.

GIRLS (13-14 year-olds)

Long jump — S. Daley, S. Kingstown, 7-1. Softball throw — E. Morgan, Exeter, 131-7, 100 — R. Young, N. Kingstown, 14-01, 200 — C. Washington, Providence, 23-62, 800 — C. Malone, Providence, 2:50, 1,600 — K. Viggerstol, Lincoln, 5:36, 4 x 100 relay — N. Kingstown (Young, Tisdale, Fennell, Carpenter), 56.65.

PROVIDENCE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION
1990 AWARD DINNER

On Thursday May 24, 1990, The Providence Department of Recreation held its Third Annual Award Dinner to honor the champions of the sports leagues. The master of ceremonies was State Representative Armand Batastini and the guest speaker was Mr. James Robinson, Head Coach of the Central High School Lady Knights, the 1989-1990 State Girls Basketball Champions.

Also honored were inductees to the Providence Department of Recreation Hall of Fame. The inductees were Roosevelt Benton, John McDonald, Alfred Mello, Gael Savastano, and Charles Thomas. They were recognized for their past and present contributions to the youth of Providence. On behalf of the Department and Mayor Joseph R. Paolino, Jr., the inductees were presented plaques for their accomplishments. Duplicate plaques are on display on the Hall of Fame Wall at the Department of Recreation.

1989 - 1990 Department of Recreation Team Awards

Mens Basketball: Adult League 1990

League Champion	BLONDIES
Runner Up	CLUB EAGLE
Playoff Champion	DESIGN A WINDOW
Runner Up	CLUB EAGLE

Boys Basketball: Midget Division A 1990

League Champion	S PROVIDENCE RECREATION
Runner Up	HARTFORD PARK COMMUNITY
Playoff Champion	S PROVIDENCE RECREATION
Runner Up	SILVER LAKE

Boys Basketball: Midget Division B 1990

League Champion	FOX PT BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
Runner Up	JOSLIN RECREATION CENTER
Playoff Champion	FOX PT BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
Runner Up	JOSLIN RECREATION CENTER

Boys Basketball: Hasset Division 1990

League Champion	HARTFORD PARK COMM CTR
Runner Up	WEST END COMMUNITY CENTER
Playoff Champion	HARTFORD PARK COMM CTR
Runner Up	S PROVIDENCE RECREATION

Boys Basketball: High School League 1989

League Champion	ST. DUSTAN'S DAY SCHOOL
Runner Up	CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
Playoff Champion	CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
Runner Up	BISHOP HENDRICKEN

Girls Basketball: Youth Division 1990

League Co-Champion	JOHN HOPE SETTLEMENT
Playoff Champion	FOX PT BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
Runner up	FOX PT BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
	JOHN HOPE SETTLEMENT

Girls Basketball: High School League 1989

League Champion	CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
Runner Up	CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL
Playoff Champion	CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
Runner Up	HOPE HIGH SCHOOL

Girls Volleyball: High School League 1989

League Champion	CUMBERLAND HIGH SCHOOL
Runner Up	CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL
Playoff Champion	PONAGANSET HIGH SCHOOL
Runner Up	CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Co-Ed Volleyball: Adult League 1990

League Champion	JOHN HOPE SETTLEMENT
Runner Up	ROGER WILLIAMS HOSPITAL I
Playoff Champion	JOHN HOPE SETTLEMENT
Runner Up	O. I. C.

Co-Ed Soccer: Youth League 1989

League Champions	S SIDE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
Runner Up	HARTFORD PARK COMM CTR

PROVIDENCE RECREATION - FOX POINT BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS

For the fifth year, the Providence Department of Recreation coordinated a program with the Fox Point Boys and Girls Club. The Pilot Project began in 1985 as a joint effort for a large number of youths^{yo} have some summer 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 & 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 Department of Recreation also delivered 75 breakfasts and 175 lunches daily. The meals were provided as part of the department's Summer Lunch Program.

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

The children also were part of the two events held by the Department of Recreation, the "Say No To Drugs" Day and the Three Day Olympiad. Over the past five years, this program has had a high success rate, mainly because the project has become part of the children's normal summer activity.

NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS COACHES ASSOCIATION 1990

A new program instituted by the Department of Recreation during 1990 was NYSCA, National Youth Sports Coaches Association. The Program was developed to train volunteer coaches, working with children in out-of-school youth sports leagues, in the fundamentals of coaching.

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. The first session dealt with coaching psychology, drug awareness, first aid, strength and conditioning, and the dangers of steroids. The second session was a sport specific tape that dealt with practice organization and practice tips.

At the completion of the 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 wrong doing by the coach.

The NYSCA program was initially instituted into the Little League program, where thirty-five coaches received first year certification. The NYSCA program was also incorporated into the winter sports leagues with the certification of over forty Community League and Midget League basketball coaches.

The NYSCA Program was also expanded to include the certification of coaches from other leagues. These coaches were included as part of the basketball coaches certification clinic. Plans are to expand the program to include young athletes and parents next year, especially through the Youth Sports Initiative Grant.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

This past year, the Providence Department of Recreation made a special effort to promote the department's programs. Press releases were sent out to Channels 6, 10, & 12 and to the Providence Journal, notifying them of events which were being held. As a follow-up, results of these events were also sent to the media.

