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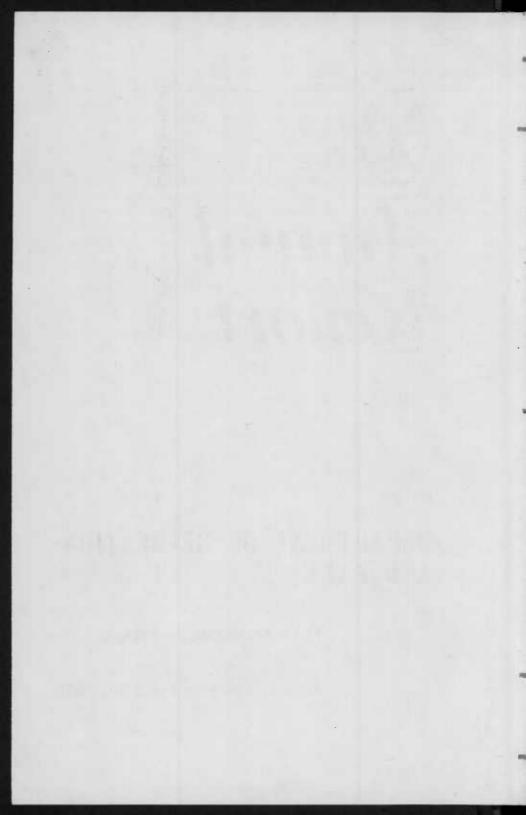
# Annual Report

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# **Department of Recreation and Parks**

# ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

# ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

DOUGLAS S. TAWNEY, Director

#### LINDA A. BENNETT, Executive Secretary

# STEPHANIE SODARO, Music and Administrative Supervisor

#### **BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS**

The Board of Recreation and Parks held twelve regular meetings during fiscal 1970, July 1,1969 to June 30, 1970. The Real Estate Committee, along with members of the Staff, conducted eight tours of inspection.

Board of Recreation and Parks committees

Budget-Mrs. Robert L. Gill, Chairman, Samuel Hopkins, Uthman Ray, Jr., M. D. and Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

Leakin Park Development-Mrs. Robert L. Gill, Chairman, Nazzareno F. Velleggia, Harry D. Kaufman, Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

Personnel-Samuel Hopkins, Chairman, Mrs. M. Richmond Farring, Mrs. Robert L. Gill, Harry D. Kaufman, Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

Real Estate-Harry D. Kaufman, Chairman, Mrs. M.Richmond Farring, Samuel Hopkins, Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

Stadium-Samuel Hopkins, Chairman, Nazzareno F. Velleggia, Harry D. Kaufman, Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

Zoo-Mrs. M. Richmond Farring, Chairman, Samuel Hopkins, Mrs. Robert L. Gill, Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

Study of Mr. Kaufman's Recommendations re Economy and Efficiency Committee Report-Samuel Hopkins, Chairman, Uthman Ray, Jr., M. D., Mrs. M. Richmond Farring, Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

Board Representative to the Art Commission of Baltimore-Mrs. M. Richmond Farring

Board Representative to the Civic Design Commission-Mrs. Robert L. Gill

Board Representative to the Health and Welfare Council of the Baltimore Area-Mrs. M. Richmond Farring

#### CONTRACTS

The following contracts were entered into and executed by the Board of Recreation and Parks during fiscal 1970:

- 1. Gino's, Inc., King of Prussia, Pennsylvania-Donation for Joseph Lee Playfield Extension
- 2. Model Cities Agency-Holiday and week-end opening of recreation centers
- 3. Colts-Extend option for four years-Stadium
- 4. Baltimore County-Temporary easement on Circle Road Ruxton
- 5. Allied Amusements, Inc.—Five year option renewal—Zoo
- 6. Golf Pro-Carroll Park
- 7. Lease-Provincetown, floating restaurant in Inner Harbor Project I
- 8. General Indicator Corporation-Erection of new Stadium scoreboard
- 9. Annual Orioles' parking lot agreement
- 10. Mayor's Traffic Safety Commission—Building and operation of safety town— Druid Hill Park
- 11. Greater Northeast Baltimore Association—Annual firework celebration—Stadium
- 12. Department of Housing and Community Development-Maintenance and operation of swimming pool at Lafayette Courts Public Housing
- 13. Amateur Sports Federation-Sports program-Stadium
- 14. Arizona Zoological Society-Sale of male gorilla
- 15. Hamilton Post No. 20, American Legion-March of Champions-Stadium
- 16. Colts vs. Washington Redskins-Rookies football game-Stadium
- 17. Maryland Scholastic Association-Division championship baseball game-Stadium
- 18. C. J. Langenfelder & Son, Inc.-Sale of fill from Ft. Armistead
- 19. Coca Cola Company, The Sunpapers, and WMAR Television Station—Operation of neighborhood basketball league
- 20. Homewood Education Corporation—Donation of playground at St Paul and 26th Streets
- 21. Calvert Hall-Loyola Football Game-Stadium
- 22. City-Poly Football Game-Stadium

# **PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Property holdings of this Department as of June 30, 1970 totaled 5937.970 acres. During fiscal 1970, 47.911 acres were acquired, and 17.434 acres deleted.

#### Acquired

1. Property adjacent to Patterson High School Campus and Joseph Lee Playfield: transferred to our Department for maintenance only by City hospitals for development later as an extension to Joseph Lee Playfield. 6.3 acres. 2. McKim Park and Playground Property, Aisquith & Fayette Streets: transferred back to the jurisdiction of this Department after termination of a lease drawn up in 1955 between the McKim Community Association, Inc., and the City of Baltimore. 1.54 acres.

3. 502-518 Presstman Street (Reverend L. N. Quille Playground): acquired from the Pennsylvania Railroad for \$5,000.00 under the grant of a perpetual easement. .244 acres.

4. Wilson Street Park, Wilson & Eutaw Streets: transferred to our Department for maintenance only by the Department of Housing and Community Development. .11 acres.

5. Mosher Street Park, Mosher & Eutaw Streets: transferred to our Department for maintenance only by the Department of Housing and Community Development. .21 acres.

6. Lot #6 Park, Eutaw & Mosher Streets: transferred to our Department for maintenance only by the Department of Housing and Community Development. .64 acres.

7. Property 3403 and 3501-3 Winterbourne Road: acquired for \$65,000.00 as an addition to Gwynns Falls Park. Reimbursement of \$34,928.92, or 50% of total costs, has been paid through Federal Open Space Grant. 6.5 acres.

8. Property 2526 Grogan Avenue: Acquired through donation for development at a later date. .041 acres.

9. Property rear of 2825-37 Presbury Street: acquired from the Comptroller at no cost for development at a later date. .37 acres.

10. Building 1125-27 N. Calvert Street: acquired for \$40,000.00 for expansion of the Bureau of Recreation's headquarters. .12 acres.

11. Three unimproved lots on College Avenue, rear of Overland Avenue: acquired by donation for addition to upper Herring Run Park. 4.075 acres.

12. Chinquapin Acquisition, property of the Oliver Holding Company: acquired for \$278,000.00 as an addition to Chinquapin Run Park; extends the park boundary to Perring Parkway. We hope to be reimbursed for 50% of the total cost through a State Open Space Grant. 24.679 acres.

13. Property rear of 5200-5214 Craig Avenue (Glenwood Avenue Playground): tax sale property transferred to this Department; being developed at present as a playground. .216 acres.

14. Property rear of 2610 Keyworth Avenue: acquired by donation and presently under development as a playground. .17 acres.

15. Park #16, Madison Park North bounded by Laurens, Bolton, Robert and Jordan Streets: accepted for maintenance only from the Department of Housing and Community Development. 2.7 acres.

#### Deleted

1. A portion of Wilkens Avenue Islands: paved over by Bureau of Highways; on Wilkens Avenue from Ramsay Street to Smallwood Street and from Dukeland Street to Southwestern Boulevard. 1.06 acres.

2. Exchange of properties between the City of Baltimore, the State of Maryland and Morgan State College: Our Department relinquished land for \$196,000.00 along Perring Parkway which was part of Herring Run Park. 16.188 acres.

3. Property 1502 Clipper Mill Road: originally purchased for inclusion in Jones Falls Valley Park, plans for which have been shelved; Sold for \$11,000.00. .186 acres.

#### Right of Use

Park property located at lower Herring Run land fill, Moravia Boulevard and Bowley's Lane will be used to establish training facilities for heavy equipment operators in conjunction with land fill operations. Title remains with our Department. Privilege can be withdrawn at any time if property is needed for use by the Department. 3.5 acres.

#### CHANGES IN THE BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS

Uthman Ray, Jr., M. D. was appointed to the Board by Mayor D'Alesandro on February 14, 1968 to fill the unexpired term of Charles H. Rosenbaum, who resigned. His term ended December 31,1969. At that time, the Mayor reappointed Dr. Ray, who was sworn in for a new six year term on January 26, 1970. Dr. Ray's term will expire on December 31, 1975.

#### **PERSONNEL CHANGES**

John G. Williams resigned effective December 5, 1969 to take a new position as Assistant Director of Recreation and Parks for Metropolitan Dade County, Miami, Florida. In a resolution read and presented to him at it's meeting of November 11, 1969, the Board acknowledged its appreciation of services rendered and, along with staff members, wished him well in his new position.

A. L. Cottrill, former Assistant Superintendent of the Bureau of Recreation, was selected as Superintendent of Recreation after placing first on the Civil Service examination. The appointment was effective December 16, 1969.

L. Clements Nixon, former Unit Director of the Bureau of Recreation, was selected from a Civil Service list as Assistant Superintendent. The appointment was effective December 16, 1969.

J. Irving Gray, Executive Secretary to the Board of Recreation and Parks, retired effective February 6, 1970 after serving faithfully for 15 years, since February 7, 1955 in the capacity of Principal Administrative Officer, Senior Administrative Assistant, Acting Superintendent of Music, Acting Music and Administrative Supervisor, and Executive Secretary to the Board of Recreation and Parks. In a resolution read and presented to him at its meeting of January 6, 1970, the Board acknowledged its appreciation for his years of loyal and devoted service, and along with staff members, wished him continued good health and vigor during retirement.

Mrs. Linda A. Bennett, who placed first in the Civil Service examination was appointed by the Board as the new Executive Secretary, effective February 6, 1970.

#### **ENGINEERING DIVISION**

#### GERALD W. BUNN, Principal Engineer

# WILLIAM B. ELKINS, Senior Civil Engineer

#### SAMUEL P. FRAMM, Senior Civil Engineer

# EDWIN W. HOUSEHOLDER, Administrative Assistant

The Engineering Division serves both the Bureau of Parks and the Bureau of Recreation in many and varied ways. Projects of diversified nature are designed and the construction is carried out through contracts let by this office or the other Bureaus of this Department. It is the responsibility of this office to see that all construction contracts, with the exception of those supervised by the Bureau of Inspection, are properly carried out. Field surveys of all types are performed, and engineering assistance is rendered in our cooperative projects with other Departments.

# A. The following projects were designed and contracts let and supervised by the Engineering Division:

- 1. Forest Park Golf Course Irrigation System.
- 2. Cherry Hill Pool-Replacement of concrete deck and recirculating piping.
- 3. Utz Twardowicz Athletic Field and comfort station in Patterson Park.
- 4. Paving and resurfacing playgrounds and game courts at various locations (Phase II):
  - a. Druid Hill Park—10 tennis courts
  - b. Gwynns Falls Park—hard surface four clay tennis courts near Hilton Street
  - c. Riverside Park-2 basketball courts
  - d. Morrell Park-basketball court and play area
  - e. Federal Hill Park-basketball court
  - f. Willow Avenue Playground-resurfaced
  - g. Patterson Park-game courts near Pulaski Monument
  - h. Cedonia Avenue Playlot-paved
  - i. Ambrose Kennedy Playground—playground area and around building resurfaced
  - j. Crisp Street Tot Lot-paved
  - k. No. 4 Addison Court-paved
  - 1. Coldstream Park—basketball court paved

- m.Pall Mall Playground—basketball court and playground area resurfaced
- n. Cahill Playground-basketball court resurfaced
- o. Roosevelt Park-basketball court resurfaced
- p. Greenmount Recreation Center-basketball court and playlot resurfaced
- q. Lions' Club Recreation Center—paved area in rear of building
- r. Bocek Park-basketball court resurfaced
- s. Wilkins Playground-basketball court resurfaced
- 5. Tractor Storage Building-Druid Hill Park
- 6. Trolley Museum concrete floor
- 7. New cooling tower installation—Administration Office Building, Druid Hill Park.
- 8. Conlon Field hooded baseball backstop
- 9. Patterson Park Pool-repair
- B. Designed by others—Contracts let and supervised by the Engineering Division:
  - 1. Three Playgrounds
    - a. Kenwood Avenue and Hudson Street
    - b. Harlem Avenue and Denison Street
    - c. Huntingdon Avenue and 30th Street
  - 2. Lafayette and Pulaski Playground
  - 3. Stricker and Ramsay Streets Park Area
  - 4. Madison Square Park
  - 5. Park Lighting-Bay Brook Park
  - 6. Perkins Square Park-reconstruction
  - 7. Bay Brook Park-construction
  - 8. Lighting of play courts at various locations
- C. Designed by others—Engineering assistance during design and construction:
  - 1. Hoffman Street Playground
  - 2. Greenmount Area Multi-Purpose Center
  - 3. Baltimore Zoo Fence
  - 4. Chick Webb Pool-repairs
  - 5. Stadium Scoreboard
  - 6. Recreation Pier-renovation work

In addition, topographic surveys, property line surveys, and construction stake-outs were made at various locations throughout the Park System.

# **PROJECTS AND FACILITIES** DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

#### COMPLETED PROJECTS AND FACILITIES OPEN

The following were completed between July 1, 1969 and June 30, 1970 at a total cost of \$2,317,104.20, which includes Architect's fees, contract and 1% art ordinance costs:

#### Addition to old Stadium Scoreboard

Purchased and erected at a cost of \$18,372.00.

#### Installation of Hot Water Lines at Stadium

Contract awarded to Aqua Modernizing Company for \$11,500.00

#### King and Kennedy Square

Between 2100 N. Calvert Street and Guilford Avenue. Engineering Division design and inspection. Contract awarded to low bidder, Joseph Averza and Sons, Inc., for \$23,353.00.

#### Steuart Hill Recreation Center (Union Square)

Lombard and Gilmor Streets. Architects, Tater and Kelly. Contract for school and recreation center awarded to low bidder, Phillip Vizzini & Son for \$1,959,000.00. Recreation center portion cost \$180,000.00. Center opened November 1, 1969.

#### Hamilton Recreation Center-Air Conditioning

Bayonne and Sefton Avenues. Engineering Division design and inspection. Contract awarded to the Marin Corporation at the low bid price of \$11,489.00.

#### Stadium Ice Rink Slab

Insulation of trench. Contract awarded to low bidder Maryland Painting Company for \$1,560.00.

#### Zoo Maintenance

- a) renovations to Camel House
- b) hot water heater—Rock Island
- c) replacement of water service at deer pens

Items completed at a total cost of \$5,200.00

#### **Overhauling Stadium Transformers**

Stadium electricians worked with Contractor Westinghouse Electric Corp. who was awarded contract at low bid of \$2,300.00.

#### **Renovation Work**—Recreation Pier

Foot of Broadway. Norman Kelly, Architect. Contract awarded to low bidder, John A. Schaefer Co., Inc. for \$46,300.00.

#### Druid Hill Park Tractor Building

Engineering Division design and inspection. Contract awarded to Roadway Contracting Co. for \$28,405.00.

#### Lakeland Playfield

Wegworth Lane, Eastshire Drive and Old Annapolis Road, Knecht and Human, Architects. Contract awarded to low bidder, Baltimore Asphalt Paving Co. for \$374,875.00. Reimbursement for 50% of total costs in the amount of \$200,885.65, has been paid through a Federal Grant—Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

#### Resurfacing Various Play Areas

Contract awarded to low bidder, Mahoney Brothers, for \$55,760.00 for these and various other locations. Paving, sealing and game lines. Total cost of these locations, \$32,000.00.

- 1. Riverside Park
- 2. Morrell Park
- 3. Federal Hill Park
- 4. Willow Avenue Playground
- 5. Patterson Park
- 6. Cedonia Avenue Playground
- 7. Crisp Street Tot Lot
- 8. #4 Addison Court
- 9. Pall Mall Playground
- 10. Cahill Recreation Center area
- 11. Roosevelt Park
- 12. Greenmount Recreation Center
- 13. Bocek Playfield
- 14. Lion's Club Recreation Center
- 15. Wilkens Playground
- 16. 903 South Curley Street

#### Druid Hill Tennis Courts & Bergner Mansion Courts Resurfacing

Contract awarded to low bidder, Mahoney Brothers Co. for these and various other locations for \$55,760.00. Total cost of these locations, \$21,760.00.

#### Cold Stream Park Basketball Surface

Fillmore Street at Kirk Avenue. Contract awarded to low bidder, Mahoney Brothers, for \$55,760.00 for this and various other locations. Cost of this area \$2,000.00.

#### Repair to Existing Playgrounds—Gino Fund

Nine sites scattered throughout the City. Six have been paved. Equipment for all playlots was installed. Fencing contract was awarded to low bidder, J. T. Fritz, Inc. for \$2,734.00. Total cost of project, \$15,500.00.

1. Carroll Street Tot Lot, 1329 Carroll Street-paved, fenced and equipment installed.

- 2. Peach Street Tot Lot, 110 Peach Street—paved
- 3. Bevan Street Tot Lot, 900 block Bevan Street-paved
- 4. 1615-17 Ellsworth Street Tot Lot-paved
- 5. 1614-26 Ellsworth Street Tot Lot-paved
- 6. Shuter Street Tot Lot, 301-05 Shuter Street-paved

7. Princeton Place, rear of Guilford and North Avenuesfence repairs only.

8. Sloman Field Improvements — fence and equipment installed

9. D'Alesandro Improvements—fence and equipment installed

#### Woodhome School Recreation Center

Moyer and Clearview Avenues. Architect, J. Prentiss Browne. Contract awarded to low bidder Lacchi Construction Co. for \$247,700.00. Building of this center in conjunction with the school greatly reduced construction costs and inspection fees.

#### Edgecombe School Recreation Center

2835 Virginia Avenue. Architects, Hebrank & Pippen. Contract awarded to low bidder, Cam Construction Co. for \$233,000.00. Building of this center in conjunction with the school greatly reduced construction costs and inspection fees.

#### Furley School Recreation Center

Furley and Sipple Avenues. Architects, Tyler, Siegle and McShane. Contract awarded to low bidder, Cam Construction Co. for \$308,000.00. Building of this center in conjunction with the school greatly reduced construction costs and inspection fees.

#### Riverside Park Basketball Court Lighting

Johnson and Heath Streets. Installed by Welsbach Corporation at a cost of \$2,300.00.

#### Druid Hill Park Field House #6—Heating Plant Replacement

Heating plant was installed by William E. Lovett Co. at a cost of \$1,310.00.

Druid Hill Swimming Pool—Repair of Sewerage Ejection System System repaired at a cost of \$1,500.00.

#### **Replacement of Fences and Miscellaneous Structures**

The following was accomplished at a cost of \$4,000.00.

Queensberry Playground, rear of 3029 Spaulding Avenue—fencing

Hillsdale Park Shop-fencing

Clifton Park Shop-fencing

McAbee Playground, Laurens and Gilmor Streets-footway repair

Chesterfield Playground in Herring Run-playground apparatus

Central Office, Druid Hill Park-air conditioning repair

#### Luzerne Avenue Playground Renovation

1100 block Luzerne Avenue. Painting and general repairs accomplished; playground equipment installed; fence erected by J. T. Fritz, Co. Total cost of the project was \$15,000.00.

#### Mt. Pleasant Golf Course Irrigation

Engineering Division design and inspection. Contract was awarded to low bidder, Universal Irrigation Co., Inc., for \$105,728.00.

#### Johnston Square

Valley and Chase Streets. Jack Daft and Associates, Landscape Architects. Contract awarded to low bidder, P. Flanigan & Sons, Inc. for \$249,890.00 for this and Collington Square.

#### Collington Square

Patterson Park Avenue and Preston Street. Jack Daft and Associates, Landscape Architects. Contract awarded to low bidder, P. Flanigan & Sons, Inc. for \$249,890.00 for this and Johnston Square.

#### Perkins Square Renovation

George Street and Myrtle Avenue. Knecht and Human, Landscape Architects. Contract awarded to low bidder, Baltimore Asphalt Paving Co., for \$56,450.00.

# Utz Twardowicz Athletic Field, Patterson Park

Engineering Division design and inspection. Contract awarded to low bidder, P. H. Walker Construction Corporation for \$147,191.00, for one regulation lighted softball field and one combination football-soccer field. Area was fenced, bleacher stands erected, and a comfort station-ticket building constructed.

# Patterson Park-Replacement of Bad Power Lines

Lines and Poles replaced by Welsbach Corporation at a total cost of \$5,000.00.

#### Cherry Hill Swimming Pool, Renovation of Concrete Deck

Contract awarded to Salco, Inc. for \$19,993.67 for this renovation.

#### Ellwood Avenue Playground Renovation

Ellwood Avenue and Orleans Street. Our construction forces accomplished the following at a total cost of \$9,000.00:

- 1. Constructed additional little league baseball field
- 2. Relocated existing baseball field
- 3. Provided new backstops, fencing and sodding
- 4. Purchased some new equipment.

# WORK UNDER CONTRACT DURING FISCAL YEAR 1970

#### STATUS AS OF JUNE 30, 1970

Projects under contract totaled \$3,002,301.00

# Greenmount Area Multi-Purpose Neighborhood Center

Kirk Avenue and 22nd Street. Architect Hok-Ming Chen. Contract awarded to low bidder, Schaefer Construction Co., Inc. for \$380,000.00. Completion date November 1, 1970.

#### Zoo Fence

Our Board and Board of Estimates approval obtained to start erection of fence without money being in. All posts and fabric is up. Project 50% complete. Gates and barbed wire top are needed.

#### Carroll Park Club House

Washington Boulevard. B. F. Owens & Associates, Architects. After redesign, project was rebid and contract awarded to low bidder, Starcon, Inc., for \$154,620.00. Completion is 95%. Burglar alarm to be hooked up before moving in.

#### Bay Brook Park Development

6th and 10th Streets. Knecht & Human, Architects; contract for Phase I awarded to Baltimore Asphalt Paving Co. for \$348,782.00. Project is 30% complete. Phase II—lighting, awarded to Enterprise Electric Co., Inc. for \$34,928.00. Project is 15% complete. State Open Space Grants on Phases I and II for 50% reimbursement have been filed. Phase III—planting will be bid in August, 1970.

#### Ralph J. Young Recreation Center and Playground

Fayette and Chester Streets. Architect, Van Fossen Schwab, hired to redesign. Contract awarded to low bidder, Lacchi Construction Co., for \$3,430,000.00. Our portion to cost \$269,000.00. Project is 60% complete.

#### Rognel Heights School Recreation Center

Sidehill and Seminole Avenues. Architects, Hebrank & Pippen. Contract awarded to Lacchi Construction Co. for \$2,037,000.00—our portion to cost \$205,000.00. School and recreation center completion is 99%. Completion date September, 1970. Equipment is on hand.

#### Ambrose Kennedy Playground

1000 block Ensor Street. Resurfacing and repair of limited area of playground. Contract for this and various other locations awarded to low bidder, Mahoney Bros., Co. for \$55,760.00. Playground equipment being installed—two more pieces needed. Building repaired; paving and sealing completed. Standard basketball court and goals will be laid out. Lighting to be done by Welsbach Corp. adjacent to building. Interim-Assistance money must be spent by September 29, 1970.

#### Lafayette Avenue Playground Renovation

Payson Street and Lafayette Avenue. Jack Daft & Associates, Landscape Architects. We filed State Grant for 50% reimbursement on development. Contract awarded to low bidder, P. Flanigan & Sons, Inc. for this and Stricker & Ramsay Streets Park for \$72,437.00. Project is 25% complete.

#### Stricker and Ramsay Streets Park

Jack Daft & Associates, Landscape Architects. We filed State Grant for 50% reimbursement on development. Contract awarded to low bidder, P. Flanigan & Sons, Inc., for this and Lafayette Avenue Playground renovation for \$72,437.00. Project 20% complete.

#### Madison Square Playfield

Caroline & Chase Streets. Department of Housing and Community Development's share of costs \$104,000.00. Jack Daft, Landscape Architect. We filed State Grant for 50% reimbursement on development. Contract awarded to low bidder, P. Flanigan & Sons, Inc., for \$279,450.00. Project 35% complete.

#### Chick Webb Pool Repairs

623 N. Eden Street. Engineering Division and Henry Ernst of Bureau of Recreation worked up details of job for submission to Hebrank & Pippen, Architects. Contract awarded to low bidder, Dominion Construction Co., for \$45,741.00. Project 30% complete.

## Stadium Scoreboard

Contract awarded to General Indicator Corp. by Board of Estimates February 11, 1970 to provide complete new scoreboard.

#### Forest Park Golf Course Irrigation

Our Engineering Division prepared plans and specifications. We submitted State Grant for 50% reimbursement on this project. Contract awarded to Pen Mar Co., Inc. for \$111,854.00. Project 45% complete.

#### Carroll Park Recreation Center

Washington Boulevard and Bayard Street. Hok-Ming Chen, Architect. Recreation center to be built in Carroll Park. We will file State Grant for 50% reimbursement on development. Low bid of \$214,945.00 submitted by Castle Construction Co., was withdrawn. Second low bid of \$249,900.00 was accepted from Morrison Construction Co. Project 5% complete.

#### Leith Walk Recreation Center

Leith Walk and Sherwood Avenue. Arthur Wildberger, Architect. Construction of a recreation center to be built in conjunction with School #245. We will file State Grant for 50% reimbursement on development. Contract awarded to low bidder, Morrison Construction Co., for \$193,300.00. Project 5% complete.

#### Bentalou Recreation Center

Saratoga and Bentalou Streets. Joseph B. Nelson, Architect. Construction of a recreation center to be built in conjunction with School #150. We filed State Grant for 50% reimbursement on development. Contract awarded to low bidder, Constructors, Inc., for \$248,000.00. Project 10% complete.

#### Glenwood Avenue Playground

Rear of 600 block. Grading done by volunteer contractor. Mahoney Bros. paved play pad. Our construction division will put up play equipment, which has been ordered.

#### 1000 East Hoffman Street

Leased from Pennsylvania Railroad. Artist Stan Edmister designing and constructing playground in the field. Project 70% complete.

#### Kenwood Avenue and Hudson Street Playground Dukeland Street, Denison and Harlem Avenues Playground Huntingdon and 30th Street Playground

Knecht and Human, Architects. Contract for these playgrounds awarded to low bidder, National Paving Co., for \$44,718.00. Projects 15% complete.

#### Druid Hill Park Forestry Building Comfort Station and Mansion House Comfort Facilities

Toilets will be in existing Forestry Building and Zoo Mansion House. Norman Kelly, Architect. Project awarded to low bidder, P. H. Walker for \$59,917.00.

#### Interim-Assistance Grant

We will do tax sale lot resurfacing in interim-assistance area.

- 1. 1100-1110 Forrest Street
- 2. 1113-1123 N. Central Avenue

Model Cities has approved sites of Forrest Street and Central Avenue.

#### 2600 Keyworth Avenue Playground

The owner will donate the lot in the rear of the library. The Enoch Pratt Library is giving us use of a second lot, provided that we erect a fence and plant shrubbery. Knecht and Human, Architects. Contract awarded to low bidder, P. Flanigan & Sons, Inc. for \$31,325.00.

#### Broadway Squares

Monument to Gay Streets. This money is the gift of an anonymous donor toward renovation being designed and contracted for by the Department of Housing and Community Development. Contract awarded to low bidder, Marcantoni & Sons for \$44,425.00.

#### STATEMENT OF LOAN FUNDS

The Department of Recreation and Parks is on the ballot in the November 3, 1970 election for a bond issue approval of \$1,800,000 to construct five school recreation centers at various locations shown below and one playfield in Model Cities Area G which is located in the southwestern section of the city.

These projects can generate at least 50% more of State and Federal grant assistance under various programs, which will be reinvested in the Department of Recreation and Parks Capital Improvement Program.

The Bond issue includes the following projects:

Towanda Recreation Center at Towanda Playfie Towanda and Oswego Avenues	eld \$	300,000.00
Callaway School Recreation Center Callaway and Fernhill Avenues	\$	300,000.00
Beechfield School Recreation Center 301 Beechfield Avenue	\$	300,000.00
Cahill Recreation Center—old burned out site at 4001 Clifton Avenue—perhaps rebuild at old site or at School #67, 1700 Edgewood Road	\$	300,000.00
MUND Area School Recreation Center Greenmount Avenue and 23rd Street Area		í e
Playfield Model Cities Area G— Southwest Inner City Site to be selected	\$	300,000.00
TOTAL	\$1	,800,000.00

#### **BUREAU OF PARKS**

## CHARLES A. YOUNG, JR., Superintendent of Parks

#### WILLIAM R. SCHMIDT, JR., Assistant Superintendent of Parks

# LESTER L. STRAW, Assistant Superintendent of Parks

#### NORMAN W. DAUGHERTY, Senior Administrative Assistant

#### Administration

1. Mr. Calvin Buikema was appointed as City Forester and assumed the duties of this position on August 8, 1969.

2. During the month of July and August, the Bureau had the services of 361 Neighborhood Youth Corps Workers. They consisted of young men between the ages of 16 and 21.

Each Park District was assigned at least 50 corpsmen and a major effort was concentrated on the newly acquired Windsor Estate. Large portions of this area were cleared of underbrush preparatory to development as parking and picnic sites.

This is the third year during which the Neighborhood Youth Corps has provided a work force for the Bureau of Parks.

#### **REPORT FROM THE FIVE PARK DISTRICTS**

Baltimore is divided into five Park Districts which are charged with the responsibility of cutting grass, weeding, raking leaves, cleaning and removing trash, preparing athletic areas, replacing broken equipment and repairing building and monuments and operating six outdoor swimming pools, the bathing beaches at Fort Smallwood and the five municipal golf courses. In addition to this routine maintenance, special projects are performed each year which are worthy of recognition. A list of these accomplishments and other significant events by district follows:

#### I. CARROLL DIVISION

#### THOMAS C. CHASE, JR., Superintendent

A. Major Maintenance and Development Projects

1. Carroll Street, Peach Street and Bevan Street play lots were equipped and paved under a grant from Gino's Inc.

2. Lakeland Playfield, 10.70 acres at Wegworth Lane and Old Annapolis Road was completed and dedicated on May 19, 1970. 3. November, 1969, ground broken at Bay Brook Park for the installation of additional facilities to include a parking lot, walks, observation tower and a second playground.

4. Weed control program carried out on various roadway median strips in the district.

5. Application of fertilizer and limestone to seven park areas.

6. Four areas added in an internal adjustment: Lower Gwynns Falls, Addison Playground, Sam Smith Park and Wilkens Playground.

**B. Special Events** 

1. A Kite-Fly, sponsored by a local department store, held in Sam Smith Park.

2. Extensive renovation performed at Fort Smallwood for use by Camp Variety for Baltimore's handicapped children.

3. Supplied chairs and groomed grounds for dedication on April 17, 1970 of Babe Ruth House; on June 24, 1970 at Flay Day Ceremony, Fort McHenry; and South Baltimore Spring Celebration May 24, 1970 at Federal Hill.

4. Four tournaments held at the Carroll Park Golf Course.

5.Cooperated with Recreation Bureau in their Riverside and Cherry Hill Pools learn-to-swim classes, the Exchange Club Meet at Riverside on July 5, 1969, and the Municipal Swim Meet at Riverside on July 19, 1969.

6. Children's Theater presented several outdoor summer performances in Carroll Park.

7. Neighborhood sponsored Carroll Park Fair and Summer Band Concert held in Carroll Park.

8. Pentathlon Track Meet held in Carroll Park on July 24, 1969.

# II. CLIFTON DIVISION FRANCIS R. JONES, Superintendent

A. Major Maintenance and Development Projects

1. New roof installed on storm damaged picnic grove shelter, Herring Run Park.

2. Automatic irrigation system installed at Mt. Pleasant Golf Course.

3. Repaired tennis backboard and fence at Clifton courts.

4. Regraded the #1, 2 and 3 ballfields in Clifton Park.

5. Edged, graded, filled and replaced the pitcher's toes, home plates and base pins on all ballfields and applied clay to pitcher's mounds.

6. Graded and sodded all tees and borders at the Mt. Pleasant and Clifton Golf Courses.

7. Installed a blacktop basketball court at Cold Stream Park.

8. Resurfaced Willow Avenue and Chestnut Hill Playground basketball courts.

9. Grubbed, weeded and cleaned debris from stream and banks, Chinquapin Park from Alameda to Loch Raven Boulevard.

10. Installed horse shoe pits, Burdick Park.

11. Installed necessary wiring for football practice lighting at DeWees Park.

12. Installed benches at the Hall Springs Playground.

13. Rebuilt damaged hooded backstop at Eastwood Drive ballfield.

14. Dressed, graded and seeded the Herring Run Park football field on Parkside Drive used by the Mary Dobkin football teams.

15. Herring Run Park #3 football field was converted to soccer and the Rugby Field moved.

16. Completely rebuilt the washed out Little League ball diamond along Parkside Drive.

17. Eleven loads of top soil delivered and rough graded, and playground equipment ordered for Glenwood Playground in the rear of the 600 block Glenwood Avenue.

18. Repaired service road, Mt. Pleasant Golf Course using crusher run and wood chips.

19. Clifton clay tennis courts graded, edged and additional clay added. Courts also treated with calcium chloride.

20. Painted exterior and interior of Mansion House, Clifton Park. Also new downspouts installed.

21. Fifty loads of fill dirt dumped and spread on the west end of the Pentwood Road property.

22. Rebuilt path to #7 tee, Clifton Golf Course.

23. Drains in shed area cleaned and one drain rebuilt.

24. Burdick Park Field House painted.

25. Filled traps with new sand at Mt. Pleasant and Clifton Golf Courses.

26. New golf cart storage area was constructed in the basement of the Mansion House, Clifton Park.

27. Removed barberry and benches from Band Shell area and graded, top dressed and seeded area.

28. Replaced old cedar posts and fencing along Mansion House walk with new pipe and chain.

29. Fences at DeWees Playfield cleaned and painted.

30. Removed 480 feet of deteriorated chain link fencing from athletic field areas in Clifton Park; new fence is now on order.

31. Under contract weedicide was sprayed on various median strips.

32. Mt. Pleasant and Clifton Golf Course fairways, and two sections of Herring Run Park were limed.

#### **B.** Special Events

1. A total of 19 Golf Tournaments were held at Mt. Pleasant and Clifton Golf Course during Fiscal Year 1970.

2. The annual "Hole-In-One" Tournament was held at Mt. Pleasant Golf Course from July 17 thru July 21, 1969.

3. Bureau of Recreation Swim Meets and Learn-to-Swim classes attracted approximately 1000 youngsters.

4. Graham Park played host to the YMCA Ranch Day Camp from July 1 through August 8, 1969.

5. Pentathlon track meet held in Clifton Park by Bureau of Recreation on July 24, 1969.

6. State softball championships were held in Clifton Park during August, 1969.

7. Band concerts held in Burdick Park on August 12, 1969 and June 26, 1970 by the Municipal Band, and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra gave a concert on May 30, 1970.

8. Baltimore Ski Club held a tennis clinic in Clifton Park on Saturdays in July and August, 1969.

9. Baltimore C. Y. O. tennis tournament held on Clifton clay tennis courts in September, 1969.

10. Clifton Tennis Club used clay courts for several interclub tournaments during the summer months.

11. Fork United Methodist Church held their annual picnic in Graham Park. Attendance: 200 persons.

12. The Dulaney District of Boy Scouts of America held their annual Camporee at Graham Park, October 17, 18 and 19, 1969. Attendance: 2500 persons.

13. Driver Training Course in Clifton Park was used extensively by the Baltimore Police Dept., Post Office Dept., Civil Service Commission and the C & P Telephone Co.

14. Various Christian and Girl Scout groups held picnics and assemblies in Graham Park. Attendance: 500 persons.

15. Horse show was held at Graham Park by the Cub Hill Riding School on June 23, 1970. Approximately 75 riding entries.

#### III. DRUID HILL DIVISION

# ROBERT L. ARO, Superintendent

#### A. Major Maintenance and Development Projects

1. New truck and tractor garage built in Druid Hill Park Shop area.

2. New heating unit installed in the number six field house in Druid Hill Park now will allow all-year use.

3. Ten hard surfaced tennis courts resurfaced in Druid Hill Park.

4. Two new playgrounds built and added to the district. One located on Lot #16, Laurens Street, the other at Mosher and Eutaw Streets. A passive park area was developed on the opposite side of Eutaw Place across from the second playground.

5. The boundary of the Druid Hill District was extended and playgrounds at Orchard and Brunt Streets added.

6. New hooded backstop and two new basketball courts added at Towanda Park. Undeveloped area of approximately one acre at the southern end of the park is being filled in.

7. Backstop at Wyman Park rebuilt and painted and a new basketball backboard erected.

8. Two footbridges repaired and painted in Wyman Park. Also, steep slopes along Beech Avenue filled and graded.

9. Twenty truck loads of broken concrete were placed along the banks of Stoney Run to control erosion.

10. Old shrubbery removed from Wyman Park near Remington Avenue. Area improved with topsoil, grading and seeding.

11. Fire damaged hedge on the southside of playground #1 in Druid Hill Park removed and the area graded and seeded.

12. Topsoil from development of new picnic area at Loch Raven was used at the Pine Ridge Golf Course. 13. Planted 2,000 crown vetch plants on the slope of Druid Hill Lake facing Lake Drive which eliminated mowing of this difficult slope and improves appearance.

14. Repaired lawns with topsoil in four park areas, center strips of roads in the district. Areas were then fertilized, seeded and mulched.

15. Clay from the old Baltimore Brick Yard used for repairing the eight clay tennis courts in Druid Hill Park. Clay and topsoil also used the condition ball diamonds in the park.

16. Replaced or added 150 guard posts in three parks.

17. Painted chain link fence in five park areas.

18. Painted 180 picnic tables, three large picnic shelters in Druid Hill Park and benches throughout the district.

19. Removed 400 feet of benches from Swann Avenue in Druid Hill Park and used 103 feet of this to add benches to various locations.

20. Resealed the expansion joints at the Roosevelt and Druid Hill Pools. Filters at both pools cleaned and new parts added.

21. Fertilizer and limestone spread on lawn areas in four parks.

22. Weed control program carried out on roadway median strips throughout the District.

23. Salvaged sod from the site of Safety City in Druid Hill Park and used the material to repair tees and fairways at Pine Ridge.

24. Spread wood chips on caddy cart paths and shrubbery beds at Pine Ridge Golf Course.

**B.** Special Events

1. The following events were held in Druid Hill Park:

a. Annual Spring Outdoor Art Show held around Druid Hill Lake.

b. Two open tennis tournaments played on the clay courts.

c. Softball playoff games held at diamonds #5 and #6 at High Service Reservoir area.

d. Bureau of Recreation Pentathlon meet and Operation Champ Track and Field meet at the enclosed field.

e. Bureau of Music held 17 summer concerts and Baltimore Symphony presented one concert.

2. A total of 26 tournaments were held at the Pine Ridge Golf Course, including the Lady Carling Open, June 4-7, 1970.

#### IV. GWYNNS FALLS DIVISION

#### ALVIN E. ALLEN, Superintendent

A. Major Maintenance and Develoment Projects

1. Installed new equipment at four playgrounds.

2. Converted a 60 foot baseball diamond to a 90 foot diamond at Conlon Field.

3. Hauled fill dirt to Presstman Street Lot and graded area for a 60 foot diamond.

4. Renovated four median strips on Gwynns Falls Parkway including fill, topsoil, regrading and seeding.

5. Installed fifty lawn preserving guard posts on Winterbourne Road.

6. Painted playground fixtures and equipment at 12 playgrounds.

7. Interior of rest rooms painted at seven locations.

8. All picnic tables painted in picnic groves.

9. Dismantled house on Pinkerton Estate and Old Club House on Forest Park Golf Course. Then graded and seeded areas.

10. Four clay tennis courts converted to hard surfaced courts at Bergner Mansion area.

11. Various improvements were made to the Forest Park Golf Course, including the stripping and resodding of all tees, improving drainage on number five fairway and installing a nursery of Penn Cross Bent Grass.

12. Treated lawn areas with lime at three locations.

13. Weed control material applied to roadway median strips in district.

#### B. Special Events

1. City Little League championship games played at Sloman Field in Leakin Park.

2. The Mansion House at Leakin Park utilized for meetings by the League of Maryland Horsemen and the Golf Club House for meetings of the Forest Park Golf Club.

