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November 29, 2001

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**RE: Providence Parks Department 2000 Annual Report**

Dear Michael:

Our mistake in not sending this to you last February. In any case, here it is.

Sincerely,

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# Providence Parks Department



## 2000 Annual Report

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# **Neighborhood Parks 1.0**

## 1.1 NEW NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

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Three new parks were brought on line in the year 2000 in the Providence parks system. In the West Broadway neighborhood, Bell Street Park, officially dedicated as *Franciscan Park*, was completed last year. This 2.5-acre passive park, located next to the Bell Street Chapel off of Broadway, provides a shady respite from the crowded streets for area residents. The site is the former location of the former James Eddy Mansion.

Another parcel of land along the Mashapaug Pond was developed last year with the opening of the *Mashapaug Pond Community Boating Center* in June. This facility is located on the southern shore of the Pond behind the Ocean State Job Lot shopping center off of Reservoir Avenue. The 2.8-acre facility is Providence's first canoe and kayak facility. This unique Providence recreation and environmental education site is operated for the Parks Department by Paddle Providence. Over 900 youngsters from neighborhoods throughout the City, enjoyed canoeing and kayaking on the Pond in its first year of operation. Sailing will be added in the summer of 2001.



Pavilion at the Mashapaug Pond Community Boating Center

Also opened last year was *St. Ann's Piazza*, a small landscaped area next to St. Ann's Church in the North End. This small park space provides a significant aesthetic improvement to the Charles Street area and complements the wonderful architecture of St. Ann's. These three new parks bring the number of park paces in the City under the jurisdiction of the Parks Department to 110. See Exhibit 1-1 for a listing of neighborhood parks.

**EXHIBIT 1-1**

**PROVIDENCE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK AREAS**

<b><u>Ward 1</u></b>	<b><u>Ward 4</u></b>	<b><u>Ward 8</u></b>
Corliss Landing India Point Park East Street Park Cabral Park Carolyn Brassil Park Fenner Square Preston & Ives Playground Roger Williams Landing Gano Street Park	Hopkins Park Hopkins Square Prete-Metcalf Fields Esek Hopkins Square St. Ann's Piazza Ascham St. Park Canada Pond Wanskuck Park	Mansion Park Waldo St. Playground Bucklin Park Diamond St. Plyg. Murphy-Trainor Park Ardoene Park Mashapaug Pond Btg. JT Owens Fields Joe Williams Park
<b><u>Ward 2</u></b>	<b><u>Ward 5</u></b>	<b><u>Ward 9</u></b>
Brown Street Playground Constance Witherby Park Gladys Potter Park Paterson Street Playground Blackstone Park Blackstone Boulevard Session Street Park Morris Avenue Playground	Mt. Pleasant Fields Trinity Parkway Pleasant Valley Parkway	Sackett St. Park Amos Earley Park Roger Williams Park Locust Grove Cem.
<b><u>Ward 3</u></b>	<b><u>Ward 6</u></b>	<b><u>Ward 10</u></b>
Lippitt Park Martin Luther King Playground Billy Taylor Park Collyer Park Ninth Street Park Summit Avenue Park North Burial Ground North Main Street Median	Triggs Memorial G.C. George West Park Viscolosi Park Obediah Brown Fields	Washington Park Sq. Drummond Field Richardson park Harriet & Sayles Park Columbia Park Baxter St. Playground Salisbury St. Plyg.
	<b><u>Ward 7</u></b>	
	Neutaconkanut Park Daniel Avenue Park Scalabrini Piazza Cerbo Square Merino Park Laurel Hill Playground Pocasset Ave. Mem. Park	

**EXHIBIT 1-1  
CONTINUED**

**PROVIDENCE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK AREAS**

**Ward 11**

Cranston St. Park  
Warren Ave. Park  
Niagara St. Park  
Mattie Smith Playground  
Alphonso St. Playground  
Davey Lopes Center Park  
Pearl St. Playground

**Ward 12**

Prospect Terrace  
Lower Prospect Terrace  
M.E. Sharpe Memorial Park  
Oakland Avenue Park  
Davis Park  
Father Lennon Park  
Candace St. Park  
Boyle Square  
Regent Avenue Playground

**Ward 13**

Ridge Street Park  
Knight Street Park  
St. John's Park  
Franciscan Park  
DePasquale Plaza  
Garibaldi Square  
Dexter Training Grounds  
See also "Downtown Parks", Exh. 2-1

**Ward 14**

Fagnoli Park  
Veasie Street Park  
Corliss Park

**Ward 15**

Ellery Street Park  
Mount Pleasant Memorial Park  
Clarence Street Park  
Wallace Street Park  
Donigian Memorial Park  
Joslin Park

## **1.2 NEIGHBORHOOD PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

Unlike the previous two years in which 50 neighborhood parks were renovated under the City's Bond Program, last year was a more typical year in terms of park improvements. Highlights from last year included playground renovations at *Dexter Training Ground* in the West Broadway neighborhood, at *Gladys Potter Park*, *Paterson Street Park*, and *Martin Luther King School* on the East Side, and on General Street near the *Recreation Department headquarters*. Project Managers Beth Petrone and John Izzo supervised most of these projects.

The *Dexter Training Ground* playground renovation featured a unique partnership between the West Broadway Neighborhood Association (WBNA) and the Parks Department. The WBNA supplied the equipment through a grant and the parks Department assisted neighbors in installing the equipment.

A new ¼ mile lighted walking track at *Metcalf Field* in the North End was also opened last year continuing the trend of adding walking tracks in the City.

The *Federal Hill Little League* was able to move to Dexter Training Grounds after the Department installed fencing at the site.

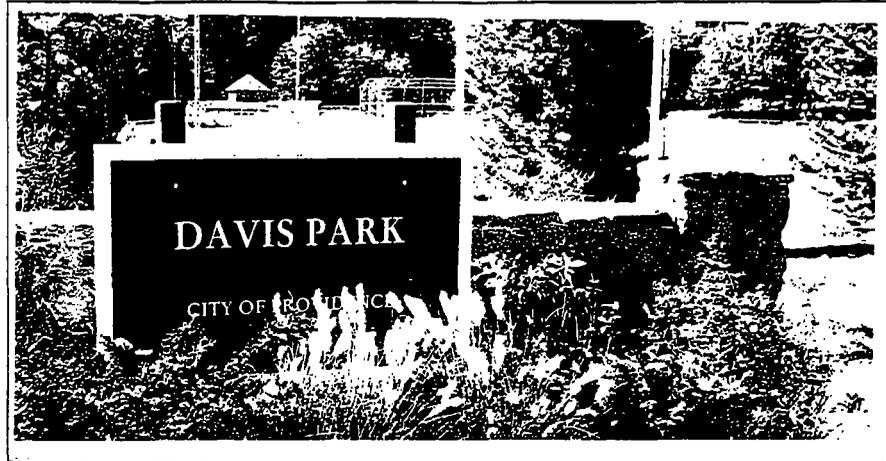
Other major neighborhood park improvements in 2000 included: a new batting cage at the *Gano Street Little League Field*; fence and stone wall improvements at *Wanskuck Park*; a new youth tennis court at *Davey Lopes Center*, and continuing improvements to the walking path on *Blackstone Boulevard*.

## **1.3 MAINTENANCE**

More than half of the Parks Department resources—staffing and budget—are used for park maintenance. And 80% of Parks Department maintenance resources are spent on maintaining neighborhood and downtown parks. Even with this level of effort, the maintenance effort could be greater given the number and diversity of parks in the Providence system.

The Parks Department is responsible for 15 more parks currently than it was in 1990. The Grounds Maintenance Division, under the direction of Joe Salem, has been able to keep up with the additional demand with virtually the same number of employees that were on the payroll in 1990. In addition to the increased

number of park spaces to maintain is the growing complexity and diversity of these park spaces. Lighting, irrigation, and decorative fencing, for example, are present now in several neighborhood parks.