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

Applicants hold their breath at city's Summer Job Lottery

By DEBORAH BARFIELD
Journal-Bulletin Staff Writer

PROVIDENCE — One by one, the balls popped up in the lottery machine set up in City Hall.

Christine Tomlinson, 16, calmly waited to hear her number — the number assuring her of a summer job preparing sandwiches for the summer lunch program the city runs at playgrounds, schoolyards and a number of other places.

With only two jobs left, her number — 99 — came up Tuesday.

A relieved Tomlinson said she was not sure what she would have done if the number had not appeared. She wrapped and distributed lunches for the city last summer and wanted to do it again this year.

"It was fun," she said, adding that the job will be a help. "... I want to make money and put it in the bank."

About 30 people attended the Summer Job Lottery in the Alderman's Chambers and waited as Council President Nicholas Easton, D-Ward 9, called out numbers and displayed them like a professional bingo caller.

The lottery was for 136 jobs as attendants or watchmen at the city's six swimming pools, playground aides and food workers to help prepare the 7,000 daily lunches for the summer lunch program.

There were more than 522 applications, twice as many as last year, said Raymond Brown, director of the Recreation Department.

Brown said one reason for the increase in applications is the economic slump.

The number of jobs, however, is the same as last year, he said.

Despite city cuts, (the department's budget for seasonal pro-

grams dropped from \$300,000 to \$262,000), the Recreation Department maintained the same number of summer jobs by shortening the length of some programs. For example, swimming pools, which open July 1, will open for 8 weeks instead of 10 this year.

"We didn't want to lose any jobs for the kids," Brown said.

The applicants, who had to be Providence residents, ranged from 15-year-olds to senior citizens. The jobs pay from \$4.25 to \$5.65 an hour.

The lottery system was implemented in 1984 by Mayor Joseph R. Paolino Jr. as a way to ensure that everyone had a chance at a job, Brown said.

"We try to make it as fair as possible," he said.

Tuesday's turnout was the largest for the lottery. There were lottery drawings in the past that drew only two or three people.

Several applicants walked away disappointed. Ann Brown, 67, of Elmwood, has prepared summer lunches for the city for two years, but her number was not called yesterday.

"I'm optimistic," she said.

Brown is banking on the possibility that one of the lucky winners will not take the job or will find a better offer. "We have a chance, there's always a chance," she said.

Carol Wood has been searching for a job for the last three months. But without a high school diploma and with competition from younger people, she said she cannot land a job. Her number was not called Tuesday.

But she is still hoping something will come through with the city.

"If not, back to the (temporary) agency," Wood said.

Busy summer on tap for Providence recreation

For years this scene has been repeated throughout the country every summer. School lets out in early June with the promise of children enjoying sun-filled days, playing with friends on street corners and no worries about teachers or homework.

Youngsters enjoy their new-found freedom for a week or two and then pester their parents, saying "Mom, there's nothing to do. I'm bored."

Providence parents beware. Don't take this sitting down. The Providence Recreation Department has the perfect remedy for any child's boring blues.

During the last few summers the recreation department has geared its summer programs around the children who claim that summer boredom is getting them down. Everything from rides to parks and events to free lunches is provided by the department.

Department officials say to expect more of the same this summer, along with a few added twists.

"We should have something for everyone," says department publicist and



SPORTS WEEK

By Kevin McNamara

program director Chris Donilon. "There has been a lot of planning into events this summer and I think we have a lot to offer."

The biggest change in events this year from the past is the addition of an attractive \$1,500 grant from LA Gear and Gametime. Those two companies, in conjunction with the President's Council on Physical Fitness and the national Recreation and Parks Association, awarded grants to only 10 recreation departments in the country in order to test their National Fun and Fitness Program.

Providence Recreation Director Ray Brown learned of the grant and instantly began planning to have the program

incorporated into the department's other functions.

"We want to coordinate all of our events around the LA Gear program," Donilon said. "It lends itself to be very easy to do that."

The purpose of the program is a joint effort to improve the level of youth physical fitness through recreation programs. Officials from LA Gear, a maker of sportswear for all ages, and Gametime will come to Providence to occasionally "engage children in exercises that will strengthen the cardiorespiratory system, develop muscle strength and improve flexibility," according to a press release from the sponsoring companies.

Donilon said that records from the regular events at the city playgrounds — volleyball, basketball, swimming, softball — will be kept and measured throughout the summer. The children will receive Tee-shirts and special prizes for their participation.

The program will be highlighted as part of the recreation department's annual drug-free kickoff day at Roger Williams Park on

July 11. The six swimming pools under recreation department supervision will open July 1.

The department's summer staple, various single sport clinics, begin on July 10. The golf clinic will be at Triggs Golf Club, volleyball at the Joslin Center, baseball and softball at Neutakonkanut Park, basketball at Farnoli Park and tennis at Hope High.

High school-age athletes will also benefit from recreation department-run summer leagues. Both boys' and girls' volleyball leagues will use Providence College's Alumni Hall for games, beginning later in July. Girls' basketball teams from around the city will also use Alumni Hall once their league begins in July. The boys' basketball league will use the Rhode Island School for the Deaf once its games begin in July.