3. A total of four tournaments were featured at the Forest Park Golf Course.

4. The Rolling Road Art League conducted semi-weekly meetings at Bergner Mansion and held professional portrait exhibitions.

#### 5. Religious Services conducted at various Squares and Parks.

6. Trailblazer District, Boy Scouts of America, used facilities of Crimea Mansion area in Leakin Park for their annual district summer roundtable, consisting of scoutings, exhibitions, games and a buffet supper.

#### V. PATTERSON DIVISION

#### FRANK T. BUTLER, Superintendent

A. Major Maintenance and Development Projects

1. New cables and lights installed in Patterson Park area.

2. Ellwood Avenue Playfield extensively refurbished.

3. Construction of the Utz Twardowicz Memorial Field completed.

4. All athletic areas renovated. Skinned area of ball diamonds edged, dragged and raked, and grassed areas topdressed, seeded and fertilized.

5. Two little league diamonds, with backstops, constructed in the Patterson Park extension.

6. Luzerne Avenue Playground renovated.

7. Under contract, lime was applied to three playfields and weedicide to district median strips.

8. Four new soccer fields were built; one in Patterson Park, three in lower Herring Run.

9. New equipment installed in the Whitby Playlot.

10. Collington and Johnston Squares renovated.

11. New equipment installed in the Ellsworth Street Playlot.

12. The Ambrose J. Kennedy Playground renovated and new playground equipment installed.

13. Basketball backboards installed at the Gough and Lehigh Streets Tot Lot.

14. Little League football field built at Gardenville Playfield.

15. Transfer of Sam Smith Park to the Carroll District and assumption of maintenance of the Center Plaza in the Charles Center Complex.

16. Used copper sulphate in the Patterson boat lake to control algae during the summer months.

17. Repaired roads and walkways in the district with bituminous cold patch. **B.** Special Events

1. The Pagoda in Patterson Park was visited by 42,179 persons.

2. The Hopkins Plaza in the Charles Center utilized for the following events:

a. Flag Week ceremonies including Army Band concert and construction workers parade.

b. Vigil for Peace

c. "Earth Day" Rally

d. March of Dimes "kick-off" rally

e. Concert by the United Fund of Central Maryland

f. Physical fitness demonstration sponsored by the Y.M.C.A.

g. Black Arts Festival

h. Dance for the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Convention

i. Spring Clean-Up Week Campaign featuring various exhibits and display of fire-fighting apparatus.

3. The Fishing Rodeo was held at the Patterson boat lake.

4. The National Sojourners held their annual wreath laying ceremony at the Washington Monument.

5. Christmas Tree Lighting ceremonies were featured at Mt. Vernon Square and at the Charles Plaza.

6. Our Lady of Fatima conducted its annual field day at the Joseph Lee Playfield during the spring.

7. The "I Am An American Day" parade held in and around Patterson Park.

8. The Senior Citizens Hobby and Talent Show was held in May at the Patterson Park Music Pavilion.

9. A fashion show sponsered by a local men's store was presented in May in Center Plaza. Another sponsered by the J. F. Theaters was also held in the Plaza in August.

10. The Boy Scouts conducted a "Camporee" in lower Herring Run Park during October.

11. The Children's Theater Association performed in July at the Patterson Park Playground.

12. A Veterans Day rally sponsered by the Joint Veterans Committee of Maryland was held on November 11th in the War Memorial Plaza.

13. The 58th Annual Flower Mart was held in Mt. Vernon Place on May 13, 1970.

14. Pulaski Day was celebrated at the site of the Pulaski Monument in Patterson Park.

# **REPORT FROM THE FIVE SPECIAL DIVISIONS**

In addition to the five divisions just described, the Bureau of Parks is further divided into five special divisions. Three of these, the Construction, Forestry and Horticulture Divisions, embrace special skills which are employed throughout the system. Experience has shown that these functions are utilized more efficiently when combined into separate units. The remaining two divisions supervise the operation and maintenance of the Stadium and the Zoo.

## VI. CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

#### GEORGE L. NICKEL, Superintendent

This division is responsible for the repair and renovation of all park structures, roads, footways and surfaced areas; for the maintenance of electrical, plumbing and heating facilities and the inspection of park lighting maintenance and power consumption. Major projects completed during the year are as follows:

A. Major Repairs and Installations

1. Installed seven extra heavy wooden doors and lock sets on Federal Hill fieldhouse.

2. Constructed and installed sixteen four by eight foot heavy duty doors at the Carroll Park shop buildings to replace worn out units. Then installed new heating plant in the machine shop.

3. Constructed a ticket booth for the new Carroll Park Clubhouse.

4. General renovation of Fort Smallwood included new sheathing and roofing on Number One beach ticket booth and comfort station, a new roof on the dressing rooms at the Number Two beach, and rebuilding of seven cabanas.

5. Installed a new floor in the senior citizens room in the Riverside Park pool building.

6. Installed one hundred lineal feet of underground drain at the DeSoto Road playground to prevent flooding in the paved areas.

7. Removed twenty-six hundred square feet of deck at Riverside swimming pool and replaced filter line and scum gutter pipes. Concrete then replaced by outside contractor.

8. Performed major roof repairs to three shelters on the Mt. Pleasant Golf Course.

9. Constructed a caddy cart room in the basement of the Clifton Park Mansion House.

10. Performed major carpentry repairs to the Clifton Park Mansion and also to the fieldhouse and shelter in Herring Run Park.

11. Constructed two masonry pumphouses, twelve by twelve by eight feet high, for the irrigation system at the Mt. Pleasant Golf Course.

12. Constructed a new eight feet by forty feet long scoreboard at the Mt. Pleasant Golf Course.

13. Removed and replaced seven hundred fifty square feet of concrete at the Clifton Pool in order to repair scum gutter and filtration line pipes.

14. Installed a new hot water heating boiler for the Clifton Park Mansion showers.

15. Contributed major assistance to the erecting and dismantling of appurtenances for the Hole-in-One tournament.

16. Installed new sheathing and complete new asbestos roofs on the shelters at the Number Six and Eight picnic groves in Druid Hill Park.

17. Performed major repairs to filtration and scum gutter pipes at the Roosevelt Pool.

18. Erected and dismantled equipment for the Lady Carling Tournament at the Pine Ridge Golf Course.

19. Made major masonry repairs at the Druid Hill Pool.

20. Installed a complete new heating boiler and heating system in Fieldhouse #6 in Druid Hill Park.

21. Constructed a new three hundred foot long by twelve feet wide service road in the Druid Hill shop area.

22. Constructed a twenty by twenty-four foot workshop and toolroom with electric heat for the Forestry Division.

23. Built two employee shelter cabs for Forestry trucks.

24. Erected seating for three hundred persons at a Little League field in Leakin Park.

25. Rebuilt the stone walls on the historic stone barn in Leakin Park.

26. Made major repairs to the floors at Cylburn Mansion.

27. Constructed masonry bins for soil storage at the greenhouses in Cylburn Park.

28. In a major renovation, replaced the wooden porch which surrounded the Music Pavilion in Patterson Park with concrete floor decks and brick roof supports and then installed a new asbestos roof.

29. Repaired the floor in the Pagoda in Patterson Park.

30. Installed a new asbestos shingled roof on the bath house at the Patterson Pool.

31. Erected and removed portable football seats at the Stadium.

32. Erected and removed Stadium Ice Rink equipment.

33. Constructed music sound cabinets for the new sound system at the Stadium Ice Rink.

34. Enlarged and paneled office for Oriole's groundskeeper.

35. Installed rubber treads on the dug-out steps at the Stadium.

36. Made extensive repairs to the surface of the Stadium and Venable Park parking lots.

37. Replaced the concrete steps leading from Venable Park to Ellerslie Avenue.

38. Brick and concrete block partitions constructed in the Stadium to form employee's rooms, storerooms, storage area for the Orioles, combined vendor and commissary room and Oriole groundskeeper room.

39. Completed the relacement of windows, doors and trim at the Camel House in the Zoo.

40. Renovated the concession storeroom including newfloors and ceiling in the Druid Hill Mansion.

41. Installed four hundred ten feet of concrete bumper curbing on the main Zoo parking lot.

42. Installed three hundred ninety feet of six foot wide bituminous concrete footway at the Zoo.

43. Refurbished Children's Zoo for its spring opening.

44. Replaced wooden floors with concrete in two animal cages at the Zoo.

45. Installed a new heating plant in the Elephant House.

46. Repaired masonry retaining wall at rear of Elephant House at the Zoo.

47. Constructed sixty-eight picnic tables for use throughout the parks.

B. Electrical Repairs.

1. Increased transformer electric supply in Carroll Park by

three hundred percent and then added seven twenty-five foot high light poles equipped with mercury vapor lamps.

2. Two steel twenty-five foot light poles with mercury vapor lamps were erected at the Cherry Hill Swimming Pool.

3. Renovated overhead electrical service in Clifton Park by erecting eight thirty-five foot wooden poles for attaching wiring that had previously run through trees.

4. Provided electrical service to newly constructed metal storage building in Druid Hill Park.

5. Installed fifty-eight mercury vapor lamps on twenty-five foot high poles with all necessary underground cable in Patterson Park.

6. Renovated transformer room at the Zoo Mansion House increasing power supply by fifty percent.

7. Replaced 4,444 feet of deteriorated underground street light and electrical power cable throughout the Carroll, Clifton, and Druid Hill Districts.

8. Assumed maintenance of the following additional lighting not otherwise indicated:

- a. Lakeland Park 29 street lights
- b. Madison Park 29 street lights
- c. Basketball lighting at following locations:
  - 1. WilkensPlayfield 4 units
  - 2. Margaret Miller Playground 4 units
  - 3. Bay Brook Park 8 units
  - 4. Riverside Park 8 units
  - 5. Northwood School 3 units
  - 6. Cecil Elementary School 4 units
  - 7. Cloverdale Playgound 5 units
  - 8. Roosevelt Park 5 units
  - 9. Lindhurst Playground 4 units
  - 10. Lexington Terrace 3 units
  - 11. Joseph Lee Playfield 4 units

## C. Painting projects

1. The following buildings were painted:

- a. Latrobe Shelter and fieldhouse exterior
- b. Federal Hill Fieldhouse interior and exterior

c. Riverside Park Pool Building and Shelter - interior and exterior

- d. Carroll Park Fieldhouse interior and exterior
- e. Clifton Park Mansion House exterior
- f. Clifton Park Employee's Residence interior

- g. Patterson Park Superintendent's Residence exterior
- h. Patterson Pagoda interior and exterior
- i. Patterson Ice Rink Building interior
- j. Patterson Quoit Shed interior
- k. Patterson Bathhouse interior and exterior
- 1. Patterson Music Pavilion exterior
- m. Twenty thousand chairback seats at the Stadium

2. In addition, the annual general painting in preparation for their spring openings was performed at the following locations:

- a. The Stadium
- b. Fort Smallwood
- c. The Children's Zoo

# VII. FORESTRY DIVISION

# CALVIN BUIKEMA, City Forester

Rainfall during the last half of 1968 and first half of 1969 was good and has helped with the establishment of the 6,700 trees planted last year. An extra effort was given to planting in the parks with an increase of 500 trees over the previous year. It is hoped that this pattern will continue, as many of the older trees in the parks are failing.

The recruiting of tree trimmers was again a problem, and accounted for the dropin trees pruned and removed by our forces. In the first half of 1970 we were successful in training two men to climb, and with two more in the process of learning, we are hopeful that this program will prove fruitful in developing skilled workmen for the future.

# A. Major Maintenance and Planting Activities

1. The Steuart Hill Code Enforcement Area planting was completed on schedule with a total of 927 trees planted over a three year period.

2. The number of trees pruned dropped from the previous year, because of a lack of tree trimmers.

B. A review of major forestry activities is as follows:

	FY 1969	FY 1970
Trees Pruned		
Parks	532	753
Highways	16,948	10,410
Total	17,480	11,163
Trees Planted		
Parks	434	989
Highways	4,450	5,711
Other Agencies	95	14
Total	4,979	6,714
Trees Removed		
Parks	424	561
Highways	3,069	1,123
Other Agencies	116	20
Total by Forestry	3,609	1,704
Total by Contract	997	1,004
Total	4,606	2,708
Trees Sprayed		
Parks	705	607
Highways	7,927	6,748
Total	8,632	7,355
Trees Cultivated		
Parks	117	7
Highways	10,142	6,896
Total	10,259	6,903
Stumps Removed		
Parks	183	269
Highways	767	1,112
Total	950	1,381

## VIII. HORTICULTURE DIVISION

# GERARD J. MOUDRY, Horticulturist

The activities of this division consist of operating the greenhouse complexes at Cylburn and Druid Hill Park, maintaining the outdoor gardens located throughout the various parks, supervising the Wildflower Preserve and Garden Center at Cylburn Park, and providing decorations for public functions.

# A. Indoor Gardening

1. At the Druid Hill Conservatory emphasis is placed on the maintenance of a permanant collection of tropical plants and the presentation of special seasonal displays which include chrysanthemums in November, poinsettias in December and January, and spring flowers in March and April. The conservatory is open daily and attracted a total of 37,000 visitors during the year.

2. The greenhouse at Cylburn Park is concerned primarily with the propagation of bedding stock for the various flower beds in the park system as well as producing cut flowers, potted plants for displays, and trees and shrubs for planting in Cylburn and other park areas.

#### **B.** Outdoor Gardening

1. The Horticulture Division plants and maintains one hundred flower beds. All beds are planted with annuals for summer display and approximately forty are planted in the fall with tulips for spring display.

2. Shrubbery plantings throughout the park system were weeded, mulched, and pruned.

3. Six original landscaping projects were undertaken this year.

4. For the spring display at the Sherwood Gardens, 4,000 pansies, 30,000 tulips, and 500 azaleas were planted, and the entire area pruned.

#### C. Cylburn Park

1. The nature and horticultural activities at Cylburn Park are provided by the combined efforts of our personnel and the Cylburn Wildflower Preserve and Garden Center organization. A total of 18,000 school children were taken on nature tours and 194 groups used the Mansion House for meetings and flower shows.

2. The activities program sponsored by the Cylburn

organization featured demonstrations in gardening and nature programs including the special Open House on Sundays. Visitors to the area for these events numbered 20,000 persons.

3. For the second year, a Market Day was held at Cylburn Park under the joint sponsorship of our bureau and the Cylburn organization. Approximately 10,000 persons attended the event with all proceeds going to the advancement of the various programs conducted at the park.

# IX. STADIUM

## WILLIAM H. TRAGESER, Stadium Manager

A. Major Maintenance and Development Projects

1. Installed new copper water lines to replace the original galvanized ones.

2. With the cooperation of the Orioles, the small meeting room in the lobby was renovated for use as a "Bird Feed Room."

3. A new year-round vendor's room was installed on the ground floor.

4. New facilities consisting of a forman's office, men's locker room, a tool and storage room, restrooms, and a repair shop were constructed.

5. Roll-up doors were installed in the garage area for equipment and a new entrance to the field was opened to facilitate disbursement of equipment and supplies.

6. An area at W-6 was utilized for relocating the women's locker room freeing their former area for expansion of the police command post.

7. Stadium forces extended the line at W-5 to the W-8 area and wrapped the pipe with electric heating wire to prevent freezing during the winter.

8: A new storm drain was constructed in the track at the Oriole dugout.

9. The front guard rail on the upper deck was reset.

10. All tower transformers as well as those at the scoreboard and in the compressor room were overhauled.

11. Three additional storage areas were created.

12. The second ice rink compressor was completely overhauled.

13. The entrance at Gate E-8 was enlarged to permit passage of the new load packer.

14. Two new specialty concession stands were constructed by the Orioles.

15. An additional area at the truck entrance was paved to provide more parking and to prevent clogging of the storm drains during heavy rain.

16. Our original scoreboard which had been installed in 1954 was becoming increasingly difficult to maintain because of its age and scarcity of replacement parts. Recognizing the critical nature of the problem, our bureau entered into negotiations for a modern board which would ensure reliability of operation and also feature a "magic message" capability for increased flexibility. A contract for the new board was awarded on February 11, 1970, and was completed in August, 1970.

## **B.** Special Events

1. The Stadium is proud of being the site on October 4, 1969, of the first American League Championship series, which is the official designation for the best-of-five playoff games between the winners of the Eastern and Western Divisions of the League. The Orioles won the Series in three games, and earned the right to represent the league in their second World Series (the first in 1966). The Stadium was then the site for the first two games of that outstanding sporting event.

2. The annual American Legion Christmas tree sale was held from December 10th through the 24th.

3. Seventeen bus trips originated from the Stadium parking lots.

4. Department of Education conducted their driver training course on the Stadium parking lot.

5. The Stadium lobby was utilized by the Board of Election Supervisors for voter registration and as a polling site.

C. Details of Stadium Revenue excluding Stadium Ice Rink

Type of Event	No. of Uses	Gross Attendance	Rental Revenue	Concession Revenue
Professional Baseball	77	1.129.676	201,945.09	113.634.03
Professional Football	8	398,230	177.313.06	33.210.33
Fireworks - July 4th	1	16,379	1,000.00	730.69
Festival of Music	2	7,927		92.68
March of Champions	1	14,221	1.000.00	1.099.81
Amateur Sports	1	1,033	272.37	135.70
City-Poly	1	11,635	175.00	573.29
Loyola-Calvert Hall	1	11,987	175.00	391.38
High School-Baseball	_1	759	117.00	50.10
TOTAL-FY 1970	93	1,591,847	381,997.52	149.918.01
TOTAL—FY 1969	102	1,592,145	385,518.17	138,909.34

	(FY 1970)	(FY 1969)
TOTAL RENTAL REVENUE	\$381,997.52	\$385,518.17
TOTAL CONCESSION		
REVENUE	149,918.01	138,909.34
SALE OF UTILITIES	18,313.83	20,202.61
REIMBURSEMENT from Colts per contract for lights, field re- storation, etc	5,760.78	6,215.60
PARKING REVENUE:	0,100.10	0,210.00
Stadium	16,335.61	14,418.30
Venable	27,167.38	24,593.06
*PARKING LOT LICENSE:		
Stadium	9,956.00	9,956.00
Venable	5,476.86	5,476.86
*CITY PARKING TAX: Stadium	14,146.37	.00
Venable	7,911.42	.00
*CITY'S SHARE OF ADMIS- SION AND AMUSEMENT TAX	300,551.00	.00
RENTAL OF OFFICE SPACE:	,	
Orioles	1,845.00	1,845.00
Colts	1,500.00	1,500.00
ADVERTISING:		
Scoreboard Clock	.00 .00	41,500.00
TELEPHONE COMMISSIONS		2,025.00
	1,021.89	1,105.38
REPAYMENT: 1% Concession Improvements	14,535.65	12,473.48
REPAYMENT: 6% Field Seats	.00	12,653.76
REPAYMENT: Rental Waived on 514 Mezzanine Seats	2,158.80	2,454.80
REPAYMENT:		41 P. 1
Rental Waived on 2,380 Upper Deck Seats	7,996.80	9,093.44

TOTAL Stadium Revenue, Excluding Ice Rink

\$966,592.92

\*Although these items of City Income are not collected by the Stadium, they come directly from the Stadium operation and would not otherwise exist.

# D. Revenue and Operating and Management Cost Comparisons Memorial Stadium, 1954 through Fiscal 1970.

Year	Uses	Attendance	Revenue	Expense	Gain (Loss)
1954	106	1,507,505	\$230,622.20	\$241,390.12	(\$ 10,767.92)
1955	106	1,452,172	254,652.69	234,636.67	20,016.02
1956	95	1,532,011	258,486,96	235,827.66	22,659.30
1957	121	2,045,367	297,449.38	244,521.23	52,928.15
1958	95	1,569,859	296,240.73	270,653.81	25,586.92
1959	95	1,667,521	420,101.12	307,624.38	112,476.74
1960	94	1,829,969	581,826.55	337,942.98	243,883.57
1961	89	1,547,043	470,967.90	328,459.19	142,508.71
1962	90	1,391,452	480,098.46	312,573.43	167,525.03
1963	92	1,278,684	488,131.88	360,424.86	127,707.02
1964	87	1,804,191	604,151.07	420,046.16	184,104.91
1965	82	1,291,836	514,324.13	418,510.38	95,813.75
*1966	32	527,482	190,379.98	201,406.42	(11,026.44)
**1967	100	2,377,500	717,140.24	435,059.74	282,080.50
1968	99	1,361,491	651,722.28	513,738.67	137,983.61
1969	102	1,592,145	689,940.80	510,369.06	179,571.74
**1970	93	1,591,847	966,592.92	556,952.66	409,640.26

\* six month period due to change of Fiscal year

\*\* World Series

E. Statement of Stadium Operating Expense, excluding ice rink and debt service (\$302,406.25 in FY 1970)

Total Revenue	\$966.592.92
Total Operating Expense	556,952.66
Operating Gain for the year	

# X. THE BALTIMORE ZOO

#### **ARTHUR WATSON**, Zoo Director

#### A. General Developments

1. The most significant event at the Zoo last year was the decision to install a perimeter fence around the entire zoo area. The killing of several animals by vandals, harassment of the public, several robberies and the destruction of valuable eggs at the penguin rookery were all factors that prompted this decision. Our Board, therefore, entered into an agreement with the Baltimore Zoological Society, whereby that organization agreed to raise the necessary funds through public subscription and erect the fence. It was also agreed with the Society and approved by the city that an admission fee would be charged and the proceeds, after all administrative expenses were deducted, would be used for the establishment of an improved medical program, the acquisition of animals or equipment and physical improvements in the zoo area, as funds permitted.

After much consideration and review of admission policies at other zoos, the following rate schedule was adopted:

a. All persons individually admitted - fifty cents

b. All persons under 14 to be admitted free when accompanied by a responsible person not less than 18 years of age who has paid the fifty cent charge.

c. Schools and other educational groups under adult supervision will be admitted free upon advance reservation with the Zoo.

2. In November, 1969, the Baltimore Zoological Society again funded an expedition to Liberia. John Moore, Assistant Director, was designated to accompany the group to advise on our needs and to assist in the proper selection of specimens to be obtained. One of the major objects of the trips was to bring back a female pigmy hippo to mate with our extra male and complete our collection of two pair of these unusual animals. The expedition was successful in this endeavor as well as in their aim to trap some of the rare Picathartes birds. The expedition collected a group of nestlings and of the three returned, one is still living. The acquisition of the Picathartes is an outstanding accomplishment since these birds are unusually rare and are difficult to transport from the wild.

3. As an example of inter-zoological cooperation, our extra male pigmy hippo was loaned to the Philadelphia Zoo where he sired a male offspring.

4. Three new hopper-type feed bins were installed at the commissary which has greatly reduced losses from vermin while permitting pricing benefits from bulk purchases.

5. The in-service training program has continued to show excellent results from the hour class which is presented each week.

6. Educational efforts continued through guided tours, thirteen lectures to over six hundred persons, a field trip for an ecology class at Johns Hopkins University, several appearances on such TV shows as the Department of Education's "TV - Classroom" and a segment of "Family Doctor" and a weekly radio program about the zoo and its inhabitants. 7. For the third year, several members of the Bird Department worked during the winter and early spring with members of the Johns Hopkins University in the continuing study of the migratory habits of Whistling Swans. As in the past, many of the large birds were caught, banded, and dyed. Six of the swans were fitted with radio transmitters, and all but two of these were tracked by airplane to Devil's Lake, North Dakota.

#### B. Maintenance, Repairs, and Remodeling

1. The entire Bird Exhibit was painted and all wood trim cleaned, restored, and varnished.

2. At the Mammal House, the exhibit area, medical laboratory, and basement were repainted and two new furnaces were installed. On the outside, 18,000 square feet of sod was laid on the hill below the building.

3. The interior and exterior of the service building in the Wading Bird Exhibit were repaired and repainted and 10,000 square feet of sod was laid in the yards.

4. The Camel House was completely renovated.

5. Extensive refurbishing was carried out at the Lion and Tiger Cages.

6. Assisted by NYC members, the Buffalo Yards were renovated and resurfaced with crusher run.

7. The wall and walkways at the Elephant House were restored.

8. A new corral with two service gates was erected in the old deer pens by zoo forces.

9. New furnaces were installed in the Elephant House and in the cave area of Rock Island.

10. An isolation and hospital section for reptiles was created in the basement of the Reptile House.

11. Also, at the Reptile House, the large python cage in the lobby was renovated to maintain constant temperature for the snakes above 70 degrees and solve the problem of irregular eating habits during the winter months.

#### C. The Collection and Important Acquisitions

1. The Zoo's inventory of species and specimens as shown in the following chart remained somewhat constant and the mortality rate continued to show improvement:

4	Species	Specimens	Mortality Rate
Mammals	105	391	10.0%
Birds	176	447	17.8%
Reptiles	105	181	11.6%
TOTAL	386	1,019	

2. As noted the Liberian Expedition was successful in obtaining a female pigmy hippo and three of the Picathartes birds. In all a total of 64 specimens were returned, including a chimpanzee, three Diana monkeys, various birds, snakes, lizards and turtles, and seven dwarf crocodiles.

3. A female baby pigmy hippo was born to our original pair obtained in the first expedition and is doing well.

4. The sable antelopes, which are valued at over twenty-five hundred dollars each, presented the Zoo with a fine female offspring.

5. By trading surplus specimens, the Zoo was able to obtain a mate for its Dromedary Camel and a pair of single-wattled cassowaries.

6. The Bird Department is continuing its successful program of raising penguins with eight eggs hatched and the young reared to adulthood.

7. There was little change in the number of species and specimens exhibited at the Reptile House because of the limited cage space available.

8. Although no funds were spent for purchasing specimens, the Reptile Department was successful in enhancing the quality of its collection by donations (\$125.00), trades (\$495.00), births (\$1,668.00), and collecting (\$331.00). Notable hatchings included two Mangrove Snakes and twenty-two albino Corn Snakes.

# D. The Children's Zoo and Revenue

1. This report covers the operation from July 1, 1969, to November 12, 1969, and from April 2, 1970, to June 30, 1970.

2. During this period, 114,496 children and 89,723 adults (total 204,219 admissions) visited the facility, creating a revenue of \$42,268.35

3.Revenue of \$3,675.16 from the Carousel and \$7,509.38 from the ZooChoo Train was earned at the Children's Zoo and \$6,013.08 was realized from the Safari Train at the main Zoo.

# SUMMARY OF REVENUE SUPPORTED FACILITIES

In addition to the operation of Memorial Stadium and the Children's Zoo, the Bureau of Parks operates the following revenue supported facilities.

## A. Golf Courses

The attendance at the golf courses continued to be affected adversely by vandalism and other abuses which formerly had been controlled by the department's park police. Another factor affecting attendance during the past season was the excessive lingering of the snow during the winter and the unusually large amount of rainfall in the spring.

Countering these factors, however, was the significent reduction in operating costs at the courses by transferring all employees to other duties during the winter months.

Effective June 1, 1969, the State increased the Amusement and Admission tax on Golf Courses from 0.5%, which they had waived, to 4.5%. One ninth of the amount collected, less administrative costs, is returned to the sub-division. As a consequence of the new rate, the greens fees were changed by the Board as of October 1, 1969.

The installation of the irrigation systems at the courses is proceeding according to schedule. The systems are now complete at the Pine Ridge and Mount Pleasant courses and work began on April 21, 1970, at the Forest Park Course.

Course	Rounds Played	Revenue Greens fees, Caddie Carts, etc	Revenue Irrigation Surcharge	Total Revenue	Revenue After Taxes	Operating Cost
* Carroll	32,494	42,385.15	8,123.50	50,508.65	48,333.61	63,894.57
Clifton	33,456	85,428.40	15,862.00	101,290.40	97,028.65	112,059.37
Forest Park	32,896	80,986.67	15,127.25	96,113.92	92,027.31	111,199.31
Mt. Pleasant	39,096	109,425.41	18,195.75	127,621.16	122,273.21	167,074.15
Pine Ridge	43,639	168,892.18	20,899.75	189,791.93	181,895.69	144,557.81
	181,581	\$487,117.81	\$78,208.25	\$565,326.06	\$541,558.47	\$598,785.21
* A nine hole course						
Year		Rounds Played	Rev	Revenue	Operating Cost	Gain or (Loss)
1970		181,581	541,	541,558.47	598,785.21	( 57,226.74)
1969	•	227,113	556,	556,607.25	663,267.38	(106,660.13)

# GOLF COURSE REVENUE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1970

# B. Ice Rinks

1. The Patterson and Stadium Ice Rinks opened on November 14, 1969, and continued through March 8, 1970. At Patterson, 253 sessions were scheduled and 234 held. At the Stadium, the figures were 248 scheduled and 231 held. In addition to bad weather causing the cancellation of sessions at the rinks, the Stadium must also close when major sport events are presented. Attendance at both rinks showed an increase over the previous season, with Patterson showing 31,861 compared to 29,729 and the Stadium 37,105 against 36,018.

2. Statement of Income and Expense at the two rinks:

	Stadium	Patterson
Admissions	20,292.95	18,818.25
Concessions	2,712.64	2,346.60
Rentals	564.15	175.00
Total Receipts	23,569.74	21,339.85
Total Cost	40,607.38	42,259.72
Gain (Loss)	(17,037.64)	(20,919.87)

#### C. Fort Smallwood

As in previous years, a parking charge of \$.25 per motorcycle, \$1.00 per car and \$3.00 per bus was in effect from July 1, 1969 to September 12, 1969 and from April 10, 1970 to June 30, 1970. During this period a total of 65 motorcycles, 25,482 cars and 263 buses entered the park. The bathing beaches, as usual, closed on Labor Day 1969 and reopened on Memorial Day 1970.

Park Patrons	$112,161 \\ 65,804$	Beach Concessions	\$ 4,271.85
Beach Patrons		Parking Fees	26,287.25
		Total Revenue Operating Cost Gain (Loss)	$\begin{array}{r} \$30,559.10\\ \underline{52,344.11}\\ (\$21,785.01)\end{array}$

## D. Swimming Pools

1. As is customary, the swimming pools closed on Labor Day, September 1, 1969 and reopened on June 20, 1970. Because of the age of the pools, the contract for constructing the Patterson Pool, for instance, was awarded on October 12, 1949, a large amount of maintenance was required before the pools could be opened for the 1970 season. The two major items were replacing the remaining deteriorated feed lines at the pools and recaulking all construction joints at all of the pools with an acrylic-latex sealant. As a result of these repairs, it was generally agreed that the pools were in the best shape that they have been in for many years.

2. It was again decided to operate the pools without an admission charge. A survey of six major cities in this area; namely, Washington, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Boston, Cleveland and New York, showed that only New York still charges and two of the cities, Philadelphia and Cleveland have never charged.

3. Statement of Operation and Costs

Pool	Days Open	Patrons	Operating Cost
Cherry Hill	66	44,962	\$23,523.82
Clifton	64	86,211	33,744.35
Druid Hill	65	54,534	36,608.98
Patterson	68	96,366	35,361.61
Riverside	62	71,933	31,302.36
Roosevelt	68	41,535	21,013.54
	393	395,541	\$181,554.66

# SUMMARY OF BUREAU OF PARKS RECREATION FACILITIES

The maintenance of athletic and recreational facilities, shown below, in a condition and manner that will accommodate the needs of the citizens of Baltimore, continues as the major activity of the bureau.

55	Clay Tennis Courts
57	Hard Surface Tennis Courts
88	Outdoor Basketball Courts
23	Volley Ball Courts
2	Outdoor Shuffle Board Courts
1	Badminton Court
45	Baseball Diamonds
1	Enclosed Field
44	Little League Diamonds
4	Pony League Diamonds
95	Softball Diamonds
33	Football Fields
19	Soccer Fields

1	Lacrosse Field
1	Hockey Field
2 1 4 1	Archery Fields
1	Rugby Field
4	Eighteen-Hole Golf Courses
	Nine-Hole Golf Course
6	Swimming Pools
10	Wading Pools
2	Ice Skating Rinks
1	Ice Skating Pond
2	Roller Skating Areas
7	Skeet and Trap Ranges
2 1 2 7 1 3	Stadium
3	Running Tracks
11	Quoit Ranges
1	Quoit Shed
1	Fishing Lake
1	Boat Lake
1	Zoo (including Children's Zoo)
1	Natural History Museum, Maryland House
206	Picnic Areas
2	Bathing Beaches
165	Playgrounds
1	Bridle Trail
	Scouting Area
$\frac{1}{1}$	Driver Training Course
1	Wildflower Preserve, Nature Trails and
-	Natural History Museum (Cylburn Park)
902	TOTAL FACILITIES

# **BUREAU OF RECREATION**

# A. L. COTTRILL, Superintendent

# L. CLEMENTS NIXON, Assistant Superintendent

# I. BUREAU HIGHLIGHTS

Highlighting the year was the opening of 5 new recreation centers and one playfield—Bay Brook, Furley, James McHenry, Steuart Hill, and Woodhome Recreation Centers, and Lakeland Playfield. This brought to a total of 98 the number of recreation facilities operated by the Bureau on a full-time basis. Of significance too is the number of public schools in which this Bureau conducted recreation programs during the year—114 separate schools. When, upon occasion, lay persons and officials state that the public schools should be used for recreation, thereby implying that such is not the case, this figure indicates otherwise. Included in the total are 44 schools used as full-time centers; 41 schools where gymnasia are used by nearby centers and by our Division of Amateur Sports, and 29 used as summer playgrounds.



Mrs. M. Richmond Farring accepts the key to Bay Brook Recreation Center on behalf of the neighborhood from Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandro, III at dedication ceremonies, September 30, 1969.

During the summer, in order to man 48 portable swimming pools, 44 summer playgrounds and 93 recreation centers, 3 special camps (Camp Concern for inner city youth, Camp Variety for the handicapped, and Camp Carefree for senior citizens), 6 day camps, 30 fun camps, 1 nature wagon, 4 fun wagons; to staff onthe-street recreation programs, to operate city-wide softball and baseball leagues, to run tennis, swimming, and track meets, the summer part-time personnel reached a peak of 927 supplementing the services of 365 full-time employees and 600 Neighborhood Youth Corps aides and 1,605 volunteers. The hours contributed by volunteers—124,811 hours—were the equivalent of 68 full-time leaders. Recreation in Baltimore can be summed up as "big business."



In order to maintain the highest standards of water safety in running the portable swimming pool program, the Bureau held preseason training classes for pool personnel.

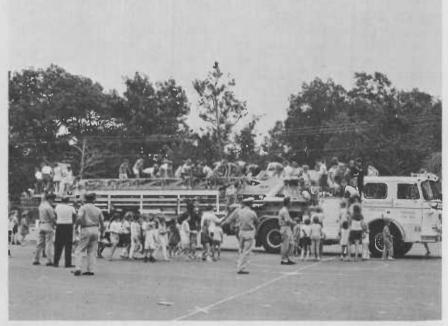
Three recreation centers celebrated anniversaries. Hamilton Recreation Center was established 25 years ago in what had been an old bowling alley. That center is notable for its "firsts"—the first to organize a Youth Council, the first to have a Fathers' Club, a Mothers' Club, and the first to open a summer Day Camp. Mt. Royal Recreation Center celebrated its 20th anniversary at which early youthful patrons of the center returned as adults with their own children. Mt. Royal was the second school-recreation wing to be built in Baltimore where there are now 17 such wings with 2 more nearing completion, a third just begun, and a fourth on the drawing board. The Recreation Pier at the foot of Broadway celebrated with a re-dedication because of renovated portions of its interior structure. That building has housed community recreation programs since 1914 when the Children's Playground Association, which was the early forerunner of this Bureau, began operating there. The auditorium at the South Baltimore Recreation Center was dedicated to its former Director, Margaret Stabler Miller, now deceased, in recognition of her work as a professional recreation pioneer and through whose efforts Baltimore's first Golden Age Club was established.

The Bureau of Recreation was one of the four finalists in the Class I (U. S. cities with population over 250,000) contest for the National Gold Medal Award for excellence in park and recreation management sponsored by the Sports Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit organization founded to encourage interest and participation in sports and other recreational activities. In this contest, written material was called for covering 12 subjects relating to surveys and evaluation of the City's recreational needs, long range plans, obstacles overcome, budget, facilities, program, staff training, etc. To document the written data, a large portfolio of photographs and newspaper articles was submitted, as was a miniature model of a Fun Wagon in use. Baltimore did not win the Gold Medal (and the accompanying \$1,000.00), but takes pride in being a finalist because, as the Foundation's booklet reads, "A Salute to this year's best among U.S. recreation and park departments, highlighting the finalists' outstanding creative points: their ways of making programs relevant to the community, their ingenuity in carrying out projects, and their establishment of comprehensive recreation planning basis for future growth."

Supplementing the Bureau's concerted efforts to involve the community in planning has been a concentration on involving other agencies in not only the planning but the execution of joint endeavors. Illustrative of this was a coordinated recreation program in the Cherry Hill area which included the Police Boys' Club, neighborhood churches, Housing, Fire Department, Department of Education, Operation Champ, Baltimore Bullets, and the four recreation centers in that section. In the Edmondson Village area, in response to local residents' requests, the Bureau of Recreation cooperated with the Y. M. C. A., the Department of Education, the Boy Scouts, and neighborhood volunteers to provide an 8 months' swimming program and an athletic program for girls, boys, and families of that community. At the request of the Vagabond Theatre, the Bureau cooperated, as did many other agencies, in making possible their drama presentation on the waterfront site of the Recreation Pier where tugboats formed the backdrop. Through funding by the Model Cities Agency, the Bureau was enabled to keep 22 recreation centers open on Saturdays and 8 open on Sundays. The "joining of hands" by different agencies working with Baltimore's youth will

#### continue to be a point of emphasis with this Bureau.

Another example of inter-agency (department) cooperation was the program of the Fire Department whereby fire engines were dispatched to recreation centers on a predetermined schedule and where children climbed over the engines to their heart's content, asking the firemen literally hundreds of questions. This was an exciting experience for the youngsters and a worthwhile educational one also.



Children get acquainted with a fire engine on the playground in this educational program involving cooperation between departments.

Of all the recreational programs offered, the one most notably gaining in popularity is indoor roller skating. In any discussion with neighborhood groups about a proposed new center will come the question, "Will there be a place for roller skating?" Outstanding in artistry, costuming, scenery, showmanship, good taste, and joy in participation are the roller skating revues of Hamilton and Gardenville Recreation Centers.

# II. OTHER FEATURED PROGRAMS

# Children's Activities

Local contests and city-wide finals were conducted in Turtle Derby, Hula Hoop, Evening Sun Checker Tournament and Chess Tournament, Doll Show, Limbo Legs, Frisbee, Marble Tournament, Mayor's Frog Hop, Yankee Doodle Dandy. This last mentioned event took 12 weeks of searching before contestants could be found because to be eligible the boy or girl must have been born on the Fourth of July during the years 1954, 1955, or 1956. Mayor D'Alesandro was invited by Mayor Tate of Philadelphia to send such a representative to that city's Independence Day Observance. Each candidate was required to prepare a written composition on "What My American Freedom Means to Me" which was judged on the basis of content, composition, and delivery of material (oratory).

Again this year, the Maryland Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Bureau of Recreation sponsored bicycle safety programs during the last week in April which was proclaimed Bicycle Safety Week by Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro. Centers are continuously encouraged to continue stressing bicycle safety throughout the year because the statistics for those killed and injured in bicycle-motor vehicle collisions are alarmingly high.

Bird houses of all sizes, shapes, and colors were entered in the 3rd Annual Bird House Making Contest held on the patio of the Children's Zoo. Groups from the Scouts, Cubs, Brownies, from the schools, from recreation centers, as well as individual youngsters submitted their handiwork; many of their wren houses and wood duck boxes have since been installed at the Children's Zoo. This contest, sponsored by Radio Station, WFBR, and the Department of Recreation and Parks, interests and involves more and more people who have not hitherto participated in public recreation. One businessman telephoned to ask for 26 applications, and a school teacher asked for applications for her entire class.

During the nine week summer season, 53 neighborhoods were served by the Traveling Play Leaders and Fun Wagon staff. The Traveling Leader program is designed to provide recreational activities for children living in neighborhoods that are not close to existing recreation centers, playgrounds, and parks. The four Fun Wagons constitute mini-recreation centers on wheels and provide recreation for the teen-agers as well as the children.

## Nature and Garden Activities

New this year in mobile recreation was the Nature Wagon. It was designed by George Weber, the same center director who designed the Fun Wagon. Cages provide areas for woodland animals, and the wagon's sides open out to become bulletin boards showing posters and charts pertaining to animals, trees, birds, and flowers of the woodland.