Davis Park is one of 110 parks that is maintained by the Parks Department

Neighborhood park maintenance consists generally of the following: grass cutting, emptying of trash barrels, picking up litter and trash, sweeping up broken glass, removing leaves, maintaining ball fields, and maintaining or repairing equipment, lighting, and park facilities. During the peak park season—May to October—the bulk of the effort focuses on grass and trash.

During this past year, grass cutting frequency was slightly improved from the previous year due to better equipment. Also contributing to better grass cutting was the Senior Temps program which runs from June to September and provides a senior, appointed by City Council members, to pick up trash on a daily basis in selected parks. The relationship between litter and grass is a simple one—the less trash in a park, the more easily we can cut the grass and move on to the next park. Exhibit 1-2 lists the parks with seniors in 2000. The Senior Temps program is a very cost-effective way to improve maintenance in neighborhood parks and should be considered for expansion.

#### **1.4 NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PROGRAMS**

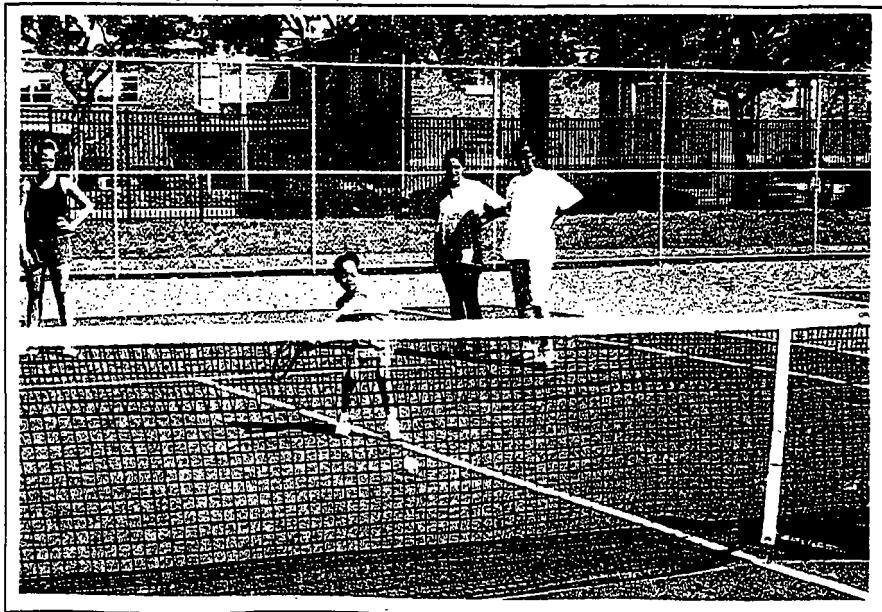
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The bulk of neighborhood park and recreation programming falls under the jurisdiction of the Recreation Department. However, the Parks Department facilitates many neighborhood programs run by private groups, and the activities listed below were accomplished in 2000:

**Exhibit 1-2**  
**Senior Temps by Park and Ward, 2000**

<i>Ward</i>	<i>Park</i>	<i>Senior</i>
1	India Point Park	J. Britto
1	Brassil Park/Cabral Park	J. Nunes
1	Roger Williams Landing	J. Montiero
3	Billy Taylor Park	J. Wiggins
3	North Main Median	J. Fernandes
3	North Main Median	L. Stallworth
5	Mt. Pleasant Fields	V. Antonelli
6	George West Park	A. Lesvesque
8	Bucklin Park	J. Torres
8	Ardoene/J. Williams	Q. Baldayac
9	Amos Earley Park	W. Holland
9	Tim O'Neil Fields	R. Walters
10	Columbia Park	J. Montano
11	Cranston St./Pearl St.	C. Jeffries
11	Warren St. Park	E. Varan
12	Candace St./Boyle Sq.	L. Guertin
12	Davis Park	R. Weidelle
13	Ridge St./ Knight St.	H. Florio
13	Dexter Training Grounds	J. Massey
14	Fargnoli/Corliss	F. DiMaio
15	Joslin Park	J. McCaffrey
15	Clarence St./Wallace St.	D. Cerullo
8/15	Mansion/Ellery St.	S. Logan

- **Little Leagues**—The Parks Department's Bob Rastelli worked closely with all eight little league organizations in 2000 to make the year one of the most successful ever for little league programs. Our assistance included field maintenance, trash removal, light repairs, and fence repairs. The leagues assisted were East Side-Fox Point, North End-Wanskuck, Elmhurst, Mt. Pleasant, Silver Lake-Olneyville, Elmwood, Federal Hill, and South Providence-Washington Park. These efforts benefited almost 3,000 youngsters.
- **Other Athletic Leagues**—The Department also assisted such organizations as the West End Intruders, the Mount Hope Cowboys, Capitol Youth Soccer, and numerous softball and soccer organizations on field maintenance in 2000 to ensure successful athletic programs.
- **Tennis**—In conjunction with the Recreation Department, the Parks Department conducted tennis instruction in 2000 for the first time ever on neighborhood tennis courts. Besides Roger Williams Park courts, tennis camps were conducted at Hope HS courts, Central HS courts, and John Hope Settlement House courts. After school tennis instruction continued in the Fall at six community centers. A total of 1,400 youth participated in the program. The Department was successful in getting funds from the United States Tennis Association to fund these programs again in 2001.



A future Serena Williams learns to volley at the Central HS courts

- **Canoeing and Kayaking**—Providence is one of the few cities in the country with a public canoe and kayak program now at both Mashapaug Pond and at Waterplace Park. This is great way for families and for youngsters of all ages to enjoy the outdoors.



Providence youngsters learn canoeing at Waterplace Park

- **Sailing**—The Providence Parks Department has leased land to Community Boating of Providence at India Point Park to enable families in Providence to learn how to sail. Approximately 300 youngsters from community centers and Boys and Girls clubs in the City enjoyed sailing off of India Point
- **Neighborhood Events and Festivals**—In 2000 the Department issued 84 permits for neighborhood-based group events in neighborhood parks. Groups, such as the Smith Hill Community Center, the Mt. Pleasant Crime Watch, the Cape Verdean Committee, the Armenian Association, the Elmwood Foundation, the West Broadway Neighborhood Association, and the Hmong Unity Association held events in Providence neighborhood parks last year. Many of these groups received special support services from the Parks Department in the form of electrical assistance, staging, or special trash removal services.

## **1.5 NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PLANNING**

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New parks and major park improvements don't occur overnight. They may take months to plan and design; or in some cases even many years. In the past year, Department staffers Beth Petrone, John Izzo, Fred Holman, and Bob McMahon have been working

on several short term, as well as long term, park planning efforts. The following projects that will take place in 2001 received planning and design efforts in 2000:

- *Adelaide Avenue Neighborhood Parking Lot*
- *Morris Avenue Playground* Improvements
- *JT Owens Fields* Water Line and Irrigation Improvements
- *Richardson Park Water Park and Art Park*
- *Fagnoli Park Water Park*
- *East Side Skateboard Park*
- *Gano Street Little League Field* Fencing
- *Scalabrini Piazza Park* Improvements
- *Laurel Hill Playground* Improvements
- *Blackstone Park/York Pond* Dredging Project

The Parks Department also worked on several long-term planning efforts with a number of City and State agencies that will eventually bear fruit in the form of new parks or park improvements in Providence neighborhoods. These projects include:

- *Gorham Site/New Shoreline Park*
- *Woonasquatucket Greenway/New BikePath* and New Parks at former Riverside Mills and Lincoln Lace sites
- RT 195 Relocation/*India Point Park* Improvements

## **1.6 AWARDS**

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The Department received two awards for its neighborhood park efforts in 2000. The Providence Preservation Society recognized the Grounds Maintenance, Forestry, and Planning divisions of the Department for its on-going work to improve Blackstone Park and Blackstone Boulevard. And the West Broadway Neighborhood Association recognized the Grounds Maintenance Division for its efforts in improving the playground at Dexter Training Ground.