"We should be in Alumni Hall four nights a week," Donilon said. "I'm not sure we can top that. It'll be a busy summer."

Undoubtedly busy enough to keep children from pestering parents all summer long.

Recreation Dept. offers variety of programs

PROVIDENCE — The Recreation Department's summer programs, with everything from aerobics to arts and crafts, are well under way.

The sports clinics run from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday through Friday at the following locations: Coed Volleyball, Joslin Recreation Center, 17 Hyat St.; girls softball, Ncutaconkanut Park; baseball, Mount Pleasant and Ncutaconkanut Parks; basketball, Fagnoll Park, Smith and Dudley Street's playgrounds; tennis, Hope High School and soccer, Madeline Rogers Sellen Center, 1 Danforth St.

The arts and crafts program runs from 10 a.m.-noon and from 1-3 p.m. at the following playgrounds: Joseph Williams, Mount Pleasant, Wallace Street, Sackett Street, Fagnoll Park and Roger Williams Park.

Aerobics are offered Wednesdays only at the following locations: Sackett Street playground, 10-11 a.m.; Roger Williams Park, 11 a.m.-noon; Fagnoll Park, 1-2 p.m. and Mount Pleasant playground, 2-3 p.m.

Swim lessons are from 10 a.m.-noon each day at the following pools: Almagno Pool, 675 Plainfield St.; Joslin Pool, 17 Hyat St.; McGrane Pool, 1 Dexter St., South Providence Pool, 227 Dudley St.; Zuccolo Pool, 11 Gesler St. and Rogers Pool, 1 Danforth St.

The Recreation Department provides other services including free lunches and transportation. For more information, call 421-7740, extension 339.

FIELD TRIPS

The Providence Recreation Department, 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 locations.

Location	Number of Trips
Goddard Park	25
Rocky Point	21
Lincoln Woods	17
Roger Williams Park	15
Oakland Beach	8
Colt State Park	7
Slater Park	7
US Skates	7
Almagno Pool	5
Shartner Farms	5
Cole Farm	4
Warwick Mall	4
Belwing Turkey Farm	3
Cole Apple Farm	3
Legion Bowl	3
McCoy Stadium	3
Shaw's Pizza	3
Sunset Orchards	3
Warwick Mall (to see Santa)	3
Yardworks	3
Big Apple Circus	2
Brown University	2
CCRI Sports Clinic	2
Chuck E Cheese	2
Cumberland	2
Enchanted Forest	2
Hill Orchards	2
Johnston Home Field	2
Johnston Memorial Park	2
No Smithfield Junior High School	2
Pawtucket Children's Museum	2
Ross Apple Orchards	2
Spring Lake	2
Steere Farms	2
URI Alton Jones Camp	2
Warwick Musical Theater	2
West Valley Inn	2
Avon Theater	1

Campus Billiards	1
Champlin Scout Reservation	1
Charlestown Beach	1
Christmas Dinner	1
Federal Hill House	1
Marriott	1
Mini Golf	1
Mt Pleasant Stadium	1
Narragansett Electric	1
Newport	1
Newport Art Museum	1
Newport Second Beach	1
Ninigret Park	1
Pippin Orchards	1
Portsmouth Junior High School	1
Powder Mill Ledges	1
Providence Civic Center	1
Providence Performing Arts Center	1
Prudence Island	1
Pulaski Park	1
Recreation Department Olympiad	1
RI Horse Farm	1
RISD Museum	1
Roger Williams Park Zoo	1
Smithfield Apple Orchards	1
Thanksgiving Dinner	1
Venus DeMilo	1
Whale Watch	1

* The Department of Recreation arranged discounts to organizations to some of the above locations.

YOUTH TRANSPORTATION

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

ORGANIZATION	TRIPS	PARTICIPANTS
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Arch Street Children	1	69
Blessed Sacrament School	5	164
Boy Scouts of America	1	56
Brown/Fox Point Day Care	1	32
Cambodian Society of America	3	147
Carter Day Nursery	14	385
Chad-Ad Community Center	3	328
Channel One	1	53
Dept of Human Services	5	205
Early Years Learning Center	6	162
Elmwood Community Center	1	1,479
Esk Hopkins	3	83
Evelyn V Fagnoli	1	30
Family Outreach Center	4	80
Federal Hill Tutorial Center	4	132
Federal Hill House	3	127
Flynn Elementary School	2	100
Fox Point Boys and Girls Club	9	691
Gatsby Housing Assoc	4	61
Grace Church Housing Corp	1	21
Hartford Park Community Center	11	526
Hispanic Social Services Assoc of RI	1	57
Holy Ghost Day Care Center	1	42
Islamic Center of RI	5	143
Jewish Community Center	4	124
John E. Fogarty Center	1	37
Joslin Day Care Center	10	305
McAuley Village	1	43
Mount Hope Day Care	4	149
Mount Hope Neighborhood Assn	2	58
Mount Pleasant Community Center		1,937
Nathan Bishop Middle School	2	98
Nickerson House	2	123
Olneyville Boys and Girls	1	39
Plain Street Block Assoc	2	62
Play and Learn Preschool	1	36
Project Outreach	3	95