With pennants flying and an area roped off to prevent crowding of children around the animals, a specialist as leader talked about the animals, where they live in the woods, and their habits. For many young children this was the first time they had ever seen a fox, a ground hog, a skunk, or an opossum. A large owl, mallard duck, and snake rounded out the exhibit in the 8 cages, all animals supplied by the Baltimore Zoo. Although the Nature Wagon had a late start in the summer, a total of 1,404 people at the 15 centers visited enjoyed the native woodland animals on tour.

In addition to this project, children's nature groups, flower and vegetable gardens flourished in centers throughout the city. Again the Women's Civic League presented certificates and tools for the winning gardens. In the Keep Maryland Beautiful Poster Contest, the young winners received award certificates from Mayor D'Alesandro in his office, and the winning posters were on display there for two weeks. Being received by the Mayor is a highlight in these young people's lives.

The new "pint-sized" greenhouses constructed as part of the crafts rooms in the Furley and Woodhome centers have been stocked with soil and plants and are in full operation.

For adults, workshops on Flower Arrangements, House Plants, Spring Gardening were all well attended; the Nature Lore Walks seem popular with business and professional people and with families.

Cylburn Wildflower Preserve and Garden Center continues to draw school children, college students, and adults to workshops, talks, and tours held there; more than 39,000 attended these and "Market Day" during the year. With the proceeds from the successful "Market Day", purchases have been made of chairs, public address systems, projectors, mounted animal specimens, plants, and miscellaneous equipment.

#### Music and Drama

In 60 centers, music specialists including 4 guitarists conducted classes; 17 of these centers sponsored "Coffee House" programs for the teenagers in which the guitarists played a feature role. Recreation centers were hosts for several concerts by the Park and Municipal Bands. A new choral group, the Goldentones, composed of Senior Citizens, entertained at several centers and at the Christmas In-Service party. A combined chorus of young girls from several centers was featured at the Bureau's girl's annual dance demonstration held at Pimlico Junior High School.

Several centers held classes in children's creative drama; through the Children's Theatre Association six recreation centers were treated to performances of "Aladdin" and "Puss in Boots."

Perhaps the outstanding dramatic feature of the year was that of the Vagabonds held on the waterfront near the Recreation Pier; several city agencies including this one cooperated in making the unusual locale available.



In cooperation with the Bureau of Recreation the Vagabond Theatre staged a successful dramatic presentation with Tugboat backdrop at the Recreation Pier.

Boys' and Men's, Girls' and Women's Activities Expansion was the keynote-2 additional indoor track and field meets, each one doubling the participation of the previous one; additional local weightlifting meets and area competition; reactivation of the recreation center softball championships.

A growth in the number of classes was noticeable; dance classes increased by 19, bringing the total of 69 classes held in 40 recreation centers with 32 of those centers represented in the citywide dance demonstration; women's conditioning classes increased by 13 over the previous year, giving us 31 classes, tennis instruction increased by one class-the number of courts available is limited. A children's bowling league was instituted as a new venture during the summer. One league with 40 bowlers represents a small but encouraging beginning.

Featured programs conducted throughout the year were:

Third Annual U.S. Youth Games - basketball, bowling, track and field.

District Pentathlons at Carroll, Clifton, Druid Hill, and Patterson Parks.

Basketball clinics at 24 recreation centers sponsored by Baltimore Bullets.

Indoor track and field meets at the 5th Regiment Armory.

Fifth annual city-wide Power Lift Weightlifting meet at Chick Webb Recreation Center.

Sixth annual city-wide Novice Weightlifting meet at Brooklyn Recreation Center.

Sixth annual city-wide Championship Weightlifting meet at Madison Square Recreation Center.

City-wide, district, and local Dribble and Shoot competition sponsored by Baltimore Bullets and Coca Cola Bottling Company.

Physical Fitness Exhibition at Memorial Stadium in cooperation with the Baltimore City Commission on Physical Fitness.

Forty-seventh annual Parochial School Games Track and Field Meet sponsored by the Catholic Youth Organization and the Maryland Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Fifty-eighth annual Junior Municipal Games Track and Field Meet held at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute.

City-wide recreation center basketball championships and softball championships.

City-wide table tennis championships.

#### Senior Citizens

Cooperating with the Department of Housing and Urban

Development, this division is developing a full recreation program at Lakeview Tower, a low rent housing project for the elderly. This is the first of several such housing projects under construction or in the planning stage, and the Bureau hopes to continue its cooperation by sponsoring|their recreation program in each. In private housing for the elderly we have acted as consultant in helping to plan their recreation programs.

Our most successful training program is co-sponsored by the Metropolitan Senior Center and the Maryland Institute College of Art. Instruction in arts and crafts was given to senior citizens to enable them to teach other senior citizens in golden age clubs, in church groups, in nursing homes, etc. Over 50 were graduated in each of two classes this year and are now using their skills to help other people.

The trend in our clubs is toward service to others. Although the clubs were organized for the members' own recreation, as new avenues are presented to them, their interests are broadening and gratification comes from self-improvement and community service. At the John Booth Center a group goes to City Hospital once a week; the men visit patients and take their menu orders; the sewing group talks with mothers in the clinic waiting room and presents them with a kit which contains enough material to complete a child's dress or play suit which the mother can work on while waiting and then take home. Several clubs visit nursing homes or hospitals such as Stella Maris and the Veteran's Hospital on a regular schedule and present variety shows. The Highlandtown group has a chartered bus for this endeavor paid for by neighborhood business men.



Golden Age Club members enjoy a summer boat ride.

## Municipal Sports

Boys' and Men's Basketball 107 leagues, 556 teams, 5,177 players. Girls' and Women's Basketball 19 leagues, 124 teams, 1,295 players.

Football 15 leagues, 85 teams, 2,194 players.

Soccer 24 leagues, 143 teams, 3,302 players.

Baseball 127 leagues, 654 teams, 8,805 players.

Men's Softball 86 leagues, 491 teams, 8,253 players.

Girls' and Women's Softball 14 leagues, 80 teams, 1,062 players.

Junior Tennis Tournament 364 players.

Evening Sun Tennis Tournament 430 players.

Municipal Swimming Meet 383 Boys and Men and 379 Girls and Women.

Evening Sun Swimming Meet 401 Boys and Men, 386 Girls and Women.

Municipal Track Meet 22 Girls, 192 Boys.

#### Services for the Handicapped

Handicapped children and adults from two years old to 90 years old were served by the staff of the handicapped division. during the past year in the following manner.

Physically handicapped adults, all over 50 years old, meet at the Mt. Royal Recreation Center where the instructor teaches oil painting, clay modeling, mosaics, and similar art forms. The blind adults meet at the Mt. Royal Center and the Maryland Workshop for the Blind. Their activities include business meetings and group discussions, choral singing, debates, dinner, and games. Physically handicapped children, mentally ill veterans, retarded teens and young adults, and brain damaged children and pre-school age clinic referrals meet at appropriate recreation centers several times a week where, as much as possible, they participate in the planning of program.

The summer day camp, Camp Variety, operated for 9 weeks and served 516 handicapped. In consultation with hospital social service and medical personnel and therapists from the League of Crippled Children, it had been decided to reduce the number of persons attending to 516, thinking that greater service could be rendered to a smaller number. 14 volunteers from the American Red Cross and the community augmented the services of 129 counselors and professional staff to operate this camp for the summer.

#### Arts and Crafts

Working with tools and solid materials, forming clay and

changing it to stone in a kiln-these things have special meaning to the individual in this day of committees, numbers instead of names, and general social unrest and devisiveness. Everyone should experience the satisfaction gained from making something with his own hands - something which costs little or nothing other than care, some skill, and spare time.

In our arts and crafts program, people do discover the value of making things. Three new centers equipped with a workroom for such activities were opened during the fiscal year; 17 specialists conducted classes in 33 centers reaching children, teens, and adults. In order to supplement the work of specialists, interested staff members were given instruction over a seven months' period in painting and ceramics in order that they might use these skills with the participants in the centers.

#### Street Club Service

Youth Served - Approximately 54 groups were served with a total membership of 1,041 males and females between the ages of 13-19 years of age. The average age of the group members is 16.

Youth Programs - The Metropolitan Athletic Association continued with its fall basketball league with sub-divisions at Dunbar Community School and Crispus Attucks Recreation Center. A summer softball league is now under way. The playing sites are Diamond #3 at Druid Hill Park and Bocek Playfield. This league is also under the sponsorship of the M.A.A. Two of the female groups received uniforms and equipment in order to participate in other softball leagues.

General - Many other programs were carried out by groups on an individual basis such as dances, bake sales, car washes, trips to points of interest, movies, forums, exhibits, etc.

Special - When the President's Select Committee on Crime visited Baltimore, nine youth, one supervisor and two Street Club Workers were called upon to testify. On two other occasions, Street Club youth and staff members participated in workshops in the 1970 White House Conference for Children and Youth.

Community & Public Relations - Ralph Murray from WMAR-TV did a special program on the male Street Club group located around the 1900 block of East Jefferson Street.

CBS taped a special on the Street Club Service that was televised nationwide.

A speaker's bureau was set up with volunteers from the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, Oheb Shalom Temple and Church of the Redeemer. The topics included Drug Abuse, Health & Hygiene, Legal Rights and the Law and Due Process.

The staff has become more involved in dealings with the judges on the criminal and municipal level. More rapport has been established with the Probation Department as well as the rehabilitation institutions.

Staff Development- Aside from the orientation and training administered through the Street Club Service, 13 staff members enrolled in courses at local colleges and universities on a parttime basis.

Federally Funded Programs - Through Housing and Community Development, the Street Club Service received \$42,000 to hire eight high school graduates to work in the riot torn areas of East Baltimore. An additional \$30,000 has been allocated in order to extend services to September, 1970.

Through the Baltimore Model Cities Program, the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Social Rehabilitation Service, Office of Juvenile Delinquency and Youth Development, the Street Club Service received a training grant of \$47,024. This training will be conducted by the University of Maryland School of Social Work. It will consist of classes and workshops teaching group work skills, group methodology of preventive intervention, and community organization techniques, as well as professional supervision and evalutation of field work experiences.

# **BUREAU OF MUSIC**

# STEPHANIE SODARO, Music and Administrative Supervisor

#### I. CONCERTS - (66 in total)

Concerts were held this season six days a week beginning June 14th and continuing through the months of July and August and concluding September 6th. There are four bands, each composed of 34 professional musicians and conductor, and one Dixieland Jazz Band, composed of six jazz musicians.



This study of John Suckling, Solo Flutist, reveals the concentration and dedication typical of the Bureau of Music's professional Musicians.

The regular bands play a flexible program of popular classics and semi-classics, marches, music from broadway shows and motion pictures.

A. Two new locations were introduced into the schedule in order to bring music to new nieghborhoods of the City where concerts were not scheduled:

1.5600 block Alameda

2. Village of Cross Keys - 5100 Falls Road



The Village of Cross Keys proved to be a well attended, as well as attractive, new concert location.

## II. THE CONDUCTORS AND OTHER PERSONNEL

# A. Weldon J. Irvine, Sr. - Baltimore Municipal Band

Music specialist with the Bureau of Recreation; celebrated his 12th year as Conductor of the Baltimore Municipal Band.

# B. Gerald Eyth - Park Concert Band

Well known composer; former Assistant Concert Master of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra; currently on the faculty of the Peabody Conservatory of Music; celebrated his 21st year as Conductor of the Park Concert Band.



Dr. Leigh Martinet conducts the six vocal soloists in the final moments of the August Festival of Music

## C. Dr. Leigh Martinet - Municipal Concert Band

Former conductor of the Baltimore Civic Opera Company; celebrated his 12th season as Conductor of the Municipal Concert Band; received the degree of Doctor of Musical Arts in 1966 from the Peabody Conservatory of Music.

D. Charles E. Gwynn, Sr. - Baltimore Park Band

Leader of his own dance orchestra and Treasurer of the Musicians' Union; celebrated his 23rd anniversary as Conductor of the Baltimore Park Band.

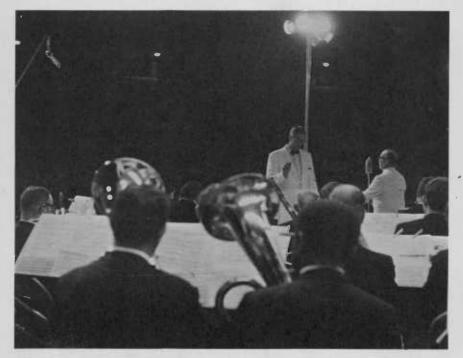
E. John William Spicer - Coordinator of the Monumental City Six Dixieland Jazz Band.

Member of the Municipal Concert Band for 27 years (tuba); brought together 5 more of Baltimore's top jazz musicians for this series.

# F. Song Leaders and Soloists

1. Marvin Clark for the Municipal and Park Concert Bands.

2.Matthew Fraling, for the Baltimore Municipal and Park Bands. One of the most popular features in the program is the "Sing Along." Encouraged by the engaging personalities of the Song Leaders, audiences accompanied by the band and fortified with song sheets sing old favorites and currently popular songs.



Conducted by Gerald Eyth, the combined bands provide music for the popular "Sing Along" led by Marvin Clark, and featured at all Festivals of Music and regular concerts.

For the additional pleasure of the audience, professional,

vocal soloists perform nightly with each band; a total of 16 vocalists throughout the season.

G. The Operations Crew - Joseph L. Esworthy, Labor Foreman

Mr. Esworthy supervises a crew of 8 men, and has responsibility for the entire physical set-up of the concerts.

# **III. FESTIVALS OF MUSIC**

# (Baltimore Memorial Stadium)

#### A. Friday, July 18, 1969, 8:30 p.m.

Dr. Leigh Martinet conducted the combined Municipal and Park Concert Bands. In addition to the varied program of instrumental music and the popular "Sing Along," outstanding performancesweregiven by four vocal artists and the Monumental City Six Dixieland Jazz Band.

Attendance-6,500 people.



The colorful and authentic revolutionary costume of the "Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps" of Fort Myer, Virginia adds to the popularity of their yearly Festival of Music performance.

B. Thursday, August 14, 1969, 8:30 p.m.

Gerald Eyth conducted the combined Park and Municipal Concert Bands. In addition to appearances by four outstanding vocal soloists, the Festival featured the "Sing Along," dance sequences interpreted by the Maryland Ballet Company, and a special performance by the Monumental City Six Dixieland Jazz Band.

This Festival marked Gerald Eyth's 20th anniversary as Conductor of the Park Concert Band. To celebrate this occasion, City Council President, William Donald Schaefer, presented Mr. Eyth with the Mayor's Distinguished Citizen's Award. Other awards to Mr. Eyth were made by Victor Fuentealba, President of the Musician's Association of Metropolitan Baltimore.

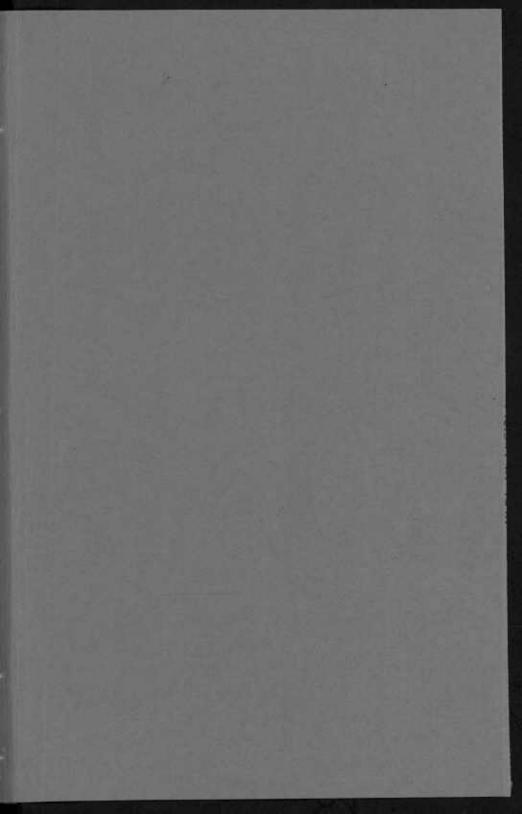
#### IV. BALTIMORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

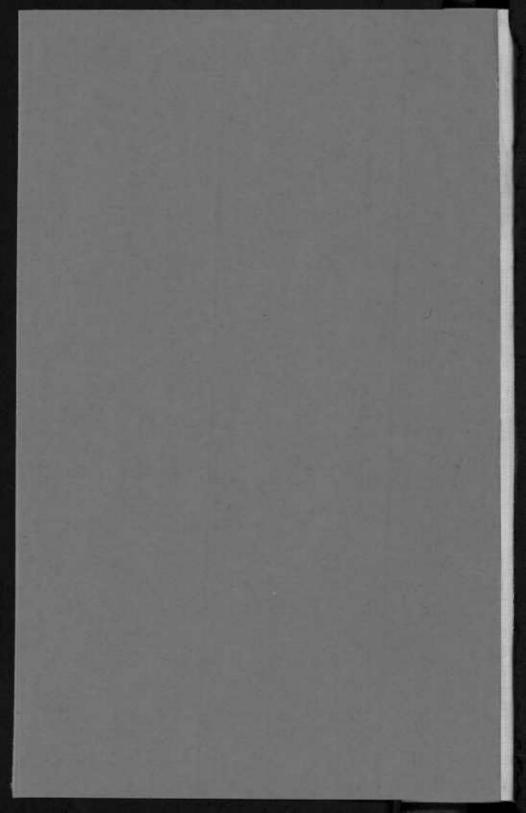
A. At the Mayor's request, the Bureau of Music's equipment and crew were involved in the preparation and set-up of facilities to accomodate the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra in their special series of 10 concerts held in various locations of the City during May and June.

# FINANCIAL REPORT \_ FISCAL 1970 DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & PARKS OPERATING BUDGET

Program Nı	umber Title	Appropriation Fiscal Year 1970	Total Expenditure through June 30, 1970	Unencumbered Balance For Fiscal Year 1970
471 (001-002)	Administrative Direction and Control	\$ 149,631	\$ 141,970	\$ 7,661
471	Debt Service	1,377,749	1,377,749	(none)
473	Municipal Concerts & Other Musical Events	60,385	62,712	(2,327)
478	General Park Services	3,540,785	3,506,474	34,311
479 (001-002)	Special Park Services	2,556,005	2,505,062	50,943
480 (001-002)	Recreational Services	4,760,100	4,568,428	191,672
505	Street Trees	515,665	515,665	(none)
	TOTALS	\$12,960,320	\$12,678,060	\$282,260

Special Note: Over expenditures in Program 473 incurred as result of our participation in the Baltimore Symphony's series of outdoor concerts, at the direction of Mavor D'Alesandro.





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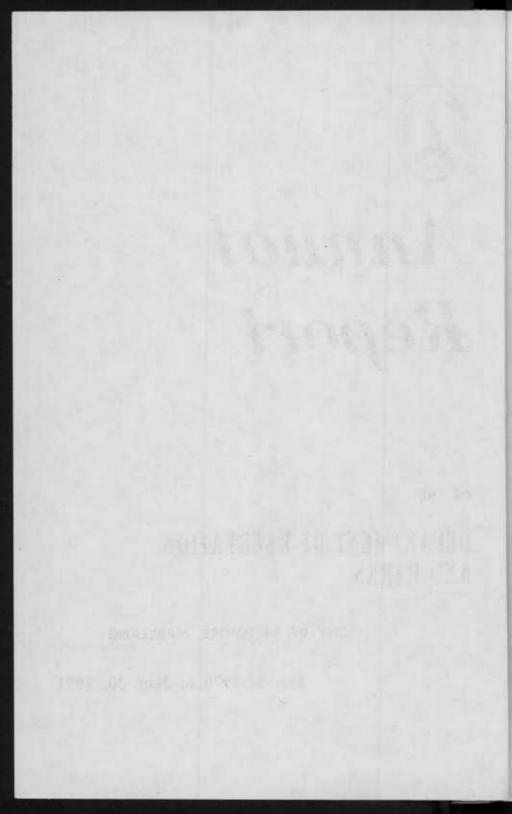
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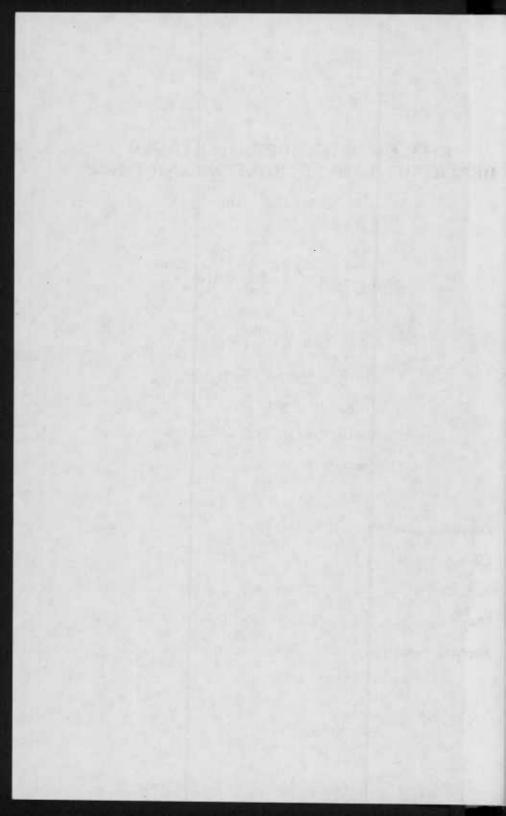
THOMAS J. D'ALESANDRO, III, Mayor

#### BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS

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Nazzareno F. Velleggia

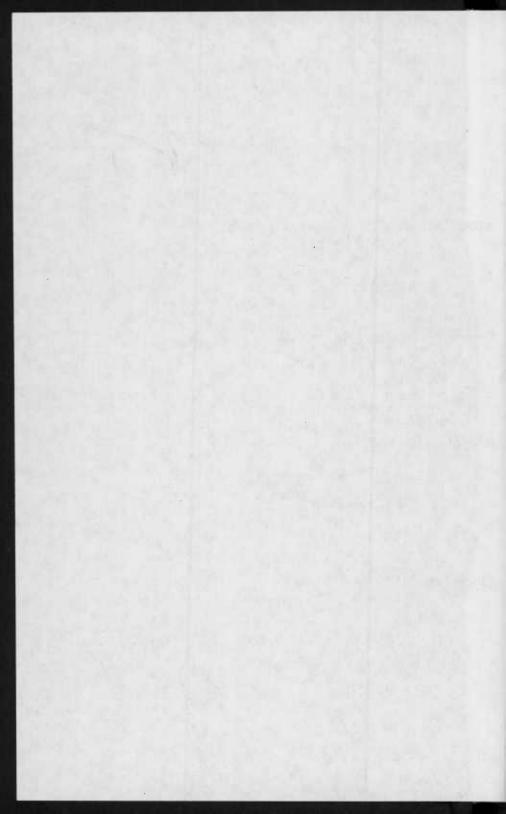
Douglas S. Tawney	Director
Linda A. Bennett Exe	cutive Secretary
A. L. Cottrill Superintendent, Burea	u of Recreation
Charles A. Young, JrSuperintendent, H	Bureau of Parks
Stephanie SodaroMusic and Administra	ative Supervisor



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# **DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS**

# Administrative Division

#### ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

#### DOUGLAS S. TAWNEY, Director

LINDA A. BENNETT, Executive Secretary

STEPHANIE SODARO, Music and Administrative Supervisor

#### **BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS**

The Board of Recreation and Parks held twelve regular meetings during fiscal 1971; July 1, 1970 to June 30, 1971. The Real Estate Committee, along with members of the Staff, conducted eleven tours of inspection.

Board of Recreation and Parks committees:

Budget-Nazzareno F. Velleggia, Chairman, Samuel Hopkins, Uthman Ray, Jr., M.D., Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

Real Estate—Harry D. Kaufman, Chairman, Mrs. M. Richmond Farring, Samuel Hopkins, Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

Stadium—Samuel Hopkins, Chairman, Nazzareno F. Velleggia, Harry D. Kaufman, Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

Zoo-Mrs. M. Richmond Farring, Chairman, Samuel Hopkins, Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

Board Representative to the Art Commission of Baltimore-Mrs. M. Richmond Farring

Board Representative to the Health and Welfare Council of the Baltimore Area-Mrs. M. Richmond Farring

#### **CONTRACTS**

The following contracts were entered into and executed by the Board of Recreation and Parks during fiscal 1971:

- 1. Housing Authority of Baltimore City-Maintenance and Operation of swimming pool at Cherry Hill Homes
- 2. Housing Authority of Baltimore City-Maintenance and operation of swimming pool at Lexington-Poe Home.

- 3. Mullan Contracting Co.—Purchase of 4000-4002 Old York Road and donation of funds
- 4. Hamilton Drum and Bugle-March of Champions-Stadium
- 5. Sunpapers, WMAR-TV and Coca Cola—Baltimore Neighborhood Basketball League
- 6. Sun and Sand, Inc.-Concession facilities-Ft. Smallwood
- 7. Orioles-Annual parking lot agreement

2.5 million dollars in State and Federal Grant applications were filed in fiscal 1971.

#### **PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Property holdings of this Department as of June 30, 1971 totaled 5,941.683 acres. During fiscal 1971, 2.258 acres were acquired, and 1.024 acres deleted.

#### Acquired

1. 5105 Craig Avenue: tax sale lot transferred to this Department for later development as a playground. .13 acres

2. St. Vincent De Paul Lots, 100 block North Front St. (Lots 1A and 3 Shot Tower Industrial Park): accepted for maintenance from the Department of Housing and Community Development. .85 acres

3. 2825 Fait Avenue, S.W. corner of Linwood Avenue: paved, fenced basketball goals; playground accepted for maintenance from Department of Education. .33 acres

4. YWCA Lot #4, Madison Park North, 1900 block Madison Avenue at Presstman Street: accepted for maintenance from the Department of Housing and Community Development. .54 acres

5. 2107-2119 Brunt Street: accepted at no cost from the American Rescue Workers of Maryland, Inc. to expand the adjacent playground. .15 acres

6. Ground Rent, 627 North Eden Street: purchased from the Mercantile Safe Deposit and Trust Co. for \$320.00. .027 acres

7. Contee—Parago Triangle, Bolton and Dolphin Streets: accepted for maintenance from the Department of Housing and Community Development. .231 acres

#### Deleted

1. 649-651 West Conway Street: playlot transferred to Interstate Division of State Roads Commission for \$3,600.00. This area will be included in construction of I-70N, but play equipment will be left on the lot until road construction begins. 2. 542-554 Orchard Street: Playground purchased by Department of Housing and Community Development for \$15,500.00 for inclusion in a neighborhood development program. Purchase approval was given with the understanding that two playlots by Housing and Community Development, in addition to recreational facilities adjacent to School #451 will be developed as planned. .94 acres

#### CHANGES IN THE BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS

Mrs. Robert L. Gill vacated her seat on the Board of Recreation and Parks when she took a Sabbatical Leave in September, 1970 from her teaching position for an extended study tour of Asia, while her husband, Dr. Robert L. Gill, was assigned to the University of Maryland's Asian Division. The Board met during the remainder of this fiscal year with 6 members since the Mayor did not appoint anyone to her vacated position.

#### **RENAMING OF DEPARTMENTAL PROPERTIES**

The Board of Recreation and Parks approved the following changes:

1. May 19, 1971—Park at corner of Bolton and Dolphin Streets named "Contee-Parago Triangle."

2. June 9, 1971—Nichols Playground at Edmondson and Braddish Avenues renamed "Helen W. Mackall Playground."

## **ENGINEERING DIVISION**

GERALD W. BUNN, Principal Engineer

WILLIAM B. ELKINS, Senior Civil Engineer

SAMUEL P. FRAMM, Senior Civil Engineer

#### EDWIN W. HOUSEHOLDER, Administrative Assistant

The Engineering Division serves both the Bureau of Parks and the Bureau of Recreation in many and varied ways. Projects of diversified nature are designed and the construction is carried out through contracts let by this office or the other Bureaus of this Department. It is the responsibility of this office to see that all construction contracts, with the exception of those supervised by the Bureau of Inspection, are properly carried out. Field surveys of all types are performed, and engineering assistance is rendered in our cooperative projects with other Departments.

- A. The following projects were designed and contracts let and supervised by the Engineering Division:
  - 1. Carroll Park Golf Course Irrigation System
  - 2. Playlots at 1100-10 Forrest Street and 1113-23 North Central Avenue
  - 3. Resurfacing tennis courts-Hanlon Park and Clifton Park
  - 4. Repair fire damage to Patterson Park Field House
  - 5. Replace old piping and installation of new piping and new cooling tower. (Central Office Building)
  - 6. Paint South Baltimore Recreation Center
  - 7. Paving and resurfacing playgrounds and game courts at various locations
  - 8. Stadium hot water heater
  - 9. Roof renovation on Recreation Pier
  - 10. Seal and resurface six city swimming pools
- B. Designed by others—Contracts let and supervised by the Engineering Division:
  - 1. 2600 Keyworth Avenue Playground
  - 2. Clifton Park Playground at St. Lo Drive

- 3. Bay Brook Park Lighting-Phase II
- 4. Bay Brook Park Planting-Phase III
- 5. Eutaw Place Squares Renovation
- 6. Lighting of basketball courts at various locations and installation of basketball goals
- C. Designed by others—Engineering assistance during design and construction:
  - 1. Carroll Park Recreation Center
  - 2. Leith Walk Recreation Center
  - 3. Bentalou Recreation Center
  - 4. Druid Hill Swimming Pool Building
  - 5. Ralph J. Young Recreation Center and Playground
  - 6. Construction of Druid Hill Park Forestry Building and renovation of Zoo Mansion House Comfort Facilities
  - 7. Violetville Recreation Center
  - 8. Replacement of Patterson Pool locker rooms
  - 9. Renovation of 1125-27 Calvert Street Recreation Headquarters
  - 10. Coldstream Park Recreation Center

# **PROJECTS AND FACILITIES**

## **Department of Recreation and Parks**

## COMPLETED PROJECTS AND FACILITIES OPENED

The following were completed between July 1, 1970 and June 30, 1971 at a total cost of \$2,429,284.65, which includes Architect's fees, contract and 1% art ordinance costs.

Rognel Heights School Recreation Center-Sidehill & Seminole Aves.

Carroll Park Golf Course Club House-Washington Blvd. & Gwynns Falls

Zoo Fence—Our Board and Board of Estimates approval was obtained to permit Baltimore Zoological Society to erect fence. In September, 1971 the Zoo admission charges will begin.

Chick Webb Pool Building Repairs-Chick Webb Recreation Center

Stadium Scoreboard—Board of Estimates awarded contract to General Indicator Corporation to provide complete new scoreboard for \$903,000.00. City funds were not involved in this purchase; scoreboard will be paid for through advertising.

#### Stadium Improvements—

- a. Stand-by water heater for Stadium
- b. Resurfacing one commissary floor
- c. Installing screens on ramp-upper deck
- d. Purchase of tarpaulin
- Play Areas Resurfacing—One row of Clifton Park clay courts and Hanlon Park courts resurfaced.

Glenwood Avenue Playground-Rear of 600 block

1000 East Hoffman Street Plaground

Ambrose Kennedy Playground—1000 block Ensor St. Resurfacing and repair of a portion of playground.

Forest Park Golf Course Irrigation

2600 Keyworth Avenue Playground

Repair to Fire Damaged Patterson Field House

Renovation of Heating & Air-Conditioning Plant Central Office, Druid Hill Park Northwood Recreation Center-1517 Winford Rd. All window controls rebuilt and additional controls installed for each bank of windows.

Moore's Run Bridge—Moore's Run Drive at Judith Way, Bureau of Highways renovated bridge. Top soil and sod placed by Bureau of Parks forces and two lights installed.

Replacement of Deteriorated Tile Entrance of Forest Park Golf Clubhouse

Modification of Security Doors At Zoo Mammal House

Baybrook Park Development-6th and 10th Sts.

Phase I-Playground construction

Phase II—Park Lighting

Phase III-Planting and landscaping

Repairing Fences, Backstops and Miscellaneous Structures

- a. Hooded backstop at Seminole Oval
- b. Fence at Gough & Lehigh Sts. Playground
- c. Fence at Joseph Lee Playfield (adjoining hospital)
- d. Fence tennis courts at Latrobe Park (Locust Point)
- e. Fence at Mt. Pleasant Playground
- f. Four bus stop pads, Gwynns Falls area
- g. Hooded backstop at Mary Dopkin Field

Log Grinding Machine Purchased for Tree Removal Disposal

- Druid Hill Park Forestry Building Comfort Facilities—Zoo Mansion House Comfort Facilities
- Playground—Leakin Park, Fencing of Edmondale Little League Fields and bleachers installed.

Replacement of Deteriorated Power Cables and Poles-Carroll Park

Installation of Drinking Fountain at Roosevelt Park-1221 W. 36th St.

Kenwood Avenue & Hudson St. Playground

Huntingdon Avenue & 30th Sts. Playground

Harlem and Denison Aves. Playground

Broadway Squares-Monument to Gay Sts., completely renovated and landscaped.

Playground Construction at: a. 1100-10 Forrest St. b. 1113-23 N. Central Ave.

Painting of South Baltimore Recreation Center-1010 Light St.

Greenmount Area Multi-Purpose Neighborhood Center-Kirk Ave. & 22nd St.

Madison Square Recreation Center-Window guards installed, games and crafts room at Madison Square Recreation Center.

Installation of Steel Entrance Doors in Clifton Swimming Pool Building

Installation of Concrete Floor and Electricity-Pine Ridge Service Building

Lafayette Avenue Playground Renovation-Payson St. & Lafayette Ave.

Stricker and Ramsay Streets Park

Complete Redesign and Renovation of Madison Square—Caroline & Chase Sts.

Bentalou Recreation Center-Saratoga and Bentalou Sts.

Reroofing Recreation Pier Recreation Center-Foot of Broadway

Sealing & Resurfacing all Six Park Swimming Pools

Druid Hill Swimming Pool Building

Carroll Park Golf Course Irrigation

# WORK UNDER CONTRACT DURING FISCAL YEAR 1971 STATUS AS OF JUNE 30, 1971

Projects under contract totaled \$2,785,925.00.

Carroll Park Recreation Center-Washington Blvd. & Bayard St.

Leith Walk Recreation Center-Leith Walk & Sherwood Ave.

Ralph J. Young Recreation Center & Playground—Fayette & Chester Sts.

Upton Recreation Center, Playground and Playfield

Security Lighting-Venable Park

Clifton Park Playground-St. Lo Drive and B & O Bridge

Helen Mackall Playground Renovation-Edmondson & Braddish Aves.

Bureau of Recreation Office Expansion-1127 N. Calvert Street

Log Disposal Project—Requisition submitted for second log grinder on May 5, 1971.

- St. Lo Drive Sidewalks, Clifton Park-St. Lo Drive-Harford Rd. to Sinclair Lane
- Samuel Taylor School Playground—adjacent to the Samuel Coleridge Taylor Elementary School at Druid Hill Avenue and West Preston Street
- Margaret Brent School Playground Renovation-St. Paul & 26th Sts.

Coldstream Park Recreation Center-Fillmore Street off of Kirk Avenue

Violetville Recreation Center Construction-Pine Heights Ave .& Clarenell Rd.

Eutaw Place Squares Renovation-Dolphin St. to McMechen Street

Replacement of Patterson Pool Locker Rooms-Patterson Park (fire damage)

Replacement of Decorative Figures-Children's Zoo

New Exhibits-Children's Zoo

- Highlandtown Playground-School #229-6225 Cardiff Avenue
- Lighting of Playground & Installation of Basketball Goals Model Cities Funds

LIGHTING & BASKETBALL GOALS

- a. Hoffman Street Playground
- b. School #65/91
- c. St. Leo's Playlot
- d. School #228 (Rappoila St.)
- e. Cherry Hill at St. Veronica's
- f. School #104 (1431 N. Carey St.)
- g. School #111 (1024 N. Carrollton St.)
- h. School #112 (1330 W. Laurens St.)
- i. School #161 (Calhoun & Saratoga St.)
- j. School #100 (229 N. Mount St.)

#### LIGHTING ONLY

- a. Ambrose Kennedy Playground
- b. 1100-10 Forrest St. Playlot
- c. 1113-23 N. Central Avenue Playlot
- d. Princeton Place
- e. Reverend Quille Playground
- f. 2121 Brunt St. Playground
- g. Latrobe Homes at Ensor St.
- h. School #61 (John Eager Howard) Playground
- i. McAbee Playground

- j. Crispus Attucks Recreation Center
- k. George Murphy Homes
- 1. Stricker & Ramsay Sts. Park

#### Resurfacing Various Playground Locations

Latrobe Park (Locust Point) St. Leo's Playlot Towanda Playfield (Playground area & swimming pool pad) Sharp St. Playground (around spray pool) McAbee Playground (spot repairs) Wagner's Point (basketball court) Indiana Ave. Playground Chinquapin Basketball Court Leakin Park Tennis Courts (4 courts) Queensberry Playground Joseph Lee Playground Carroll Park (Swimming Pool Pad) Wilkens Playground South Baltimore Recreation Center Yard St. George School site basketball court Johnston Square Tot Lot Druid Hill Park Tennis Courts

#### STATEMENT OF LOAN FUNDS

The Department of Recreation and Parks is on the ballot in the November, 1971 election for a bond issue approval of \$1,200,000 to construct four school recreation centers at various locations shown below.

These projects can generate at least 50% more of State and Federal grant assistance under various programs, which will be reinvested in the Department of Recreation and Parks Capital Improvement Program.

The Bond issue includes the following projects:

Belmont Area Recreation Center Ellamont St. At Westmont Ave.	\$	300,000
Edmondson Avenue School #204 Recreation Center, Franklin St. just east of Allendale Rd.		300,000
Govans School Recreation Center St. Georges Lane and 43rd St		300,000
Fort Worthington School #85 Recreation Center—Oliver St. at Lakewood Ave	\$1	300,000

#### FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

This Department is taking advantage of all available Federal and State open space land acquisition and facility development assistance. At present there are two Federal programs assisting in this type of activity, "Legacy of Parks" program under the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the "Land and Water Conservation Fund" program administered by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

The State of Maryland also has an "Open Space" program administered by the State Department of Forests and Parks.

Following are the amounts of grants pending under these three programs and the total amount collected to date:

D	HUD	BOR	STATE	TOTAL
Pending grant applications	\$1,188,131	\$814,935	\$2,714,191	\$4,883,985
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to date	\$ 408,171	\$441,059	\$ 529,435	\$1,3/8,665

# **BUREAU OF PARKS**

#### CHARLES A. YOUNG, JR., Superintendent of Parks

WILLIAM R. SCHMIDT, JR., Assistant Superintendent of Parks

LESTER L. STRAW, Assistant Superintendent of Parks

ROSEMARY D. GREIL, Senior Administrative Assistant

#### ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Personnel Changes

- 1. January 30, 1971—Miss Rosemary D. Greil was promoted from Principal Clerk Stenographer to Senior Administrative Assistant.
- 2. February 17, 1971—Mr. Norman W. Daugherty retired from his position as Senior Administrative Assistant after twenty-two years of faithful service to the Bureau of Parks. Mr. Daugherty began his career with our agency as a laborer in the Gwynns Falls Division and progressed to the classification of Principal Foreman before being transferred to the central office to assume administrative duties.
- 3. February 26, 1971—Mr. Ralph Quinn resigned his position as Assistant City Forester.
- 4. March 27, 1971—Mrs. Erna Marcuri was promoted from Principal Clerk to the newly created classification of Personnel Assistant and is responsible for many phases of personnel management for approximately 1,000 employees of the bureau.
- 5. April 15, 1971—Mr. John Moore resigned his position as Assistant Director of the Baltimore Zoo.
- 6. June 28, 1971—Mr. F. Philip Newmann was appointed Assistant City Forester.

During the months of July and August the Bureau of Parks had the services of 361 Neighborhood Youth Corps workers between the ages of 14 and 19. The corpsmen were assigned to the various park districts to augment our regular labor forces and worked primarily in the area of normal summer maintenance. This is the fourth year the Bureau of Parks has participated in the Neighborhood Youth Corps program.

The issuance of formal permits for specific public gatherings as outlined in Rule 46 of the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Recreation and Parks has increased steadily over the past several years and during FY 1971 the Bureau of Parks issued 110 permits for such events. Political rallies, musical concerts and religious services predominated the applications with requests for permission to conduct art festivals and wedding ceremonies showing a marked increase this year.