# Providence Preservation Society

## LANDSCAPE DESIGN / OPEN SPACE AWARD

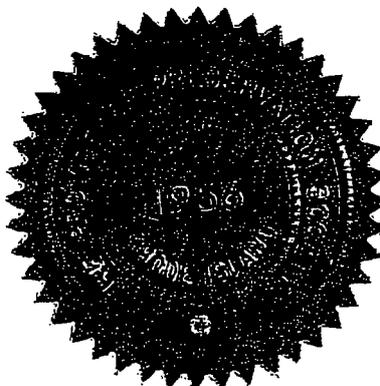
### FRIENDS OF BLACKSTONE PARK & BOULEVARD, INC.

*Blackstone Boulevard was commissioned by the proprietors of Swan Point Cemetery in 1892 to provide better access to the cemetery from the then more densely settled part of Providence. Designed by the nationally known landscape architect Horace W. S. Cleveland, Blackstone Boulevard and Blackstone Park are important examples of the informal parkways and open spaces built around the turn of the century. Recognizing the constant need for maintenance, care and resources, concerned neighbors formed the Friends of Blackstone Park & Boulevard, a non-profit organization dedicated to the stewardship and improvement of these important urban green spaces. Friends of Blackstone Park & Boulevard, together with the City of Providence Parks Department and Forestry Department, have lead the way in maintenance, public improvements and enhancements, as well as addressing long-term environmental remediation for Blackstone Park's York Pond. Through successful advocacy, fundraising and neighborhood initiatives, the Friends of Blackstone Park & Boulevard developed an ambitious landscape plan to recapture the emphatically rustic design created by Horace Cleveland in 1904. Whether cycling or motoring down the Boulevard, or jogging along the newly surfaced central pathway, the many achievements of the Friends of Blackstone Park & Boulevard enhance significantly the physical attributes of this area and may be enjoyed by all.*

*Presented at the Society's Annual Meeting, November 15, 2000.*

*Patricia A. Moran*

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President



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Executive Director

# **Downtown Parks 2.0**

## **2.1 DOWNTOWN PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

Most people are aware of the significant facelift that has occurred in the Downtown along the rivers. The transformation that has taken place is the result of significant Federal and State funds leveraged by transportation projects for Providence. In addition to the familiar Waterplace Park, Memorial Park, and the Providence Riverwalk, the downtown park system also includes several other parks as listed in Exhibit 2-1. In the past year no new major improvements were completed along the rivers or in the other Downtown park spaces.

Construction did begin in 2000, however, on shoreline improvements along the eastern shore of the Providence River south of the Crawford Street Bridge. These improvements are being managed by the State and will continue the overall river improvements all the way to Wickenden Street. This is the first phase of the "Old Harbor" project that is associated with the RT 195 relocation effort. The resulting park will be under the jurisdiction of the Parks Department.

Another significant project also broke ground in 2000—the reconstruction of Kennedy Plaza by the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA). Once the improvements are completed in approximately a year, Kennedy Plaza will be leased to RIPTA for operation and maintenance.

Minor improvements funded by the Parks Department in 2000 in the Downtown parks included:

- Bronze conservation of the Bajnotti Fountain in *Burnside Park*
- Completion of new iron fencing around *Burnside Park*
- Completion of landscaping at *Burnside Park*
- Installation of an irrigation system at *Memorial Park*

## **2.2 DOWNTOWN PARK MAINTENANCE**

The new park spaces created at Waterplace Park, Memorial Park, and along the Providence Riverwalk are maintenance intensive. The number of programs and special events in these parks, such as Waterfire, create a visitor use of several hundred thousand people a year. The Parks Department in 2000 assigned a new maintenance person to these new park spaces in order to keep up with the maintenance needs. In addition, a number of the abutting property owners along the Providence Riverwalk, such as the

**EXHIBIT 2-1**

**PROVIDENCE DOWNTOWN PARK AREAS**

**Abbott Park**

**Biltmore Park**

**Burnside Park**

**Cathedral Square**

**George M. Cohan Park**

**Fleet Skating Center**

**Freeman Park**

**Kennedy Plaza**

**Memorial Park**

**Providence Riverwalk**

**Trinity Mews**

**Waterplace Park**

Rhode Island School of Design, have committed to helping with the maintenance.

The Parks Department also has one person full time maintaining Burnside Park and Biltmore Park because of the demand placed on them by RIPTA users. All of the other Downtown parks are maintained on a rotation basis, similar to the neighborhood parks.



Restoration work performed at Bajnotti Fountain

### **2.3 DOWNTOWN PARK PROGRAMMING**

The Parks Department, through its Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA), under the direction of Bob Rizzo, is responsible for programming the new park spaces that have been created along the downtown waterways. Diverse programming is offered and it attracts residents from all of Providence's neighborhoods. 2000 was a banner year for programming. Waterplace Park, the Riverwalk, and other downtown park spaces were programmed with a myriad of arts activities and events, most of which were free and open to the public. OCA-produced events attracted 200,000 people in 2000. In addition, the NBC Gravity Games and the Waterfire events—both of which are largely held on park spaces—attracted another 800,000 people.

Two of the Parks Department major downtown programming efforts are highlighted below:

### Waterplace Park

Activities at Waterplace Park in 2000 included:

- ***“LIVE at Waterplace Park”***. This eight-week music series brought national and international acts to Providence, free to the public, on Friday evenings at 7 PM during the summer. As seen in the accompanying listing, this series reflected the many cultures of Providence’s neighborhoods.
- ***Drumming Circle at Waterplace Park***. On Wednesday evenings in the summer, the Young Fish School of Drumming hosted public drumming for the general public at no charge. Master African drummers and world-class musicians from the region participated in the weekly event.
- ***Providence Jazz and Blues Festival***. Produced in partnership with the Providence Black Repertory Company, this festival, held in July of last year, showcased many greats, including: Ahmad Jamal, Roy Ayers, and Carey Bell.



- ***Trinity Summer Shakespeare*** and Other Organizations. The Department partnered with Trinity to bring outdoor Shakespeare to Waterplace Park. We also sponsored the Cadence Dance Project’s “Pippi Longstocking” performance.
- ***Park Permits***. Through the park permit program, we also allowed many other non-profit organizations to hold events at Waterplace Park, including Waterfire, the Million Mom March, and the Steve Shaw Road Race gathering.

## Convergence International Arts Festival

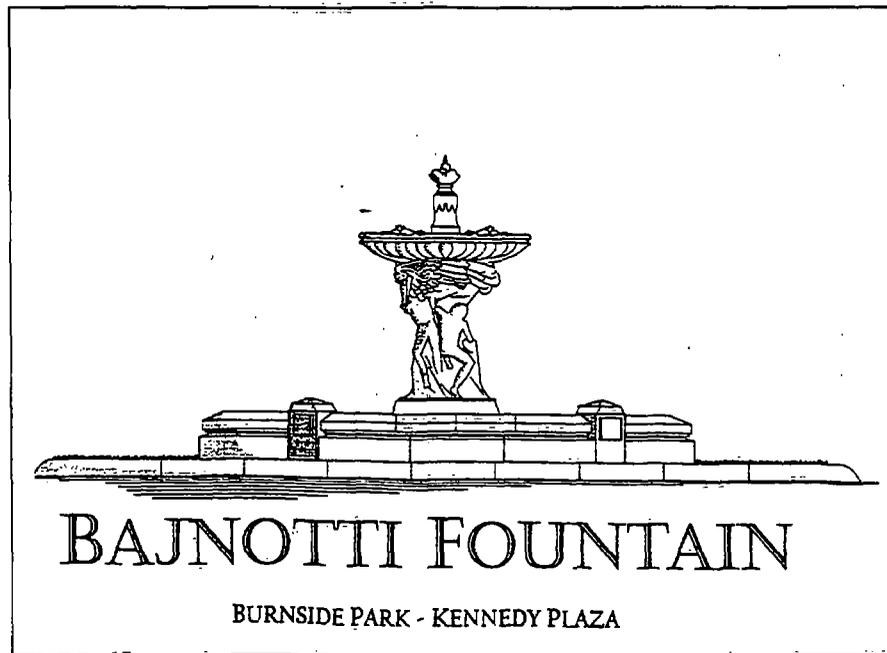
Convergence 2000 was held in September over a three-week period and encompassed statewide activities this year. Created 13 years ago by Parks Department director of cultural affairs, Bob Rizzo, Convergence has grown from a one-day festival into an internationally recognized, multi-week event celebrating the visual and performing arts. In Providence last year, the Department installed 40 large-scale sculpture projects by artists from around the world. A Street Painting Festival was added this past year and attracted almost 40,000 people over the September 8,9,10 weekend.