Providence 4-H Community Club	4	272
RI Consumer Education Project	1	32
RI Housing & Mortgage Finance Corp	1	11
RIC	1	23
Roger Williams Day Care	8	222
Silver Lake Annex	5	208
Smith Hill Center	8	288
South Providence Boys and Girls Clubs	5	216
South Providence Neighborhood Ministries	3	122
South Providence/Washington Park LL	1	87
St Edwards Nursery & Day Care	2	77
St Patrick Church	3	128
St Thersa Church	1	49
The Salvation Army	2	67
The Warren Manor II	1	34
Trinity Arts Center	1	33
Urban League of RI	8	189
Very Special Arts	1	30
Wanskuck Boys and Girls Club	6	256
Washington Park Community Center	6	416
West Elmwood Intruders	7	237
West End Community Ctr	3	120
YMCA	1	32
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Total:	202	11,283
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BE A WINNER/PLAY IT STRAIGHT
Substance Abuse Prevention Program

On July 13, 1990, the Providence Department of Recreation began the 1990 Summer Program with its Third Annual Kickoff held at Bucklin Park. The goal of the program is to show the youth of the city the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, and alternate activities that are available. The event was sponsored by the Mayor of Providence, the Department of Recreation, and Rhode Island Hospital Trust. Approximately 300 city youngsters participated. Entertainment was provided by the Perishable Theater, the Puppet Workshop, face painting by Silly Sisters, and music by Eye to Eye.

On August 1-3, 1990, the Department of Recreation held its First Annual Olympiad at Hope High School. Approximately 300 children participated in the three day event, which included speeches, entertainment, sporting events, and awards. The children were addressed by Mayor, Joseph R. Paolino, Jr., regarding the hazards of drug abuse, and the many alternatives they have. Entertainment was provided by the Perishable Theater, the Puppet Workshop, face painting by Silly Sisters, and music by Eye to Eye. Sporting events included, basketball, softball, volleyball, track, and field. Awards were given out for each of these events.

Revised Ethnic Tolerance Games a big hit

Winning takes back seat to mixing the kids

By DESIREE LESIEUR
Special to the Journal-Bulletin

PROVIDENCE — The city's Ethnic Tolerance Games got across a message that reached beyond the fondest hopes of Mayor Joseph Paolino and Recreation Department director Ray Brown.

Indeed, the youngsters were supposed to have been divided into teams representing the North, South, East and West sections of the city for the three-day competition in which a winner would be decided. But rain on the days set aside for registration at the various playgrounds kept the children away, so officials had no way of knowing who would be at Hope High School for the competitions.

That turned out to be just fine. Brown had the children bused to Hope High on the day of the Games and instead of assigning them to sectional teams that would try to outdo each other, Brown and his assistant, Christine Donilon, decided to simply pick up teams that mixed athletes from different sections. The result was friendly competition in basketball, softball, volleyball and track and field.

"I don't know why we didn't think of that in the first place," said Brown. "It worked out smoothly and to perfection."

"We gave out the T-shirts and awards just as we had planned and the plus was that kids who would have been playing against each other joined together on the teams."

There was more than just athletics involved.



—Photo by DESIREE LESIEUR

OPENING PARADE: Kids march around Hope High track at start of Ethnic Tolerance Games.

After Mayor Paolino spoke to the gathering on opening day, saying that this coming together of the races showed why Providence is so beautiful a city and that such voluntary gathering proved that ethnic tolerance exists in Providence, various non-athletic events took place.

A puppet show sponsored by R.I. Hospital Trust Bank, called Razza-matazz and All That Jazz, brought in clear and easy to understand dialogue, two messages: 1, Drugs make you do crazy things and, 2, Stay in school and continue on to college.

Eye to Eye, a music group, entertained the children and called them up front for some dancing.

Steven Smith, representing the Mayor's Ethnic Tolerance Committee, had arranged for each youngster to receive a T-shirt.

"Children get the message we're trying to deliver from the puppet shows," said Smith. "And they will understand each other better from playing sports together."

Francisco Cruz of the Providence Human Relations Committee saw the bringing together of children of

different ethnic backgrounds as a positive method of solving problems among adults.

"We need to bring people together so they can interact and create an atmosphere in which they can start understanding each other and start building a tolerance for each other," said Cruz.

"Hopefully, kids of a young age will bring that message back to the parents and promote our next goal: To bring in the parents and have them, too, interact with ethnic tolerance."

Ethnic tolerance set as the key theme for city Sports Festival

PROVIDENCE — If Ray Brown is elated over the chance to be ecstatic over the possibility that the summer Sports Festival present.

"We're using the event to promote ethnic tolerance around the city," said Brown, city recreation director. "We're hoping that when the kids get to meet other kids of a different ethnic group, they learn that people are all alike and there's no need to dislike anyone because of his heritage."

"We have the cooperation of the Mayor's Ethnic Tolerance Committee, so all signs point to success."

The sports offered are boys' and girls' track and field, boys' and girls' basketball, coed softball and coed volleyball. Under the age group limits, players must be 10 years old by July 15 and no one whose 15th birthday comes before July 16 may compete.