#### **REPORT FROM THE FIVE PARK DISTRICTS**

Baltimore is divided into five Park Districts which are charged with the responsibility of cutting grass, weeding, raking leaves, cleaning and removing trash, preparing athletic areas, replacing broken equipment and repairing buildings and monuments and operating six outdoor swimming pools, the bathing beaches at Fort Smallwood Park and the five municipal golf courses. In addition to this routine maintenance, special projects are performed each year which are worthy of recognition. A list of these accomplishments and other significant events by district follows:

#### I. CARROLL DIVISION

#### THOMAS C. CHASE, JR. District Superintendent

#### A. Major Maintenance and Development Projects

- 1. Weed control program undertaken on district roadway medians by contract.
- 2. Limestone and fertilizer spread on nine park areas totaling 85 acres.
- 3. Fabrication and installation of twenty-two player benches for baseball.
- 4. Graded and sodded all tees at the Carroll Park Golf Course.
- 5. Installed 80 guard posts in various district parks to protect turf areas.
- 6. Painted play equipment and restrooms in six playgrounds.
- 7. Replaced expansion material at Riverside and Cherry Hill Swimming Pools in addition to annual maintenance to filtration systems.
- 8. Painted exterior trim of Mt. Clare Mansion in Spring of 1970.
- 9. Resurfaced service road around Carroll Park Golf Course using crusher run stone.



The New Carroll Park Golf Course Club House dedicated April 30, 1971

- **B.** Special Events
  - 1. Exchange Club Swim Meet held at Riverside Pool July 11, 1970.
  - 2. Printers Union Baseball Tournament played at Swann Park week of July 27, 1970.
  - 3. Junior Olympic Swim Meet held at Riverside Pool August 1, 1970.
  - 4. Sunpapers Swim Meet held at Riverside Pool August 15, 1970.
  - 5. Concentrated Employment Program Picnic for 500 held at Fort Smallwood Park August 15, 1970.
  - 6. Camp Variety used Fort Smallwood Park for its summer day camp. Approximately 350 handicapped children were involved from June through August, 1970.
  - 7. "Learn to Swim" classes conducted at Riverside and Cherry Hill Pools through the summer.
  - 8. Dedication of New Golf Course Club House held April 30, 1971.
  - 9. South Baltimore Spring Celebration held May 23, 1971 at Federal Hill.

- 10. Dedication of Mt. Clare Mansion as a National Historic Landmark held May 23, 1971.
- 11. Four Rivers Camporee for 1200 boy scouts held at Fort Smallwood Park the weekend of May 23, 1971.
- 12. Catholic Youth Track and Field Games held in Carroll Park May 19, 1971 with approximately 2000 participants.
- 13. Carroll Park Golf Club host to three tournaments.
- 14. The Children's Theater Group staged several outdoor summer performances in Carroll Park.

#### **II. CLIFTON DIVISION**

FRANCIS R. JONES District Superintendent

- A. Major Maintenance and Development Projects
  - 1. New fencing installed:
    - a. East side of athletic field at St. Lo Drive and Sinclair Lane
    - b. Eighty feet along Echodale Avenue at Mt. Pleasant Playground.
    - c. Six hundred forty feet of ten foot high chain link fencing placed on Clifton tennis courts between the second, third and fourth rows of courts.
  - 2. Third row of clay courts in Clifton Park converted to hard surface. A little less than half of the courts are now suitable for year-round play.
  - 3. Remaining clay courts at Clifton graded, dressed and treated with calcium chloride.
  - 4. New fountain and new benches were installed, the sand box repaired and baby swing frame rebuilt and reinstalled at Willow Avenue Playground.
  - 5. In the Willow Avenue area, a future school site was utilized for the development of the St. George Playfield, consisting of picnic tables, park benches, a basketball court, a softball diamond and a volley ball court.
  - 6. Two new ball diamonds, one for little league and one for pony league, constructed in Chinquapin Park. New fountain also installed in this area and adjacent basketball court blacktopped.
  - 7. In Herring Run Park, little league field enlarged for pony league play at Kacher Field, a new little league diamond constructed at the rear of the treatment station along Shannon Drive and little league diamond removed from the area along Parkside Drive.

- 8. Basketball backstops installed on an existing hard surfaced area at 825 Glenwood Avenue.
- 9. A board barricade placed at the north entrance to the basketball court at the Argonne Playground to prevent earth from washing onto the court.
- 10. The Glenwood Playground top dressed and graded; new equipment and benches installed; and a hard surface playcourt developed. The playground was dedicated on September 19, 1970.
- 11. All ball diamonds in the Clifton District received annual refurbishing including grading, edging, applying clay to pitcher and batter areas and replacing pitcher mounds, home plates and base pins.
- 12. Regulation ball diamond at Dewees Park rebuilt.
- 13. Columbus Monument in Herring Run repointed and painted prior to Columbus Day celebration.
- 14. Athletic fields in Herring Run Park limed.
- 15. New drive-in gate installed at Storage Sheds in Clifton Park to improve security.
- 16. Eight new metal doors and frames installed on dressing rooms at the Clifton Park Swimming Pool.
- 17. Clifton forces continued to clean and remove heavy brush from the newly acquired extension of Chinquapin Park between Hillen and Loch Raven Roads.
- 18. Pathway from Harford Road to Hall Spring in Herring Run Park resurfaced.
- 19. Various median strips treated with selective weedicides.
- 20. All benches removed from St. Lo Drive preparatory to the repaving of the drive and installation of new sidewalks by the Highway Engineering Division.
- 21. The following work was performed at the Mount Pleasant and Clifton Golf Courses:
  - a. All tees and borders of greens resodded.
  - b. Preemergency crab grass eradication applied to all greens.c. All fairways limed and sodded.
- 22. At the Clifton Course, bunkers built at the fourth and sixth greens to control damage from salt applied to the nearby roads. The trap at the fourth green relocated and a cart path constructed between the fourth green and fifth tee.
- 23. At Mount Pleasant Course, low branches trimmed from fairway trees to facilitate mowing and expedite play.

#### **B.** Special Events

- 1. The North Baltimore YMCA Day Camp held at Graham Park.
- 2. Department of Recreation Swim Classes held at the Clifton Pool with approximately 750 persons attending.
- 3. Several band concerts were conducted in various areas of the Clifton Division.
- 4. Annual Hole-In-One Tournament held at the Mount Pleasant Golf Course July 23 to July 27, 1970.
- 5. Christian Science Brigade held at Graham Park with 90 boys attending.
- 6. Horse Show sponsored by The Cub Hill Riding Academy held at Graham Park.
- 7. City driving school met every Friday at the Mansion House in Clifton Park.
- 8. East Side Art Club held an outdoor art show at Clifton Park Pool July 19, 1970.
- 9. Spiked Shoe Society held a cross country run at Clifton Park October 23, 1970.
- 10. Northeast Community Organization held art festival and picnic in Clifton Park April 24, 1971.
- 11. Parkway District Camporee held at Graham Park with approximately 1400 scouts in attendance.
- 12. Pocket Testament League, Inc. conducted a meeting in Clifton Park June 19, 1971.
- 13. Boy Scout Olympics held at Graham Park June 27, 1971 with approximately 70 boys participating.
- 14. Nine groups held tennis tournaments in Clifton Park including the Evening Sun, Maryland State Juniors and the J. A. C.'s.

#### **III. DRUID HILL DIVISION**

#### ROBERT L. ARO District Superintendent

- A. Major Maintenance and Development Projects
  - 1. Lime spread by contractor at the Pine Ridge Golf Course and five park areas.
  - 2. Fertilizer spread on lawns at the Pine Ridge Golf Course and Druid Hill Park.

- 3. Total of 553,025 square feet of lawn sprayed to control weeds in Druid Hill Park.
- 4. Nine and one half acres of grass on steep hills, particularly around the Druid Hill Reservoir, sprayed with a growth retardant.
- 5. Three new drinking fountains installed at Towanda Playfield.
- 6. Two hundred fifty feet of drain tile replaced at the Model Boat Pond.
- 7. One hundred twenty five feet of drain tile laid in the outfield of #1 Ball Diamond, Druid Hill Park, to correct a persistent wet condition.
- 8. One hundred guard posts installed at Towanda Playfield, and 50 installed at 39th Street Squares and Stoney Run Park.
- 9. One hundred fifty guard posts replaced in Druid Hill Park.
- 10. One hundred fifty picnic tables painted at Druid Hill and Robert E. Lee Parks.
- 11. New players benches installed in three locations.
- 12. Five new benches installed in two locations.
- 13. Softball diamond at Roosevelt Park rebuilt by the contractor who installed a sewerage line through the area.
- 14. Clay tennis courts in Druid Hill Park improved by adding clay and correcting drainage. Calcium chloride added twice during the season.
- 15. All baseball and softball diamonds edged; high areas along edges removed; homeplates and toeplates replaced and earth, clay and sand added.
- 16. After football season, all fields top dressed and seeded.
- 17. Turf median strips in five locations were renovated to repair damage caused by salting the streets.
- 18. The following achievements at the Pine Ridge Golf Course merit noting:
  - a. All traps filled with new white sand.
  - b. Improvements and repairs with topsoil and sod made in the following areas:
    - (1) Numbers 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10 and 11 tees.
    - (2) Six fairways and traps
    - (3) Numbers 7, 9 and 11 fairways
    - (4) Fringe areas around number 15 & 17 greens
    - (5) Area around the clubhouse

- c. Crusher run stone and woodchips used to improve the caddy cart paths and the road to the service building.
- 19. Slope around John E. Howard Playground top dressed, seeded, fertilized and mulched; pipe and cable were then installed.
- 20. Old shrubbery removed throughout Druid Hill Park.
- 21. Shrubbery in Wyman Park Dell thinned and trimmed.
- B. Special Events
  - 1. The following events were held in Druid Hill Park:
    - a. Two open tennis tournaments played on clay courts in Druid Park.
    - b. Bureau of Recreation Pentathlon meet held on enclosed field in Druid Hill Park.
    - c. Livelier Baltimore Committee of the Citizens Planning and Housing Association held "The Spring Thing", with Miss Blaze Starr presenting the prizes.
    - d. Red Cross and Baltimore Community College used swimming pool for their learn-to-swim classes.
  - 2. Five rock concerts held in Wyman Park Dell.
  - 3. Equitable Trust Company presented its Theatre Under the Stars in Wyman Park Dell.
  - 4. Hamilton Recreation Center and Red Cross used the Roosevelt Pool for learn-to-swim classes.
  - 5. The following events held at Robert E. Lee Park:
    - a. Kiwanis Club Fishing Rodeo for Children.
    - b. Red Cross ice safety demonstration.
    - c. Baltimore Amateur Radio Club held its field day exercise.
    - d. Explorer Scouts held a Camporee.
  - 6. A total of twenty eight tournaments held at the Pine Ridge Golf Course including The Lady Carling Open.

#### IV. GWYNNS FALLS DIVISION

ALVIN E. ALLEN District Superintendent

- A. Major Maintenance and Development Projects
  - 1. Construction of parking area and foot bridge at Beech Oval by Company C, 103rd Engineer Battalion, Maryland National Guard.

- 2. Installation of four bus stop waiting areas on Forest Park Avenue.
- 3. Extensive regrading and seeding of slope facing the lake at Hanlon Park.
- 4. Renovation of two little league baseball diamonds at Stokes Drive and Wildwood Parkway.
- 5. Installation of scoreboard, donated by Gino's Inc., at Sloman Field.
- 6. Renovation of turf area by sodding at Franklin Playfield.
- 7. Renovation of slope and installation of catch basin at tennis courts at Bergner Mansion.
- 8. Renovation of Saint Mary's Triangle Park by grading, sodding and installing walks and benches.
- 9. Application of lime to 89 acres.
- 10. Application of fertilizer to 80 acres.



Extensive renovation was completed on Helen Mackall Playground, Edmondson and Braddish Avenues (formerly Nichols Playground) during this fiscal year.

#### **B.** Special Events

- 1. City Little League Championship games played at Sloman Field in Leakin Park.
- 2. Nine tournaments held at Forest Park Golf Course, including city-wide championship.
- 3. Walbrook Black Art Festival held at Gwynns Falls Park.
- 4. Reverend Wilson of Saint James Episcopal Church held Christmas Eve religious services at Lafayette Square.
- 5. U S A Day held at Union Square by the Union Square Association.
- 6. Bureau of Recreation Day Camp held at Hanlon Park.
- 7. The Rolling Road Art League conducted semi-weekly meetings at Bergner Mansion and held professional portrait exhibitions.
- 8. Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Leakin Park sponsored by Knights of Columbus.

#### **V. PATTERSON DIVISION**

#### FRANK T. BUTLER District Superintendent

- A. Major Maintenance and Development Projects
  - 1. Bocek Playfield drainage renovated.
  - 2. Mount Vernon Squares resodded, benches repainted and litter baskets installed.
  - 3. Repair of balustrade at Mount Vernon Square by contract to Hilgartner Marble and Granite Company.
  - 4. Fertilizer applied to 50 acres of turf by contract.
  - 5. Limestone applied to 37 acres of turf under contract.
  - 6. Application of 500 pounds of copper sulphate to Patterson Park boat lake for aquatic weed control.
  - 7. Eight Christmas trees erected and lighted in Charles Center.

#### B. Special Events

- 1. State softball and U.S. Regional Softball Championships held at Utz Twardowicz Memorial Field.
- 2. Baltimore Arts Festival held in the Charles Center Complex May 11 through May 18, 1971.
- 3. Hopkins Plaza in the Charles Center utilized for the following events:



A small portion of the extensive new Madison Square Playfield dedicated May 12, 1971.

- a. Singing Games Festival, July 14, 1971
- b. Rock music performance held by Student Association of Hopkins University, September 16, 1970.
- c. German dance band concert held October 2, 1970.
- d. Rally for Soviet Jewry held June 18, 1971.
- e. Baltimore News American sponsored a fashion layout by the fountain May 25, 1971.
- f. The State Military Department sponsored a concert by the 229th Army Band, June 2, 1971.
- g. Radio station WFBR sponsored a musical event by the cast of "Hair" June 16, 1971.
- 4. The Center Plaza in the Charles Center utilized for the following events:
  - a. Coalition for Women's Rights meeting held August 26, 1970.
  - b. Christmas Concerts held each Monday, Thursday and Saturday during the month of December sponsored by the Committee for Downtown.
  - c. "Youth for Christ" rally held June 12, 1971.

- d. Baltimore City Fire Department conducted a brief ceremony with the Honorable Thomas J. D'Alesandro III presenting a proclamation to Mr. James J. Lacy.
- 5. Carnival held at Whitby Playground July 11, 1970 for the Muscular Dystrophy Fund.
- 6. Double-header softball game held for the benefit of the Mentally Retarded Children in Patterson Park July 11, 1970.
- 7. Annual "I Am An American Day" Parade held in and around Patterson Park September 13, 1970.
- 8. Fifty hour soccer marathon held in Patterson Park for the benefit of the American Cancer Society April 11, 1971.
- 9. 59th Annual Flower Mart held in the Center Plaza May 12, 1971.
- 10. Pagoda in Patterson Park visited by 50,127 persons during fiscal year 1971.
- 11. First annual Baltimore City Fair held in the Charles Center Complex in September, 1970.

#### **REPORT FROM THE FIVE SPECIAL DIVISIONS**

In addition to the five divisions just described, the Bureau of Parks is further divided into five special divisions. Three of these, the Construction, Forestry and Horticulture Divisions, embrace special skills which are employed throughout the system. Experience has shown that these functions are utilized more efficiently when combined into separate units. The remaining two divisions supervise the operation and maintenance of the Stadium and the Zoo.

#### I. CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

#### GEORGE L. NICKEL Superintendent

This division is responsible for the repair and renovation of all park structures, roads, footways and surfaced areas; for the maintenance of electrical, plumbing and heating facilities and the inspection of park lighting maintenance and power consumption. In addition to the work performed in the parks, this division also painted the interior of all the offices in the Bureau of Recreation Headquarters at 1129 N. Calvert Street. Major projects completed during the year are as follows:

A. Work performed in the Carroll Division

- 1. Major carpentry repairs made to the Latrobe Park Fieldhouse.
- 2. Major carpentry repairs performed at Fort Smallwood Park in preparation for the 1971 opening.

- 3. Forty-two new picnic tables constructed.
- 4. Installed 69 new 25 ft. tall street light poles with 250 watt Mercury Vapor lights throughout the division, and assumed the maintenance of 74 Mercury Vapor lights and 8 basketball court lights installed by others in the Bay Brook area.
- 5. The following buildings were painted:
  - a. Fort Smallwood—annual renovation
  - b. Bay Brook Nursery-interior and exterior
  - c. Carroll Park Administrative Office-interior
- 6. Major plumbing consisted of the installation of a new heating plant in Construction shop building.
- 7. In addition to the regular maintenance by our road repair forces, they also installed bituminous concrete walks and concrete curbing at the new Carroll Park Clubhouse. Also, 3,200 square yards of hard surface paving installed as a parking area.
- 8. Extended wiring and installed electrical outlets for air conditioning and refrigeration units at the Fort Smallwood Administration Building.
- B. Work performed in the Clifton Division
  - 1. Major carpentry repairs consisting of installing a new 40 ft. x 20 ft. roof on the Herring Run Park shelter.
  - 2. Fifty per cent of the shop area building received a new roof.
  - 3. Fifteen squares of asphalt shingles installed on the caretaker's house.
  - 4. Constructed a 24 ft. long x 8 ft. high new scoreboard for the Clifton Park Golf Course.
  - 5. Major repairs made to the roof and porch of the Belair Road residence.
  - 6. Installed new metal doors and frames, and performed extensive masonry work on the Clifton Park Swimming Pool buildings.
  - 7. Major repairs made to two 60 ft. long x 5 ft. wide foot bridges located on the Mt. Pleasant Golf Course.
  - 8. Constructed 15 new picnic tables.
  - 9. Performed major electrical repairs to the Band Shell and the underground electric power feeder cable due to vandalism.
  - 10. The following buildings were painted:
    - a. Graham Farm stables and rest room-interior and exterior
    - b. Herring Run Fieldhouse-interior and exterior
    - c. Mt. Pleasant Clubhouse-interior

- 11. Major plumbing repairs made in the swimming pool locker rooms.
- 12. Made major repairs to the heating system at Burdick Park Fieldhouse due to winter damage.
- 13. Demolished buildings and cleared area at Willow Avenue and St. George Road for a new recreational area.
- .14. Erected and set up equipment for the annual Hole-In-One Golf Tournament at the Mt. Pleasant Golf Course.

#### C. Work performed in the Druid Hill Division

- 1. Repaired sheathing and installed new asbestos shingle roofs on the No. 2 and No. 10 shelters in Druid Hill Park.
- 2. Constructed and installed a water fountain cover at Cold Spring Lane and Falls Road.
- 3. Constructed 15 new picnic tables.
- 4. Built a 21 ft. x 80 ft. addition to the Construction Division building.
- 5. Set up equipment for Lady Carling Golf Tournament at Pine Ridge Golf Course.
- 6. Installed electrical equipment in a newly constructed transformer room, for use in the new employee's comfort station.
- 7. Renewed 300 lineal feet of underground electric cable throughout the Druid Hill district.
- 8. The following buildings were painted:
  - a. Pine Ridge Clubhouse-interior and exterior
  - b. No. 6 Fieldhouse-interior and exterior
  - c. Three large picnic shelters
  - d. Bureau of Parks Administration Office-interior
- 9. Major plumbing work consisted of:
  - a. Renewed 2 inch water service feeding shop area
  - b. Made major repairs to Druid Hill Swimming Pool filter room
  - c. Installed water service drain lines and drinking fountain at Roosevelt Park
- 10. Assumed maintenance of:
  - a. Lot 4-13 Mercury Vapor and 4 basketball lights
  - b. Lot 14L-3 Mercury Vapor Lights
- D. Work performed in the Gwynns Falls Division
  - 1. Renewed the front porch on the Superintendent's residence.

- 2. Constructed a new 35 ft. long x 16 ft. wide Caddy Cart building complete with all electrical equipment at the Forest Park Golf Course.
- 3. Constructed eight new picnic tables.
- 4. Installed a new electrified scoreboard at Sloman Field, Leakin Park.
- 5. The following buildings were painted:
  - a. Bergner Mansion-exterior
  - b. Forest Park Clubhouse-interior
  - c. Gazebo at Perkins Square
- 6. Thirteen requests honored for welding.
- 7. Graded and installed concrete walks in the lot located at 400 block of St. Mary Street.
- E. Work performed in the Patterson Division
  - 1. Constructed a cover for the water display fountain at Broadway and Gay Street.
  - 2. Temporary carpentry repairs made to the swimming pool buildings after the fire damage.
  - 3. Installed new ceilings in the Johnston and Collington Square comfort stations.
  - 4. Assumed maintenance of the following lights:
    - a. Johnston Square—8 Mercury Vapor and 4 basketball court lights
    - b. Collington Square-6 Mercury Vapor and 4 basketball court lights
  - 5. Painted the exterior of the Casino.
  - 6. Constructed paved walk areas and an entrance to the swimming pool.
  - 7. Installed 500 lineal feet of underground drain tile to correct swamp conditions at the Bocek Playfield.
  - 8. Constructed 10 picnic tables.
  - 9. Installed underground feeder cable and outlets for public address system at the Utz Twardowicz Stadium.
- F. Work Performed for the Forestry Division
  - 1. Constructed tree truck cabs and six tool boxes.
  - 2. A new counter installed in the employee's office.
  - 3. Forty-one requests honored for welding various pieces of equipment.

- G. Work performed for the Horticulture Division
  - 1. Two show cases constructed for the Nature Museum.
  - 2. Two sets of bookcases constructed for the Superintendent's office.
  - 3. Installed a complete new heating system and renovated the boiler room in the Cylburn Mansion.
  - 4. Demolished and rebuilt the North Greenhouses at the Druid Hill Park Greenhouse complex. This project consisted of installing masonry walls, new glass roof and new heat radiation.
- H. Work performed at the Stadium
  - 1. Assisted in the annual conversion from baseball to football.
  - 2. Erected and dismantled the ice rink at the beginning and end of the skating season.
  - 3. Performed annual painting, including 8,000 chairback seats.
  - 4. Major hard surface repairs completed on the Stadium Parking Lots.
  - 5. New concrete drain gutters installed adjacent to Ice Rink to improve drainage of surface water.
  - 6. Installed a concrete pad, 35 ft. long x 10 ft. wide at the Ice Rink for ice refinishing equipment.
- I. Work performed at the Baltimore Zoo
  - 1. Renovated the Zoo Administration office, in the Druid Hill Mansion, including constructing new rooms and installing heat, air conditioning and electrical services.
  - 2. Performed the annual renovation of Children's Zoo.
  - 3. Installed new water service in the Deer Pen areas.
  - 4. Installed electric service to the three new ticket booths that had been erected to control gate admissions.
  - 5. Constructed a 10 ft. wide hard surface road around the deer pens.

#### **II. FORESTRY DIVISION**

#### CALVIN P. BUIKEMA City Forester

The Forestry Division began the complete ecological recycling of trees removed from parks and highways by the installation of a Vermeer Log Grinder. This machine has the capacity to receive logs to 48 inches in diameter and to 6 feet in length and reduce these to chips suitable for use as mulch or as a component of compost. This operation eliminates the necessity for burning logs and brush, and holds the potential of producing a commodity that has commercial value. At the thirty two Harlem Inner Parks 100 trees were replanted and 27 trees were planted in the new St. Mary's Triangle Park. At Fort Smallwood Park 82 dead and dying trees were removed as the result of normal and storm created losses.

The inability to attract tree trimmers to employment with the division continued to influence activities. Only one-half of the thirteen positions were occupied during a major portion of the year, greatly curtailing the pruning of trees.

The number of trees planted exceeded the trees removed by 644, continuing the favorable trend established during recent years.

The Major activities of the division are as follows:

Trees Pruned Parks Highways Total	10,410	<i>FY 1971</i> 642 <u>3,923</u> <u>4,565</u>
Trees Planted Parks	5,711 <u>14</u>	1,216 3,802 <u>261</u> 5,279
Trees RemovedParksHighwaysOther AgenciesTotal by ForestryTotal by contractTotal	$\begin{array}{cccc} & 1,123 \\ & & 20 \\ & & 1,704 \\ & & 1,004 \end{array}$	$509 \\ 3,465 \\ 1 \\ 3,975 \\ 660 \\ 4,635$
Trees Sprayed Parks Highways Total	6,748	673 <u>11,854</u> 12,527
Trees Cultivated Parks Highways Total	6,896	$     145     8,003     \overline{8,148} $
Stumps Removed Parks Highways Total	1,112	460 <u>1,151</u> <u>1,611</u>



The Vermeer Log Grinder shown in operation aids in the complete ecological recycling of dead trees.

### **III. HORTICULTURE DIVISION**

### GERARD J. MOUDRY Horticulturist

The activities of this division consist of operating the greenhouse complexes at Cylburn and Druid Hill Parks, maintaining the outdoor gardens located throughout the various parks, supervising the Wildflower Preserve and Garden Center at Cylburn Park, and providing decorations for public functions.

### A. Indoor Gardening

- 1. The greenhouse complex behind the conservatory is approaching complete renewal with the renovation of the third greenhouse. Plant collections will be displayed in a manner that will allow study and enjoyment of all materials.
- 2. The Palm House and Conservatory in Druid Hill Park were visited by 38,000 persons during the year with particular attention being given to the Chrysanthemum display in November and the Spring display during March and April 1971.

### B. Outdoor Gardening

1. 100 display beds were maintained at the following divisions:

Carroll	5
Clifton	9
Druid Hill	24
Gwynns Falls	24
Horticulture	19
Patterson	17
Stadium	2

Each bed was planted with annuals in the Spring and replanted with tulips for the Spring flower display.

- C. Cylburn Park
  - 1. Cylburn Wildflower Preserve and Garden Center was visited by 21,361 school children and 64,059 persons for other activities. The Park Naturalist acquainted the Children with natural history as it exists in a woodland.
  - 2. The third annual Market Day was held on September 12, 1970. The proceeds of this event are used to finance programs at the Wildflower Preserve and Garden Center.

### D. Other Activities

- 1. At Cylburn Park two acres of turf were treated with agriculture limestone and five acres were treated with fertilizer and weed killer.
- 2. The Horticulture Division has been assigned the responsibility for the operation of all leaf mold production and distribution. During the fiscal year, 2,230 cubic yards of leaf mold was produced for use throughout the park system along with 1,532 cubic yards of leaf mold-sludge mixture. This produce is replacing commercial topsoil as top dressing material at all locations except golf course greens and the Stadium fields.

### **IV. STADIUM**

### WILLIAM H. TRAGESER Stadium Manager

- A. Major Maintenance and Development Projects
  - 1. Purchased new hockey dashers for the ice rink, replacing original ones installed in 1958 when the rink opened.

- 2. Installed new rubberized floor covering in the ice rink skate shop.
- 3. Installation of safety chains to the 512 new, heavy field tower lights.
- 4. Sixty brackets replaced on the light units on the towers.
- 5. Resurfaced the deteriorated floor in one commissary.
- 6. Constructed two storage areas on the field for grounds equipment.
- 7. Installed an auxiliary hot water heater.
- 8. The installation of a modern, new scoreboard featuring a magic message capability completed in August, 1970.
- 9. Twenty-two additional protective, steel screens installed on ramp openings.
- 10. Installed new football goal post sleeves, ten yards north of regular locations.
- 11. Replaced 115 wooden chairback seats with aluminum seats.
- 12. New baseball tarpaulin purchased.
- 13. Began project of renovating the slope between Eastern High School and Venable Parking Lot.
- 14. Continued painting program throughout the Stadium, adding additional areas to increase the overall attractiveness of the structure.
- B. Special Events
  - 1. For the second straight year, the Stadium was the site of the American League Championship (Playoff) series. The Orioles won the series and earned the right to represent the league in the World Series. The Stadium was then the site for playing three of the games of that outstanding, national attraction.
  - 2. The annual American Legion Christmas tree sale held December 11th through the 24th.
  - 3. Thirteen bus trips originated from the Stadium parking lots.
  - 4. Department of Education conducted their driver training course on the Stadium parking lots.
  - 5. Stadium utilized by the Board of Election Supervisors for voter registration.

C. Details of Stadium Revenue, Excluding Receipts for the Ice Rink, which operated from November 20, 1970 to March 7, 1971.

Type of Event	No. of Uses	Gross Attendance	Rental Revenue	Concession Revenue
Professional Baseball	77	1,235,215	\$201,391.53	\$138,639.98
Professional Football	10	496,264	247,300.42	46,521.15
Fireworks—July 5th	1	8,907	1,000.00	
Festival of Music	2	5,786	1 000 00	110.05
March of Champions Amateur Sports	1	14,717 593	1,000.00 269.50	1,128.80 120.58
City—Poly	1	5,480	500.00	342.25
Loyola—Calvert Hall	1	10,985	500.00	347.16
High School—Baseball	1	716	142.24	67.92
G.M. Union Meeting	1	Est. 2,000	300.00	38.88
Football Clinic	1	Est. 500	300.00	
TOTAL-FY 1971	97	1,781,163	\$452,703.69	\$187,316.77
TOTALFY 1970	93	1,591,847	\$381,997.52	\$149,918.01
			Y 1971	FY 1970
TOTAL RENTAL REV			2,703.69	\$381,997.52
TOTAL CONCESSION	REVEN	NUE. 18	7,316.77	149,918.01
SALE OF UTILITIES .		1	7,694.49	18,313.83
REIMBURSEMENT from Colts per contr field restoration, etc			7,294.75	5,760.78
PARKING REVENUE:				
Stadium		1	3,451.30	16,335.61
Venable			8,698.64	27,167.38
*PARKING LOT LICE				
Stadium			3,938.76	9,956.00
Venable			7,667.60	5,476.86
*CITY PARKING TAX	K:			
Stadium		2	1,053.10	14,146.37
Venable			2,195.08	7,911.42
			2,175.00	7,911.72
*CITY'S SHARE OF A AND AMUSEMENT T			0,307.20	300,551.00
RENTAL OF OFFICE	SPACE	5:		
Orioles			1,845.00	1,845.00
Colts			1,500.00	1,500.00
TELEPHONE COMMIS	SION .		926.90	1,021.89

REPAYMENT: 1% Concession Improvements	1,032.67	14,535.65
REPAYMENT: Rental Waived on 189 Mezzanine Seats	1,138.07	2,158.80
REPAYMENT: Rental Waived on 2,380 Upper Deck Seats	11,216.46	7,996.80
USE OF FIELD LIGHTS BY NBC & ABC TOTAL Stadium Revenue, Excluding	565.00	.00
Ice Rink	\$1,290,545.48	\$ 966,592.92

\* Although these items of City Income are not collected by the Stadium, they come directly from the Stadium operation and would not otherwise exist.

D. Revenue and Operating and Management Cost Comparisons Memorial Stadium, 1954 through Fiscal 1971.

Year	Uses	Attendance	Revenue	Expense	Gain (Loss)
1954	106	1,507,505	\$ 230,622.20	\$241,390.12	(\$ 10,767.92)
1955	106	1,452,172	254,652.69	234,636.67	20,016.02
1956	95	1,532,011	258,486.96	235,827.66	22,659.30
1957	121	2,045,367	297,449.38	244,521.23	52,928.15
1958	95	1,569,859	296,240.73	270,653.81	25,586.92
1959	95	1,667,521	420,101.12	307,624.38	112,476.74
1960	94	1,829,969	581,826.55	337,942.98	243,883.57
1961	89	1,547,043	470,967.90	328,459.19	142,508.71
1962	90	1,391,452	480,098.46	213,573.43	167,525.03
1963	92	1,278,684	488,131.88	360,424.86	127,707.02
1964	87	1,804,191	604,151.07	420,046.16	184,104.91
1965	82	1,291,836	514,324.13	418,510.38	95,813.75
*1966	32	527,482	190,379.98	201,406.42	( 11,026.44)
**1967	100	2,377,500	717,140.24	435,059.74	282,080.50
1968	99	1,361,491	651,722.28	513,738.67	137,983.61
1969	102	1,592,145	689,940.80	510,369.06	179,571.74
**1970	93	1,591,847	966,592.92	556,952.66	409,640.26
**1971	97	1,781,163	1,290,545.48	932,514.66	358,030.82

\* Six month period due to change of Fiscal year

\*\* World Series

E. Statement of Stadium Operating Expense, excluding ice rink and debt service (297,344 in FY 1971)

Total Revenue	\$1,290,545.48
Total Operating Expense	932,514.66
Operating Gain for the year	\$ 358,030.82

## **ZOO DIVISION**

### ARTHUR R. WATSON Zoo Director

### A. General Developments

- 1. With the completion of the perimeter fence at the Zoo, the charging of admission was initiated on September 1, 1970.
- 2. The schedule of admission established by the board follows:
  - a. Fifty cents for all persons individually admitted.
    - b. All persons under fourteen years of age are admitted free when accompanied by a responsible person not less than eighteen years old who has paid the fifty cent fee.
    - c. Schools and certain other educational groups under adult supervision are admitted free upon advance reservation with the Zoo.
- 3. For the period September 1, 1970, through June 30, 1971, the following admissions were recorded:

Paid Admissions		119,200	38.7%
Free with adult		109,861	35.7%
1394 Educational (	Groups	78,892	25.6%
Total Admissions		307,953	100.0%

4. The costs of collecting admissions and the special expenses incidental to setting up the collection system are charged against the revenue derived from admissions. For the past fiscal year, the official budget figures for these items were:

Total Revenue	57,461.65
Total Expense	42,404.51
Net Gain	15,057.14

- 5. The medical committee of the Baltimore Zoological Society is now in the process of receiving applications for the position of Veterinarian. The medical program will be funded by revenue from gate admissions.
- 6. In April, 1971, the Baltimore Zoological Society made another trip to Liberia and were successful in obtaining a pair of rare Golden Cats, presumed to be the only ones in captivity in the United States, four African Scops Owls, one White-crested Hornbill, five Diana Monkeys, one Spot-nose Monkey and three African Rock Pythons. Mr. Truman Koch sponsored this trip and paid the transportation costs of this collection to this country. The only costs to the Zoo were \$500 for the Golden Cats and the Custom Broker's fees and expenses.

- 7. While in East Africa, the expedition also made arrangements for purchasing a pair of Eland and a pair of Cape Buffalo. Mr. Koch also paid part of the cost of these animals which are tentatively scheduled to go into quarantine in late summer, 1971.
- 8. The Society's Annual Meeting was held at the Zoo on June 9th and featured the distinguished scholar, Dr. George Schaller, who presented his film on "The Serengeti Lion".
- 9. As an example of inter-zoological cooperation, our extra male Pygmy Hippo, who had sired a male offspring while on loan to the Philadelphia Zoo, was sent to the Washington Zoo for the purpose of improving the blood line of their group.
- 10. An outstanding example of our Zoo's efforts in conservation was the sale of our adult male Gorilla to the Zoo in Phoenix, Arizona, to pair with their lone female.
- 11. The In-Service Training Program has continued to show excellent results from the hour class which is presented each week by the Zoo staff.
- 12. The Zoo continued its public relations program with good press coverage and TV guest appearances. The Director continued his regular weekly Sunday morning programs on WCAO with 51 tapes by various members of the Zoo staff. Eight lectures were presented by the Zoo Director; six by the Bird Department. Six guided tours of the Reptile House were conducted for special classes with an attendance of 170 persons and five talks were presented to various organizations with over 400 persons in attendance. One of our staff, Frank Groves, read a paper entitled, "Effects of the Venoms of Rear-fanged Snakes on Experimental Animals", based on studies made at the Reptile House, to the convention of the American Society of Zoo Keepers held at the Bronx Zoo, New York City.
- 13. From the 5% advertising fund from the Safari Train receipts, we re-designed and ordered 15,000 maps of the Zoo containing details regarding the facilities, collection and charges. These maps are distributed throughout the school systems and are supplied to the Mayor's Office, Chamber of Commerce, Auto Club, and Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Council. Also from this fund, two 30 second and one 10 second TV promotional films were made and supplied to all four TV stations to be used as public service promotion.
- 14. For the fourth year, several members of the Bird Department worked during the Winter and early Spring with members of the Johns Hopkins University in the continuing study of the migratory habits of Whistling Swans.

15. Our Graphics Department, responsible for all of the labeling, signs, and photography work, produced 170 engraved signs, 236 printed signs, 73 hand-painted signs, and 42 signs routed in wood, 730 verifax prints.

### B. Maintenance, Repairs, and Remodeling

- 1. The Zoo's general offices remodeled and private offices provided for the Assistant Director and the Accounting section for handling gate receipts.
- 2. Contracts let to replace windows, frames, and doors in the Elephant House. Reptile House office door and frame replaced and all the windows screened. Fence repairs required 727 man hours because of vandalism and vehicular damage.
- 3. From funds budgeted for new equipment, the following were acquired:
  - a. Two used golf carts purchased to facilitate staff transportation within the Zoo.
  - b. Sandblasting equipment purchased to sandblast pools and cage bars.
  - c. A Maryland Institute graduate refurbished many of the animal figures in the Children's Zoo.
  - d. In the security program, \$1,073.04 was expended for locks to begin a program for replacing those purchased 20 years ago.
- 4. An exchange was made with the Johns Hopkins University of our small construction trailer for a larger unit. The small trailer seemed to be more suitable for the needs of those persons working on the Swan Project, and the larger unit served our purposes in providing office space for the superintendent of our Service Department.
- 6. The NYC Program accomplished the following:
  - a. Painting Waterfowl Lake Landing Dock and all Park benches.
  - b. 980 man hours on lawns and clean up.
  - c. Graded Buffalo Yards using stone dust.
  - d. Graded and cleaned Children's Zoo Deer Pens.
- 7. The Waterfowl Advisory Committee of the Baltimore Zoological Society has funds obtained from interested citizens. \$200 of this was spent to purchase equipment to make etched, anodized aluminum signs. These signs will carry a detailed description of the bird and a sketch or photograph of the bird.

- C. The Collection and Important Acquisitions
  - 1. The following chart manifests the improved quality of the collection:

	Species	Specimens	Mortality Rate
Mammals	105	436	5.5%
Birds	164	392	21.4%
Reptiles	112	173	11.3%
TOTAL	381	1,001	

- 2. Birth of a male Pigmy Hippo March 15, 1971 and a female on April 17, 1971. Bringing our total collection to eight.
- 3. Birth of a male offspring June 17, 1971 to the pair of Dromedary Camels.
- 4. Addition of two new Penguin Chicks; three from last year acquired their adult plumage and paired off with older birds.
- 5. Hatching of seven and the rearing of five Ostrich Chicks.
- 6. The Waterfowl Committee of the Baltimore Zoological Society and the Zoo staff have drawn plans for the complete renovation of the Waterfowl Lake.
- 7. Three pairs of canvas-back ducks, one pair of ring-neck ducks, and one male buffle-head duck added during trapping season.
- 8. A female Ectectus Parrot was loaned to us by the Oklahoma Zoo for breeding to the male housed here.
- 9. The most important acquisition of the Bird Department last year were Florida Sandhill Cranes acquired through the Federal Government.
- 10. The Reptile Department spent \$240 for purchase of four reptiles. Trades, mainly involving the albino corn snakes, accounted for 11 new acquisitions, valued at \$890. Donations, births and collecting by members of our staff added further to the inventory.
- 11. Early in the year we began a detailed study of daily humidity and temperature variations and effects of exposure to natural day light and darkness in the Reptile House, aimed at establishing apparent optimum values for reptiles and finding ways and means to control these environmental factors affecting breeding behavior and general well being.
- 12. A total of 59 specimens were hatched. One Blanding's Tree Snake was hatched, this the result of captive breeding, and as far as we have been able to ascertain, the first time that this species has been bred in captivity.

- 13. Because of the large area of woodland in the 142 acres surrounded by the fence, all of the Whitetail Fawns raised last year were released in the Park and appear to have maintained their tameness and greet the visitors when the crowds were not too heavy. Many favorable comments were received from the Zoo visitors in seeing these animals in their natural habitat. This Spring's Fawns, at the close of the Children's Zoo season, will be turned loose with the others.
- D. The Children's Zoo and Revenue
  - 1. This report covers the operation from July 1, 1970, through November 8, 1970, and from April 2, 1971, through June 30, 1971.
  - 2. The Children's Zoo is continuing to show a decline in attendance, and we believe that because of the growing popularity of the entire zoo that this is a leveling off stage. The total attendance was 175,108 with 103,600 children and 71,508 adults with money deposits of \$36,971.76. The peak day for the year was April 18, 1971, with a total attendance of 3,271 of which 1,564 were children and 1,707 were adults. For comparison purposes, we took the Main Gate admissions and the Children's Zoo admissions from September 1st and find that 36.98% of those coming through the Main Gate go to the Children's Zoo.
  - 3. Revenue of \$2,834.82 from the Carousel and \$7,239.96 Zoo-Choo Train was earned at the Children's Zoo and \$5,297.84 was realized from the Safari Train at the main Zoo.