### 2.4 DOWNTOWN PARK PLANNING

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During the past year, the Parks Department worked with the State and with the City Planning Department to design the park and riverwalk areas along the western shore of the Providence River south of Crawford Street Bridge. This area known as "Old Harbor" will begin to take shape in 2002 as the RT 195 Relocation project proceeds.

The Department also completed the design for new mechanical and electrical systems for a re-built Bajnotti Fountain at Burnside Park. The renovated fountain will be completed in 2001.



# **Roger Williams Park 3.0**

### **3.1 INTRODUCTION**

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Roger Williams Park is the largest park in the Providence parks system encompassing 435 acres including 105 acres of ponds. It attracts over 3 million visitors a year from not only Providence, but also from Rhode Island and southeastern New England. It is Providence's major park, but it is also a neighborhood park for the Elmwood, Lower South Providence, and Washington Park neighborhoods. And it is the most popular park in Rhode Island, even though it is a City-owned and operated park.

The Park is also on the National Register of Historic Places. It is a daily challenge to accommodate 3 million visitors a year and to not compromise the historic character of the Park. In 2000 the Parks Department sought to maintain and enhance the Park's historic character, knowing that as stewards of the landscape we have a responsibility to reinforce the special sense of place that Roger Williams Park enjoys with Providence and Rhode Island residents.

### **3.2 CAROUSEL VILLAGE**

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Carousel Village is a major attraction in the Park, particularly for Providence residents. It features the following attractions:

- Carousel rides
- Playground
- Miniature Golf
- Kiddie rides
- Pony rides
- Carousel Café concession stand
- Picnic areas
- Park Trolley stop
- Paddleboats (nearby at the Boathouse dock)



Carousel Village is a popular spot because it offers inexpensive rides for families, has the only playground in Roger Williams Park, has the only concession stand in the Park outside of the Zoo, and has public restrooms. In 2000, the Parks Department changed the entire management staffing at the Carousel. As a result, the operation last year was cleaner, more service-oriented, and included more popular rides for the public. The new rides were a dinosaur ride and miniature train ride. In the past year we also re-introduced birthday parties at the Carousel, a popular feature for young families.

### 3.3 THE CASINO

Built in 1896, the Casino is one of the Park's most famous and most popular examples of successful historic preservation. The Casino is more than just an elegant place for wedding receptions. Under the direction of David LaPorte, the Casino is one of the prime venues in Providence and in Rhode Island for non-profit group events, public meetings, and public programming. Revenues generated by rentals are used to maintain the building, though it is now increasingly apparent that, after 20 years of heavy use, near term major renovations are necessary, and will require funding beyond the fees generated from rentals.



#### Use

In 2000, the Casino hosted 275 events and generated approximately \$225,000 in revenue. The number of events is remarkable, and provides some sense of the wear and tear on the building. The Casino is an elegant community-gathering place for Providence-based community groups, offering a special place to celebrate or to hold a fundraiser. Many city groups rented the facility at reduced or non profit rates in 2000 and these groups included:

#### **A Sample of Providence Groups Using the Casino in 2000**

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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| --St. Patrick's Parade Comm. | --Feinstein School  |
| --Hispanic Cultural Council  | --VIPS              |
| --Elmwood Foundation         | --Urban League      |
| --Headstart                  | --UCAP              |
| --School One                 | --Wellspring School |
| --City Year                  | --San Miguel School |
| --Keep Providence Beautiful  | --Genesis Center    |
| --Met School                 | --Fireman's Ball    |

### **Building Renovations**

In the past year, a new heavy-duty stove was installed in the kitchen. Exterior painting and carpentry repairs were begun. Landscaping around the building and near the Bandstand was enhanced and an irrigation system was installed in front of the building.

### **3.4 THE GREENHOUSE CENTER**

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The Greenhouse Center includes 5 greenhouses covering 21,000 sq. ft. The greenhouses are open to the public throughout the year with seasonal flower displays, tropical, and semi-tropical plants from around the world. One of the greenhouses is used to grow seasonal flowers and plants that are used for flower shows, flowerbeds in the Park, and for City Hall. Plants from the Greenhouses are regularly loaned for Providence school events, for City Hall events, and for park buildings as needed.

The Greenhouse staff also is responsible for maintaining all of the formal gardens in the Park and all the planting beds around the Park buildings.

The year 2000 was one of the most productive in the last decade for the Greenhouse staff. Under the direction of Jim Shepard., deferred maintenance in the greenhouses was addressed; heating units were overhauled; and plant propagation was improved with new fertilizer systems and heating mats.

Over 2,200 people attended this year's Spring Flower Show which featured thousands of bulbs, including Easter lilies, tulips, narcissus, and hyacinths. More than 2,500 visitors came to the Christmas Flower Show. During the year, 16 Providence schools toured the greenhouses

This past year also saw the strengthening of relationships with many private groups interested in helping the garden areas of the Park. Excellent partnerships are now in place with the Rhode Island Rose Society, the Master Gardeners from URI, the Wild Plant Society, and the Rhode Island Orchid Society. All of these groups have given Park staff the ability to maintain more garden areas.

Park visitors in 2000 enjoyed the first complete year of bloom for the renovated Rose Garden that was substantially renovated and expanded in 1999. The Rhode Island Rose Society is a major partner in maintaining this magnificent garden that is now approaching the splendor it once had 80 years ago.

### **3.5 THE ROGER WILLIAMS PARK LANDSCAPE**

Roger Williams Park is more than just a collection of venues—the Carousel, the Zoo, the Museum, etc. It is first and foremost a beautiful landscape that visitors can enjoy by taking a walk or by sitting down to a picnic. One of the most difficult challenges facing the Parks Department is accommodating 3 million visitors a year in a formal historic landscape. A relatively small maintenance crew of 10 people, under the direction of Jerry Bicknell, is responsible for day-to-day maintenance of almost 300 acres of parkland. Routine tasks include grass cutting, picking up litter, emptying over 200 trash barrels, plowing 10 miles of roads, street sweeping, and pruning.

Each year we also try to address major landscape needs of the Park to prevent the deterioration that took place in 1960's and early 1970's. This past year, a number of projects were completed and managed by Park staffers Fred Holman, Chuck Carberry, and Mary Ellen Flanagan as seen below:

#### **Major Landscape & Site Improvement Projects Completed in Roger Williams Park in 2000**

- **Completed the new Broad Street Entrance**
- **Re-paved Hawthorne Avenue roadway from Broad Street entrance to the Tennis Courts**
- **Planted new shrubs and trees at the Elmwood Avenue entrance, around the old Seal Pond, in front of the Boathouse, and at the Greenhouse, Carousel, and Casino**
- **Planted 60 new trees and transplanted 48 trees throughout the Park**
- **Installed new sidewalk along Polo Lake to the Zoo parking lot entrance**

### **3.6 THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AND PLANETARIUM**

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For over a century, the Museum of Natural History and Planetarium has been educating and inspiring students and families through its exhibitions and collections. Significant accomplishments in 2000 under the direction of Tracy Keough included the renovation of the Museum's last original gallery space, the opening of a major new exhibit, the creation of a new planetarium show, and the expansion of training programs for Rhode Island science educators.

#### **Gallery Renovation**

The former "Indian" gallery was renovated in 2000 to house the new exhibit on the Museum's Oceania collection. The gallery retains its original cases and fixtures from 1896. The gallery had been closed to the public for 20 years and had been used as temporary storage. Through grants from the RI Department of Environmental Management, the original features were refurbished, including the original wood floor and the mahogany exhibit cases. New overhead lighting was installed, walls and ceilings prepared, and the room re-painted.