Brown is excited about the high quality of the track competition because that sport will draw athletes who competed for the Recreation Department's team that won the Rhode Island qualifying meet for the Hershey Olympics.

"This marks the first time in 14 years that a Providence Rec team won that meet," said Brown.

That team was coached by Tom Spann, who directed Hope High to the state indoor and outdoor track titles this year, and by Debbie Doyle, a Providence teacher and track coach.

For the Festival, the city will be divided into four team areas. The North embraces the northeast and Shattuck Hill sections and will hold registration at Rogers Recreation Center, Danforth Street Playground and Camden Avenue School.

The East includes the East Side and Fox Point, with registration at Fox Point Boys and Girls Club.

The West team will be drawn from Joslin Street Rec Center, Silver Lake and Federal Hill, with registration at Joslin Street and Hyatt Street Playgrounds.

The South includes the South and West End sections, with registration at Dudley Street Rec Center and South Providence Rec Center.

Transportation to Hope High School on the days of the competition will be provided by the Recreation Department.

T-shirts will be provided to all competitors and awards for top performances will be given.

"We've received a \$900 grant from the Providence Substance Abuse Council to boost the event," said Brown.

"We hope to run a swim meet somewhere and we intend to highlight other athletic events that are going on in the city at the time," said Brown.

"Any Little League competition, any other youth program, adult softball — anything that we can tie into the concept of promoting ethnic tolerance."

—DICK LEE



Journal-Bulletin photo by NANCY PAL
STRAIN shows on face of Jeff Mercer, 10, of Lincoln has h competes in the softball throw at a recent youth track meet.

TENNIS AGAINST DRUGS

Throughout the summer, the Department of Recreation offered "Tennis Against Drugs", a clinic teaching the fundamentals of tennis to city children. The clinic was held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at Roger Williams Park. The program was offered in conjunction with the Providence Housing Authority, and court fees were paid by the Todd Rozzeli Fund. At the end of the summer, certificates were handed out to the participants, along with 'Back To School' backpacks. "Tennis Against Drugs" was a location where lunches were distributed by the Summer Lunch Program. Many city children benefited from this program by learning the basics of tennis.

THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM 1990

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 lunch.

The program, which ran from June 26, 1990 through August 31, 1990, served meals at over one hundred and twenty locations throughout Providence and was monitored by both state and local officials.

Operating with a budget over five hundred thousand dollars, the program was able to distribute over six hundred thousand meals to city youngsters. The program also offered summer employment to over one hundred and sixty city residents, mostly comprised of senior citizens, young adults, and teenagers.

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Bunching up for lunch

Children line up for free lunches sponsored by the Summer Lunch Program at the Dexter Training Ground, in Providence. The state and federally-financed program feeds from 5,000 to 7,000 city children each day. More than 110 lunches were distributed here yesterday.



SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN
MEAL SITES

Almagno Athletic Complex	Plainfield St.
Althea St. Schoolyard	245 Althea St.
Ardoenne Playground	Narragansett Ave.
Barbara Jordan II	27 Portland St.
Birch Vocational School	434 Mt. Pleasant Ave.
Birch Vocational Workshop I & II	434 Mt. Pleasant Ave.
Bishop McVinney School	155 Harrison St.
Bridgham Kitchen	1655 Westminster St.
Bridgham Playground	1655 Westminster St.
Broad St. Schoolyard	1450 Broad St.
Brown Fox Point	150 Hope St.
Calvery Baptist Church	747 Broad St.
Candace St. Playground	Candace & Orms Sts.
Carl G. Lauro School Cafeteria	97 Kenyon St.
Carter Day Nursery	239 Public St.
Central Vocational Print Shop	91 Fricker St.
Chad-Ad-Sun Camp Horizon	50 Camden Ave.
Chad Brown Community Center	263 Chad Brown St.
Chad-Ad-Sun Home Start	285 Chad Brown St.
Church of God	12 Anthony Ave.
Church of God-Maranatha	381 Manton Ave.
City Camp	10 Pope St.
Clarence St. Playground	Clarence St.
Codding Court Tenants Assn.	142 Dodge St.
Congdon St. Baptist Church	17 Congdon St.
Dexter St. Training Grounds	Parade St.
Ebenezer Community Center	475 Cranston St.
Elmwood Community Center	155 Niagara St
Federal Hill House	9 Courtland St.
Federal Hill Tutorial	254 Atwells Ave.
Fox Point Clubhouse	90 Ives St.
Fox Point Park	Wickenden St.
FRM-Building Maintenance	70 Fricker St.
Glenham St. Tot Park	Glenham & Taylor Sts.
Glory Days Day Camp	15 Hayes St.
Hartford Park Community Center	20 Syracuse St.
Holy Ghost Day Care	35 Swiss St.
Hope Neighborhood Assn. Day Care	529 Plainfield St.
Hope Neighborhood Assn. Summer School I	529 Plainfield St.
Hope Neighborhood Assn. Summer School II	529 Plainfield St.
Hope Neighborhood Assn. Summer School III	529 Plainfield St.
House of Prayer Bible School	123 Lexington Ave.
Islamic Center of RI	582 Cranston St.
John Hope Day Camp	7 Burgess St.
John Hope Day Care	7 Burgess St.
John Hope Playground	7 Burgess St.