# SUMMARY OF REVENUE SUPPORTED FACILITIES

In addition to Memorial Stadium and the Zoo, the Bureau of Parks operates the following facilities where admissions are usually charged.

### A. Golf Courses

- 1. Reversing a trend of several years, the five municipal golf courses recorded an increase in play during the past fiscal year. This gain, however, was offset by a rise in costs, resulting in an overall increase in the operating deficit for the year. However, the gain in play occurred at the end of the year suggesting that we are at the beginning of a growth period. This belief is strengthened by the large number of new golfers seen on the courses. Another favorable factor for the future is the reduction in that State's Admission and Amusement Tax which for Fiscal '71, for example, would have added approximately \$22,000 to golf revenue. A final consideration is that our recent budgets have provided for the purchase of additional, major equipment which has had the immediate effect of increasing our cost picture, but which also holds promise for subsequent reductions in labor costs through more efficient methods of operation.
- 2. Irrigation has now been completed at four of the golf courses and only the Clifton Park Course lacks this improvement. Installation of irrigation at that location was scheduled for Fiscal 1972, but the City's financial difficulties have forced the postponement of the work for one year.

A review of the financial status of this program shows that we shall actually begin the next fiscal period with a credit of \$33,518.85 in the irrigation account due in a large extent to the successful efforts of the Director of the Department in obtaining an Open Space Grant of \$56,519.00 from the State on the installation at the Forest Park Golf Course. Under the original proposal and agreement, a surcharge of fifty cents per eighteen holes was imposed to finance the program. The imposition of this additional charge began on April 1, 1967 and the complete expenditures and collections by course to the end of Fiscal '71 are shown in the following chart.

Course	Collected	Spent
Carroll	\$ 40,353.00	\$ 60,845.01
Clifton	79,138.50	
Mt. Pleasant	90,560.00	116,199.39
Forest Park	78,080.00	118,803.23
Pine Ridge	97,503.25	112,787.27
and the second second	\$385,634.75	\$408,634.90
Total collected from t	he charge	\$385,634.75
Total Spent	\$408,634.90	
Less return from grant	56,519.00	
		352,115.90
Available for Clifton a	at end of FY '71	\$ 33,518.85

Since the average amount collected per year during the past four complete fiscal years is \$87,297.25, we can anticipate having approximately \$120,800 available for this work for Fiscal 1973.

3. This year, in a further effort to solve the problem of unauthorized persons on the courses, we have contracted special security guards to work on a limited basis. Although we have had only one month's experience with these guards, the results are sufficiently encouraging to suggest that a wide use of this service would be of substantial value in producing the desired control.

### B. Ice Rinks

- 1. The Patterson Ice Rink opened on November 13, 1970, and the Stadium Rink, because of a delay arising from the installation of the new dasher boards, opened a week later on November 20, 1970. Both rinks closed on March 7, 1971. At Patterson 260 sessions were scheduled and 233 held. At the Stadium, the figures were 228 scheduled and 203 held. The Patterson Rink showed an increase in attendance over the previous season and the Stadium with twenty-eight less sessions a slight decrease. The figures for Patterson are 33,926 compared to 31,861 and for the Stadium 36,297 against 37,105.
- 2. Statement of Income and Expense at the two rinks:

Stadium	Patterson
\$20,780.15	\$19,996.20
3,140.35	2,547.86
812.35	320.00
\$24,732.85	\$22,864.06
33,034.86	42,561.00
(\$ 8,302.01)	(\$19,696.94)
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Course		ounds layed	Reve Greens Caddy etc	Fees Carts,	Revenue Irrigation Surcharge	Total Revenue	Revenue After Taxe	- P - · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Carroll*	34	4,117	\$ 46,3	84.44	\$ 8,529.25	\$ 54,913.69	\$ 52,586.9	93 \$ 70,780.35
Clifton	32	2,490	85,8	31.04	15,158.75	100,989.79	96,839.0	02 125,507.88
Forest Park	30	0,400	75,2	74.88	13,514.00	88,788.88	85,029.5	54 129,051.67
Mt. Pleasant	4	1,693	117,8	16.60	18,884.00	136,700.60	131,070.7	76 172,631.56
Pine Ridge	4'	7,127	183,2	42.59	21,944.25	205,186.84	196,709.4	45 181,897.94
	18:	5,827	\$508,5	49.55	\$78,030.25	\$586,579.80	\$562,235.7	70 \$679,869.40
* A nine hole	course	Ro	unds			Operating	Gain or	
	Year		ayed	Rev	venue	Cost	(Loss)	
0.24	1971	18:	5,827	\$562	,235.70	\$679,869.40	(\$117,633.	70)
	1970	18:	,581	\$541	,558.47	\$598,785.21	(\$57,226.	74)

# **GOLF COURSE REVENUE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1971**

### C. Fort Smallwood Park

As in previous years, a parking charge of \$.25 per motorcycle, \$1.00 per car and \$3.00 per bus was in effect from July 1, 1970 through September 20, 1970 and from April 16, 1971 through June 30, 1971. During this period a total of 86 motorcycles, 26,391 cars and 246 buses entered the Park. The bathing beaches, as usual, closed on Labor Day, 1970, and reopened on Saturday, May 27, 1971.

Park Patrons	115,404	Beach	
Beach Patrons	67,327	Concessions Parking	\$ 3,860.24
		Fees	27,150.50
		Total	
		Revenue	\$31,010.74
		Operating	
		Cost	54,875.99
		Gain (Loss)	(\$23,865.25)

### **D.** Swimming Pools

- 1. The swimming pools closed on Labor Day, September 7, 1970 and reopened on June 19, 1971.
- 2. Statement of Operation and Costs

	Days		Operating
Pool	Open	Patrons	Cost
Cherry Hill	74	48,363	\$ 30,986.55
Clifton	69	92,932	44,254.48
Druid Hill	67	90,363	47,300.76
Patterson	72	99,716	36,669.35
Riverside	72	90,990	37,397.00
Roosevelt	67	53,570	21,611.93
Total FY 1971	421	475,934	\$218,220.07
Total FY 1970	393	395,541	\$181,554.66

# SUMMARY OF BUREAU OF PARKS

# **RECREATION FACILITIES**

The maintenance of athletic and recreational facilities, in a condition and manner that will accommodate the needs of the citizens of Baltimore, continues as the major activity of the Bureau. Each of the facilities listed below receives a share of this effort.

1.	44	Clay Tennis Courts
2.	67	Hard Surface Tennis Courts
3.	94	Outdoor Basketball Courts
4.	25	Volley Ball Courts
5.	32	Football Fields
6.	21	Soccer Fields
7.	3	Running Tracks
8.	11	Quoit Ranges
9.	44	Baseball Diamonds
10.	46	Little League Diamonds
11.	4	Pony League Diamonds
12.	95	Softball Diamonds
13.	6	Swimming Pools
14.	10	Wading Pools
15.	2	Bathing Beaches
16.	5	Golf Courses
17.	172	Playgrounds
18.	2	Archery Areas
19.	1	Ice Skating Pond
20.	2	Ice Skating Rinks
21.	1	Fishing Lake
22.	1	Boat Lake
23.	206	Picnic Groves
24.	7	Skeet & Trap Fields
25.	1	Rugby Field
26.	1	Lacrosse Field
27.	1	Driver Training Course
28.	1	Bridle Path
29.	1	Scouting Area
30.	2	Outdoor Shuffle Board Courts
31.	1	Badminton Court
32.	1	Hockey Field
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33.	1	Quoit Shed
34.	2	Roller Skating Rinks
35.	2	Stadiums
36.	1	Bocci Court
37.	1	Nature Trail and
		Wildflower Preserve
38.	1	Zoo & Natural History Museum
		TOTAL FACILITIES: 918

# **BUREAU OF RECREATION**

## A. L. COTTRILL, Superintendent L. CLEMENTS NIXON, Assistant Superintendent

### I. BUREAU HIGHLIGHTS

The Bureau of Recreation was fortunate in having help from private industry and from the State and Federal governments for summer enrichment programs. While the help afforded did enable the Bureau to add scope and depth, it in no way could measure up to or supplant the nucleus of public recreation services as represented by the regular ongoing programs at the recreation centers and playgrounds; too, this help is temporary, and usually of a one-time-only nature.

Because basketball is no longer just a seasonal sport but is voluntarily engaged in by youth all year round, it was chosen as one of the special summer programs. The Baltimore Neighborhood Basketball League resulted, co-sponsored by WMAR-TV, The Coca Cola Bottling Co., the Sunpapers, and the Baltimore Bullets. 160 teams competed in age groupings of 15 and under, 17 and under, and unlimited. The boys were provided with team jerseys, and at the end of the season, outstanding individuals and teams were recognized and rewarded with trophies. This program was of incalculable value in interesting and involving a large number of ordinarily hard-to-reach-in-the-summer teen age boys.

Another result of private industry sponsorship was the series of district Pentathlons financed by the Quaker Oats Company and the A & P Food Stores—3500 children striving to better their own performances in physical fitness achievement tests. Yet another was the Jesse Owens Track and Field Meet where 30 winners from local competition traveled to Philadelphia to compete against winners from 8 other cities and brought home the 2nd place team trophy—expenses were met by the Atlantic Richfield Company. The American Machine and Foundry Corporation co-sponsored the United States Youth Games held for 4 days in New York City, thereby helping to make it possible for 70 Baltimore boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 15 to visit that city and to compete against youngsters from other cities and to end their stay with a "Breakfast of Champions" sponsored by Wheaties.

The Fabulous Magicians, a highly skilled showmanship basketball group, was brought to Baltimore by Schaefer's Brewing Company. The team conducted clinics in 5 recreation locations, demonstrating and teaching the actual skills and then entertaining the participants and spectators with a comedy routine of the game. Their initial presentation was held at Hopkins Plaza and drew a large noon-time gathering which could not miss seeing "Baltimore City Bureau of Recreation" banners and signs while listening to brief addresses by various dignitaries.

The Continental Can Company presented \$25 savings bonds to each category first place winner in the Bureau's Keep Maryland Beautiful Poster Contest. There were 482 entries in this poster contest (as contrasted with 229 the previous year); this points up the increasing number of young people concerned with their environment and the effectiveness of the Bureau's efforts in this direction.

Trophies and certain softball equipment are being provided by the National Brewing Company for the winners of the unlimited softball leagues, with special recognition to those voted by their teammates as the most valuable player, best batter, best pitcher, and so forth.

Thus, because of private industry's help, many a Baltimore youth has experienced additional recreational advantages. Further enlargement of the scope and depth of the Bureau's services was made possible by the sharing of 2 grants from the Maryland State Department of Education whereby local school facilities were utilized as community centers for cooperative educational and recreational purposes after school hours. Joint plans were worked out with the Community Schools Division on the allocation of funds and on the designation of certain Community Schools where this Bureau agreed to conduct a recreation program. The majority of our projects are geared to reach teenagers; of note is the Teen Seminar which is just getting under way where the young people discuss not only current issues, but advance their ideas for recreation programs and facilities with an ultimate goal of drafting a recreation center and playground.

As part of the Recreation Support Program, made possible by a grant from the Federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, our Bureau of Recreation opened 5 additional indoor school swimming pools for the summer and 10 additional inner-city playgrounds; purchased 2 portable swimming pools (bringing the total now to 51); allocated funds to Camp Variety for the Handicapped; and included a cultural enrichment program emphasizing bus trips for inner-city children to attend plays at the Merriweather Pavilion in Columbia, trips to places like Dutch Village in York, Pennsylvania.

Two new recreation wings were opened this year—Edgecombe and Rognel Heights. The new Madison Square Playfield is the result of the cooperative efforts of several city departments. It encompasses 2 city blocks and is erected on what was part of the school playground, part of a park, and the whole of a former street—property under the jurisdictions of the Department of Education, the Bureau of Highways, the Bureau of Parks, and Department of Housing and Community Development. The resulting playfield is unique for Baltimore, one of its features being an outdoor-indoor basketball court open on 3 sides, lighted, and roofed, thereby usable in rainy weather, in hot weather, and after dark; it is also adaptable to many types of programs other than basketball. The off-street roller skating rink is yet another noteworthy feature, as is the sprinkler-wading area; and of course, two ball diamonds are seldom to be found in the heart of the city. The total design was the joint endeavour of agency personnel, architect, and community representatives.

The Bureau took part in a number of city festivals with crafts demonstrations and instruction, picture and model displays, and live talent provided by some of our Senior Citizen clubs: The City Fair, the Fells Point Festival, the Greater Baltimore Arts Festival.

### **II. OTHER FEATURED PROGRAMS**

Boys' and Men's, Girls' and Women's Activities

**Track Meets**—5 monthly indoor track and field meets held at the Fifth Regiment Armory with a total participation of 2,794.

Jesse Owens Meet—local winners of this meet (30) were sent to Philadelphia to compete with winners from eight other cities in the National Jesse Owens meet. Our team won 2nd place.

56th Annual Junior Municipal Games—conducted at Poly High School—participation 620.

United States Youth Games (in addition to track and field, this included competition in basketball and bowling)—70 boys and girls represented the Bureau in this 4 day meet held in New York City.

A.A.U. Meets-Our recreation centers sent boys and girls to compete in these.

**Tennis**—Clinics held in 7 sections of the city through the cooperation of the President of the Lawn Tennis Association who sent a top ranking player, Steve Fisher, to conduct demonstrations and clinics for the Bureau. This was a prelude to the establishing of tennis instruction classes.

Classes-28 instruction classes throughout the city in this increasingly popular sport.

Table Tennis—local tournaments held at the recreation centers; city-wide championship (124 participants) held at Herring Run Recreation Center.



Receiving Instruction on proper starting position, these young boys prepare for one of many track meets sponsored by the Bureau of Recreation.

*Pentathlons*—District Pentathlons held at Baybrook, Clifton, Druid Hill, Gwynns Falls, Hanlon, Latrobe, North Harford, and Patterson Parks. Program co-sponsored by A & P Food Stores and Quaker Oats Company.

Basketball—Local tournaments held at recreation centers. Citywide tournament held at Baybrook, Carver-Easterwood, and Herring Run. Baltimore Neighborhood Basketball Leagues held at 18 recreation centers with 32 leagues, 160 teams, and 1600 participating in 3 age groups from 15 years and under to unlimited. Program co-sponsored by Baltimore Bullets, Coca Cola Bottling Company, Sunpapers, and WMAR-TV.

Special Classes-held in karate, judo, wrestling, and weightlifting.

Softball Play-offs-held at North Harford Playfield.

Dribble and Shoot Contest—co-sponsored by Baltimore Bullets and Coca Cola Bottling Company.

Weightlifting Championship—city-wide finals held at Chick Webb Recreation Center.

Dance Classes—a total of 73 classes held in tap, ballet, modern, jazz, and ballroom. The annual city-wide dance demonstration theme depicted the story of Man's evolution through the medium of the dance.

Bowling League—1 winter league of 36 children added to existing summer leagues.

*Center Sports Program*—tournaments, leagues, and special sports programs conducted on local and district levels in soccer, box soccer, indoor floor hockey, roller skate hockey, touch and flag football, track and field, basketball, softball, weightlifting.

### Nature and Gardening

The Nature Wagon, because it was introduced last summer late in the season, made the rounds of only 15 centers as contrasted with this summer of 1970-71 when it was taken to 57 centers and playgrounds. The special instructor and crew traveling with this mobile unit talked to the young children about the native animals (obtained through the cooperation of the Baltimore Zoo) and permitted them to pet some of them. A total of 6,006 children, youth, and some adults attended and were obviously pleased and interested.

The Garden Contest was held again during the summer in spite of the adverse weather conditions. The Women's Civic League cooperated with the Bureau and judged the flower and vegetable gardens, and presented awards to the winning centers at an In-Service Program.

The newest nature room (greenhouse) is at Rognel Heights Recreation Center. This brings to four the small greenhouses where young people can grow plants and enjoy learning to propagate plants from cuttings and seeds.

That young people are concerned with the environment is attested to by the large number (482) of entries in the Keep Maryland Beautiful Poster Contest. Entries were from recreation center members, and from individuals in the city and county. All age groups were represented. The 16 young people and adults having winning posters in the contest were presented certificates by Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro. Representatives from the Continental Can Company, Inc. presented each person winning first place with a Twenty-Five Dollar United States Saving Bond. These posters were then displayed for 2 weeks in the Lane Bryant store at Howard and Mulberry Streets.

The Governor's Environmental Committee cooperated with us in a campaign to keep our centers and grounds clean and beautiful. Pennants provided by the Keep Maryland Beautiful Committee were presented to the centers found in good condition.



Tending their plants is part of the enjoyment experienced by these children at the newest nature room (greenhouse) at Rognel Heights Recreation Center.

The Bureau of Recreation Environmental Committee, comprised of leaders and center directors, had a very successful program at In-Service in March and made suggestions for local community drives. This committee held an "Earth Beauty Sing" at Hopkins Plaza as a pre-earth-day activity. More than 100 young people from 10 centers sang songs about pollution and beauty, and boys with appropriate posters walked through the plaza calling attention to ways to improve the environment. The noon-time visitors to the plaza seemed intrigued and interested, and lingered to hear more singing.

The Nature Program in the centers is continuing summer and winter. The Sunday Nature Lore Walks for everyone prove popular, particularly for families.

The Cylburn Wildflower Preserve and Garden Center is now Incorporated. The annual Market Day, held one Saturday in September, is the fund-raising activity which permits the organization to purchase materials and audio-visual aids for the ever expanding educational programs. Membership is increasing, and the type of service being offered is expanding. A training workshop for guides proved successful this spring with 40 people attending each of the four meetings. From this workshop, it is hoped that more volunteers will be recruited.

### Children's Activities

For the fifth year, the Bureau conducted a Hula Hoop Contest with winners being invited to participate in the state and regional ones; this year the state contest was held in Baltimore at the Furley Recreation Center as was the 3rd annual Frisbee Contest also. These were cosponsored by Wham-O of California which donated the equipment and the trophies.

Our Marble Tournament was again sponsored by the Evening Sun papers. The district winners were presented special award ribbons by William Donald Schaefer, President of the City Council, and also received sport shirts and medals; the city champion, who was also the champion in 1969 and 1970, was presented with a special "shooter" by Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandro, III to be used when he competes in the National tournament in New Jersey.

Chess and Checker tournaments were also held with awards being donated by the Evening Sun.

The 29th year for the Turtle Derby brought forth both city and county young people who entered 80 turtles in the novelty races. At the city-wide Doll Show, winning dolls from 45 recreation centers were entered. In order to interest young boys in participating, character and animal classes are included, and a King and Queen are chosen from the 1st place winners.

The bird House Making contest continues to grow in popularity; this, its 4th year, had 113 entries as contrasted with 24 at its first year, and children from both inner city and outskirts proudly brought their handiwork. The winning bird houses were displayed at Hopkins Plaza and later presented to the Director of the Baltimore Zoo, and the winners themselves received such awards as parakeets, savings bonds, birdbooks and prints, magazine subscriptions, etc., donated by Station WFBR and the Maryland Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Kite flying on a large scale has been on the wane for a number of years, but this year the Smithsonian Institute sponsored an International Kite Flying Contest in Washington and contacted local Chambers of Commerce to try to stimulate interest. This Bureau, therefore, conducted a city-wide contest, secured awards of ribbons and trophies from the United Air Lines, and the winner was taken to Washington by her parents where she won 4th place in the International.



Tense expressions indicate that the Queen's Knight may take the King's Bishop in the next move at this chess tournament sponsored by the Bureau of Recreation.

Again this year Bicycle Safety Week was made much of; participating in the kick-off program were representatives from the Maryland Traffic Safety Commission, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Maryland Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Maryland Physical Fitness Commission.

Contests were held in top spinning, in the Mayor's frog hop, in the Yankee Doodle Dandy patriotic essays, and in special event days of Easter Monday and July 4th.

Using the services of the popular Professor Kool, Stu Kerr of WMAR-TV, we are attempting to reach the children at the centers and playgrounds to help combat vandalism, which is ever increasing. Fliers, with an appeal to children, have been distributed and will continue to be, particularly at our new construction sites.

### Senior Citizens

The program has expanded appreciably this year both in size and scope. Forty-two centers and clubs are now sponsored by the Bureau with plans to set up full time programs in several new apartment houses for the elderly which are under construction by the Department of Housing and Community Development. Several more of these apartments are in the planning stage, and the Bureau has been consulted in helping to plan the recreation areas which will be manned by our staff.

In addition to the continuation of the training program for senior citizens at the Maryland Institute, a workshop was held to teach specific skills such as weaving and macrame to the staff. This course was also opened to non-staff members in the community who are involved in working with the aged.

Many clubs which formerly met only once a week have had their programs expanded to include more time and additional activities. Membership in the clubs has also grown so that several thousand older people are served daily by the Bureau's many and varied programs.

Our agency has worked closely with other agencies in order to provide better service to the community and to avoid duplication of service. Plans are in operation to use more extensively Department of Education personnel to offer education courses to our members.

Our senior citizen camp program now in its 5th season was held at Camp Glyndon, Maryland with over 220 campers. The annual Hobby and Talent Show at Patterson Park Pavilion was particularly outstanding. It was held for two days in May with over 800 people attending each day. Each center exhibited arts, crafts and hobbies made in the center throughout the year, and a talent show was put on each day with various clubs participating. In addition, members demonstrated crafts such as weaving, ceramics, macrame, beading.

Our senior citizens also participated in the Baltimore City Fair, Greater Baltimore Arts Festival, and Fells Point Festival with displays, demonstrations, and talent shows.

Other city-wide programs included health education. Senior Citizens banded together to give a contribution of money to Camp Glyndon for Diabetic children to help repair the damage caused by vandals. They also gave many baskets to the poor at Christmas and helped several families that had been burned out of their homes.

It is evident that in addition to recreation, these clubs place a great deal of emphasis on education and community service.

### Services for the Handicapped

Recreational activities, designed to meet the unique needs of physically, mentally, emotionally and multiply handicapped children and adults were provided during the past year.

Orthopedically handicapped, mentally retarded, blind, deaf, brain damaged, and emotionally disturbed children, two to sixteen years old, referred by schools, clinics, physicians and private agencies, participated in athletics, art and crafts, music, games, indoor swimming, and social programs.

Physically handicapped and blind adults met at the Maryland Workshop for the blind and the Mt. Royal Recreation Center for meetings, group discussions, choral singing, debates, dinner, and games.

Handicapped veterans, referred by the Veterans' Day Care Center, attend open lounge programs, club meetings, bingo and other games, and play host to patients from state and federal hospitals at a dance each month at the Howard Park Recreation Center.

All of the children's groups took part in trips to places of interest, within the confines of Metropolitan Baltimore, and adult trips ranged as far afield as Salisbury and Cumberland, all fully supervised by "handicapped" staff.

Camp Variety operated for eight weeks and served 380 handicapped children with a full program of outdoor activities, transportation, two meals and a snack, as a free service offered by the Baltimore City Bureau of Recreation.

A Technical Advisory Committee, comprised of specialists from hospitals, clinics, the Health Department, the Veterans Administration, etc., met quarterly and was of great assistance to the staff of this department in an advisory capacity.

We have enjoyed the cooperation of many agencies throughout the city; the following have participated with us during the past year to assist us in providing good programs for the maximum number of participants:

St. Francis' School, St. Elizabeth's School, St. Bernardine's School, School of Chimes, Kennedy Institute, P.S. #304, 183, 176, 306, 308, and 129, Searchlight Training Center, all working with retarded children and adults, as well as the Baltimore Association for Retarded Children; William S. Baer School, Baltimore League for Crippled Children and the United Cerebral Palsy Association; Maryland School for the Blind, and the Maryland Workshop for the Blind, Greater Baltimore Medical Center, Sinai Druid Comprehensive Pediatric Center, Johns Hopkins, University Hospital, University Hospital and City Hospital Pediatric Clinics, Department of Social Services, St. Joseph House, Council of Churches of Cherry Hill.

### Music and Drama

This division has been reorganized to represent the Performing Arts (music, drama, and dance) and was without a supervisor for a number of months. During the interim, the center directors and leaders carried on with various programs involving music and drama. Musical activities mainly included informal singing groups and rhythm bands, with variety and talent shows as special features. Seasonal plays for Christmas, Easter, and Spring were included in many center programs, and choral ensembles were a part of several of the culminating dance recitals.

The Children's Theatre Association, under contract with the Bureau, presented outdoor plays at 10 different recreation centers.

Classes in public speaking, creative dramatics, and children's music were conducted at the In-Service training classes, and drama and music specialists were employed to work in centers where the regular personnel was unable to teach these skills.

### Arts and Crafts

Ninety-six Fall and Winter and one hundred eight Summer classes per week were conducted for children in a variety of art and craft media.

Twelve special classes were conducted for adults in painting, weaving, and ceramics. Demonstration classes were held for public participation at the City Fair, the Fells Point Fun Festival, the Greater Baltimore Arts Festival, Union Square, Hollins Street, and other neighborhood events.

Art and Craft Exhibits were included as a part of many recreation center events such as Open Houses and Awards Dinners.

Special Projects		
	Participants	Staff
Camp Concern	5,370	64
A day camp for disadvantaged youth,		
10-19 years of age. Monday through Saturday, six days a week, 9 weeks,		
conducted at Bainbridge Naval Training		
Center, Bainbridge, Maryland.		
Operation Bullets	1,970	45 (Vol.)
Provided organized recreation		
experiences by attending home		
games of the professional Bullets		
basketball team of the National		
Basketball Association.	1 5 4 9	
Volunteer Corps Volunteer Corps (Junior and Senior)	1,548	
who have contributed volunteer		
services at their respective community		
centers. Total volunteer hours were		
105,767 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> which is equivalent to 56		
full-time recreation leaders.		
Neighborhood Youth Corps	642	
A federally funded program designed to		
assist in-school youngsters, ages 14-20 years with job training and opportunities		
while in school, thereby encouraging		
enrollees to remain in school. The Bureau		
served as a participating agency which		
provided work stations and supervision of		
the enrollees.		
Free Lunch Program	8,800	76
A federally funded program designed to		
provide free lunches to youngsters under 21 years of age who were partici-		
pating in organized recreation activities.		
Camp Greenbelt, Maryland—Fun In The W	loods	
A total of 800 children (50 at a time) had	cous	
a one-day introduction to camping sponsored	d	
56		

by the National Park Service. Divided into small activity groups, the children hiked, followed a nature trail, erected pup tents, built campfires, learned something of knot tying, and how to follow a compass course.

### **Recreation Support Program**

9,860

A federally funded program with the aim of providing expanded recreation programs and job opportunities for existing NYC enrollees.

144,945

Recreation School Community Project A state funded program geared to provide expanded recreation programs through the use of school facilities in conjunction with the City Department of Education.

### **Operation Birdland**

Program was designed to provide recreational opportunities by attending home games of the professional Orioles baseball team. Youngsters 14 years and under were involved. 8.000



With the help of a neighborhood child, City Council President, William Donald Schaefer launches the "Fun Wagon" on its summer round of visits.

A. Youth Served

During the fiscal year, there were on the average of 40 groups served per month with an average of 18 youth per group. The average age of youth receiving service was 16. Aside from the groups served, there were approximately 147 unattached youth receiving service. There were about 9 youth per month withdrawing from the service for various reasons: incarceration, military commitments, moving from the area, etc.

B. Youth Programs

The Metropolitan Athletic Association continued to sponsor many youth programs.

- 1. Basketball—The leagues were held as usual during the fall and winter months. 28 teams comprised 2 leagues with approximately 300 youth participating and 75-80 young people attending nightly as spectators. We were able to use the same playing sites, Crispus Attucks (Westside) and Dunbar Community School (Eastside).
- 2. Softball—This league was held during the summer months of 1970 at Bocek Playfield in East Baltimore and Diamond 3 at Druid Hill Park. Rosters are now being accepted for the summer '71 league.
- 3. Sewing—Two female groups participated in sewing projects; one at John Eager Howard Recreation Center and the other at O'Donnell Heights Recreation Center. Their purposes were to (1) develop skills and (2) to begin making some of their own clothes. Both programs are progressing well.
- 4. Weightlifting—Equipment was purchased for the group that utilized Princeton Place Playground.
- 5. Swimming—This program was designed primarily to teach youth enough skills in order that they might be employable during the summer months. As the weather got warmer, attendance dropped resulting in the Red Cross instructor's discontinuing because of classes being too small.
- 6. Volunteer Services—The congregations that make up the Metropolitan Athletic Association have made themselves available as resources for lectures, legal matters, medical services and other concerns as the needs arise.
- 7. Employment Project—The Metropolitan Athletic Association was instrumental in setting up an employment office on the

2nd floor of the Chick Webb Recreation Center. As a result, we have been able to refer many youth to jobs.

### **IV. OTHER ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS**

A. Teen Center

Through the efforts of the Street Club Service, Metropolitan Athletic Association, Northwest Baltimore Corporation, and the ministerial staff of St. Ambrose Catholic Church, a teen center was opened. The Bureau of Recreation was responsible for providing three staff members for the center. Metropolitan Athletic Association pays the salaries of three youth assistants.

There have been some recreation and social programs, and there is still a great deal to be desired as far as the overall operation of the center is concerned.

The lack of adequate security measures and the inability of of staff to sustain on-going programs are the two major problems. Steps are being taken to rectify the weaknesses in both areas.

B. Karate Demonstrations

A part time leader who has a Black Belt in karate has organized karate groups in the Greenmount Avenue area which have performed at many State Hospitals and institutions.

C. D. C. Children's Center

Many of the female groups have made trips to the Children's Center in Laurel, Maryland in order to help make the center's program one of rehabilitation rather than detention.

D. Sports

Many youth enjoyed the opportunity to attend the Oriole Baseball games and the Bullet Basketball games. Morgan State College allowed many of our youth free admission to watch their football games played in Hughes Stadium, thanks to Coach Earl Banks.

E. Outings

Many groups participated in the Camping trips provided by the service during the summer months. An all-day outing has been planned for the Glenwood Country Club for the latter part of June, 1971.

Western Maryland Railroad sponsored trips to the Westminster Farm Museum. These trips were designed to help change the image of the railroad in hopes that the youth would stop vandalizing their property. On April 3rd, thirty-eight youth from an East Baltimore group were taken to Richmond, Virginia to compete with Bureau of Recreation teams in that city. These boys made up three basketball teams, and three games were played at a High School in Richmond. This trip was financed through a generous contribution by the Gay Street Merchants Association and the Metropolitan Athletic Association.

### F. Staff Development

Under the Juvenile Delinquency Prevention and Control Act of 1968, the Street Club Service received a grant of \$46,000 to train the entire staff in the areas of group work and community organization. The training is under the auspices of the University of Maryland School of Social Work and Community Planning.

### G. Film

During the month of February a number of Street Club youth from the Towanda area were participants in a film titled "Robert". Participating youth were paid by C & O—B & O Railroad Company.

### H. Newsletter

"The Happening" was inaugurated by the Street Club staff in January, 1971 highlighting the activities and programs of the youth and workers. The newsletter is published at least every two months.

#### Swimming Program

### A. Portable Pool Seminar for Staff

150 Aides received instruction in First Aid, Swimming, Pool Maintenance, and the Do's and Don'ts relative to Portable Pool operation. Seminar was conducted in conjunction with Baltimore Chapter American Red Cross Safety Services.

### B. Fall-Winter-Spring Indoor Swim Program

Mergenthaler High School—Northwood Recreation Center was sponsor. Instruction, family swim, and recreational swim classes were held. Total Attendance 6,998.

Northern High School—North Harford Playfield and Hamilton Recreation Center sponsors. Instructional and recreational swim classes were held. Total Attendance 30,299.

Edmondson High School Swim Program—Instruction and recreational swim classes for all ages held in conjunction with Y.M.C.A. Total Attendance 3,629. C. Learn-to-Swim Program (Municipal Pools)

Classes conducted at Clifton, Druid Hill, Cherry Hill, Patterson, Riverside, and Roosevelt Parks. Total Attendance 1,728. Certificates issued 973.

Chick Webb Swim Program (year round)—Instructional and recreation swim classes. Total Attendance 22,072.

D. Portable Pool Program (49 sites)

Instructional and recreational swim. Total Attendance 208,345.

E. Recreation Support Program (July-August, 1970)

Instruction and recreational swim classes held at 5 public school pools: Carver, Patterson, Douglass, Forest Park, and Poly-Western. Total Attendance 1,359.

### Municipal Sports

Boys' & Men's Basketball-120 leagues, 598 teams and 5,657 players

Girls' & Women's Basketball-23 leagues, 142 teams and 1,531 players

Football-13 leagues, 66 teams, 1,501 players

Soccer-27 leagues, 136 teams, 2,245 players

Men's Softball-86 leagues, 491 teams, 8,253 players

Girls' & Women's Softball-14 leagues, 76 teams, 1,108 players

Junior Tennis-394 players

Evening Sun Tennis—314 players

Municipal Swimming—Boys and Men—320; Girls and Women—293

Evening Sun Swimming—Boys and Men—632; Girls and Women —634

Municipal Track—Boys—190; Girls—34

Baseball—136 leagues, 690 teams, 9,387 players

# **BUREAU OF MUSIC**

### STEPHANIE SODARO, Music and Administrative Supervisor

### I. CONCERTS (66 in total)

Concerts were held this season six days a week beginning May 30th and continuing through the months of June, July and August concluding August 29th. There are four bands, each composed of 34 professional musicians and conductor, and one Dixieland Jazz Band, composed of six jazz musicians.

The regular bands play a flexible program of popular classics and semi-classics, marches, music from broadway shows and motion pictures, and currently popular favorites.

- A. Two new locations were introduced into the schedule in order to bring music to new neighborhoods of the City where concerts were not scheduled:
  - 1. Chinquapin Run Park-Belvedere Avenue & Northwood Drive
  - 2. Hopkins Plaza-125 West Baltimore Street



The natural slope of the Dell at Charles and 31st Streets provides the audience with a good view of the Showmobile and amplifies the sound of the band.



The tympani played here by George Gaylor generally attract much interest and questions on technique from the audience.

### **II. THE CONDUCTORS AND OTHER PERSONNEL**

## A. Charles E. Gwynn, Sr.—Baltimore Park Band

Leader of his own dance orchestra and Treasurer of the Musicians' Union; celebrated his 24th anniversary as Conductor of the Baltimore Park Band.

### B. Dr. Leigh Martinet-Municipal Concert Band

Former Conductor of the Baltimore Civic Opera Company; celebrated his 13th season as Conductor of the Municipal Concert Band; received the degree of Doctor of Musical Arts in 1966 from the Peabody Conservatory of Music.

### C. Weldon J. Irvine, Sr.—Baltimore Municipal Band

Music specialist with the Bureau of Recreation; celebrated his 13th year as Conductor of the Baltimore Municipal Band.

## D. Gerald Eyth-Park Concert Band

Well known composer; former Assistant Concert Master of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra; currently on the faculty of the Peabody Conservatory of Music; celebrated his 22nd year as Conductor of the Park Concert Band.

E. John William Spicer—Coordinator of the Monumental City Six Dixieland Jazz Band.

Member of the Municipal Concert Band for 28 years (tuba); brought together five more of Baltimore's top jazz musicians for this series.

#### F. Song Leaders and Soloists

- 1. Marvin Clark for the Municipal and Park Concert Bands.
- 2. Matthew Fraling for the Baltimore Municipal and Park Bands. One of the most popular features in the program is the "Sing Along". Encouraged by the engaging personalities of the Song Leaders, audiences accompanied by the band and fortified with song sheets sing old favorites and currently popular songs. For the additional pleasure of the audience, professional vocal soloists perform nightly with each band; a total of 16 vocalists throughout the season.
- G. The Operations Crew-Joseph L. Esworthy, Labor Foreman

Mr. Esworthy supervises a crew of 8 men, and has responsibility for the entire physical set-up of the concerts.



Song sheets are studied just prior to the "Sing Along" of old favorites and currently popular songs. Although audience seating is provided, many people enjoy relaxing on a blanket brought from home.

## **III. FESTIVALS OF MUSIC**

(Baltimore Memorial Stadium)

A. Monday, July 13, 1970, 8:30 p.m.

Gerald Eyth conducted the combined Park and Municipal Concert<sup>1</sup> Bands in a program entitled "A Night of Opera and Musical Comedy". In addition to the four vocal soloists and the "Sing Along" of old and current favorites, the Maryland Ballet Company danced to a sequence from "Carousel" and the Monumental City Six Dixieland Jazz Band played several traditional jazz favorites.

B. Wednesday, August 12, 1970, 8:30 p.m.

Leigh Martinet conducted the combined Municipal and Park Concert Bands. Five vocal soloists were featured in addition to the "Sing Along", which was lead by Marvin Clark. The Monumental City Six played Dixieland Jazz selections and a special performance was given by the "Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps" of Fort Myer, Virginia in colorful and authentic revolutionary costume.



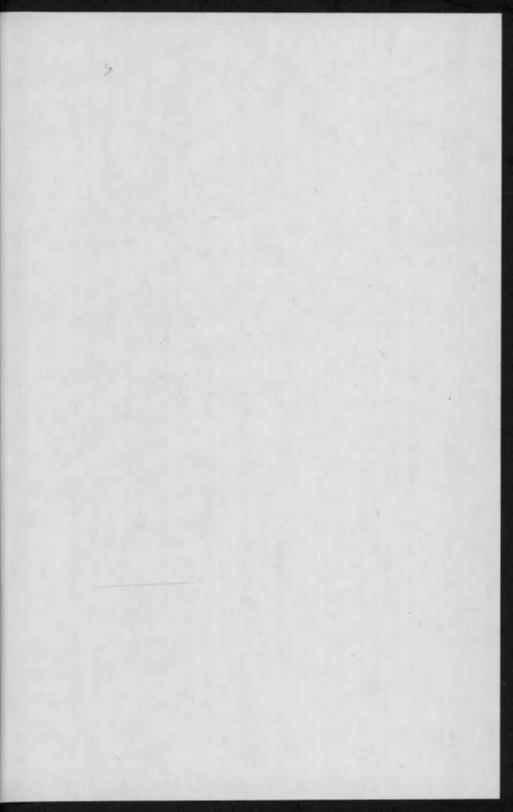
Delores Jones, Dramatic Soprano, interprets Dich Teure Halle by Wagner at the Festival of Music conducted by Dr. Leigh Martinet.

## **IV. BALTIMORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

A. At the Mayor's request, the Bureau of Music's equipment and crew were involved in the preparation and set-up of facilities to accommodate the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra in their special series of 10 concerts held in various locations of the City during May and June.

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Program Number	Title	Appropriation Fiscal Year 1971	Total Expenditure through June 30, 1971	Unencumbered Balance for Fiscal Year 1971
471	the service of the			
(001-002)	Administrative Direction & Control	\$ 150,580	\$ 150,202	\$ 378
471	Debt Service	1,731,642	1,731,642	NONE
473	Municipal Concerts & Other Musical Events	69,690	69,690	NONE
478	General Park Services	4,298,210	4,290,210	8,000
479 (001–002)	Special Park Services	2,827,747	2,802,941	24,806
480 (001–002)	Recreational Services	5,349,629	5,243,667	105,962
505	Street Trees	527,852	513,342	14,510
	TOTALS	\$14,955,350	\$14,801,694	\$153,656



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## **CITY OF BALTIMORE**

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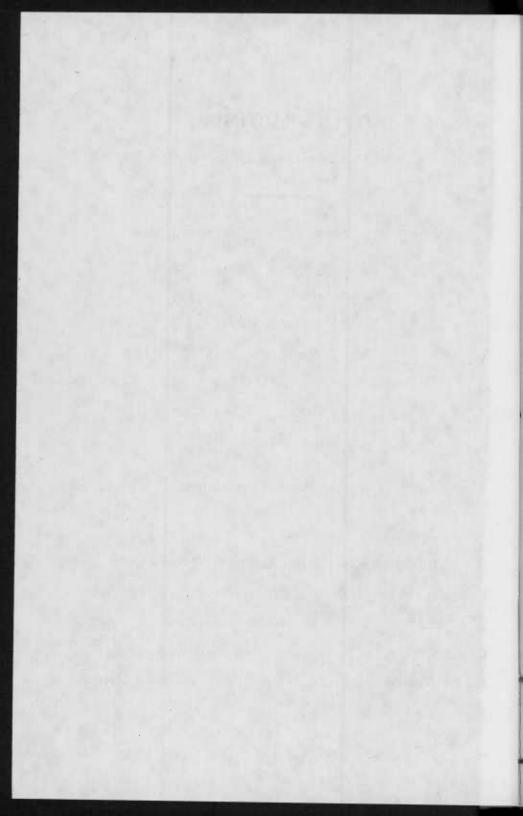
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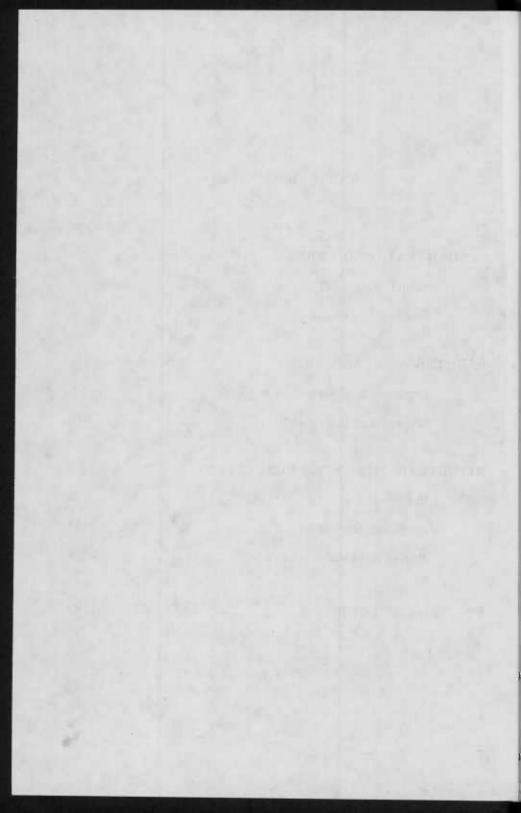
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A. L. Cottrill	Superintendent, Bureau of Recreation
Charles A. Young, Jr	Superintendent, Bureau of Parks
Stephanie Sodaro	Music and Administrative Supervisor



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## DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

## **Administrative Division**

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE DOUGLAS S. TAWNEY, Director LINDA A. BENNETT, Executive Secretary STEPHANIE SODARO, Music and Administrative Supervisor

## **BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS**

The Board of Recreation and Parks held fourteen regular public meetings during Fiscal 1972; July 1, 1971 to June 30, 1972. The Real Estate Committee, along with members of the Staff, conducted ten tours of inspection.