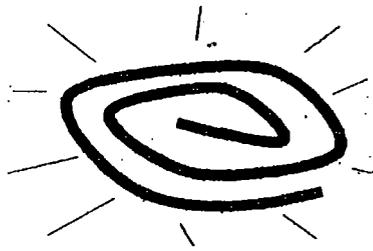
#### **Oceania Collection Conservation**

The Museum's conservator, Marilyn Massaro, communicated with conservators and scholars from around the world to complete the first-ever complete conservation and cleaning of the Museum's 400 objects from the Oceania area of the Pacific. The Oceania collection was donated to the Museum in 1922 by the Providence Franklin Society. This conservation effort was in addition to the Museum's routine work conserving, cataloguing, and researching the Museum's 250,000 objects.

#### **"Circle of the Sea" Exhibit**

Using 100 of the conserved objects from the Oceania collection, a new exhibit "Circle of the Sea" was installed in the renovated gallery space. This stunning new exhibit features rare objects, including carvings from Easter Island, a Hawaiian necklace made from 1700 feet of braided human hair, and a 22-foot long loincloth made of cloth fashioned from the bark of a tree.

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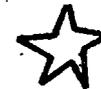
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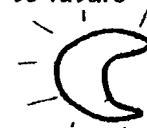
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## Education

In addition to serving the general public and school groups, Museum staff offer professional development for in-service and pre-service teachers and coordinate development of science curricula for schools. Last year, over 700 teachers participated in the Museum's professional development programs. Almost 10,000 students attended Museum workshops and planetarium shows. See Exhibit 3-1 for the type of workshops and shows presented in 2000. Approximately 6,000 youth from community groups, scout troops, and the YMCA also participated in workshops and planetarium shows.

## 3.7 PARK RANGERS

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The Park Ranger force was originally created in the late 1970's to address security problems at the Zoo. As the Park has grown in popularity in the last 15 years, the Park Ranger force has grown accordingly to provide security throughout the Park. The force now totals 14 rangers. With 3.0 million visitors a year, 22 street entrances open 365 days a year to neighborhood and city traffic, extraordinary buildings, and major special events—providing security in the Park is difficult. The types of offenses responded to in 2000 in the Park included: attempted rapes, robberies, assaults, larcenies, narcotics violations, and motor vehicle violations.



In the past year, the Park Rangers, under Chief Joseph Gleckman, accomplished the following:

- Increased Ranger coverage during the 7 AM-3 PM shift, the busiest activity period for the park.
- Integrated a K-9 effort during the 3 PM-11 PM shift.
- Implemented bike patrols during the warm weather months to increase Ranger response time.
- Improved mobile communications with the Providence Police Department.
- Implemented new vehicle maintenance procedures with the Police Department at the Bucklin Street garage
- Provided security coverage on an experimental basis to neighborhood parks in the vicinity of Roger Williams Park.
- Coordinated a successful security system for the Dominican Festival at the Park.

A lingering, and major issue, facing the Park Rangers is motor vehicle speed by visitors in the Park.

### **3.8 OUTDOOR SPECIAL EVENTS**

While the Casino, Zoo, and the Museum are featured locations for a number of major community events each year, the Park itself—the landscape—is a favorite venue for the Providence and Rhode Island community to hold special events. For example major events held in the Park last year included the Dominican Festival, the NBC Gravity Games, road races, and cross-country meets.

The Park has a special reputation for assisting community groups to raise funds for their organization through walk-a-thons and road races. In 2000, a sample of groups and causes who raised in total over \$1,000,000 in events at the Park include:

- Wellspring School
- Diabetes Association
- Alzheimers Association
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Big Brothers
- March of Dimes
- Parkinson Disease
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Times Square Academy
- Kidney Foundation
- Animal Rescue League
- Sickle Cell Anemia

### 3.9 MORSILLI TENNIS COURTS

The ten clay tennis courts at Roger Williams Park are the only public clay tennis courts in New England. A small fee is charged to ensure that none of the operating costs during the season are part of the City budget. The only City costs each year for the courts are the expenses each spring for getting the courts ready for play—re-grading, installing new clay, and re-striping.

In 2000 several tournaments were held at the Courts, under the direction of Beth Petrone, the largest being the RI Closed State Championship in June, the USTA/Morsilli Tournament in July, the Metropolitan Tournament in July, and the RI Fall Classic Tournament in September.



The most exciting achievement this past year was the expansion of the former "Court Buddies" program into the Tennis 1-2-3 Program at both Roger Williams Park and at neighborhood courts. Free clinics and six-week instruction were offered to Providence neighborhood youth as a result of a United States Tennis Association grant won by the Parks Department and the Recreation Department. Approximately 1,400 kids participated last year in the programs at Roger Williams Park and at the neighborhood courts.

### **3.10 THE ZOO**

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The Zoo has progressed in the last ten years to be one of Rhode Island's leading tourist attractions, as well as a favorite place to visit by Providence residents. Approximately 720,000 visitors enjoyed Zoo attractions this past year, making 2000 the third highest for Zoo attendance. As a point of comparison, in 1987, the first year that an admissions fee was charged for the Zoo, attendance was about 260,000.

While the Zoo's popularity is growing, particularly from all corners of Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts, the Zoo, under the direction of Bruce Clark, continues to be a Rhode Island institution. More importantly, the Zoo is the pride of Providence, operated with Providence dollars by Providence workers, and beloved by Providence residents. Over 100,000 of Zoo visitors this past year were from Providence. And 7,200 of those visitors were from 64 schools in Providence.

In 2000, the Zoo generated approximately \$205,000 in revenues through the Admissions Surcharge Program that was turned over to the City Finance Department for use in the General Fund.

Some the highlights from the past year are briefly summarized below.

#### **Exhibits**

A forest full of robotic dinosaurs entertained over 350,000 Zoo visitors this past year in the "Dinosaurs—Journey to Extinction" exhibit at the Zoo. This was the fourth dinosaur exhibit at the Zoo, the last one being in 1997. The site renovations were designed by Chuck Carberry and installed completely by Zoo and Park staff under the direction of Dennis Ethier. An added feature of the dinosaur experience this year was a theater program, created by Education Curator Robbie Fearn, that performed natural history-based skits in the Zoo and off site as well.

In April, a permanent new exhibit opened, "Australasia—Where Worlds Collide, Where Worlds Divide". Largely built by in-house staff, this series of indoor and outdoor exhibits transformed the former Children's Nature Center into a showcase of Australasian and Indonesian animals and local culture.



Tree Kangaroo Exhibit



Dinosaurs – Journey to Extinction

Other significant renovations this past year included:

- New shade and rain structures throughout the Zoo
- New animal holding building for Zoo mobile programs
- Rehabilitation of the Sea Lion pool filtration system
- Re-painting of the public viewing area of the elephant building.

### **Significant Births**

Just about everyone in Rhode Island knows that a baby polar bear was born at the Zoo in November. If all goes well, the new cub will go on exhibit with Mom in April. While the polar bear baby is the highlight of 2000, the Zoo has also achieved success in breeding many other species as seen below. This achievement is a testimony to the great care given to our animals by our Zookeepers led by Animal Curator Amos Morris and by our veterinarian staff headed by Dr. Janet Martin.