Joseph Williams Playground
 Joslin Athletic Complex
 Junction Human Services
 Lippitt Tot Park
 Manton Tot Park
 McCauley Village Day Care
 McGrane Athletic Complex
 Mount Hope Community Assn.
 Mount Hope Day Care
 New Life Meal Site
 Niagara St. Playground
 Nickerson House Camp Hamilton
 Nickerson House Community Center
 O'Brien Park
 Oliver Hazard Perry Schoolyard
 Olneyville Boys & Girls Club
 Omni Point
 Oxford & Burnside Park
 Pleasant View School
 Pond St. Baptist Church
 Project Outreach
 Project Promote-Pleasant View School
 Providence Recreation Sports Clinic
 Corliss Park
 Fargnoli Park
 Joslin Park
 Mount Pleasant High School
 Tennis Against Drugs
 Valley St. Playground
 Wallace St. Playground
 Zuccolo Athletic Center
 Providence Summer School
 Providence YMCA-Camp Shepard
 Reservoir Ave. Schoolyard
 Rhode Island Indian Council
 Rogers-Selim Athletic Complex
 Roger Williams Middle School Cafeteria
 Roger Williams Middle Schoolyard
 Sackett St. Schoolyard
 Salvation Army
 Silver Lake Day Care
 Smith Hill Baptist Ministries
 Smith Hill Center
 Smith Hill Center-Camp Meehan
 South Providence Athletic Complex
 South Providence Boys and Girls Club
 South Providence Neighborhood Ministries
 Happy Day
 Special Events
 "What To Do With Your Life"

Elmwood Ave.
 17 Hyatt St.
 666 Hartford Ave.
 Hope & Blackstone Bvd
 31 Salmon St.
 325 Niagara St.
 Dexter St.
 Camp & Cypress Sts.
 32 Camp St.
 85 America St.
 Niagara & Potters Ave
 123 Delaine St.
 123 Delaine St.
 Regent & River Ave.
 370 Hartford Ave.
 33 Atwood Ave.
 337 Point St.
 Oxford & Burnside Sts
 Obediah Brown Rd.
 75 Chester Ave.
 1520 Broad St.
 Obediah Brown Rd.

 Corliss St.
 Smith & Nelson Sts.
 17 Hyatt St.
 400 Mt Pleasant Ave
 Roger Williams Park
 Valley St.
 Wallace & Cumberford
 9 Gesler St.
 70 Fricker St.
 160 Broad St.
 156 Reservoir Ave.
 444 Friendship St.
 1 Danforth St.
 278 Thurbers Ave.
 278 Thurbers Ave.
 157 Sackett St.
 386 Broad St.
 529 Plainfield St.
 60 Camden Ave.
 110 Ruggles St.
 Angell Rd. Lincoln RI
 227 Dudley St.
 1 Louisa St

 747 Broad St.
 747 Broad St.
 747 Broad St.

South Providence Tutorial
Spirit Program

Lincoln School
Moses Brown School
Providence Country Day
Wheeler School

St. Anthony

St. Edwards Day Care

Summer Literacy Program

Pleasant View

Sackett St. School

West Broadway School

Temple Head Start

Torah Day Camp

Trinity Arts Center-Trinity Church

University I-School Partnership Pro

Urban League of RI

Urban League JPTA Program

URI-GAP Program

Valley St. Playground

Veazie St. Playground

Wallace St. Playground

Wanskuck Boys & Girls Club

Warren-Fuller Playground

Washington Park Community Center

West End Community Center

Zuccolo Athletic Complex

1 Louisa St.

301 Butler Ave.

250 Lloyd Ave.

2117 Pawtucket Ave EP

216 Hope St.

252 Rhodes St.

1001 Branch Ave.

Obediah Brown Rd.

159 Sackett St.

29 Bainbridge Ave.

214 Prarie Ave.

450 Elmgrove Ave.

375 Broad St.

22 Hayes St.

246 Prarie Ave.

246 Prarie Ave.

70 Fricker St.

Valley St.

Veazie St.

Wallace St.

550 Branch Ave.

Warren & Fuller Sts.

42 Jillson St.

109 Bucklin St.

9 Gesler St.

FIELD PERMITS

The Department of Recreation issued field permits to local organizations, for the use of the City's athletic fields. These organizations used these fields for activities such as, baseball, softball, football, soccer, rugby, volleyball, and tennis. The department also issued permits for the use of the city's pools and recreation centers. In all, over 400 permits were issued.