Board of Recreation and Parks committees:

Budget-Nazzareno F. Velleggia, Chairman, Samuel Hopkins, Uthman Ray, Jr., M.D., Ann F. Scheper, Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

Real Estate—Harry D. Kaufman, Chairman, Mrs. M. Richmond Farring, Samuel Hopkins, Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

Rule No. 46—Ann F. Scheper, Chairlady, Harry D. Kaufman, Uthman Ray, Jr., M.D., Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

Stadium—Samuel Hopkins, Chairman, Nazzareno F. Velleggia, Harry D. Kaufman, Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

Zoo-Mrs. M. Richmond Farring, Chairlady, Samuel Hopkins, Ann F. Scheper, Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

Board Representative to the Art Commission of Baltimore—Mrs. M. Richmond Farring

Board Representative to the Health and Welfare Council of the Baltimore Area-Mrs. M. Richmond Farring

#### **CONTRACTS**

The following contracts were entered into and executed by the Board of Recreation and Parks during Fiscal 1972:

1. Baltimore Bowmen-operation of archery course-Graham Memorial Park

2. Morgan State College-use of Stadium-Homecoming game '71

- 3. Allied Amusements-Zoo ride concessions-Extension of previous contract
- 4. Hamilton Drum and Bugle Corps-March of Champions-Stadium
- 5. Calvert Hall-Loyola-Annual football game-Stadium
- 6. Orioles-Operation of parking lot-Stadium
- 7. Women's Civic League-Lease of 9 Front Street
- 8. Greater Northeast Baltimore Association-Fourth of July fireworks-Stadium
- 9. John J. O'Donnell-Golf Pro-Mt. Pleasant-Five year extension
- 10. Baltimore Bays-Soccer games-Stadium
- 11. Sunpapers-WMAR-TV and Coca-Cola-Baltimore Neighborhood Basketball League-1972
- 12. University of Maryland and Bureau of Recreation-Work-study program
- 13. Charcoal Hearth Restaurant-Operation of outdoor cafe-Hopkins Plaza
- 14. Sun and Sand, Inc .-- Concessions-Fort Smallwood
- 15. Department of Public Works-Use of Fort Armistead-Construction of Harbor crossing
- 16. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company—Right of Entry—Hanover Street and Waterview Avenue
- 17. Baltimore Streetcar Museum, Inc.-Lease of property for use as museum

## **PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Property holdings of this Department as of June 30, 1972 totaled 5971.382 acres. During fiscal 1972, 29.699 acres were acquired.

### Acquired

1. 28th Street Park, 1441 E. 28th Street: tax sale lot transferred to this Department by the Comptroller. Neighborhood Association plans to establish a playground and our Department will maintain it. .171 acre

2. Mullan Playground, 4000-4002 Old York Road—The Mullan Foundation donated \$100,000.00 to the City for development of this land into a playground. Property acquired for \$75,000.00. .93 acre

3. Keyes Field, 3401-3411 Taylor Avenue—Acquired for \$181,-500.00 from the Keyes Family. Hamilton Little League will continue using this property which they developed at their own expense. 13.325 acres

4. Lot #10 Park, Lafayette Avenue and Aiken Street—Accepted for maintenance from the Department of Housing and Community Development. .11 acre

5. Lot #13 Park, Lanvale and Holbrook Streets—Accepted for maintenance from the Department of Housing and Community Development. .03 acre

6. Fox Street Park, Fox and 28th Streets—Accepted for maintenance from the Department of Housing and Community Development. .032 acre

7. Mount Winans Park (Lot #21), 2400 block of Paca Street at Harman Avenue—Accepted for maintenance from the Department of Housing and Community Development. 1.13 acres

8. Greenspring Avenue Property, Greenspring Avenue and West Cold Spring Lane—Purchased as an addition to Cylburn Park. 10.23 acres

9. Ralph J. Young Playground, Fayette and Chester Streets—Playground developed in conjunction with School #27 and Recreation Center. 2.033 acres

10. Shot Tower Square—Properties acquired from 722-730 and 806-810 East Baltimore Street and 7-13 North Front Street for inclusion in Historic Park Development. .458 acre

11. 3100 Presstman Street Playground—Acquired by this Department and developed as a park-playground. 1.25 acres

## CHANGES IN THE BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS

Ann F. Scheper was appointed by Mayor William Donald Schaefer, as a member of the Board of Recreation and Parks to fill an unexpired term of six years, expiring December 31, 1978. She replaces Mrs. Robert L. Gill, whose term had expired.

## **ENGINEERING DIVISION**

GERALD W. BUNN, Principal Engineer WILLIAM B. ELKINS, Senior Civil Engineer SAMUEL P. FRAMM, Senior Civil Engineer EDWIN W. HOUSEHOLDER, Administrative Assistant

The Engineering Division serves both the Bureau of Parks and the Bureau of Recreation in many and varied ways. Projects of diversified nature are designed and the construction is carried out through contracts let by this office or the other Bureaus of this Department. It is the responsibility of this office to see that all construction contracts, with the exception of those supervised by the City Bureau of Inspection, are properly carried out. Field surveys of all types are performed, and engineering assistance is rendered in our cooperative projects with other Departments.

- A. The following projects were designed and contracts let and supervised by the Engineering Division:
  - 1. Lighting of Venable Park Lot, Memorial Stadium
  - 2. Construction of concrete footways at various locations
  - 3. Paving or resurfacing playgrounds and game courts at various locations—Phase IV
  - 4. Construction of storage building at Camp Small in Cylburn Park
  - 5. New Lighting system in Patterson Park-Phase I
  - 6. Bituminous Paving at various locations-Phase V
  - 7. Lighting of Wyman Park Drive
  - 8. Lighting of Riverside Park
  - 9. Lighting of Garrett Park
  - 10. Lighting Huntingdon Playground
  - 11. Lighting Mt. Pleasant playfield
  - 12. New roofs on Carroll Park Shop Buildings and Offices
  - 13. Painting of Stadium light towers
- B. Designed by others—Contracts let and supervised by the Engineering Division
  - 1. Presstman Street Playground
  - 2. Craig Avenue Park

- 3. Playgrounds and playfield in Leakin Park
- 4. Helen Mackall Playground
- C. Designed by others-Engineering assistance during design and construction
  - 1. Cahill Recreation Center
  - 2. Zoo Entrance Building
- D. Miscellaneous Engineering Services
  - 1. Approximately 50 field surveys of all types
  - 2. Approximately 20 specifications prepared and informal bids let for lighting, window guards, roofing, new ceilings, wading pool repairs and air-conditioning.

## **PROJECTS AND FACILITIES**

## **Department of Recreation and Parks**

## **COMPLETED PROJECTS AND FACILITIES OPENED**

The following were completed between July 1, 1971 and June 30, 1972 at a total cost of \$2,275,182.15, which includes Architect's fees, contract and 1% art ordinance costs.

1. Resurfacing Various Playground Locations Latrobe Park (Locust Point-Spot repairs & tennis court) St. Leo's Playlot Towanda Playfield (Playground area & swimming pool pad) Sharp St. Playground (around spray pool) McAbee Playground (spot repairs & basketball court) Wagner's Point (Basketball court) Indiana Ave. Playground Chinquapin Basketball Courts (4 courts) Queensberry Playground Joseph Lee Playground Carroll Park Swimming Pool Pad Wilkens Playground South Baltimore Recreation Center Yard St. George School site basketball court Johnston Square Tot Lot Druid Hill Park Tennis Courts Leakin Park Tennis Courts (4 courts) Ocala Playground Jack Paulsen Playground Daisy Field (Basketball court) Hilton Recreation Center (Basketball court) Radecke Playfield Canton Playground City Springs Playground (Basketball court) Riverside Tot Lot, Riverside Park (Around equipment) Florence Cummings Playground (Basketball court) Washburn Play Lot (Basketball court) Curtis Bay Playground (around equipment) Medfield Heights (Basketball court) St. Helena Play Lot Clifton Park (Color seal coat 5 tennis courts)

- 2. Bureau of Recreation Office Expansion-1127 N. Calvert Street
- 3. Lighting of Playgrounds & Installation of Basketball Goals-Model Cities Funds

Hoffman St. Playground School #65/91 St. Leo's Playlot School #228 (Rappolla St.) Cherry Hill at St. Veronica's School #104 (1431 N. Carey St.) School #111 (1024 N. Carrollton St.) School #112 (1330 W. Laurens St.) School #161 (Calhoun & Saratoga St.) School #100 (229 N. Mount St.)

#### Lighting Only

Ambrose Kennedy Playground 1100–10 Forrest St. Playlot 1113–23 N. Central Ave. Playlot Princeton Place Rev. Quille Playground 2121 Brunt St. Playground Latrobe Homes at Ensor St. School #61—John Eager Howard Playground McAbee Playground Crispus Attucks Recreation Center George Murphy Homes Stricker & Ramsay Sts. Playground

- 4. Clifton Park Playground-St. Lo Drive and B & O Bridge
- 5. St. Lo Drive Sidewalks, Clifton Park-St. Lo Drive, Harford Rd. to Sinclair Lane
- 6. Security Lighting

Venable Park Stricker & Ramsay St. Playground Eutaw Place around Key Fountain McKim Playground Janney-Kresson Playground Reptile House Area—Zoo Garrett Park Wyman Park Huntingdon Ave. & 30th St. Playground Irvin Luckman Playground Linwood and O'Donnell Playground Morrell Park

7. Modernization of Existing Facilities—Bureau of Parks Wooden bridge renovated—Mt. Pleasant Latrobe Playground equipment Christmas lights—Hopkins Plaza to Center Plaza Amity St. Playground equipment Janney-Kresson Playground Shelter Replaced circulator pump—Clifton Pool Echodale Playground lights

8. Modernization of Existing Facilities—Bureau of Recreation Roosevelt Park—Wading pool repaired Recreation Headquarters Toilet Painting Lions Club Rewire Patterson Park Casino Schenley Road Paint and Downspots Installation 1010 Light St.—light fixtures installation Various places—window guards—first section. Central headquarters and ten other centers Various places—second section—window guards Wilkens Playground Wading pool resurfaced

- 9. Replacement of Decorative Figures and Installation of New Exhibits-Children's Zoo
- 10. Coldstream Park Recreation Center-Fillmore St. off of Kirk Ave.
- 11. Eutaw Place Squares Renovation-Dolphin St. to McMechen St.
- 12. Stadium—Miscellaneous Improvements Installation of acoustical tile ceiling in baseball press box Raise length of fence Replaced hot water boiler Cleaning & Waterproofing of Memorial facade Waterproofing and resurfacing deck to first base commissary Installation of 16 steel roll-up doors for improved security Lower promenade deck lighting
- 13. Highlandtown Playground School #229-6225 Cardiff Avenue
- 14. Margaret Brent School Playground Renovation-St. Paul & 26th Streets
- 15. Renovation of Concrete Footways Clifton Park—Belair Road side Patterson Park (perimeter) Johnston Square (perimeter) McAbee Playground Areas of the Stadium
- 16. Helen Mackall Playground Renovation—Edmondson & Braddish Avenues
- Wyman Park Improvements Replanting Dell Slope Street trees—Charles Village Bricking tree openings—Charles Village Linden trees planting on Charles St.
- 18. Violetville Recreation Center-Pine Heights Ave. & Clarenell Rd.
- 19. Log Disposal Project—Druid Hill Park—One more log grinder and two loaders purchased and installed for tree removal disposal.
- 20. Winchester Playground Renovation—rear of 1100 Dukeland St. at Riggs Ave.

- 21. Linwood and O'Donnell Playground Renovation
- 22. Comfort Facilities and Ticket Building at Zoo Entrance
- 23. Herring Run and Mt. Pleasant—Playground and Playfield—Flood Damage Renovation
- 24. Repair and Improvement of McAbee Playground—Laurens and Gilmor Streets
- 25. Log Grinder Building at Camp Small
- 26. Replacement of Patterson Pool Locker Rooms—Patterson Park (fire damage)
- 27. Leith Walk Recreation Center-Leith Walk and Sherwood Avenue
- 28. Ralph J. Young Recreation Center and Playground—Fayette and Chester Streets

## WORK UNDER CONTRACT DURING FISCAL YEAR 1972 AS OF JUNE 30, 1972

Projects under contract totaled \$4,250,493.00.

- 1. Carroll Park Recreation Center-Washington Blvd. & Bayard St.
- 2. Robert C. Marshall Recreation Center and Playground—Pennsylvania Ave. & Dolphin St. in conjunction with School #125
- 3. Samuel Taylor School #122 Playground—507-77 W. Preston Street
- 4. Stadium Miscellaneous Improvements—emergency battery powered system
- 5. 5100 Craig Avenue Playground
- 6. Lighting and Resurfacing Carroll Park—pave six existing clay tennis courts
- 7. Fred B. Leidig Recreation Center-301 Beechfield Ave.
- 8. Joseph Lee Playfield Extension—Highlandtown Playfield—Pratt and Drew Sts.
- 9. Playground North and Broadway in conjunction with Harford Heights Elementary School #36
- 10. Cahill Recreation Center-4001 Clifton Avenue
- 11. Presstman Street Park-3100 Presstman Street
- 12. Security Lighting Patterson Park—Phase I Riverside Park
- 13. Playgrounds Construction—Leakin Park

- 14. Council Grove Shelter Renovation-Druid Hill Park
- 15. Cumberland Playground Renovation-Cumberland & Carey Sts.
- 16. Waverly Playground Construction-Eastern High School grounds
- 17. Webster M. Kendrick Recreation Center-Callaway and Fernhill Aves.
- 18. Federal Hill Renovation
- 19. Lighting and Resurfacing Existing Playgrounds

Resurfacing Chestnut Hill Playground Queensberry Playground Two basketball courts at Herring Run Area Rear of 1125-27 N. Calvert Street Druid Hill Park tennis courts Paving cart paths at Mt. Pleasant and Clifton Golf Course Camp Small building pad

## Lighting Mt. Winans Elementary School

- 20. Historic Park Development Phase I of the project is area around Shot Tower.
- 21. Fencing Around Six Inground Swimming Pools
- 22. City Springs Playfield-Pratt and Spring Streets
- 23. Land Acquisition-Model Cities Area E-Laurens and Stricker Sts.
- 24. Patterson Park Shop Building
- 25. Gwynns Falls Park Shop Building
- 26. Upper Herring Run Storage Building
- 27. Bay Brook Storage Building

## STATEMENT OF LOAN FUNDS

The Department of Recreation and Parks is on the ballot in the November, 1972 election for a bond issue approval of \$7,500,000 to be appropriated during fiscal years 1974 and 1975.

## BOND ISSUES TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT IN NOV., 1972

for Fiscal Year 1974—\$4,060,000 for Fiscal Year 1975— 3,440,000 Total on Nov., 1972 Ballot—\$7,500,000

## Projects for Fiscal Year 1974

Project	Bureau	Cost				
Model Cities Area G Recreation Facilities Site not specified as of $6/30/72$ , but pos- sibly Schroeder St. Between Lexington & Saratoga Sts.	Rec.	\$ <sup>.</sup> 800,000				
Inner Harbor West Recreation Facilities Bounded by Charles, Sharp, Conway & Barre Sts.	Rec.	400,000				
New Town Recreation Center #1 Site not specified as of 6/30/72	Rec.	370,000				
Model Cities Area F Recreation Center Pennsylvania Ave. & Robert St.	Rec.	370,000				
Model Cities Area E Recreation Center Laurens & Stricker Sts.	Rec.	370,000				
Model Cities Council B Recreation Center Site not specified as of 6/30/72	Rec.	370,000				
East Highlandtown Recreation Center Rappolla St. at Foster Ave.	Rec.	190,000				
Armistead Gardens Recreation Center Erdman Ave. at Eager St.	Rec.	190,000				
Swimming Pools Throughout City Sites to be selected	Rec.	1,000,000				
	TOTAL	\$4,060,000				
Projects for Fiscal Year 1975						
Project	Bureau	Cost				
East Baltimore Playfield Site not specified as of 6/30/72	Rec.	\$ 800,000				
P.S. #24 Recreation Center	Rec.	380,000				

Fulton Ave. at Francis St.

Northwest Baltimore Playfield P.S. #69 Site not specified, but possibly Granada Ave. at Boarman Ave.	Rec.	500,000
P.S. #13 Recreation Center Patterson Park Ave. at McElderry St.	Rec.	380,000
P.S. #64 Recreation Center Maine Ave. at Garrison Ave.	Rec.	380,000
Swimming Pools Throughout City Sites to be selected	Rec.	1,000,000
	TOTAL	\$3,440,000

## FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

This Department is taking advantage of all available Federal and State open space land acquisition and facility development assistance. At present there are two Federal programs assisting in this type of activity, "Legacy of Parks" program under the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the "Land and Water Conservation Fund" program administered by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

The State of Maryland also has an "Open Space" program administered by the State Department of Forests and Parks.

Following are the amounts of grants pending under these three programs and the total amount collected to date:

1. Federal and State Grants filed—\$2,386,692

2. Grants paid to date (from 1967 through Fiscal Year 1972)— \$2,251,320.61

## BUREAU OF PARKS ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Mr. Charles A. Young, Jr. Superintendent of Parks

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Mr. Lester L. Straw Assistant Supt. of Parks

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Mr. George L. Nickel Supt. of Park Maintenance Construction Division

Mr. Robert L. Aro District Superintendent Druid Hill Division

Mr. Calvin P. Buikema City Forester Forestry Division Mr. Alvin E. Allen District Superintendent Gwynns Falls Division

Mr. Gerard J. Moudry Park Horticulturist Horticulture Division

Mr. Francis T. Butler District Superintendent Patterson Division

Mr. William H. Trageser Stadium Manager Stadium Division

Mr. Arthur R. Watson Zoo Director Zoo Division

The personnel of the Bureau of Parks' five park districts, Carroll, Clifton, Druid Hill, Gwynns Falls and Patterson, were responsible for the performance of routine maintenance on 5,971.382 acres of park land and appurtenances located in Baltimore City and Baltimore and Anne Arundel Counties. This maintenance included grass cuttings, weeding of flower beds and tree pits, raking leaves, trash removal, preparation of athletic facilities and the cleaning and repair of playground equipment, buildings and monuments. In addition, they operated and maintained five municipal golf courses, six municipal swimming pools and bathing beaches at Fort Smallwood Park.

The work forces in the park districts were augmented by skilled personnel in several of the special divisions of our bureau in the areas of building construction and maintenance including painting, plumbing, carpentry and electrical work; the planting and care of trees; and the propagation, planting and care of flowers and shrubs. Personnel in the Stadium and Zoo divisions were responsible for the operation and maintenance of those facilities.

During the past fiscal year, the Bureau of Parks received the assistance of additional manpower through participation in the Neighborhood Youth Corps, Apprenticeship Training and Public Employment Program. For the fifth consecutive year our bureau assigned teenage, Neighborhood Youth Corps enrollees to perform maintenance work during the summer months.

The Bureau of Parks, in conjunction with several other agencies of the City of Baltimore, entered into an agreement with the United States Department of Labor and Local 44, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees for the establishment of an Apprenticeship Training Program to provide training in construction crafts to present City employees and eligible applicants seeking career opportunities with the City.

The Public Employment Program was initiated on August 30, 1971, through funds granted by the United States Department of Labor as a result of the Emergency Employment Act of 1971. Their objective is to provide transitional jobs for veterans, the unemployed and the underemployed which will eventually lead to permanent, non-subsidized employment.

The Bureau of Parks, with the use of General Fund Appropriations, entered into contracts with private companies for the application of liquid fertilizer, growth retardant solutions and chemicals to control the spread of broadleaf weeds on park land and to provide manpower, on an as-needed basis, for the cleaning of Memorial Stadium after events.

Individually, the park districts and divisions accomplished numerous major maintenance and general development projects.

Requests for permits to conduct activities on park property continued to increase; particularly during the summer months. The expansive park areas provide a perfect setting for community art shows, festivals and religious services. Many requests were received from other bureaus and departments of the city government as well as from private organizations for permission to conduct activities in the plazas that comprise the Charles Center Complex. Following is a listing, by division, of the projects accomplished and events which took place during the past fiscal year.

#### I. CARROLL DIVISION

#### THOMAS C. CHASE, JR. District Superintendent

- A. Major Maintenance and Development Projects
  - 1. Constructed second practice putting green of 3,600 square feet for Carroll Golf Course.

- 2. Painted play equipment and restrooms in five district playgrounds.
- 3. Installed additional play equipment at the following locations:
  - a. Latrobe Park-five units.
  - b. Fort Smallwood-ten units.
  - c. Cherry Hill-five units.
- 4. Baseball player benches fabricated and installed on twelve diamonds.
- 5. Enlarged and sodded four golf course tees.
- 6. Modern basketball hoops and supports installed at Garrett and Riverside Parks. One pair at each location.
- 7. Converted 2,400 square feet of sand box area to turf for use by patrons of Riverside Pool.
- **B.** Special Events
  - 1. City-wide Memorial Day 1972 Slo-Pitch Openfield Softball Tourney played on Carroll District Diamond.
  - 2. Municipal Games Swim Meet conducted at Riverside Pool on July 17, 1971.
  - 3. Camp Variety again used Fort Smallwood Park for its summer day camp. Approximately 350 handicapped children and 100 counselors were involved from late June until the 3rd week of August, 1971.
  - 4. The Children's Theater Group continued to use Carroll Park for several outdoor performances.
  - 5. Golf Tournaments were held on the Carroll Park Course during the season.
  - 6. Catholic Youth Track and Field Games were held on Carroll Park Athletic Fields in May, 1972. Participants numbered about 1,800 persons.
  - 7. Rock Concerts in Carroll Park and Federal Hill sponsored by area community groups.
  - 8. Croquet matches conducted by the Baltimore Heritage, Inc., on lawns of Mt. Clare Mansion, July 25, 1971 and June 18, 1972.
  - 9. Annual South Baltimore Spring Festival held on May 14, 1972, at Federal Hill; several thousand persons were in attendance.
  - 10. "Learn to Swim" classes conducted at Riverside and Cherry Hill Pools.
  - 11. Evening church services held at Federal Hill and Riverside Park during the months of June, July and August by area churches.
  - 12. First Maryland Regiment Performance at Latrobe Park, sponsored by the Locust Point Civic Association on June 18, 1972.

## **II. CLIFTON DIVISION**

## FRANCIS R. JONES District Superintendent

- A. Major Maintenance and Development Projects
  - 1. Repairs to #10 and #3 fairway water and drainage system (approximately 1000') Mt. Pleasant Golf Course.
  - 2. Repairs and cleaning of Herring Run Park, Mt. Pleasant Playground to Sinclair Lane following flooding of August, 1971.
  - 3. Repairs to Hall Springs bridge by Bridge Division, September, 1971.
    - a. Molded and installed rails and posts.
    - b. Jacked bridge and repaired abutments.
  - 4. Repairs to Baltimore & Ohio Railroad fence.
  - 5. Repairs to bridle trail at Graham Park. Debris and stone removed, back dragged for better footing.
  - 6. 75' diamond outfield, Chinquapin Park.
  - 7. Bridge abutments repaired by our Construction Division at Mt. Pleasant Golf Course; this repair work was made necessary by the August, 1971 storms.
  - 8. Meter installed at Parkside Drive and Harford Road so as to supply water for flower beds at that location.
  - 9. Renovation of #4 diamond, Herring Run. New backstop installed, fill hauled in so diamond would be playable for scheduled league games.
  - 10. Renovation of baseball diamonds, and outfields, Eastwood Drive due to storm. Sand and debris removed, diamonds regraded and put in play.
  - 11. Hall Springs area, Herring Run—Sand and debris removed, field regraded, 2 softball backstops installed. Made playable without grass. Playground equipment removed from flood plane and installed on high ground just north of service road.
  - 12. Line of sight ladders installed at #4 and #15 tees, Mt. Pleasant Golf Course.
  - 13. Running track, Clifton Park, weeded, graded and rolled in order to get in condition for coming season.
  - 14. Rid spread on all golf greens for control of crab grass at both Mt. Pleasant and Clifton Golf Course.
  - 15. Attempted to install playground equipment from flood plane to high ground at Herring Run Drive and Mt. Pleasant playground and had so many complaints from residents in that area we stopped installation.

- 16. Three little league diamonds installed in enclosure across from Clifton Swimming Pool Building. These diamonds replaced three softball diamonds but can still be used for both.
- 17. All ball fields were regraded, edged, filled where needed and all home plates, pitchers toes and base anchors repaired.
- 18. New drain installed at Gallagher's fountain by our Construction Division.
- 19. Drain installed in back of home plate North Harford regulation diamond to correct seeping water condition.
- 20. Tees and borders sodded on both Clifton and Mt. Pleasant Golf Courses.
- 21. We were fortunate to receive approximately 150 yards of topsoil from a location on Security Boulevard and to receive approximately 200 yards of mica fill dirt for ball diamonds from a contractor on Ruxton Road. We hauled, but the material was gratis.
- 22. Rain gear was acquired to be issued to the men as needed in inclement weather.
- 23. Renovated softball diamond North Harford playfield. Regraded, installed rubber home plate and pitchers toe and new base anchors.
- 24. Repaired water line to fountain, North Harford. This line broken by contractor while building school.
- 25. Repaired broken water line running from St. Lo Drive to Poly field.
- 26. Additional playground equipment installed in Chestnut Hill Playground, consisting of 2 Buck-a-Bouts, 1 large swing set and 1 slide. Also all other equipment was checked and repaired where necessary, then painted. Signs were also installed—"No Ball Playing" and "Playground Closes at Dusk".
- 27. Band Shell toilets repaired. (Damaged by vandalism.) Also broken water line repaired.
- 28. Springlake Way lakes cleaned of debris and repairs made to walls by back filling behind them. Also, screens were placed over drains to keep debris from clogging same.
- 29. Clifton clay tennis courts edged, graded, dressed and treated with calcium chloride.
- 30. Various median strips along with Springlake Way and Columbus triangle were treated with selective weed killer.
- 31. Complete renovation of 6 baseball fields destroyed by flooding of Herring Run during August, 1971. This operation involved removing debris and silt, filling areas eroded by the stream, replacing topsoil, regrading, placing sod to 30 feet beyond the in-

fields and seeding outfield and sideline areas. Backstops and players benches were installed at all locations except one. The sites were Coxen's Meadow, Sinclair, Kacher, Smith, Mt. Pleasant Playground.

- 32. At #4 diamond and Hall Springs, Herring Run Park, the baseball fields were repaired and a backstop installed following the flooding of August, 1971.
- B. Special Events
  - 1. The North Baltimore YMCA Camp—Graham Park (4 weeks duration).
  - 2. Dept. of Recreation Swim Classes, Clifton Pool—approximately 702 persons attending.
  - 3. Several band concerts held in various areas of Clifton Division.
  - 4. Hole-In-One Tournament, Mt. Pleasant Golf Course—July 22 to July 27.
  - 5. City driving school meets every Friday at the Mansion House, Clifton Park.
  - 6. Columbus Day parade was held at Herring Run Park, October 10, 1971.
  - 7. Girl Scout Troop #290 held a picnic and hike at Herring Run Park for approximately 75 people.
  - 8. Meetings held by Mt. Pleasant Golf Club, Inc. in Mt. Pleasant Clubhouse.
  - 9. Chinquapin Park Improvement Association had an Art Show and Flea Market, Chinquapin Parkway on July 17 and 18, 1971.
  - 10. Wedding held in Herring Run Park—Harford Road and Walther Avenue on July 31, 1971.
  - 11. Third World Music and Associates held concerts at Clifton Band Shell, August 15, 22, 29 and September 5, 12, 19, 1971.
  - 12. Boy Scouts of America, Shot Tower District, sponsored a clean-up of Clifton Park, September 11 and 18, 1971.
  - 13. Meeting held by Baltimore Golf Assn. in Clifton Park, March, 1972.
  - 14. Boy Scout Troop #172 had weekend at Graham Park, March 25, 26 and 27, 1972.
  - 15. Beverly Hills Assn. had an Easter Egg Hunt at Columbus Monument, April 1, 1972.
  - 16. Girl Scout Troop #338 had cook out and hike at Hall Springs, May 6, 1972, for approximately 55 girls.
  - 17. Girl Scout Troop #1573 had an outing May 7, 1972, for approximately 50 people at Graham Park.

- 18. Junior Municipal Track and Field Meet at Clifton track on May 16, 1972.
- 19. Christus Victor Evangelical Lutheran Church group held a picnic at Graham Park in May, 1972, for approximately 30 people.
- 20. Girl Scout Troop #620 held an outing at Hall Springs on June 21, 1972, for approximately 100 people.
- 21. Brownie Troop #1220 held an outing at Graham Park on June 16, 1972, for approximately 30 girls.
- 22. Five week-long tennis tournaments played in Clifton Park, including the Evening Sun, Maryland State Juniors and the JAC's.

## **III. DRUID HILL DIVISION**

#### **ROBERT L. ARO** District Superintendent

- A. Major Maintenance and Development Projects
  - 1. Two new baseball backstops were erected at Diamonds #1 and #2 in Druid Hill Park.
  - 2. A new roof was put on play shelter at Queensberry Playground.
  - 3. A 100 yard cinder running track was installed at Towanda Park.
  - 4. A cement block practice backboard was erected on #17 hard surfaced tennis courts in Druid Hill Park.
  - 5. New playground equipment was installed at Druid Hill Park, Ocala, Rev. Quille, Queensberry, Luckman, Roosevelt and 34th Street Playgrounds.
  - 6. New Caddy Cart storage building was built at Pine Ridge.
  - 7. The Francis Scott Key fountain was reactivated at newly renovated Eutaw Place Squares.
- B. Special Events
  - 1. Golf Tournaments were held at Pine Ridge Golf Course, including: Lady Carling, Monumental Club, C.M.E.A. and Pine Ridge Golf Association.
  - 2. Rock Concerts were held in Wyman Dell.
  - 3. Sunrise Service was held at Roosevelt Park.
  - 4. Family bike riding in Druid Hill Park was started this year and takes place every Sunday from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon.



The new Druid Hill Swimming Pool building has the capacity to accommodate 1400 persons.



A view of the newly renovated Eutaw Place Squares.

- 5. Outdoor Art Festival.
- 6. Folk Singing Concert was held in Wyman Dell.
- 7. Art show was held at Stoney Run Park.
- 8. Baltimore Symphony held a concert in Wyman Park.
- 9. Red Cross and Community College of Baltimore conducted swimming classes at Druid Hill and Roosevelt Swimming Pools.
- 10. Two Open Tennis Tournaments were held in Druid Hill Park.

## **IV. GWYNNS FALLS DIVISION**

#### ALVIN E. ALLEN District Superintendent

- A. Major Maintenance and Development Projects
  - 1. Various improvements were made to the Forest Park Golf Course, such as:
    - a. Stripping and resodding twenty tees.
    - b. Installation of black top cart paths, at #1 tee and between #9 green and #10 tee.
    - c. Installation of cart path extending from existing cart path off #18 green to clubhouse approximately 270 feet.
    - d. New scoreboard erected near clubhouse.
    - e. Shrubbery was planted by driveway and scoreboard.
  - 2. At St. Charles Playground a swale walk was installed by Construction Division, slopes on two sides of same playground were regraded and seeded.
  - 3. Renovation of lawn area at Hilton Recreation Center and pipe and chain installation.
  - 4. Playgrounds painted multiple bright colors—Bergner, Pen Lucy, Hanlon Upper and Lower, Franklin and Pen Hurst.
  - 5. Flower Garden was installed at Leakin Park.
  - 6. New equipment was installed at Bergner Playground and at Lemon Street Playground.
  - 7. Demolition of Pinkerton Estate House done by contractor.

- **B.** Special Events
  - 1. Tournaments were held at the Forest Park Golf Course including the City Wide Championship.
  - 2. The following events were held at Leakin Park:
    - a. The Augsburg Lutheran Church held a Day Camp in Leakin Park east of the driveway from 9 a.m. to 2 p. m.
    - b. Shock Trauma Center at the University of Maryland Hospital held their picnic at Lower Leakin Park.
    - c. Franklintown Community Association held their picnic at Upper Leakin Park.
    - d. Volunteers opposing Leakin Park Expressway held a press conference in Leakin Park.
    - e. Greater Baltimore Group of the Sierra Club held a meeting at the Leakin Park Mansion House.
    - f. Women's Civic League luncheon held at Mansion House Hall after tour of parks.
    - g. City Little League Championship games were played at Sloman enclosed field.
    - h. League of Maryland Horsemen held their meetings at Leakin Park Mansion House Hall.
    - i. Franklintown Community Association Antique and Craft Show was held at Leakin Park.
    - j. Annual Easter Day Hunt at Leakin Park sponsored by Knights of Columbus.
  - 3. The following events were held at Franklin Square.
    - a. The Morning Star Baptist Church held religious services.
    - b. Model Cities Teens Centers Project held for the purpose of discussing the importance of education with the people of that area.
  - 4. The following events were held at Lafayette Square.
    - a. In-service graduation ceremonies for Operation Champ.
    - b. Annual Open House for Operation Champ.
    - c. Art Show by Lafayette Square Community Center Inc.
    - d. Community Service Worship held by St. James Episcopal Church.
    - e. Christmas Carol singing by neighborhood choir.
  - 5. The following events were held at Union Square.
    - a. Dedication of renovated pond and new fountain.
    - b. U.S.A. Day Festival held by the Union Square Association.
  - 6. Christmas trees were erected at various locations.
  - 7. The Rolling Road Art League conducted semi-weekly meetings at Bergner Mansion House.

- 8. Bureau of Recreation Day Camp was held at Hanlon Park.
- 9. Portable Pools were erected at various locations in Gwynns Falls Division.
- 10. Two (2) plays for the benefit of Sickle Cell Anemia children from schools #89 and #91 were participating. The affair was held at Seminole Playfield.

### **V. PATTERSON DIVISION**

### FRANCIS T. BUTLER District Superintendent

- A. Major Maintenance and Development Projects
  - 1. Renovation of Canton Playground included work by Division forces on new playground equipment such as a Buck-a-Bout with 2 ponies and 2 donkeys; an October Muscle Man; a Space Platform with ladder slide and climbing pole; six aluminum chair seats and aluminum picnic tables and benches were bought for and installed in this playground. Also the old playground equipment was painted and repaired.
  - 2. The heating leads to the Jacob Franz Fountain in the Hopkins Plaza were repaired under contract by a local electrical contractor.
  - 3. Benches in the Patterson District were repaired and painted. This involved 350 bench strips and over 100 gallons of Bench Green paint.
  - 4. Replaced fence fabric on backstops throughout the District.
  - 5. The chain link fence at the Canton Market Playground was replaced with new chain link fence fabric, top rail and hardware.
  - 6. To replace broken fence at Ortmann Field, 300 feet of chain link fence was installed by our forces.
- B. Special Events
  - 1. On September 12, 1971, the annual "I Am An American Day" parade was held in and around Patterson Park.
  - Several special meetings were held by the Friends Joint Peace Committee of Stony Run and Homewood Meetings of Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in the North Section of Mt. Vernon Square during the fiscal year.
  - 3. A performance by the Jazzmobile of New York was given at Madison Square on September 21, 1971. This performance was sponsored by the National Brewing Company.

- 4. The annual Pulaski Day celebration was held in Patterson Park on October 17, 1971.
- 5. Law enforcement equipment was on display in the War Memorial Plaza on December 4, 1971. This display was jointly sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America, the Police Department and State and County Police Departments. This was held in conjunction with Law Enforcement Day program of the Boy Scouts of America, Baltimore Area Council.
- 6. The Clowns of America staged a show in the Hopkins Plaza on July 20, 1971.
- 7. The Committee for Downtown, in cooperation with the Maryland National Bank and the Greater Baltimore Arts Council, used the Hopkins Plaza throughout the month of August, 1971, to hold a series of lunch hour music concerts.
- 8. The United Fund of Maryland, Inc. used the Hopkins Plaza on September 30, 1971, to kick off the annual United Fund Campaign for 1971.
- 9. The Equitable Trust Company presented a Vagabonds production of "You Can't Take It With You" in the Hopkins Plaza from September 15 through September 19, 1971.
- 10. The 2nd annual City Fair was held throughout the Charles Center Complex on September 24-25-26, 1971.
- 11. An Ash Wednesday Prayer Service for Peace was held in the Hopkins Plaza on February 16, 1972, and was sponsored by the Ecumenical Group of Clergy and Laymen in the Baltimore area.
- 12. The Women's Civic League operated a Flower Cart in the Center Plaza on Thursdays and Fridays during the months of April, May and June, 1972.
- 13. In a brief ceremony Mayor Schaefer presented a formal proclamation to Mr. Howard R. Owen, President of the Board of Fire Commissioners, on May 11, 1972 in the Center Plaza, declaring "Spring Clean-up Week."
- 14. A Kick-Off Program for Recreation Week in Baltimore was held in the Hopkins Plaza on Monday, May 15, 1972.
- 15. The 1st annual Preakness Week celebration was held in the Charles Center Complex during the week May 14 through May 20, 1972.
- 16. The Greater Baltimore Arts Festival was held in the Charles Center Complex on May 19-20-21, 1972.
- 17. The Hopkins Plaza was used on May 17, 1972, for the Senior Citizens Hobby Show.



Mayor William Donald Schaefer, with the help of Miss Clean-Up and Miss Fire Prevention, presents a formal proclamation declaring "Spring Clean-Up Week" to Mr. Howard R. Owen, President of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Photo courtesy of William F. Buchman, Baltimore City Fire Department

# **VI. CONSTRUCTION DIVISION**

#### GEORGE L. NICKEL Superintendent

#### A. Work performed in the Carroll Division

- 1. Painted the interior and exterior of Carroll Park Fieldhouse.
- 2. Annual painting and renovation of Fort Smallwood Park in preparation for 1972 season.
- 3. Constructed a new corrugated metal roof, 44 feet by 36 feet on #1 Beach Shelter, Fort Smallwood.
- 4. Installed 3,000 square feet of new sheathing and roofing materials on symmetrical rustic designed public shelter, Fort Smallwood.