Other significant Zoo births this year:

- Masai giraffe, August
- Cotton-topped tamarin twins, August
- Pronghorn antelope twins, May
- Parma wallabies, March
- Prehensile-tailed porcupine, October

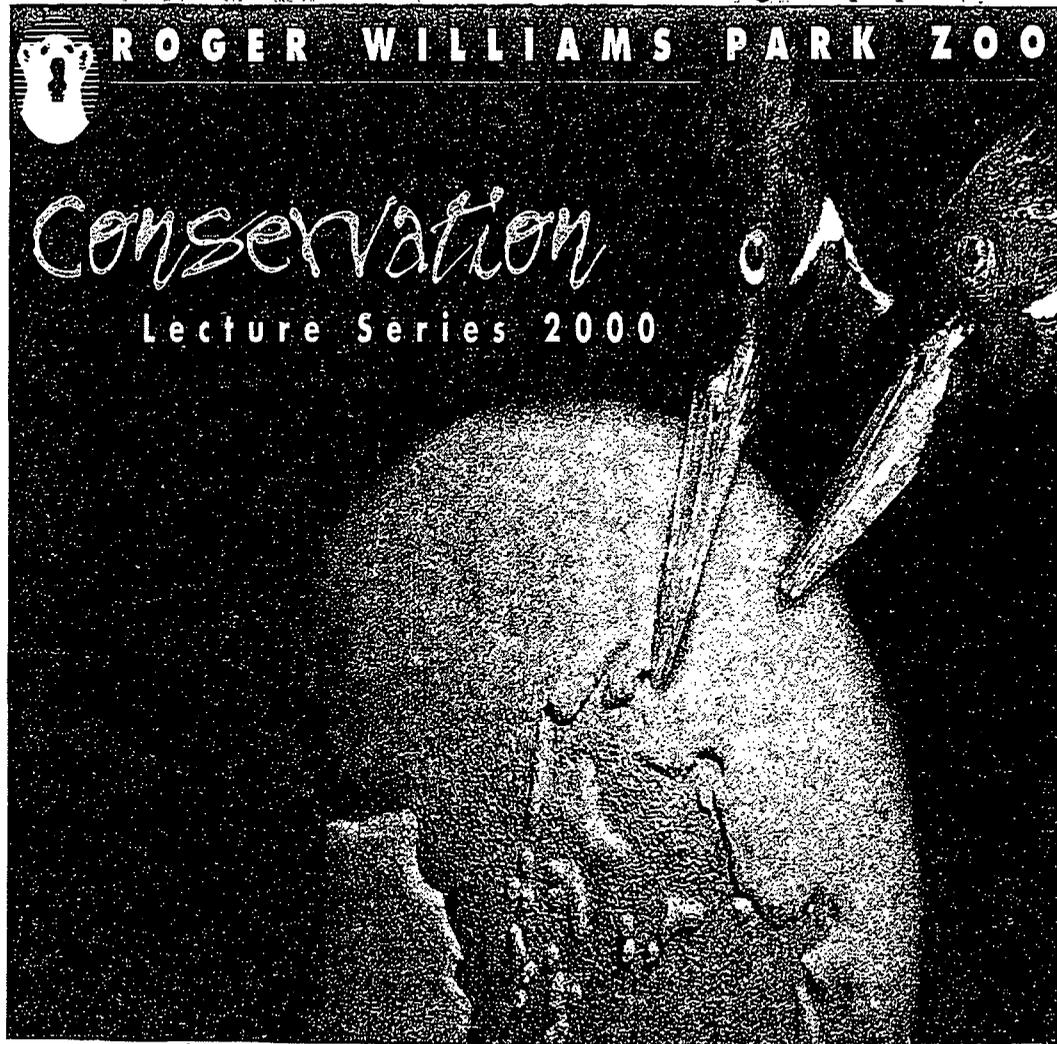
### **Education**

The Zoo's mission encompasses more than just family recreation. It has a commitment to education and to species conservation. This effort is evident, of course, at the exhibit areas with graphics and with docent interpretation. Just as importantly, the Zoo provides education programs under the direction of Robbie Fearn, for school kids, teachers—both on-site and off-site.

Some of the major education accomplishments in the past year were the following:

- Provided "Greenlinks" environmental education in collaboration with RISD and Southside Community Land Trust to 1000 Providence school students.
- Added 40 more docent volunteers to expand Zoo education.
- Continued partnership with the Broad Street Elementary school providing literacy, health and science education.

- Launched a new partnership with Roger Williams Middle School, supporting their Honors Club and Science Club endeavors.
- Reached 10,000 participants in schools and community centers with the Zoomobile program.
- Held the Conservation Lecture Series attracting 1000 people.



### Conservation

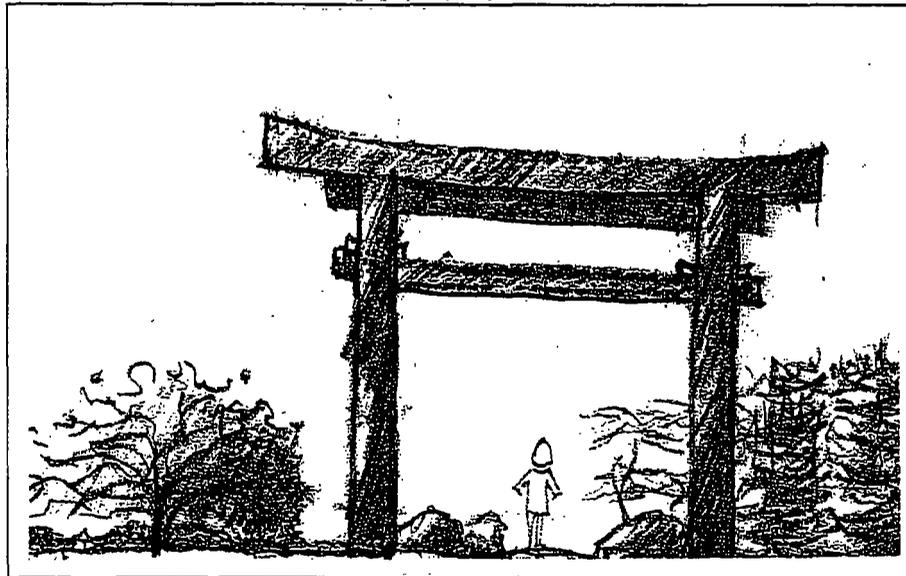
Under the supervision of Lisa Dabek, the Roger William Park Zoo continued in 2000 to do its role in the Zoo world in species conservation. In particular, the Zoo is an international leader in developing a program of species protection for the tree kangaroo population. Using grant funds, two staff traveled to Papua New Guinea in 2000 to research tree kangaroo density and ranging behavior. Another Zoo initiative that has received national attention is the project to re-introduce the burying beetle into the environment. We successfully released more captive-bred beetles this past year.

### 3.11 PLANNING

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While 2000 was not as active a year in the Park for major construction projects as in past years, a considerable amount of time and energy was devoted to planning for future projects. Some of the major initiatives that will take fruit in future years that received planning attention in 2000 were the following:

- An inventory of exterior and interior renovation needs for the *Casino* was completed; a comprehensive program for improvements will be developed.
- Design and initial construction began on renovations to the *Grounds Maintenance* building.
- Planning continued for more *tree planting* in the Park
- An initial concept for an *off-road bikeway* in Roger Williams Park was developed.
- A program of improvements for the *Williams Family Cemetery* was completed.



- A Restoration Plan for the *Japanese Garden* was developed.
- Planning began for two *new exhibits at the Museum*—“Savage Ancient Seas” (Opened January, 2001); and “Microscapes” (Opens June, 2001)
- Work began on a new ten-year *Zoo Master Plan* to guide future development and renovations in the Zoo.
- The Zoo completed a 6-month *Strategic Planning process* in 2000 to guide its decision-making with regard to animal management, staffing, education, and conservation.

- Preliminary planning began on a major new Park attraction—*The Roger Williams Park Horticultural & Botanical Center*.

The planned Botanical Center is a major new endeavor that will be conceptualized in more detail in the early months of 2001. The center would be located at the site of the existing Greenhouse complex. The facility would be largely an education facility, but with substantial permanent display gardens to attract visitors from all over.

### **3.12 ROGER WILLIAMS PARK AWARDS**

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During the year 2000 Roger Williams Park and its hard working staff was fortunate to be recognized by several awards, including the following:

- American Zoological Association—Significant achievement award in North American Conservation for the American burying beetle head-start program by the Park Zoo
- Mobius Advertising Awards—Outstanding Creativity Award for Zoo TV commercial; also featured on ABC Show, “Best Commercials You’ve Ever Seen”.
- Rhode Island Monthly—“All Star” Award
- American Society of Landscape Architects, Centennial Medallion, “This site is recognized as a national landmark for outstanding landscape architecture.
- The White House Millenium Council—“Millenium Green Project” for the Betsey Williams Sycamore Tree.
- The National Trust for Historic Preservation—“National Preservation Award”, for “an exemplary 15-year effort to restore the beauty and vitality of one of America’s premier historic urban parks”.