ORGANIZATION	LAST	FIRST	NUM
204 Rounds Ave	Kevorkian	Allan	1
95.5 WBRU	Epstein	Kevin	1
A & J Fenceworks	Lindell	George	1
ABC League	DiMeo	Russ	1
Accountants League	Nesteriak	Laura	5
Action Auto Collison		Rebel	1
ADT Security Systems	Butler	Chet	1
Air Force	Siler	Sgt	1
AJ Oster	Sullivan	Dave	1
ALP	Montarano	Steve	1
American Express	McNeill	Michael	3
American Univ Insurance Co	Boulay	F	1
Amica Insurance	Sherring	James	2
ASA Tournament	Mernick	Bob	1
Assuri Hague	Cambio	Al	2
Azzurri Soccer League			2
B & D Tavern	Baldoni	Fred	2
Bank of New England	DeSisto	Joe	1
Beer Hill Pub	Maglione	Bill	2
Blazing Graphics	Blazer	Barry	2
Blue Cross	Caldarone	Glenn	1
Bonanza Bus Lines			1
Bruin Plastics	McAlicie	Mike	3
CA Bolivia	Villagomez	Humberto	1
Catamero Ltd			1
Central High School	Gemma	Raymond	1
Century 21 Softball Team	Marzotti	Taft	1
Chaffe-Bedard	Hughes	David	1
Ciccone Law Outlaws	Ciccone	Richard	1
Citizen Bank	Sommerville	Bill	1
Citizens Autobody	Izzo	Dave	4
Citizens for Citizens	Lauzier	Eloise	2
City Tire	Roca	Julio	4
Classical High School	Mezzanotte	Thomas	6

Coast Guard			1
Codding Court	Wilson	Deb	1
Coldmaster	Toulin	John	2
Colendario	Graca	Jose	1
Comet Car Wash	Sciotti	Paul	2
Courts Sports		Al	3
Comet Car Wash	Sciotti	Paul	2
Dominican League	Blas Duern	Jose	1
East Side Women's Soccer	Austin	Jan	2
East Side Laundry	Hie	David	1
East Side Soccer Assoc	Siclari	Mike	1
Edwards & Angel	Motta	Ken	1
Elmhurst LL	Ashton	Charles	2
Elmwood LL	Barreira	Al	4
Elmwood Sports			2
Faco	Soares	Howard	1
Federal Hill League	Cruz	Teri	1
Federal Products			1
First & Thirty	Vincent	Dave	1
Fleet National Bank	Bennett	Oliver	7
Foley's Pub	Collard	Kevin	1
Fox Point LL			1
Franklin Graphics	Krueger	Bill	1
Getsemani Christian League	Rodriques	Richard	5
Homenetmen	Jawharjian	Hagop	5
HSI	Childs	Robert	2
I Broomfield & Sons	Broomfield	Allen	1
IBM	Bracey	Jim	1
IGA's Over 50 League			1
Indian Capa Farms	Lambert	Camden	3
Invaders	DeGomba	Bill	1
IRS	Ferriera	Bob	1
Italia '90	Izzo	John	4
Jewish Community Center	Goldstein	Elliot	1
Johnson & Wales Univ	Walton	Hollie	7
Johnston Recreation	Lafazia	Vincent	2
Johnson & Wales Alumni Assoc	Caruso	Mike	1
Kicks 106	Malloy	Jim	2
King Elementary School	Hurst	Barbara	1
Las Americas	Toribio	Papo	2
LaSalle Academy	Fiore	Arthur	3
Meeting St School	Heaney	Myschelle	3
Mendez Management	Hendriquez	Jose	1
Mendez Travel			1
Moses Brown School	Matson	Pamela	1
Mt Hope	Fenton	Joshua	1
Mt Pleasant High School	DiMuccio	Ralph	1
Mt Pleasant LL	McConnell	Ed	2
N Prov Firefighters		PeeWee	1
N Safty Equipment	Lyons	John	1
Narragansett Bay Commission	Addison	Alan	1
Narragansett Paint	Almagno	Steve	1
NE Baseball League	Hooper	Kevin	5
NE Lawn Tennis Assoc	Morse	Karen	1

NE Rabbinical College	Bomberger	Henry	1
Northend Girls Softball League	Savastano	Gael	2
Northend Wanskuck LL	McCaughey	Jack	3
Ocean State League	Guzman	Alberto	1
Northend Wanskuck LL	McCaughey	Jack	3
Old Timers Tap	Cirelli	Jim	1
Old Timers Marks		Steve	1
Over 35 League	LaFazia	Vin	3
Over 50 League	Yanku	Len	5
Polo			1
Prov Lawyers	Falcone	Bill	1
Prov Sunday Morning League			8
Prov Twilight Indus League			9
Providence Fire Fighters			9
Providence Recreation Dept			3
Providence Umpires Assoc			1
Providence Housing Authority	Piri	Angelo	3
Providence FOP	Penza	Ken	2
Providence College Alaimo Gerry			3
Providence Recreation League	Antin	Frank	6
Providence College Rugby	Certo	Russ	1
Providence Babe Ruth	DeFalco	Steve	10
Providence Business News	Fortin	Frank	2
Providence Parks Dept	Goodwin	Allen	2
Providence College Baseball	Kostikopolos	Paul	1
Providence Rugby	Marzilli	Gerry	5
Providence Freelancers	Murray Ulrich	Gayle	2
Providence Police	Schavone	Robert	3
Providence College Basketball	Shyatt	Larry	1
Redwood Lodge	Krasner	Edward	1
RI Ad Club	Leisitz	John	1
RI Advertising Club League	Bibeeault	Renee	1
RI Advertising League	Ritchie	Susan	2
RI Blood Center	Hasway	Dave	1
RI Church League	Yanku	Len	2
RI Evangelical Church	Berg	Bob	4
RI Hospital Trust	Lippka	Ray	1
RI Hospital	McDermott	Karen	2
RI International Soccer League			1
RI National Guard	Sullivan	Brian	4
RI Ocean State Women's ASA			1
RI School for the Deaf			1
RI Society to Prevent Blindness	Rodriques	Anthony	1
RI State Co-Ed League	Dawson	Jim	2
RI Umpires Assoc	Sanda	Rudy	1
RI Women's Soccer Assoc	Austin	Jan	2
RIGHA	Brown	Shelia	2
RIPTA	Constantineau	William	1
RN Koch	DesJardins	Peter	1
Roger Williams Hospital	Melnick	Donna	3
Rolo Manufacturing			1
Ruglers	McIlmail	Jane	1
S Providence/Washington Park LL			3
School Department	Iacobbo	Ruth	1