- 5. Repaired 22 picnic tables and all beach cabanas at Fort Smallwood.
- 6. Installed new fluorescent light fixtures in offices at shop building.
- 7. Three 30 foot steel poles equipped with 250 watt Mercury Vapor lights installed at Ramsay and Stricker Streets Playground.
- 8. Georgetown Playground lighting was upgraded, due to vandalism, by removing eighteen 10 foot light poles and installing 20 foot tall light poles, equipped with Mercury Vapor lights.
- B. Work performed in the Clifton Division
  - 1. Painted the interior of Clifton Park Mansion.
  - 2. Painted the exterior of two employee's residences.
  - 3. Painted the exterior of Swimming Pool Locker Room Buildings.
  - 4. Repaired Mt. Pleasant Caddy Cart Building due to vandalism.
  - 5. Repaired Mt. Pleasant Clubhouse flashing and roof and erected a new entrance sign.
  - 6. Constructed a partition wall, swimming pool building.
  - 7. Rewired swimming pool engine room. including installation of electrical heaters and fans to aid in reducing humidity and corrosion of swimming pool equipment.
- C. Work performed in the Druid Hill Division
  - 1. Painted the interior and exterior of #8, #9 and #10 shelters.
  - 2. Painted the exterior of Loch Raven Skeet Range Clubhouse.
  - 3. Major repairs were made to Latrobe Shelter due to fire damage.
  - 4. Constructed counter tops with wire partition and five new dressing booths at new Druid Hill Swimming Pool Building.
  - 5. Major electrical projects included installation of 2,100 feet of 2400 volt cable at Pine Ridge Golf Course. This project involved setting up single phase transformer at shop area, and three phase transformer in the new Caddy Cart Building, which was completely wired to charge 54 caddy cart battery units. Sixteen underground electrical feeder cables were repaired at nine locations, requiring the use of 350 feet of underground cable.
- D. Work performed for the Forestry Division
  - 1. General repairs to overhead doors in shop building.
  - 2. Construction of tool boxes for two trucks and cab for one truck.
  - 3. Constructed cabinets and book shelves for office use.
- E. Work performed in the Gwynns Falls Division
  - 1. Painted interior and exterior of Crimea Mansion.

- 2. Painted interior and exterior of Maiden Choice Fieldhouse.
- 3. Removed three story rear porch and rebuilt same on the Crimea Mansion House.
- 4. Installed new roof on fifty percent of Hillsdale Shop Building.
- 5. Repaired front and back porches of employee's residence.
- 6. Repaired 120 lineal feet of underground cable.
- 7. Replaced two transformers and rewired part of Hutton Mansion and renovated employee's living quarters.
- F. Work performed in the Horticulture Division
  - 1. Extended lath house 75 feet long and 12 feet wide at Druid Hill Greenhouse.
  - 2. Constructed new entrance to Greenhouse by removing wall section and installing door and steps, Druid Hill Potting Shed.
  - 3. Installed four security flood lights which included 350 lineal feet of conduit and 800 feet of copper wire at Cylburn Greenhouse.
- G. Work performed in the Patterson Division
  - 1. Painted the interior and exterior of Ice Rink building.
  - 2. Painted the interior and exterior of Canton Playground Shelter.
  - 3. Painted three escalator roofs.
  - 4. Painted various utility pipes in Charles Center Complex.
  - 5. New roof installed on Quoit Shed.
  - 6. New roof installed on Canton Market Playground.
  - 7. Constructed 40 foot counter tops in Swimming Pool Locker Room and constructed 40 lineal feet of benches.
  - 8. Installed four 30 foot steel poles, equipped with 250 watt Mercury Vapor lights at Kresson and Janney Streets Playground.
- H. Work performed at the Stadium
  - 1. Annual renovation for opening of 1972 baseball season including painting of 5,000 chair back seats.
  - 2. Annual carpentry repairs for opening of 1972 baseball season.
- I. Work Performed at the Baltimore Zoo
  - 1. Annual Renovation of Children's Zoo for 1972 season.
  - 2. General carpentry work required in Children's Zoo for 1972 season.
  - 3. Replacement of lighting systems in Bird Exhibit and Reptile House.
  - 4. Upgrading of security lighting by removing three 9 foot tall

incandescent lights and replacing them with three 23 foot tall steel poles equipped with 250 W. Mercury Vapor lights.

5. Three large reinforced steel elephant crates fabricated by welding forces were used to ship three adult elephants to Florida.

Combined Construction Division forces were used in annual erection and dismantling of Stadium Ice Rink, changeover from baseball to football, Lady Carling Golf Tournament, Hole-In-One Golf Contest in addition to numerous projects instituted by the park districts.

#### VII. FORESTRY DIVISION

#### CALVIN P. BUIKEMA City Forester

Our log disposal operation continued at a steady pace throughout the year and plans are being completed to move to Camp Small where a new building has been erected. This move will consolidate both leaf and log disposal in a central location.

Tree pruning continued to decline with the loss of personnel. At the close of the fiscal year there were four trimmers on the staff and one of these will leave in early July. Planting efforts have been concentrated on replacing dead saplings and filling existing tree spaces. The excess amount of rain to date has been helping the newly planted trees to survive.

A. Major Maintenance and Development Projects

- 1. In the Charles Village area planted a total of 111 trees including European Mountain Ash, Summershade Norway Maple, Greenspire Linden, Ruby Red Horsechestnut, Pyramidal European Hornbeam, Olmsted Norway Maple, Pyramidal English Oak, Regent Scholar, and Chinese Scholar. We also bricked in a total of 104 tree pits.
- 2. In Mt. Vernon Squares, fertilized a total of 24 Elms in all squares.
- 3. In Clifton Park along St. Lo Drive and Indian Drive, pruned a total of 84 Elms and fertilized a total of 119 Elms and Lindens.
- 4. In the Downtown area, watered flower baskets, two erected on each light pole.
- 5. Removed downed trees, hanging and downed limbs caused by Storm Agnes.

	FY 1971	FY 1972
Trees Removed		1
Parks	509	423
Highways	3,465	1,135
Highways Contract	660	795
Other Agencies	1	
Total	4,635	2,353
Trees Planted	1.014	0.40
Parks	1,216	848
Highways	3,802 (261)	3,058
Other Agencies	4,757	3,906
Total	4,737	5,900
Trees Pruned	640	716
Parks	642 3,923	3,309
Highways		4,025
Total	4,303	4,025
Downed Trees Removed	85	99
Parks	100	262
Highways		361
Total	213	501
Stumps Removed	460	297
Parks		1,729
Highways		2,026
Total	1,011	2,020
Trees Sprayed	673	1 477
Parks		1,477 13,540
Highways		15,017
Total	12,321	15,017
Trees Cultivated	145	60
Parks		6,080
Highways		6,140
Total	0,140	0,140

# **VIII. HORTICULTURE DIVISION**

#### GERARD J. MOUDRY Horticulturist

# A. Indoor Gardening

1. Druid Hill Conservatory Complex was open every day of the year and featured a permanent collection of tropical plants and featured seasonal displays; November—Chrysanthemums, December—Poinsettias, March and April—Spring Display.

- 2. Cylburn Park Greenhouses were responsible for the production of cutflowers and potted plants for displays, bedding plants for flower beds, trees and shrubs for use in Cylburn Park collections and in the Park System in general.
- B. Outdoor Gardening
  - 1. Flower beds in the Park System were planted with annuals and tulips at the following divisions:

Clifton	3
Carroll	2
Druid Hill	16
Horticulture	20
Patterson	17
Gwynns Falls	15
Stadium	2

- 2. Shrubbery plantings at more than 75 locations were maintained on a regular basis, i.e., replacing plants, weeding, fertilizing and mulching. Major projects accomplished in this area:
  - a. Renovation of Stadium Facade by removal and replacement of all plants.
  - b. Mt. Vernon Squares—replacement of 125 Japanese Holly and 37 Yews.
  - c. Park Avenue, 1600-1700 blocks, replacement of 2850 Ivy plants.
  - d. War Memorial Plaza-replacing 2160 Ivy plants.
  - e. Battle Monument-replaced 20 Japanese Holly.
  - f. Hopkins Plaza—replaced 2450 Ivy plants, planted 40 Ilex crenata.
  - g. Springlake Way-planting 40 shrubs and trees.
  - h. Clifton Park Old greenhouse site and rose garden—complete renovation of boxwood planting.
  - i. Charles Street (Wyman Park)—planting 2000 Bush Honeysuckle and shrub dogwood as a special project of an anonymous donor.
  - j. Charles and 29th and Howard and 29th plots—complete renovation and planting 250 plants.
  - k. 30 other areas where plants were replaced and major maintenance work was accomplished.

#### C. Special Events

- 1. Druid Hill Conservatory
  - a. Chrysanthemum display, November,
  - b. Christmas display, December,
  - c. Spring display, March and April,

d. Others (School & casual)

5,100 visitors. 4,800 visitors. 11,000 visitors. 25,000 visitors. 45,900 2. Cylburn Park

a. Fourth annual Market Day sponsored by the Cylburn Organization in coop- eration with the Bureau of Parks, with profits going toward the benefit of pro- grams at Cylburn Park	16,000 attendance
<ul> <li>b. Attendance at all programs: Tours for school children Garden clubs or related groups Casual visitors to the area for other than organized programs</li> </ul>	19,326 8,477 50,000 Estimated 93,803 Total

- D. Recycling Composted Leaves and Processed Sewage Sludge
  - 1. This division was responsible for this activity and developed means and programs to distribute and use this material in the Park System.
  - 2. Tests were run at Cylburn Park in which leaf mold-sludge mix was applied to the lawn area with a manure spreader with very successful results.
  - 3. Production and distribution in FY 72.
    - a. Leaf mold only
      - (1) Camp Small Leaf Composting Site .... 752 cu. yds.
      - (2) Leakin Park Leaf Composting Site .... 996 cu. yds.
    - b. Leaf Mold-Sludge Mix

(1) Camp Small Leaf Composting Site .....2269 cu. yds. GRAND TOTAL—Material Distributed .......4017 cu. yds.

- E. Wood Chips Used by This Division
  - 1. Used in all areas that are maintained.
  - 2. Wood chips used in FY 72-470 truck loads.

### STADIUM

#### WILLIAM H. TRAGESER Stadium Manager

- A. Major Maintenance and Development Projects
  - 1. Installation of fluorescent lighting on Lower Promenade Deck.
  - 2. Complete Overhaul of Compressor-Ice Rink.
  - 3. Repainted 8 Light Towers Surrounding Field.
  - 4. Painting Program of All Comfort Stations complete.

- 5. Improvements to Baseball Press Box—New Carpeting, Dropped Ceiling, New Lighting, Repainted, and New Speaker System.
- 6. Installed Emergency Cut-off Valve to Field Irrigation System.
- **B.** Special Events
  - 1. The Annual American Legion Christmas Tree Sale was held from December 9th through December 24th.
  - 2. Sixteen bus trips originated from the Stadium parking lots.
  - 3. The Stadium was utilized by the Board of Election Supervisors for Voter Registration.
  - 4. March-of-Dimes Walk-A-Thon originated from the Stadium Parking lot.
  - 5. Hit and Run Room and Bird Feed Room utilized by the Department of Recreation for a symposium, held on January 25 and 26, 1972.
- C. Details of Stadium Revenue, excluding receipts for the Ice Rink, which operated from November 12, 1971 through March 11, 1972.

Type of Event	No. of Uses	Attendance Gross	Rental Revenue	Concession Revenue
Professional Baseball	68	1.095.694	\$186,296.40	\$131,379.14
Professional Football	10	435,856	230,287.44	41,429.59
Professional Soccer	2	6,550	731.88	888.32
Festival of Music	2	4,354		83.31
March of Champions	1	15,543	1,291.30	1,152.18
Fireworks—July 4th	1	21,307	1,000.00	1.365.00
City—Poly	1	2,678	500.00	193.95
Loyola-Calvert Hall	1	7,065	500.00	326.22
College Football	1	12,186	4,337.00	1,237.20
High School Baseball	1	455	94.09	61.02
<b>TOTAL—FY</b> 1972	88	1,601,688	\$425,038.11	\$178,115.93
TOTAL-FY 1971	97	1,781,163	\$452,703.69	\$187,316.77

	FY 1972	FY 1971
TOTAL RENTAL REVENUE \$	425,038.11	\$ 452,703.69
TOTAL CONCESSION REVENUE .	178,115.93	187,316.77
SALE OF UTILITIES	19,612.63	18,259.49
REIMBURSEMENT from Colts per contract for lights, field restoration, etc	5,763.69	7,294.75
PARKING REVENUE: Stadium Venable	19,193.53 30,626.64	13,451.30 28,698.64

*PARKING LOT LICENSE: Stadium Venable	13,938.76 7,667.60	13,938.76 7,667.60
*CITY PARKING TAX: Stadium Venable	20,401.76 11,067.84	21,053.10 12,195.08
*CITY'S SHARE OF ADMISSION AND AMUSEMENT TAX	735,795.48	510,307.20
RENTAL OF OFFICE SPACE: Orioles Colts	1,845.00 1,500.00	1,845.00 1,500.00
TELEPHONE COMMISSIONS	1,034.22	926.90
REPAYMENTS: 1% Concession Improvements Rental waived on 189 mezzanine		1,032.67
seats	1,512.00	1,138.07
Rental waived on 2,380 upper deck seats TOTAL Stadium Revenue Ex-	13,328.00	11,216.46
cluding Ice Rink	\$1,486,441.19	\$1,290,545.48

\* Although these items of City income are not collected by the Stadium, they come directly from the Stadium operation and would not otherwise exist.

D. Revenue and Operating and Management Cost Comparisons at Me-morial Stadium, 1954 through Fiscal 1972.

Year	Uses	Attendance		Revenue	Expense	Gain (Loss)
1954	106	1,507,505	\$	230,622.20	\$241,390.12	(\$ 10,767.92)
1955	106	1,452,172		254,652.69	234,636.67	20,016.02
1956	95	1,532,011		258,486.96	235,827.66	22,659.30
1957	121	2,045,367		297,449.38	244,521.23	52,928.15
1958	95	1,569,859		296,240.73	270,653.81	25,586.92
1959	95	1,667.521		420,101.12	307,624.38	112,476.74
1960	94	1,829,969		581,826.55	337,942.98	243,883.57
1961	89	1.547.043		470,967.90	328,459.19	142,508.71
1962	90	1,391,452		480,098.46	213,573.43	167,525.03
1963	92	1,278,684		488,131.88	360,424.86	127,707.02
1964	87	1,804,191		604,151.07	420,046.16	184,104.91
1965	82	1,291,836		514,324.13	418,510.38	95,813.75
*1966	32	527,482		190,379.98	201,406.42	( 11,026.44)
**1967	100	2,377,500		717,140.24	435,059.74	282,080.50
1968	99	1,361,491		651,722.28	513,738.67	137,983.61
1969	102	1,592,145		689,940.80	510,369.06	179,571.74
**1970	93	1,591,847		966,592.92	556,952.66	409,640.26
**1971	97	1,781,163	1	1,290,545.48	932,514.66	358,030.82
1972	88	1,601,688	]	1,486,441.19	939,129.77	547,311.42

\* Six month period due to change of Fiscal year \*\* World Series

# **ZOO DIVISION**

ARTHUR R. WATSON Zoo Director

#### A. General Developments

- 1. With the resignation of John Moore, Assistant Director, the position was offered to Dr. Ted Roth, formerly General Curator of the National Zoo in Washington. He assumed his duties September 7, 1971.
- 2. The Medical Committee of the Baltimore Zoological Society selected Dr. Barbara Divers and she assumed her duties on February 2, 1972. Dr. Divers' salary and the costs of a complete medical program will be funded by revenue from Gate Admissions.
- 3. In September the Zoo's television shows were reinstated after an absence of twelve years. The program entitled "Saturday at the Zoo" is taped in WJZ Channel 13 studios with a studio audience. Twenty-six programs were produced during the course of the year.
- 4. City Council President Walter Orlinsky dedicated the newly constructed Gate House and rest rooms on June 18, 1972, at which time 2 plaques were unveiled; one in memory of Mrs. Middendorf and one in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Lion.
- 5. A \$1,000.00 contribution to the Baltimore Zoological Society by the Optimist Club of Midtown Baltimore made it possible to pay our keepers on their days off to conduct demonstrations to classes in the Baltimore Public Schools for 5th and 6th grades.
- 6. By joint resolution the Board of Recreation and Parks and the Board of the Baltimore Zoological Society approved a reciprocal agreement allowing Society members of Zoos throughout the world free admission to the Baltimore Zoo.
- B. Maintenance, Repairs and Remodeling
  - 1. Having gone through all seasons, we are now beginning to have a fair picture of the Perimeter Fence Maintenance. Storm and vehicle damage and some vandalism will reach a leveling out point where we will be able to anticipate an annual figure that should be a permanent budget item.
  - 2. The replacement of old incandescent fixtures in the Bird Exhibit and Reptile house with fluorescent vita lites by the Construction Division will reduce current consumption with lower wattage, provide a more natural and healthful light and reduce excessive heat in summer.



Newly constructed Baltimore Zoo Main Gate House and restrooms opened on June 18, 1972.

- 3. Two permanent concrete pools were constructed, one in the basement of the Reptile House and one at Rock Island. These are to be used as isolation units in conjunction with our health program.
- 4. The Construction Division graded the Buffalo Yards, paved floors in two stalls and installed gutters and rainspouts to reduce the excessive erosion problem in this area.
- 5. Six "Zoo Guide Maps" were constructed and installed at various key locations allowing the visitor to pin-point his location "you are here" and determine other locations he would like to visit.
- C. The Collection and Important Acquisitions
  - 1. The following chart reflects the collection as of the end of the fiscal year.

	Species	Specimens	Mortality
Mammals	101	378	10.43%
Birds	155	363	20.01%
Reptiles	93	152	19.70%

- 2. The outstanding animal birth this year was a Spectacled Bear. This animal was successfully raised and is to be shipped to the Oklahoma City Zoo for a trade exchange of \$1,500.00.
  - 3. The one major loss was a female Giraffe from a broken neck. The cause is unknown.
  - 4. Two surplus Pygmy Hippos were traded for a valuation of \$4,000.00 each.
  - 5. A total of 49 snakes were born or hatched at the Reptile House. These included Madagascan Tree Boas, Blanding's Tree Snakes, Water Moccasins, Albino and Normal Corn Snakes. All of these were from breedings in captivity. As far as we can determine, the Blanding's Tree Snakes were the first bred in captivity.

# D. The Gate, Children's Zoo and Train Revenue

1. Gate Revenue

a. For the period of July 1, 1971 to June 30, 1972, the following admissions were recorded.

Paid Admission	159,153
Free with Adult	152,560
Educational Groups (1762)	93,076
	404.789

	Receipts	Attendance
Main Gate	\$28,808.35	116,435
Hippo Gate	23,462.75	121,504
Mansion Gate	27,310.50	166,850
	\$79,581.60	404,789

During the month of May a new record for attendance was established. On May 7 a total of 10,246 persons passed through the Zoo Gates. This shattered the previous record of 8,545 set on April 11, 1971. On two other dates in May crowds at the Main Zoo were in excess of 8,500.

- 2. The Children's Zoo Revenue
  - a. This report covers operations from July 1, 1971 through October 31, 1971 and from March 31, 1972 through June 30, 1972.
  - b. The Children's Zoo continues to decline in attendance and this might be attributed to the gate charge although 45.17% of the people visiting the Main Zoo also visited the Children's Zoo. The total attendance was 162,982.

	Receipts	Attendance
Children	\$14,042.40	93,616
Adults	20,812.80	69,366
	\$34,855.20	162,982

The peak day was May 7, 1972 when 3,946 persons paid admission to the Children's Zoo breaking an old record of 3,875 on April 23, 1972.

3. Train Ride Revenue

	Net to City	Aamissions
Safari Train	\$ 4,221.70	38,460
Zoo Choo	6,296.13	69,501
Carousel	2,497.41	27,749
	\$13,015.24	135,710

#### E. Reptile and Animal Health Department

- 1. At the end of fiscal year 1972 the Reptile Department had an inventory of 152 specimens representing 93 species. The mortality rate for the collection was 19.7%, an acceptable figure for reptiles, but a disappointing one in view of the low rates (11.3 and 11.9) for the previous two years.
- 2. In the educational field members of our staff published two articles in the technical journals, based on work done at the Reptile House. We also gave illustrated lectures (14) before audiences that totaled over 800 persons.
- 3. Since the Zoo Animal Health Department has only been in existence since February 15, 1972, there has not been time to evaluate its contribution to the Baltimore Zoo. The basic function of this department is the clinical care of all specimens in the collection. The daily keeper report from the bird, mammal and reptile department lists any abnormalities or unusual happenings in the animals under these departments and these problems are then checked out by the Assistant Director, Dr. Roth, and the veterinarian, Dr. Divers. Appropriate samples are collected, clinical examinations made, and treatment instituted when necessary. All dead animals are autopsied and cause of death determined if possible. The department also acts as an information source for exotic pet problems and as the coordinator for various research problems being conducted by non-Zoo staff at the Baltimore Zoo.

The Zoo Animal Health Department equipment and the veterinarian are being funded by the Baltimore Zoological Society. Currently candidates are being interviewed for the position of animal technician so that the veterinarian will have assistance and the laboratory area can be staffed with adequate help. This position is also supported by the Baltimore Zoological Society. Operating expenses except for drugs and the hospital area have been provided by the City. The Zoo Animal Health Department is being housed in the basement of the Mammal House. The area consists of an isolation ward, postmortem area, nursery, clinical examination room, surgery area, clinical lab area and office space for the veterinarian and the medical li-

brary. Equipment is still being purchased and installed in these areas. Until installation is complete the facilities at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Laboratory Animal Medicine Department, are being used on a regular basis for necropsies, clinical lab procedures and surgery.

As of July 1, 1972, the Zoo Animal Health Department has treated 132 animals, performed complete autopsies on 59 animals, ran 56 fecals, 7 tuberculin tests, and 11 blood examinations. It is cooperating in three research projects, one on Penguin malaria, one on capillaria in the rat population, and one on the epidemiology of Leptospirosis.

# SUMMARY OF REVENUE PRODUCING FACILITIES

In addition to Memorial Stadium and the Baltimore Zoo, the Bureau of Parks operates five municipal golf courses, two ice skating rinks and bathing facilities at Fort Smallwood Park which produces revenue either from ticket sales or from the receipts of commissions from concessionaires.

The total number of rounds played at the golf course decreased during fiscal year 1972. This decline is attributable to the many days of inclement weather; notably the severe rain storm in August, snow during the winter months and Storm Agnes in June.

The Patterson and Stadium Ice Skating Rinks opened on November 12, 1971 and closed on March 5 and March 11, 1972 respectively. At the Patterson rink, 232 of the 254 scheduled sessions were held with the Stadium rink conducting 214 of 265 scheduled sessions. The number of patrons at the Patterson rink continued to increase with 37,239 persons using the facility compared to 33,926 for the previous year. The Stadium rink reported 36,025 patrons, a decrease of 272 persons from the previous season.

The income and expense report of the two rinks follows:

	Stadium	Patterson
Admission Revenue	\$20,801.00	\$22,463.05
Concession Revenue	2,876.44	2,295.23
Rental Revenue	1,288.85	1,631.00
Special Sessions	315.00	
Figure Skating		764.00
Total Receipts	\$25,281.29	\$27,153.28
Operating Costs	40,503.48	48,332.76
Gain or (Loss)	(\$15,222.19)	(\$21,179.48)

The parking charge of 25% per motorcycle, \$1.00 per car and \$3.00 per bus was in effect at Fort Smallwood Park from July 1 to September 12, 1971, and April 21 to June 30, 1972. During that time, 112 motorcycles, 24,194 cars and 241 buses entered the parking lot. The bathing beaches closed on Labor Day, 1971, and opened on May 30, 1972.

Park Patrons 106,528

Beach Concessions Parking Fees

Total Revenue Operating Cost Gain or (Loss) Beach Patrons 62,147 \$ 3,672.88

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# **GOLF COURSE REVENUE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1972**

Course	Rounds Played	Revenues Greens Fees Caddy Carts, etc.	Revenue Irrigation Surcharge	Total Revenue	Revenue After Taxes	Operating Costs
Carroll*	34,200	\$ 46,309.34	\$ 8,550.50	\$ 54,859.84	\$ 54,591.01	\$ 65,966.49
Clifton	24,780	65,925.69	11,489.25	77,414.94	77,050.30	137,786.30
Forest Park	25,508	61,850.47	10,930.75	72,781.22	72,428.07	135,603.15
Mt. Pleasant	34,800	97,367.61	15,507.25	112,874.86	112,334.96	166,220.64
Pine Ridge	45,678	176,578.88	21,125.25	197,704.13	196,758.53	191,811.32
TOTAL	164,966	\$448,031.99	\$67,603.00	\$515,634.99	\$513,162.87	\$697,387.90

\* A Nine Hole Course

	Year	Rounds Played	Revenue	Operating Cost	Gain or (Loss)	
100	1972	164,966	\$513,162.87	\$697,387.90	(\$184,225.03)	
	1971	185,827	\$562,235.70	\$679,869.40	(\$117,633.70)	

The swimming pools closed on Labor Day, 1971 and opened on June 24, 1972. Following is a chart detailing the number of Patrons and the operation cost at each pool.

Pool	Days Open	Patrons	<b>Operating</b> Cost
Cherry Hill	70	40,331	\$ 28,102.54
Clifton	68	61,508	49,079.81
Druid Hill	73	73,434	46,604.17
Patterson	66	69,762	25,826.57
Riverside	66	71,289	30,959.82
Roosevelt	71	43,984	25,017.56
Total FY '72	414	360,308	\$205,590.47
Total FY '71	421	475,934	\$218,220.07

# SUMMARY OF BUREAU OF PARKS

# **RECREATION FACILITIES**

The maintenance of athletic and recreational facilities, in a condition and manner that will accommodate the needs of the citizens of Baltimore, continues as the major activity of the bureau. Each of the facilities listed below received a share of this effort.

Clay Tennis Courts	38 66
Surfaced Tennis Courts	111
Outdoor Basketball Courts	25
Volley Ball Courts	31
Football Fields	20
Soccer Fields	20
Running Tracks	9
Quoit Ranges	45
90' Baseball Diamonds 60' Baseball Diamonds	54
	3
75' Baseball Diamonds	83
Softball Diamonds	6
Swimming Pools	12
Wading Pools	2
Bathing Beaches	5
Golf Courses	184
Playgrounds	
Archery Area	2 1 2
Ice Skating Pond	2
Ice Skating Rinks	1
Fishing Lake	1
Boat Lake	206
Picnic Groves	200
Skeet & Trap Fields	1
Rugby Field	1
Lacrosse Field	1
Driver Training Course	1
Bridle Path	1
Scouting Area	2
Outdoor Shuffle Board Courts	1
Badminton Court	1
Hockey Field	1
Quoit Shed Bollon Skating Binks	2
Roller Skating Rinks Stadium	1
Bocci Court	1
	1
Wildflower Preserve—Nature Center	1
Zoo & Natural History Museum	1
Multi-Purpose Enclosed Field	3
Handball Courts	027
TOTAL FACILITIES	937

# **BUREAU OF RECREATION**

A. L. COTTRILL, Superintendent L. CLEMENTS NIXON, Assistant Superintendent

# I. BUREAU HIGHLIGHTS

- A. During the year 1971-1972 two new Recreation Wings were opened, Leith Walk and Ralph J. Young, and a new recreational wing was made to the Violetville School. Two Recreation Centers were completed, Carroll Park and Coldstream. Three Playgrounds were renovated, Linwood and O'Donnell, Winchester and Helen W. Mackall, and two new playgrounds were opened, one at Clifton Park and one at the Margaret Brent School.
- B. Requests for all types of traveling programs continue to grow in number and instance. The expansion of use of a Fun Wagon into a Fall-Winter-Spring Skatemobile was vastly successful. The Wagon was stocked with skates and taken to school yards and playgrounds.
- C. Growth in the cooperation and contribution of State and Federal Governments and of local commercial interests has evidenced the effectiveness of a drive for public awareness of recreational needs.
- D. May 15 through May 20 was proclaimed Recreation Week by Mayor Schaefer and the broad scope of the Bureau's activities was demonstrated. Programs were held by Senior Citizen's and by children's dance classes, exhibits were set up and banners flown. The Junior Municipal Track Meet, held May 16, had a participation of over 1400 children. The Tennis Tournaments held at Druid Hill Park, were eminently successful. The last phase of the week was an Open House held at 1129 North Calvert Street. Many Centers held programs ranging from Dance Recitals to Open Houses, from Family Days to Marble Tournaments. These programs were very well attended with the result that during Recreation Week alone, there was a city-wide participation in Bureau of Recreation activities of 86,510 children and 20,459 adults.
- E. Of particular note is the increased participation in Boys' and Men's Activities. There were 802 more children who competed in the Junior Municipal Tract Meet (ages 9–17), there was an increase of 1800 (ages 9–16) in the Dribble and Shoot program, and 1422 more children participated in the District Pentathlons this year than last.

# II. BOYS' AND MEN'S, & GIRLS' AND WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

- A. New Programs Initiated this Year
  - 1. Bowling: In August the First Recreation Bowling Tourney was held and it was so successful that it indicated a need for a year-

round program. Groups were convened and drew an average of 60 children weekly throughout the Fall and Winter.

- 2. Tennis
  - a. A State Educational Grant made it possible for the Bureau to sponsor indoor Tennis for the first time. The program had an enrollment of 107 boys and girls who were given weekly lessons at the Cross Keys Tennis Barn. All of the youth in this program were given the opportunity to see professional matches at the International Tennis Tournament and to participate in a clinic involving the eight International players. Some of the children served as Ball Boys for the Tournament.
  - b. Clinics—A tennis Demonstration and Clinic was held by Stan Smith, America's top ranked tennis player, and was attended by 218 participants as well as the Steve Fiske clinics which were again held in four areas of the city and drew over 300 people.
- 3. Team Hand Ball:
  - a. Through the cooperation of the Army Reserve and the Maryland National Guard, clinics were held at eight Recreation Centers. Four hundred-fifty boys participated.
- B. Track and Field Activities
  - 1. Outdoor
    - a. Jesse Owens Track and Field Meet sponsored by the Atlantic Richfield Company drew an attendance of 450 boys and girls from whom thirty were chosen to travel to Buffalo and compete with young people from eight other cities. Our team placed third in the inter-city meet.
    - b. 5th Annual United States Youth Games this year were held in Boston. Sixty youth between the ages of 10 and 15 earned places on Track and Field events, Bowling and Basketball teams by their performance in previous competition within the Metropolitan Area of Baltimore. A total of 2,000 young people vied for these positions.
    - c. 57th Annual Junior Municipal Games, held at Clifton Park at the beginning of Recreation Week, had a participation of 1447 youngsters from eighty-two Recreation Centers.
    - d. District Pentathlons were held at Bay Brook, Druid Hill, Federal Hill, Gwynns Falls, Hanlon Park, Madison Square, North Harford and Patterson Park. Seventy-five Recreation Centers were represented by a total of 2,813 girls and boys. A & P Food Stores and Quaker Oats Company sponsored the program.
  - 2. Indoor, Three indoor track meets were held at the 5th Regiment Armory and had a total participation of 1,840 children.
- C. Basketball
  - 1. Baltimore Neighborhood Basketball League (July and August '71)

- a. Held at 18 Recreation Centers with 32 leagues, 160 teams and 1,600 participants (ages 15 and under, 17 and under and Unlimited).
- b. Program was culminated with Baltimore City acting as host to six other cities for the First National Neighborhood Basketball Championship.
- c. The entire activity was sponsored by the Baltimore Bullets, Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Baltimore, the Baltimore Sunpapers and WMAR-TV.
- 2. Dribble and Shoot Contest
  - a. Held at 74 Recreation Centers, total participation of 5,824 boys and girls.
  - b. The program was sponsored by the Baltimore Bullets, Eastern Airlines and the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Baltimore.
- D. Tournaments, Leagues and Competitive Events Conducted on Local and District Levels
  - 1. Soccer, box soccer, indoor floor hockey, roller skate hockey, touch football, flag football, track and field events, basketball, softball, weightlifting, and team handball.



Players weather the storm or the heat on the covered basketball court at Madison Square Recreation Center.

E. Tournaments and Meets held on City-Wide Level

- 1. Table Tennis Championship Tournament held at Herring Run Recreation Center. Participation 1,834 boys and 36 Recreation Centers. Four age groups.
- 2. Three Weightlifting Meets held at Chick Webb, Madison Square and Gardenville Recreation Centers.

# F. Special Classes

- 1. Karate, Judo, Wrestling and Weightlifting
- 2. Held at 24 Recreation Centers with a total enrollment of 1,800.

# **III. MUNICIPAL SPORTS**

In every branch of Municipal Sports there has been an increase of participation over that of 1970–71.

Sport	Leagues	Teams	Players
Baseball	144	732	10,248
Basketball			
Boys-Men	109	642	5,949
Girls-Women	32	155	1,608
Football	9	65	1,698
Soccer	25	146	2,613
Softball			
Mens-Boys	120	500	8,500
Girls-Women	22	107	1,478
Tennis			
Junior	Boys-319	Girls—141	Total—460
Evening Sun	Men-357	Women—125	Total-482
Swimming			
Municipal	Boys-532	Girls—671	Total—1,203
Track	Boys-207	Girls—224	Total—431
Volleyball	2	15	187

#### **IV. SERVICES TO THE HANDICAPPED**

A Technical Advisory Committee comprising specialists from Hospitals and Clinics, the Health Department, the Veterans Administration and such aligned organizations, meets quarterly for the purpose of being of assistance to the Recreation staff.

#### A. Adult Programs

Handicapped adults were offered recreational activities designed to meet the unique needs of physically, mentally, emotionally and multiple handicapped participants during the full year.

- 1. Physically handicapped and blind adults met at the Maryland Workshop for the Blind and at the Mt. Royal Recreation Center.
- 2. Handicapped veterans met at the Howard Park Recreation Center.
- 3. Handicapped Women in groups of 15, met at the Mt. Royal Recreation Center.
- B. Children's Program
  - 1. Orthopedically handicapped, mentally retarded, blind, deaf, brain damaged and emotionally disturbed children from two through sixteen years old are served.
    - a. Participants are referred by Schools, clinics, physicians and private agencies as well as the Comprehensive Pediatric Care Clinic.
    - b. They participate in athletics, art and crafts classes, music groups, in games, indoor swimming, special programs and trips.
    - c. Pre-school age children learn skills necessary to prepare them for Kindergarten.
    - d. All of the groups took part in trips to places of interest within the confines of Metropolitan Baltimore securely supervised by the Recreation staff.
  - 2. Camp Variety
    - a. Operated for eight weeks and served 535 children.
    - b. Were provided transportation, two meals and a snack.
  - 3. Cooperating agencies:
    - a. 24 agencies have assisted us in providing good programs for a maximum number of retarded or handicapped children and adults.

# **V. MOBILE PROGRAMS**

- A. Fun Wagons—For the summer of 1971 the five Fun Wagons were stocked and staffed to serve all ages rather than just small children. This was done in response to a large number of requests from the public.
  - 1. Fun Wagons visited 25 neighborhoods weekly during the 9 weeks of the summer.
- B. Skate Mobile—Funds were made available by the State Department of Education (SCCP).

- 1. One of the 5 Fun Wagons was stocked with roller skates and provided with record player and popular music records.
- 2. Program was planned for Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. but was extended into the evening hours to accommodate the number of children who wanted to participate. Program had a duration of seven winter and spring months.
- 3. Requests for this service have continued to come from school principals and community groups since its inception.
- C. Nature Wagon
  - 1. Educational and interesting program was presented to 5,848 children and adults.

# VI. CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AND CONTESTS

- A. Independence Day Program
  - 1. Centers throughout the city held contests and track meets to celebrate the Fourth of July.
  - 2. More than 7,000 children competed for special certificates.
- B. City-wide programs and contests were held in kite-flying, hula hoop and frisbee, singing games, checkers, chess, turtle derby, harmonica playing, doll shows, Gee-Whizzer, marbles, frog hop and drew a total participation of 5,467 children.
- C. Bird-House Contest
  - 1. Over 100 entries from all over Baltimore City and County.
  - 2. Winning houses were displayed in the windows of the Central Pratt Library.
  - 3. Houses given to the Children's Zoo.
- D. Bicycle Safety Week
  - 1. Mayor William Donald Schaefer proclaimed the week of April 26 Bicycle Safety Week.
  - 2. Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Maryland Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Maryland Traffic Safety Commission joined the Bureau of Recreation in sponsoring the program.
  - 3. Playgrounds throughout the City held bicycle rodeos, inspection programs, and Safety Tape was provided for over 7,000 bicycles.
  - 4. Kick-off program held at Edgecombe Circle Recreation Center which more than 300 young people, with their bicycles, attended.
- E. Recreation Loan Promotion
  - 1. Fun Wagon equipped with music circulated throughout the City to help to promote the Loan Drive.



Physical, mental and emotional growth through participation.

- 2. Centers held open-house programs.
- 3. Volunteers encouraged citizens to vote for the loan.
- 4. Heavy emphasis was placed on constructive uses of leisure time and the real need for Recreation Centers, so that better ways for

enjoyable and beneficial employment of free hours could be demonstrated and taught.

- F. Recreation Week in Baltimore, May 14. Total week-long participation-adults, 20,459 and children, 86,510.
  - 1. Held for the first time this year.
  - 2. Kick-off program in Hopkins Plaza with announcement by Mayor Schaefer on Monday. Senior Citizens performed as did girls doing Folk, Tap, and Modern Dance. Exhibits were displayed depicting sports, crafts, social activities, and adult programs.
  - 3. Tuesday the Junior Municipal Track meet was held at Clifton Park with a participation of 1,400 boys and girls.
  - 4. Wednesday the Senior Citizens Hobby Show was held at Hopkins Plaza with a mixed attendance of thousands of young and mature people.
  - 5. Thursday the Tennis Tournament (preliminary games held on Tuesday and Wednesday) was completed at Druid Hill Park, and Centers throughout the City held Open Houses, Dance Recitals and Parent-Child activities.
  - 6. Friday the programs at the individual sites were continued and the Central Office held an Open House providing guests with an opportunity to see the offices themselves, to view slides depicting the enterprises of the Bureau, and to be offered refreshments. Visitors were also invited to take a Mini-bus tour of four centers as examples of the different kinds of Bureau facilities.

#### **VII. SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM**

The Bureau of Recreation now sponsors 46 clubs and centers for Baltimore's older citizens. Three full-time programs at apartment houses for the elderly in facilities operated by the Department of Housing and Community Development. The agenda includes:

- A. Community Service Projects, arts and crafts, trips, education programs, social activities.
- B. Stimulated interest in current affairs and ways in which to increase a feeling of personal worth through contribution to society.
  - 1. Senior Citizens work diligently to help to promote the Recreation loan and to urge reduced bus fares for Senior Citizens in the Metropolitan area.
- C. The annual Senior Citizens Talent and Hobby Show was held at the Center Plaza.
  - 1. The audience comprised thousands of young as well as mature people.



Mayor William Donald Schaefer and a senior citizen from Lakeview Towers open the Senior Citizens' Hobby and Talent Show at Center Plaza.

#### **VIII. PERFORMING ARTS**

Music, Drama and The Dance are encompassed under this heading.

- A. Many Centers are staffed with full-time leadership capable of teaching one or more of these skills. Specialists are sent to other centers to conduct classes.
  - 1. Dance Specialists were sent to 38 centers to develop techniques in modern and classical ballet, toe, tap, modern jazz and acrobatic dancing during the fall, winter and spring. Some centers continue dance classes through the summer.
  - 2. Dramatics Leadership by specialists was offered in 25 facilities during the summer and in 15 centers during the remainder of the year.
  - 3. Music Specialists conducted activities in 67 centers throughout the summer. Their classes comprised singing, games to music, acting out ballads and rhythm band as well as guitar lessons. Fourty-two centers had the attention of specialists during the fall, winter and spring period.



To reach-for a new dance skill, a new friend, a new way to grow.

- B. Technical Skills were taught to full-time employees so that their effectiveness might be increased.
  - 1. Workshops were held during In Service Training in Creative Dramatics and in Theatre Arts.
  - 2. Instruction in Modern and Afro-Cuban Dance was held for fourteen two-hour sessions to encourage leaders and specialists who were interested in amplifying their skills.
- C. Cultural Experiences were made available to children throughout the City.
  - 1. The Children's Theatre Association presented 10 performances of their Showmobile to more than 2,500 children at various centers.
  - 2. The Puppet Factory delighted 2,000 children, teen-agers and adults at 8 sites.
  - 3. More than 500 saw the Dulaney Summer Theatre Production of "Little Mary Sunshine" under the auspices of the Maryland Arts Council and Model Cities Cultural Arts Program.
  - 4. Four bus loads of children were taken to the Smithsonian Institute to see the Performing Arts Festival.

- 5. Two buses took 85 children to their first opera—"Don Pasquale" —at the Harford Community College, near Belair, Maryland.
- D. Children were encouraged to participate in staged performances of variety shows, talent shows and plays. Several districts combined talents to present district programs.
- E. For the first year the Bureau of Recreation produced a Broadway Musical which involved members of the entire Baltimore Community.
  - 1. "Bye-Bye Birdie" had a cast of boys and girls, men and women from the City and County audition, and many who were not awarded parts became so interested that they served as much needed costume, property, lighting and stage assistants.
  - 2. The program and the production were greatly acclaimed by the capacity audiences it drew and by the news media.