# **Special Park Facilities 4.0**

#### **4.1 TRIGGS GOLF COURSE**

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The Triggs Golf Course continues to be improved (See Exhibit 4-1) by the private operator, FCG Associates, that leases it from the Parks Department. Park staffer John Izzo manages the lease for the Parks Department. The lease revenues, approximately \$270,000 per year are used for neighborhood park improvements. Also under the lease arrangement, Providence residents and seniors play at Triggs for reduced rates.

In the past year, the following improvements were completed:

- Installation of 3,500 feet of new asphalt cart paths;
- Reconstruction of the 14<sup>th</sup> hole green bunkers;
- Replacement of 50% of the Clubhouse Roof
- Continued installation of new irrigation systems.

Triggs also hosted several golf events in 2000, including the RI State Amateur Championship, the RI Publinx Championship, and the North Atlantic Tour Pro-Am. The golf course also hosted several charity fundraising tournaments, such as the Mayor's Scholarship Tournament.

Approximately 50,000 rounds of golf were played at Triggs in 2000. The golf professionals at Triggs, working with the Recreation Department, provided instruction to about 60 Providence youngsters in the past year.

#### **4.2 FLEET SKATING CENTER**

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This past year was the second complete year of operation for the Fleet Skating Center. This exciting facility is still in the process of developing the right mix of programs and events to bring people to the site during the warmer seasons of the year. During the ice season, approximately 40,000 users enjoyed the facility and the Parks Department is happy with the continued popularity of the facility during this time of the year.

As the new ice skating season began in October 2000, a new management team, headed by James Masone, was brought on board. More family promotions are being tried around traditional calendar celebrations, such as Halloween, Valentine's Day, and Christmas.

While the Skating Center has not yet hit its financial goals, it has been a tremendous success in renewing visitor confidence and

# Triggs right back where it belongs

**B**en Hogan played at Triggs. So did Sam Snead, Gene Sarazen, Lawson Little and Horton Smith, all of them among the best players in the world a half century ago.

Rhode Island stars Joe Pezzullo, Mike Bobel and Tony Guimelli displayed their skills at the Municipal course in Providence in the '40s and '50s.

It might seem hard to believe for anyone who hasn't begun receiving Social Security checks, but there was a day when Triggs was one of the best courses around.

For anyone younger, the memories of Triggs are of decay, mat trees, dirt fairways and, well, terrible conditions.

However, as the contestants in the State Amateur will soon find out, the good old days are back at Triggs.

For the first time ever, Triggs will host the Amateur next week. That's how far the Donald Ross-designed course has come in recent years. Triggs has gone from showpiece, to disaster and now back to one of the state's premier courses.

"I'm thrilled the RIGA is playing the Amateur at Triggs," said Joe Sprague Jr., the R.I. Golf Association's executive director. "The golf course is certainly among the best layouts we have. The conditions have made tremendous strides.

Ray Hoyle, the superintendent here, does a great job. The course is in great condition."

As a public course — only the second public facility, along with Green Valley, to host the Amateur — Triggs is going to lose money. It is giving up its facility for most of a week during peak season. Still, Karl Augenstein, head of the



**PAUL KENYON**

On the links

company which operates Triggs, as well as Firefly and Washington Village in Coventry, is as excited as anyone about letting the state's best players see what progress has been made at the course that runs along Chalkstone Avenue.

"We've been here since April of 1990," Augenstein said. "The operator prior to us had done preliminary infrastructure on irrigation and some other things. But

it wasn't ready. We've spent a ton of money to bring it back."

Among other work, every tee complex has been gutted and rebuilt. Sixty traps have been reconstructed from the ground up and every green and fairway has been recontoured. Some 11,000 lineal feet of cart paths have been installed.

Over the last several years the RIGA has held both its Mid-Am and Four-Ball Championship at Triggs. But next week will be the showcase event.

"We've targeted everything we've done to get the course at its best for the Amateur," Augenstein said. "We look forward to showing everyone what we have."

Sprague says he already has received positive feedback. It happened earlier this season when Triggs hosted one of the association's weekly invitationals.

"People who haven't visited the course in 30 years were dumbfounded," Sprague said. "They just couldn't get over how good it was. I've been telling people for a few years about it. Some of the out-of-play areas are still a little rough around the edges, but with tees, fairways and greens, you'd think you were at a private course. Being the layout it is, it will certainly separate the field in stroke play and

identify 32 very good players into match play. It's going to be very exciting."

Triggs's strength is in its par 4s, which are long and challenging. The par 5s, as with so many Ross courses, tend to be risk/reward holes, which can yield plenty of birdies and bogeys.

"And the par 3s are tremendous shot-maker holes," Sprague said. "It sets up as a great match-play course."

## He'll be missed

Rhode Island lost one of its greatest club pros ever recently with the death of Les Kennedy.

Kennedy was the pro at Pawtucket Country Club for 40 years (1944-1984), one of the longest terms of any pro in state history. For many of the early years, he also served as the course superintendent.

An outstanding player, Kennedy played on the PGA Tour and was its Rookie of the Year in 1942. He also was the first-round leader of the 1949 U.S. Open at Medinah.

"Les Kennedy was a quiet, humble individual who downplayed his achievement in golf," said Steve Napoli, the pro at Wannamoisett, president of the New England PGA and the man who followed Kennedy as pro at Pawtucket. "He had one of the most successful playing careers in New England history. Les was also a tremendous teacher and was dedicated to helping junior golfers."

Among his many accomplishments, Kennedy won the NEPGA Championship a record five times (a mark since tied by Dana Quigley), and captured the New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine Opens. Kennedy was inducted into the New England PGA Hall of Fame in 1998. He still holds the Pawtucket course record with a 61.

## Fecteau in the lead

Phil Fecteau of Firefly leads the NEPGA 2000 Player-of-the-Year standings.

Fecteau has 10 points through the Vermont Open. Ron Philc of the Country Club of Vermont is second with nine. The award is based on finishes at NEPGA events through the season.

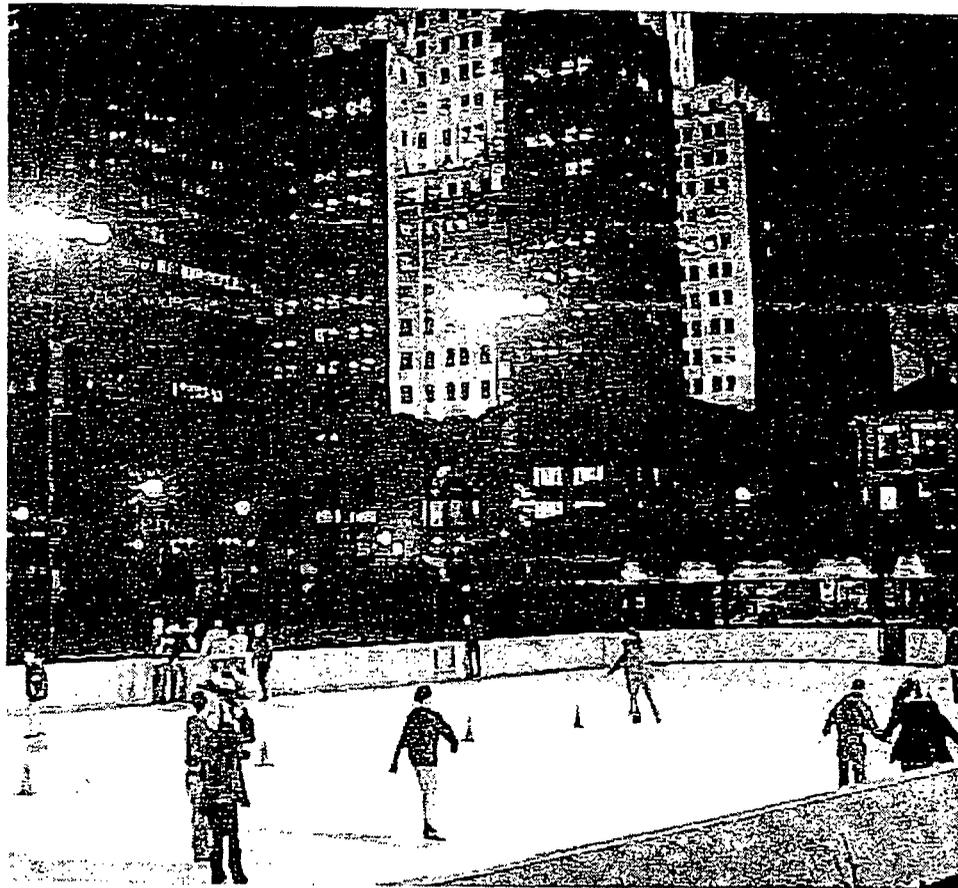
Brothers Jason and Jonathan Pannone of East Greenwich have qualified for the NEPGA Junior Championship. Jason shot 77 and tied for fourth in the boys 16-17 division, and Jonathan shot 85 and tied for fifth in the 12-13-year-old division in qualifying at the Leo J. Martin Club in Weston, Mass. The NEPGA Junior Championship will be held July 20 at Ponkapoag in Canton, Mass.