Sears	Massey	Chris	1
Smith Hill Baptist Ministries	Brady-Mobley	Rev Kendal	1
SNUBS	Williams	Onna	1
St Anthony's Youth League			1
St Bartholomew's Church	Bordignon	Rev Mario	1
St Dunstan's School	Perry	Stephen	4
St Teresa School			1
Taino Sports Federation of NE	Aponte	Ruben	6
Textron	Kountze	Michael	1
The Providence Center	Mayer	Cheryl	1
Three Legged Stools	Marwil	Daniel	1
Tidy Car Wash			2
Trinity Assembly of God Church			3
United Youth Soccer League	Amarfio	Benjamin	1
US Postal Service			2
VA Hospital	Lyman		
W Elmwood Housing Dev	Conard-Wells	Sharon	
Wanskuck Boys & Girls Club	Beatini	William	2
Winograd, Shine, Zacks	Dorazio	Carolyn	1
WJAR Channel 10	Nardi	Bill	2
	Alger	Bud	1
	Bassett	Craig	1
	Braga	Bob	1
	Casasante	Jane	1
	Cicccone	Frank	1
	DeLuca	Joe	1
	Dicola	Rose	1
	Edwards	Walter	1
	Fastener	Rau	1
	Geremia	Lou	1
	Gomez	Victor	5
	Iozzi	Tom	2
	Jacinto		1
	Kue	Gerry	5
	Marzilli	Joe	1
	Merolla	Andy	2
	Moniz	Louis	2
	Moore	Mike	1
	Mowbray	Steve	1
	O'Brien	Larry	1
	O'Kleasky	Walter	1
	Pari	Richard	1
	Romero	Joaquin	1
	Shelton	Henry	6
	Span	Tom	1
	Swartzentrover	Keith	1
	Wnuk	Ken	1
	Woycik	Timothy	3

Renovated Davis Park offers variety and safety

SPORTS WEEK

By **DESIREE LESTIEUR**
Special to the Journal-Bulletin

The City of Providence officially dedicated the new Davis Park last week amid ceremonies that included words from Mayor Joseph Paolino, councilman Thomas Glavin, whose ward encompasses the park, and Ray Brown, director of recreation.

And Paolino, Glavin and Brown managed to keep the ceremonies lively; almost unceremonious, the event was anticlimactic because newly renovated park has been in use by neighborhood residents all summer.

Indeed, everybody wants a quiet, entertaining place to go where they can feel safe at night and the renovated Davis Park on Smith Hill provides such assurance for children of all ages — 2 through 92 — starting with a tot lot for the very young, with equipment that preschool-aged children can use immediately or grow into in

stages, mostly without adult help.

So the park gives mothers a chance to sit back and rest while maintaining a vigilant eye on their young offspring.

Activities for all ages

Also available are a jogging or walking track that can be used by people without fear from early morning until late at night as long as a baseball game is in progress under the newly installed floodlights.

Those baseball games, played by youths from 13 through 19 years of age, also provide wholesome and safe entertainment for people who enjoy spectator sports. So the combination of walking/jogging track and baseball under the lights offers neighborhood residents a complete summer evening of diversity.

Sand court a 'summer-like touch'

For younger participants there is a Little League field and for teens and adults there is a beach volleyball court — complete with beach sand — that got a lot of use this summer, including some nights of intracity

coed league competition.

That volleyball phase of Brown's recreation program drew so much interest that he is thinking about adding a court at Davis Park and some at other parks around the city.

"New sand courts on which the participants could compete in their bare feet gave the program a summer-like touch that was appreciated," said Christine Donilon, the recreation department's assistant program director.

Glavin spoke at the dedication ceremonies and praised Mayor Paolino for his efforts that brought about the facilities in such a short time.

'Example of revitalization'

Though that Mayor Paolino-Councilman Glavin participation smacks of politics, it was refreshing to see and hear the mayor keep his reply low key.

After a brief speech dedicating the multiple-use park, Paolino spread the credit around. He started with the taxpayers — "The people of Providence should be proud

of the fact their money is being put to such good use . . . the park is an example of revitalization taking place in the center of Smith Hill . . . giving people an alternative, especially seniors, who may want to go for walks at night" — and credited Councilman Glavin and, finally, "the expertise of Ray Brown."

The park has a concession stand and is open through the fall so, if you haven't had an opportunity yet, do make time to stop by. Pack a lunch, bring the kids and enjoy a pleasant afternoon at the new Davis Park.