## Button Hole hero

This week's Button Hole Hero is Bob Sutton, chief of the division of planning and development at the Department of Environmental Management.

"Bob has been supportive in a number of ways that have made the road toward completion quite a bit easier," said Ed Mauro, the project's co-chairman. "He has spoken honestly about whatever situation we have faced and helped us follow the right path. From guiding us when our land lease agreement was ready to be signed, to ensuring that we abide by all DEM regulations, to simply providing us with advice and direction.

"Building a golf course from a gravel pit is not an easy task, especially when the site is bordered by wetlands," Mauro said. "We thank Bob Sutton for his unyielding support and want him to know that he is truly a Button Hole hero."



development in downtown. It has become a signature facility for the City and is featured every night on the evening news and routinely on the "Providence" TV show. We are looking forward to working with the Council and the Administration to transition the facility to a full-fledged Providence Parks Department operated facility.

### **4.3 ESEK HOPKINS HOUSE**

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The Esek Hopkins House, located on Admiral Street, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Over the last several years, the Parks Department has been making improvements to the exterior of the house. A Parks Department employee leases the house to provide on-going security presence at the site.

In the past year, the Parks Department renovated the driveway area and installed some new plantings. Our goal in the coming year is to continue to work on the site landscaping, particularly improving the Admiral Street fencing.

Long-term use of the house is still being considered. Two options that remain open are 1.) Lease the house to a private business, such as a law office or realtor and generate funds to keep up with the maintenance of the house; 2.) Raise major capital to renovate the house and to establish an endowment to operate a museum at the house.

#### **4.4 NORTH BURIAL GROUND**

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North Burial Ground (NBG) encompasses 109 acres. The cemetery is 250 years old and contains over 100,000 grave sites. The cemetery contains almost 15 miles of roads, a gate house/office building, and a garage. The North Burial Ground crew, under the direction of Robert Ianiero, is also responsible for providing burial service at the Locust Grove Cemetery on Elmwood Avenue. In the past year, there were 198 burials in NBG and 4 at Locust Grove.

During 2000, work began on long-term improvements to the facility. A new 1000-foot long wrought iron fence was installed on the Branch Avenue side of the facility, replacing a decrepit 30 year-old chain link fence. Over the years, several hundred gravestones have been vandalized, succumbed to weather, or have been accidentally knocked down by machinery. In the past year, the Parks Department began a long-term gravestone restoration project to address this problem. Sixty-five stones were repaired to determine what level of effort is required, what costs are involved, and what skills are involved in gravestone repair at the cemetery.

**Trees 5.0**

## **5.1 FORESTRY OPERATIONS**

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There are over 26,000 street trees in Providence. The Forestry Division of the Parks Department, under the direction of Lou Bobola, is responsible for removing dead trees, stump removal, and tree trimming for the street tree population. It is a difficult job at best and many times dangerous. Work must be done in all weather conditions, often in close proximity to electrical wires, sometimes at heights of 50 feet. We are fortunate to have some of the best tree trimmers in the state currently working for the Forestry Division and, thus, escaped major injuries in the past year.

Here are the summary statistics for Forestry in 2000

<b>FORESTRY STATISTICS, 2000</b>	
<b>Tree Removals</b>	<b>—504</b>
<b>Tree Prunings</b>	<b>—580</b>
<b>Stump Removals</b>	<b>—475</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Citizen Requests Solved</b>	<b>—1,250</b>
<b>Banners Installed</b>	<b>—225</b>

Due to one of the Division's skyworker trucks being out for repairs for almost 6 months, the tree removal total was down slightly from 1999. Another factor that hindered the ability to achieve more tree removals was the significant time spent hanging street banners for various organizations and groups in the City.

The backlog of requests for Forestry assistance at the end of 2000 was the following: Tree Removals—208; Tree Trims—168. The wards, not surprisingly, with the biggest backlogs are those with the most street trees: Wards 2,3,5 and 14. These wards account for approximately 65% of the backlog.

## **5.2 TREE PLANTINGS**

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A total of 829 trees were planted on 96 streets in 2000 through three major tree planting programs administered in the Parks Department by John Campanini. The majority of tree plantings were done through the Providence Neighborhood Planting Program. Other efforts were done through the Community Development Block Grant Program in the Jewelry District, the West Broadway neighborhood, and in the Broad Street Revitalization program. Finally, under the City Bond, 103 trees were planted in the 5<sup>th</sup> ward. See Exhibit 5-1 for a summary of all the efforts.

**Exhibit 5-1  
Providence Street Tree Planting, 2000**

**SUMMARY:** A total of 829 trees were installed on 96 different streets under various planting projects administered by the Providence Parks Department in calendar year 2000. The majority of these plantings were conducted through the Providence Neighborhood Planting Program ( 463 trees, 76 streets ). Other city programs that contributed to total plantings were Planning and Developments Community Development Block Grant Program ( CDBG, 263 trees, 10 streets ) and the City Capital Improvement Bond Program ( Ward 5, 103 trees, 10 streets ). The following is an itemized breakdown by street and total tree count of each program.

**1. Providence Neighborhood Planting Program**  
Trees planted: 463 Streets Affected: 76  
Streets receiving PNPP trees

Lowell Ave	Melrose St	Princeton St	Benefit St
Brook St	Massachusetts Ave	Power St	Sheldon St
Carr St	Candace St	Bowdoin St	Ives St
Armstrong St	Virginia Ave	Governor St	Hope St
Transit St	Exeter St	Moorland Ave	Pleasant Valley Pkway
East Manning St	Amherst St	Florence Ave	Upton Ave
Rankin Ave	Swift St	Waverly St	Kossuth St
Manton Ave	Putnam Ave	Sterling Ave	Cactus St
Freeman Parkway	Appleton St	Homer St	Wayland Ave
Medway Ave	Gano St	Butler Ave	Ives St
Governor St	Trenton St	Hope St	Arnold St
Morris Ave	Eames St	Lorimer Ave	Ogden Ave
Overhill Ave	Laurel Ave	Humboldt Ave	President Ave
Grotto Ave	Cole Ave	Gorton St	Faunce St
Ruthven St	Wayland Ave	Third St	Creston Ave
Edgehill Ave	Catalpa Rd	Cypress Ave	Firglade St
Forest St	Everett Ave	Texas Ave	Tyndall Ave
Pasteur St	Jewett St	Holden St	Brownell St
Willow St	Ring St	Early St	

**2. Community Development Block Grant Program**  
Trees planted: 263 Streets affected: 10  
Streets receiving CDBG trees

Jewelry District	West Broadway Traffic Calming	Broad St Revitalization
Claverick St	Messer St	Broad St
Chestnut St	Sycamore St	
Eddy St		
Elm St		
Parsonage St		
South St		
Point St		

**3. Capital Bond Improvement Program Ward 5**  
Trees planted: 103 Streets affected: 10  
Streets receiving CBIP trees in Ward 5

Whitford Ave	Academy Ave	Cathedral Ave	Smith St
Sharon St	Nelson St	Gentian Ave	Modena Ave
Glover St	Pleasant Valley Pkway		