### IX. NATURE AND GARDENING

To provide inner city children with a better understanding of the need for the present day emphasis on ecology and protection of our environment a traveling program was initiated.

- A. Fifteen bus trips were offered during the summer and these trips introduced 550 children to some phase of their natural habitat.
  - 1. The Nature Leader, assisted by two leaders from the specific center, took children to:
    - a. see water supplies for the city
    - b. observe the effects of pollution
    - c. be introduced to the evidences of the inter-relation of plant and animal life
    - d. view formal horticulture
    - e. see uncultivated woodland with its natural flora and fauna
  - 2. The program was supported by Federal Funds.
- B. The Nature Wagon toured the City and through it 5,848 children and adults were brought into contact with woodland animals and an educational experience in the phenomena of nature.
- C. Greenhouses in four recreation centers continue to be of great interest to children and greenhouse plant rooms are being constructed at other centers to provide more youngsters with the vital experience of watching the growth and development of the small into the mature in a life cycle to which they can relate.
- D. The Keep Maryland Beautiful Poster Contest had to be limited to one entry per person this year because of the overwhelming number of entries in the preceding year. However, perhaps because of the limitation, the posters and slogans show a more wide geographic

participation and a much more thoughtful and skillful manipulation of the subject.

- 1. Judging was done by representatives from the Continental Can Company, Incorporated, the Keep Maryland Beautiful Committee and by Mrs. Gideon Stieff, Sr., Co-Sponsors.
- 2. Mayor Schaefer presented the winners with prizes which had been supplied by the co-sponsors.
- 3. Eighty of the posters were displayed in windows of the Lane Bryant Department Store during Earth Week and made a most provocative and professional impression.
- E. In addition to planning, scheduling and activating these programs the Supervisor of Nature and Gardening made herself available to a number of Mother's Clubs and Community organizations for demonstrations in her field.

# X. ARTS AND CRAFTS

The Bureau recognizes the increasing need for self-expression and offers capable instruction to children and adults in a number of skills.

- A. Special classes in weaving, macrame, ceramics, and oils and Sumi painting for adults.
- B. Special leadership classes for children at 35 recreation centers.
- C. Total attendance at Crafts classes during the year-151,551 children and adults.
- D. First Annual District 4 Art Show, May 24-27.
- E. Demonstrations and/or exhibits at: The City Fair, Fells Point Fun Festival, Greater Baltimore Area Festival, Community Action Agency Program and at many other city activities.
- F. Exhibits and demonstrations held at local centers as part of "open house" events or as culminating activities for Crafts or Arts Programs.
- G. Crafts Wagon Program initiated and implemented.

### XI. SPECIAL PROJECTS

- A. Camp Concern—A day camp and domestic action program for the disadvantaged youth designed to provide services in health, employment, education, counseling, and recreation through the cooperation of the municipal government and the military.
  - 1. Participants: 5,283
  - 2. Camp period: June 25, 1971-August 25, 1971-Six days a week, nine hours per day.

- 3. Campsite: Bainbridge, Maryland
- 4. Follow-up Phase: September, 1971 through June, 1972. Five days per week. Weekend activities at Fort Meade.
- 5. 9,200 participants were involved in follow-up recreational services.
- B. Recreation Support Program (RSP)—A federal expanded recreation program for disadvantaged youth under 13 years of age (citywide).
  - 1. Sites: Eighteen programs distributed throughout the city were operated for over 96,000 participants.
  - 2. Program ran from June 1971 through September 1971.
- C. School Community Center Program (SCCP)—A state program designed to provide additional recreation programs in school recreation centers after school hours.
  - 1. In cooperation with Community School division of the Department of Education, Baltimore City.
  - 2. From October 1971 through June 30, 1972, twenty-seven citywide recreational programs were provided in school buildings.
  - 3. Served over 296,000 youngsters under 21 years of age.
- D. Operation Bullets—A special city-wide program designed to provide disadvantaged youngsters with an opportunity to see professional basketball. Free tickets and transportation were provided to Bullet home games.
  - 1. Funded by the Mayor's Transportation Program, groups attended games from January 1972 to April 1972.
  - 2. 3,902 youngsters, 18 years and under, enjoyed the experience.
- E. Operation Circus—A special city-wide program which provided circus tickets and free transportation.
  - 1. Youngsters of sixty-two local recreation centers participated.
  - 2. Involved over 2,000 participants.
- F. Operation Birdland—A special city-wide program designed to provide free transportation, tickets, and refreshments to home games of the Baltimore Orioles.
  - 1. Participants: Over 8,500 youngsters, 18 years and under.
- G. Neighborhood Youth Corps (NYC)—A federal program designed to provide supervised recreational work experiences for disadvantaged in-school youngsters under 21.
  - 1. Period: June 1971 through September 1971
  - 2. Participants: 625 enrollees assigned to the Bureau of Recreation through seventy-two participating centers.

- H. Summer Lunch Program (SLP)—A special city-wide program designed to provide free lunches to youngsters under 21 years of age who participate in organized on-going recreation programs.
  - 1. Funded through the Mayor's Office.
  - 2. Period: June 1971 through August 1971.
  - 3. Participants: Over 10,000 lunches daily consumed by recreation centers' participants for five days a week.
- I. Volunteer Corps: A city-wide program offering youth and adults a channel through which they may direct their talents and learn the privilege and feeling of self-worth to be gained through service to others.
  - 1. 43 centers participating.
  - 2. 93,213 hours of service, the equivalent of 49 full-time Recreation Leaders.

# XII. STREET CLUB

Throughout the year and determined by the number of leaders on the staff, Street Club division met between 50 and 60 groups, or was serving from 1,040 to 1,370 youths. These young people, attached and unattached, ranged in age from 13 to 20 years and averaged a little over 16 years.

- A. Programs and Activities:
  - 1. Guidance and leadership. Workers carry on a continuing program of interviews, counsel and referral. These young people have a great need for help in the areas of family, peer and community relations; for guidance concerning education, the law, drugs, health problems, job training, employment and recreational pursuits. Sixty to seventy-five percent of each worker's day is spent in helping youth remove the obstacles that hinder constructive growth and development.
  - 2. Metropolitan Athletic Association. This group was made up of the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, the Church of the Redeemer and the Temple of Oheb Shalom. The Baltimore Hebrew Congregation was the only member which contributed to the financial support of the Bureau of Recreation M.A.A. programs.
    - a. Summer Softball for M.A.A. teams. Two hundred eighty-five participants in 19 teams.
    - b. M.A.A. Sewing Program. Two groups of girls met at the Enoch Pratt Library and at Faith Presbyterian Church, respectively.
    - c. Basketball: Two sites were procured for the use of the 24 participating teams composed of 300 individuals.

- d. Two trips to Richmond, Virginia were sponsored by the Gay Street Merchants Association in conjunction with the M.A.A.
- 3. Interest Expansion Activities: Long-term programs were offered in guitar workshops, arts and crafts classes and weightlifting as well as one-step opportunities to attend Rock Concerts and go on camping trips.

# XIII. BALTIMORE CITY MODEL CITIES AGENCY

Baltimore City Model Cities Agency funds a special project—Expanding Hours of Recreation—in cooperation with the Bureau of Recreation. Twenty-two (22) recreation centers in Model Neighborhood areas are utilized for eight hours each Saturday, and on five selected holidays (Good Friday, Thanksgiving Day, New Year's Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday). Eight recreation centers are utilized for four (4) hours on each Sunday.

A. Objectives of this program are:

- 1. To make existing recreation facilities and resources more available and acceptable to Model Neighborhood residents.
- 2. To amplify the residents' awareness that constructive, satisfying use of leisure should be an integral part of daily living.
- 3. To create jobs and opportunity for careers in Recreation for Model Neighborhood residents.
- 4. To give residents the opportunity to design services geared to meet the realistic "now" needs, thus making programs more relevant to the culture and life styles of the area residents.
- B. During the past year, 24,676 individuals from the age of six through adult have registered and participated in the program; 1,511 of these persons participated only on Saturdays and Sundays.
  - 1. This figure was diminished greatly during the year because all persons are encouraged to become involved in all phases of the program and to broaden their participation to Monday through Friday activities.
  - 2. The scope of program activities includes a wide variety of regularly conducted activities that are programmed to meet specific needs of short-term week-end programs.
    - a. Craft projects are simple and easily completed.
    - b. Seasonal sports are scheduled as week-end leagues.
    - c. Social recreation includes Kiddie Clubs, impromptu talent shows, week-end parties and other special interest groups, such as dancing classes, instrumental music, roller skating.
    - d. Each center conducts at least one special event per month.
    - e. Approximately 126 new programs or activities have been initiated during this year and most were the direct result of input from participants, committees and recreation councils.

# **BUREAU OF MUSIC**

### STEPHANIE SODARO, Music and Administrative Supervisor

Sixty-five concerts were held this season six days a week beginning May 28th and continuing through the months of June, July and August concluding August 27th.

- A. There are three concert bands, each composed of 34 professional musicians and conductor. These bands play a flexible program of popular classics and semi-classics, marches, music from broadway shows and motion pictures, and current hit songs.
  - 1. The Park Concert Band—conducted by Gerald Eyth Well known composer and former Assistant Concert Master of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. Gerald Eyth is currently on the faculty of the Peabody Conservatory of Music and celebrated his 23rd year as Conductor of the Park Concert Band.
  - 2. The Municipal Concert Band—conducted by Dr. Leigh Martinet Former Conductor of the Baltimore Civic Opera Company. Celebrated his 14th season as Conductor of the Municipal Concert Band. Received the degree of Doctor of Musical Arts in 1966 from the Peabody Conservatory of Music.
  - The Baltimore Municipal Band—conducted by Weldon J. Irvine, Sr. Music specialist with the Bureau of Recreation. Celebrated his 14th year as Conductor of the Baltimore Municipal Band.
- B. These is one Dixieland Jazz Band, the Monumental City Six, composed of six jazz musicians, coordinated by John W. Spicer, who specialize in the old two-beat jazz born on lower Basin Street in New Orleans.
- C. In June 1972, the Bureau of Music introduced Baltimore's Big Band conducted by Eugene Walker. This band is the latest addition to the summer series, and the program features popular music played in the jazz idiom reminiscent of Count Basie and the Big Bands of the 1940's. Geared for variety, the program also contains modern jazz selections and a type of "soul" music which runs the spectrum from a rock beat to the country blues sound.
- D. Three new locations were introduced into the schedule in order to bring more music to neighborhoods of the City where concerts were well received:
  - 1. Bethlehem Lutheran Church-4815 Hamilton Avenue
  - 2. Good Samaritan Hospital-5601 Loch Raven Boulevard



Weldon J. Irvine, Sr., Conductor of the Baltimore Municipal Band, is a versatile musician who varies his programs and entertains his audiences by singing and playing a variety of instruments.

- 3. Fort View Recreation Center-Hudson Street and Highland Avenue
- E. Song Leaders and Soloists
  - 1. Marvin Clark for the Municipal and Park Concert Bands.
  - 2. Matthew Fraing for the Baltimore Municipal Band. One of the most popular features in the concert band program is the "Sing Along." Encouraged by the engaging personalities of the Song



Baltimore's Big Band, conducted by Eugene Walker, entertained each Sunday in Druid Hill Park with popular music played in the jazz idiom.

Leaders, audiences accompanied by the band and fortified with song sheets sing old favorites and currently popular songs. For the additional pleasure of the audience, professional vocal soloists perform nightly with each band; a total of 16 vocalists throughout the season.

- F. The Operations Crew—Joseph L. Esworthy, Labor Forman Mr. Esworthy supervises a crew of 8 men, and has responsibility for the entire physical set-up of the concerts.
- G. Festivals of Music-Baltimore Memorial Stadium
  - Thursday, July 15, 1971, 8:30 p.m. Leigh Martinet conducted the combined Municipal and Park Concert Bands. In addition to the four vocal soloists and the "Sing Along" of old and current favorites, a special performance was given by the "Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps" of Fort



Marvin Clark leads the "Sing Along" of old and current favorites, as the Park Concert Band, conducted by Gerald Eyth, performs at Mt. Vernon Place.

Myer, Virginia in colorful and authentic revolutionary costume; and the Monumental City Six Dixieland Jazz Band played several traditional jazz favorites.

2. Wednesday, August 11, 1971, 8:30 p.m.

Gerald Eyth conducted the combined Park and Municipal Concert Bands in a program entitled "Musical Comedy in America (1900–1971)." Four vocal soloists were featured in addition to the "Sing Along," which was lead by Marvin Clark. The Monumental City Six played Dixieland Jazz selections and a special performance was given by the Baltimore City Pipe Band in Scotch costume.

H. Baltimore Symphony Orchestra At the Mayor's request, the Bureau of Music's equipment and crew were involved in the preparation and set-up of facilities to accommodate the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra in their special series of 10 concerts held in various locations of the City during May and June.



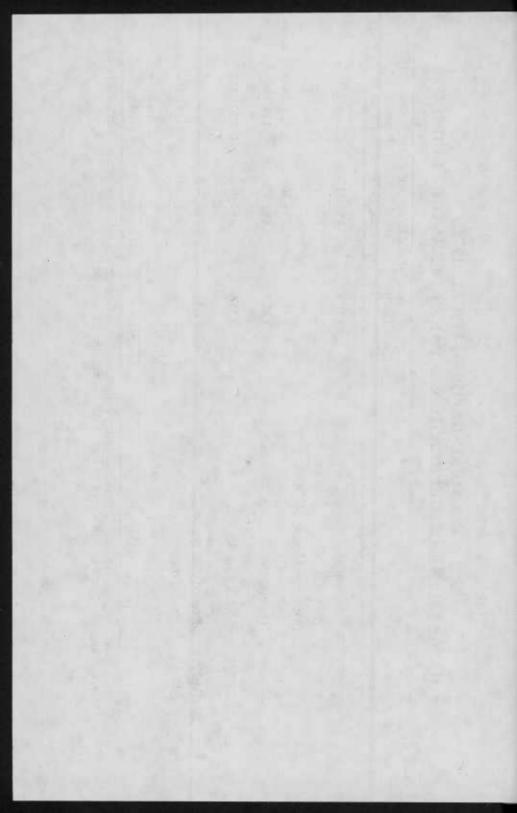
One of the most interesting brass instruments in the Monumental City Six Dixieland Jazz Band is the Sousaphone played by Coordinator, John W. Spicer.

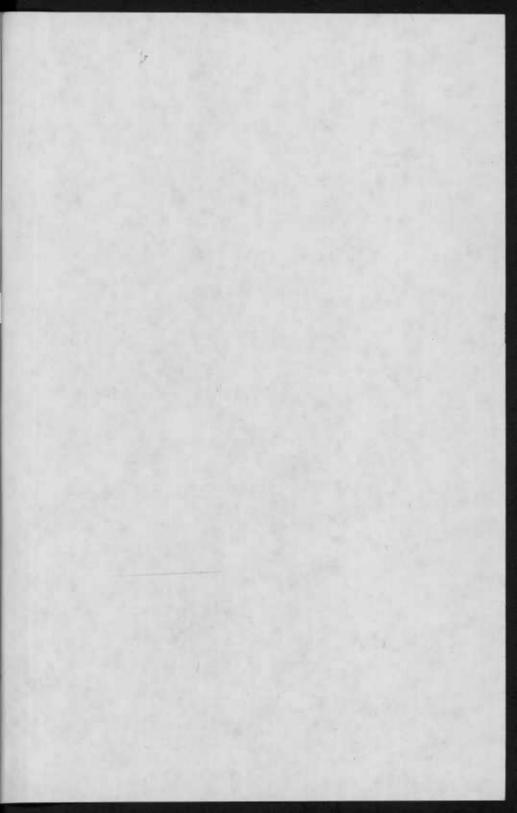
# FINANCIAL REPORT—FISCAL 1972 DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & PARKS OPERATING BUDGET

Program Number	Title	Appropriation Fiscal Year 1972	Total Expenditure through June 30, 1972	Unencumbered Balance for Fiscal Year 1972
471 (001–002)	Administrative Direction & Control	\$ 149,399	\$ 158,330	(\$ 8,931)
471	Debt Service	1,638,250	1,638,250	NONE
473	Municipal Concerts & Other Musical Events	77,144	78,369	( 1,225)
478	General Park Services	4,453,682	4,582,876	( 129,194)
479 (001–002) 480	Special Park Services	2,804,756	2,884,989	( 80,233)
(001-002)	Recreational Services	6,389,041	5,805,302	583,739
505	Street Trees	507,097	491,201	15,896
		\$16,019,369	\$15,639,317	\$380,052 - 313,631*
	TOTALS	\$16,019,369	\$15,639,317	\$ 66,421

\* This amount budgeted in special funds anticipating Federal and State Grant funds, which never materialized. Therefore, this amount cannot be considered as part of the unencumbered balance.

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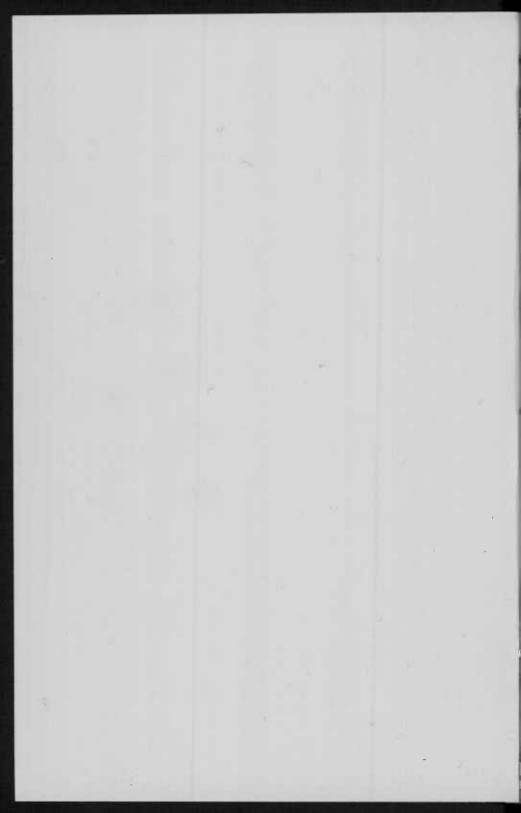


Annual Report

# OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

# CITY OF BALTIMORE MARYLAND

July 1, 1972 to June 30, 1973



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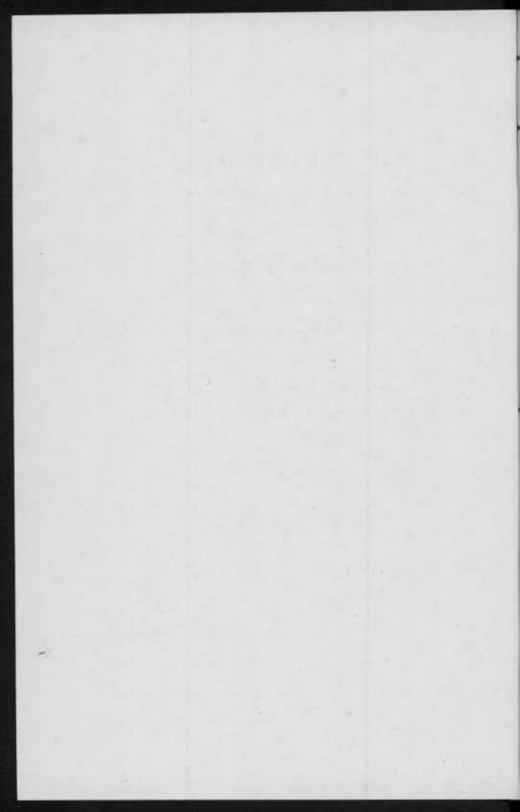
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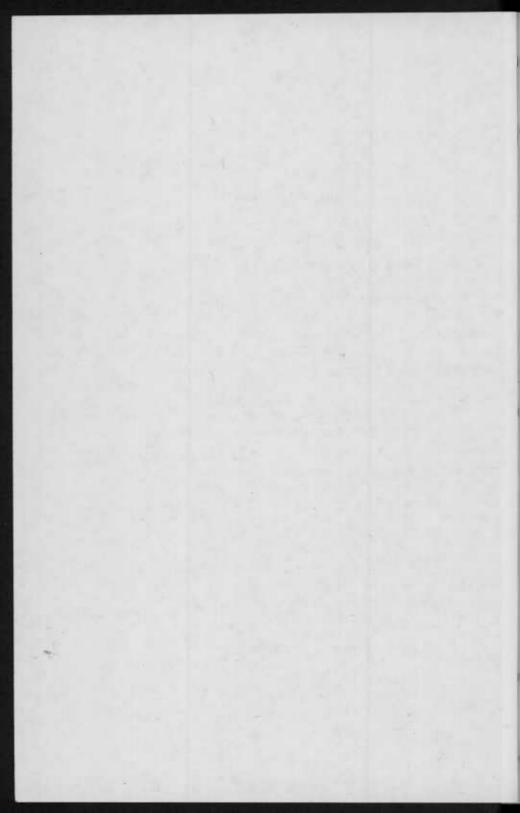
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DOUGLAS S. TAWNEY, Director

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#### **BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS**

The Board of Recreation and Parks held 13 regular public meetings during Fiscal 1973; July 1, 1972 to June 30, 1973. The Real Estate Committee, along with members of the Staff, conducted ten tours of inspection.

Board of Recreation and Parks committees:

Budget-Nazzareno F. Velleggia, Chairman, Samuel Hopkins, Uthman Ray, Jr., M.D., Ann F. Scheper, Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

Real Estate-Harry D. Kaufman, Chairman, Mrs. M. Richmond Farring, Samuel Hopkins, Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

Rule No. 46-Ann F. Scheper, Chairlady, Harry D. Kaufman, Uthman Ray, Jr., M.D., Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

Stadium-Samuel Hopkins, Chairman, Nazzareno F. Velleggia, Harry D. Kaufman, Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

To Study the Use of Beer in Parks-Nazzareno F. Velleggia, Chairman, Samuel Hopkins, Harry D. Kaufman, Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

Zoo-Mrs. M. Richmond Farring, Chairlady, Samuel Hopkins, Ann F. Scheper, Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

Board Representative to the Art Commission of Baltimore-Mrs. M. Richmond Farring

Board Representative to the Health and Welfare Council of the Baltimore Area-Mrs. M. Richmond Farring

#### CONTRACTS

The Following contracts were entered into and executed by the Board of Recreation and Parks during Fiscal 1973:

- 1. Sports Media, Inc.-rental of Pine Ridge Golf Course-match between Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus.
- 2. John Bass-Golf Professional-Pine Ridge

- 3. City-Poly-Memorial Stadium-annual football game
- 4. Nine to Eleven, Inc.-assumption of Colt contract
- 5. Baltimore Zoological Society-construction of Kodiak Bear Exhibit at Zoo
- 6. Morgan State College-Memorial Stadium-Homecoming game
- 7. Colonial Dames-payment of \$1,000 annually for Mt. Clare Mansion
- 8. Audrey and Carroll Herbert-operation of Cub Hill Riding School
- 9. Baltimore Association of Retarded Children-employment of 12 young men in Horticulture Division
- 10. James W. Flattery-golf pro-Forest Park Golf Course
- 11. Hamilton Post #20-Memorial Stadium-annual March of Champions
- 12. Golfers Charitable Association-Pine Ridge Golf Course-annual Lady Carling
- 13. Baltimore Forward Thrust, Inc.-Stadium-Preakness Showcase of Music
- 14. Mayor's Committee for Preservation of Babe Ruth's Birthplace-purchase and operation of Babe Ruth Birthplace
- 15. Baltimore Orioles-operation of Stadium Parking Lot
- 16. Baltimore Bays-Stadium-1973 soccer season
- 17. Greater Northeast Baltimore Association, Inc.-Stadium-4th of July fireworks
- 18, City-Poly-Stadium-annual football game-1973
- 19. Baltimore Zoological Society-amendment to existing agreement
- 20. Baltimore Zoological Society-second amendment to existing agreement

21. Sunpapers-WMAR-TV and Coca-Cola-Baltimore Neighborhood Basketball League

## PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS AND DELETIONS

Property holdings of this Department as of June 30, 1973 totaled 6,005.378 acres. During fiscal 1973, 35.182 acres were acquired and 1.186 acres were deleted.

#### Acquired

1. City Springs Playfield, bounded by E. Baltimore, S. Bethel, E. Lombard Sts., Mason and Congress Courts: property acquired for development. 3.133 acres

2. Model Cities Council E Playfield, including 1317 to 1373 N. Stricker St. and both sides of Whatcoat St. from 1307 to 1385: property acquired for development. 2.719 acres

3. Lots #12, 12A, and 12B Park, Federal and Aisquith Sts.: accepted from Department of Housing and Community Development. .46 acre

4. Lot #14 Park, Hope St. North of Lanvale St.: accepted from Department of Housing and Community Development. .31 acre

5. Lot #16 Park, Caroline and Hoffman Sts.: accepted from Department of Housing and Community Development. .98 acre

6. Smithson Street Park Site, 1201-1219 Smithson St.: Property trans-

ferred to this Department from the Comptroller's office to be developed by Department of Housing and Community Development. .10 acre

7. Cottage Avenue Playground Site, 3700-36 Cottage Avenue: Property transferred to this Department from the Comptroller's office to be developed by Department of Housing and Community Development. .52 acre

8. Park Heights Ave. Property, Rear of 3819-33 Park Heights Ave.: Property transferred to this Department from the Comptroller's office to be developed by Department of Housing and Community Development. .34 acre.

9. Bais Yaakov School for Girls, Greenspring and Cylburn Aves.: 16.2417 acres with buildings purchased for future use as a recreation facility. The school however, has leased back the premises for a period of two years, with a two-year option, until they can locate a site and build a replacement school. The school is responsible for maintenance until termination of the lease.

10. E. 27th St. Playground Site, 2710 Greenmount Ave. and 416-418 E. 27th St.: purchased for future development as a playground. .330 acre

11. Babe Ruth Birthplace, 212-218 S. Emory St.: acquired by this Department. .065 acre

12. Shot Tower Square, the streets and alleys along E. Fayette St., Fallsway and E. Baltimore St. have been acquired from Dept. of Public Works subject to a perpetual utility easement. Acreage involved is .268 acre. Shot Tower itself acquired .04 acre

810 E. Baltimore St. Acquired .016 acre Total acreage acquired in Fiscal 1973 .324 (Total Acreage since beginning acquisition .782)

13. Hawkins Point Playground Site, 3106 Hawkins Point Road: purchased from Department of Education for future development as a playground. 1.14 acres.

14. Bell Hardware Property, 4004-06 Old York Road: acquired as an addition to adjacent Mullan Playground currently in development. .13 acre

15. Rosedale Recreation Property, Rosedale and Normount Aves.: acquired as the site for the Rosemont-Belmont Recreation Center. .194 acre

16. Tolley St. Property, 2601 Tolley St.: acquired for future development as a playground. 7.703 acres

17. Greenmount Playground Site, 402-404 E. 23rd St.: acquired for future development as a playground. .04 acre

18. Oswego Playground Site, 4001 Cottage Ave.: acquired for future development as a playground. .453 acre.

#### Deleted

1. 600 Ensor St.: Property transferred to the Department of Housing and Community Development for the sum of \$19,300..112 acre

2. Part of Chinquapin Run Park: 1.074 acres transferred to Department of Public Works for the extension of Northern Parkway. In addition to reimbursement, Public Works will develop playgrounds in the Chinquapin Area at their expense.

## RENAMING OF DEPARTMENTAL PROPERTY

November 29, 1972–Cumberland Playground at Cumberland and Carey Sts. renamed Officer Ellwood Brown Playground.

# **ENGINEERING DIVISION**

# GERALD W. BUNN, Recreation and Parks Engineer WILLIAM B. ELKINS, Principal Engineer SAMUEL P. FRAMM, Principal Engineer EDWIN W. HOUSEHOLDER, Administrative Assistant

The Engineering Division serves both the Bureau of Parks and the Bureau of Recreation in many and varied ways. Projects of diversified nature are designed and the construction is carried out through contracts let by this office or the other Bureaus of this Department. It is the responsibility of this office to see that all construction contracts, with the exception of those supervised by the City Bureau of Inspection, are properly carried out. Field surveys of all types are performed, and engineering assistance is rendered in our cooperative projects with other Departments.

This year, the Division undertook the design of the first of the Walk-To Neighborhood Swimming Pools, a two million dollar program.

- A. The following projects were designed and contracts let and supervised by the Engineering Division:
  - 1. Camp Small Storage Building
  - 2. Joseph Lee Playfield Extension
  - 3. Clifton Park Golf Course Irrigation
  - 4. Cylburn Park Storage Building
  - 5. Paving Tennis Courts in Patterson Park
  - Walk-To Swimming Pools at: Towanda Playfield ' McAbee Playground Ambrose Kennedy Playground
  - 7. Federal Hill Sodding
- B. Designed by others-contracts let and supervised by the Engineering Division:
  - 1. Presstman Street Park
  - 2. Waverly Playground
  - 3. Officer Ellwood Brown Playground
  - 4. Mullan Playground Construction
  - 5. Eutaw Place Renovation (Phase II).
  - 6. Druid Hill Park Swimming Pool new filtration system.

- C. Designed by others-Engineering assistance during design and construction:
  - 1. Robert C. Marshall Recreation Center & Playground
  - 2. Playground-North Ave. and Broadway
  - 3. Patterson Park Recreation Center
  - 4. Patterson Park Shop Building
  - 5. Gwynns Falls Shop Building
  - 6. Bay Brook Shop Building
  - 7. Herring Run Shop Building
  - 8. Towanda Avenue Recreation Center
  - 9. Federal Hill Recreation Center School #45
  - 10. Webster M. Kendrick Recreation Center
- D. Miscellaneous Engineering Services:
  - 1. Approx. 50 field surveys of all types.
  - 2. Approx. 15 specifications prepared and informal bids let for lighting, window guards, roofing, heating, sealcoats, and repairs to existing Park Buildings

# **PROJECTS AND FACILITIES** Department of Recreation and Parks

### COMPLETED PROJECTS AND FACILITIES OPENED

The following were completed between July 1, 1972 and June 30, 1973 at a total cost of \$4,445,725.63.

 Security Lighting Riverside Park Patterson Park-Phase II Margaret Brent Playground Basketball Court Lighting

### 2. Lighting and Resurfacing Existing Playgrounds

#### Resurfacing

Chestnut Hill Playground Queensberry Playground Two basketball courts, Herring Run Area (HARBEL) Rear of 1125-27 N. Calvert Street Druid Hill Park tennis courts, near #2 pool Paving cart paths at Mt. Pleasant & Clifton Golf Courses Carroll Park-pave 6 existing clay tennis courts

#### Lighting

Mt. Winans Elementary School Towanda Playfield

- 3. Cahill Recreation Center-4001 Clifton Avenue
- 4. Modernization of Existing Facilities-Bureau of Recreation

#### Roof Repairs

Edgecombe Circle Recreation Center Lyndhurst Playground Recreation Headquarters Elmley Playground

#### Miscellaneous

Roosevelt Recreation Center-sidewalks Howard Park Recreation Center-ceiling repairs Wilbur Waters Playground-Electrical Work Edmondson Avenue Warehouse-Gates and fence Lions Club Recreation Center-repaired termite infested floor Repaired parapet Wall-Canton Schenley Road Playground-fire wall Roosevelt Recreation Center-stage curtains, doors and frames, repair of eaves Harlem Park Recreation Center-new doors installed Furley Recreation Center-repaired the ceiling Gardenville Recreation Center-refinished floor Window guards at various locations-third section

 Modernization of Existing Facilities-Bureau of Parks Replaced switchboard at Hopkins Plaza Replaced heated ceiling in wading bird exhibit shelter at the Zoo Waterproof basement walls and repainting walls in wings at Mt. Clare Mansion in Carroll Park Resod three playing fields at Clifton Park

Replaced metal roof on Clifton Park Mansion

- Stadium Miscellaneous Improvements
   Oil burner conversion to conform to pollution laws
   Steam Jenny Purchase
   Emergency battery powered system
   Two tarpaulins
- 7. Presstman Street Park-3100 Presstman Street
- 8. Samuel Taylor School #122 Playground-507-77 W. Preston St.
- 9. Cherry Hill Area Playground-806 Cherry Hill Road
- 10. Officer Ellwood Brown Playground Renovation-Cumberland & Carey Streets
- 11. Waverly Playground-Eastern High School grounds
- 12. 5100 Craig Avenue Playground
- 13. Fencing around six inground Swimming Pools
- 14. Carroll Park Recreation Center-Washington Blvd. & Bayard St.
- 15. Playgrounds Construction-Leakin Park
- 16. Sodding of School Field #130-1301 McCulloh St.
- 17. Frederick B. Leidig Recreation Center-301 S. Beechfield Ave.
- 18. Federal Hill Renovation-Covington Street side
- 19. Upper Herring Run Storage Building
- 20. Bay Brook Storage Building-Bay Brook Park-6th & 10th Sts.
- 21. Joseph Lee Playfield Extension-Pratt and Drew Sts.
- 22. Repair of Druid Hill Swimming Pool Filter System
- 23. Webster M. Kendrick Recreation Center-Callaway & Fernhill Aves.
- 24. Clifton Park Golf Course Irrigation

#### 25. Cylburn Park Service Building

26. Keyes Field Development-Moyer & Taylor Aves. Storm sewer installed by Bureau of Sewers on IWO from this Dept.

#### WORK UNDER CONTRACT DURING FISCAL YEAR 1973 AS OF JUNE 30, 1973

Projects under contract totaled \$4,477,622.00

- 1. Robert C. Marshall Recreation Center and Playground–Pennsylvania Avenue and Dolphin Street, in conjunction with School #125
- 2. Playground North and Broadway, in conjunction with Harford Heights Elementary School #36
- 3. Patterson Park Recreation Center
- 4. Paving and Fencing Tennis Courts-Patterson Park
- 5. Historic Park Development-Phase I of the project is area around Shot Tower.
- 6. City Springs Playfield-Pratt and Spring Streets
- 7. Model Cities Area E Playfield Development-Laurens and Stricker Sts.
- 8. Patterson Park Shop Building, Gwynns Falls Shop Building
- 9. Towanda Avenue Recreation Center-4100 Towanda Avenue
- 10. Federal Hill Recreation Center-Inner Harbor-School #45
- 11. Council Grove and Four Other Shelters Renovation-Druid Hill Park
- 12. Mullan and Bell Property Development-4000-04 Old York Road
- 13. Modernization of Existing Facilities–Bureau of Parks Repairing sheathing and rafters in elephant house roof at Zoo.
- 14. Eutaw Place Renovation, Eutaw and McMechen Sts.
- 15. Remington Area Playfield-Phase I reinforcing sanitary sewer in Wyman Park Ravine

#### FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

This Department is taking advantage of all available Federal and State open space land acquisition and facility development assistance. At present there are two Federal programs assisting in this type of activity, "Legacy of Parks" program under the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the "Land and Water Conservation Fund" program administered by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

The State of Maryland also has an "Open Space" program administered by the State Department of Forests and Parks.

In Fiscal 1973 this Department collected \$748, 958 on previously filed grant applications, and filed new applications totaling \$2,819,161.

# BUREAU OF PARKS ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Mr. Charles A. Young, Jr. Superintendent of Parks

# Mr. William R. Schmidt, Jr. Assistant Supt. of Parks

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Mr. Calvin P. Buikema City Forester Forestry Division Mr. Alvin E. Allen District Superintendent Gwynns Falls Division

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Mr. Francis T. Butler District Superintendent Patterson Division

Mr. William H. Trageser Stadium Manager Stadium Division

Mr. Arthur R. Watson Zoo Director Zoo Division

During fiscal year 1973 the personnel of the five park districts and five special divisions, performed routine maintenance on 6,005.378 acres of land and the facilities thereon. This work included grass cutting; leaf and trash removal; preparation of athletic facilities; cleaning and repair of playground equipment, buildings and monuments; and the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers. Additional operation and maintenance facilities included five municipal golf courses, six municipal swimming pools, two ice skating rinks, bathing beaches at Fort Smallwood Park, the Zoo and Children's Zoo, and Memorial Stadium.

At various times during the past fiscal year, the bureau received additional manpower from the Neighborhood Youth Corp and the Public Employment Program. For the sixth consecutive year Neighborhood Youth Corp enrollees were assigned to the bureau during the summer months to perform maintenance work such as painting park benches and cutting and edging lawn areas. At the start of the season, 353 teenagers participating in the program were assigned to various park areas to aid in the massive cleanup of park land damaged during Storm Agnes in June, 1972.

Through the federally funded Public Employment Program, the bureau employed seventeen full-time employees assigned to perform routine maintenance work. In addition, 133 persons were assigned to the bureau from August 21, to December 5, 1972, to assist in the cleanup and restoration of storm damaged areas.

The bureau also cooperated with the Mayor's Office by providing employment for thirteen former drug addicts being rehabilitated through the Mayor's Drug Abuse Program.

Additional manpower was contracted for the cleanup of Memorial Stadium after events and for the pruning of trees on the public streets.

Each year major maintenance and development projects are undertaken by the divisions to ensure that the land and facilities under the jurisdiction of the bureau are kept in good order and are available to the public for daily use as well as for a variety of special events.

The following is a summary of the projects accomplished during fiscal year 1973 together with a few of the special events conducted in the parks.

#### CARROLL DIVISION

#### Major Maintenance and Development Projects

1. Federal Hill

Fine graded area for 56,700 square feet of replacement sod which required 90 man days.

2. Fort Smallwood Park

Developed two 75 foot long jetties out of existing rubble, requiring 30 man days to complete.

3. Carroll District Baseball Diamonds

Regraded and sodded 7 infields located throughout district-Morrell Park, Carroll Park, Baybrook Park, Lower Gwynns Falls, Cummins Playground and Wilkens Playground. Used 200 cubic yards of leaf mold soil mix and 40,000 square feet of sod which required 240 man days.

#### 4. Violetville Athletic Fields

Relocated two 90 foot baseball diamonds which included backstops, player benches and bases. Fine graded a football field and relocated 320 linear feet of 1" water line which required 150 man days.

#### 5. Lower Gwynns Falls Baseball Diamonds

The flood (Agnes) on June 22, 1972, left an average of 18" of silt on these two fields, damaged backstops, and took up player benches. Eight Public Employment Program workers under the direction of Parks' supervisors worked ten weeks removing the silt with two small pieces of equipment until the winter weather set in. Spring 1973, backstops were rebuilt, new benches installed, outfields graded and seeded and the stream bed lowered to provide a deeper channel.

#### Special Events

- 1. Municipal Games Swim Meet conducted at Riverside, July 29, 1972, approximately 1200 people participated.
- 2. Fifth Annual South Baltimore Spring Festival held on May 13, 1973, at Federal Hill; several thousand persons attended.
- 3. Boy Scouts of America, Constellation District, held display, February 25, 1973, at Latrobe Park with approximately 50 participants and several hundred observers.
- 4. Fort Smallwood was the site for Camp Variety's third summer day camp of seven weeks. Average of 350 handicapped children attended.
- 5. Evening church services were held at Federal Hill and Riverside Park by area churches, namely, Riverside Baptist, Holy Cross; Lee Street Memorial during the summer months.

#### **CLIFTON DIVISION**

#### Major Maintenance and Development Projects

- 1. Chestnut Hill Playground was paved and a new fence installed. The project totalled \$5,281.00.
- 2. Installation of the automatic irrigation system at Clifton Park Golf Course was completed at a cost of \$225,000.00. The final inspection was made on June 12, 1973.
- 3. Cash registers were installed at Clifton and Mt. Pleasant golf courses to replace the old system of dispensed tickets.
- 4. Renovation and sodding of ballfields damaged during Storm Agnes in Herring Run and Mt. Pleasant Parks required approximately 220 man days to repair at a cost of \$8,000.00.
- 5. Enclosed field, Clifton Park, ballfields sodded. The project required approximately 80 man days to complete at a cost of \$9,768.00.

#### Special Events

- 1. A "Battle of Bands" was held at Clifton Band Shell on June 8, 1973.
- 2. Tennis tournaments held in Clifton Park included Maryland State Junior, Sunpapers Senior and Mixed, Baltimore JAC's and Baltimore City Junior Tennis Tour. Play on Clifton courts by various tennis clubs and the general public was extremely heavy.
- 3. Clifton Park Swimming Pool was used for "Learn-to-Swim" classes attended by 513 persons and the Bureau of Recreation Swim Meet.
- 4. HARBEL Improvement Association sponsored clean-ups of Herring Run Park on various Saturdays, involving approximately 300 people.

5. The Annual Boy Scouts of America 3 day Camporee was held at Graham Park on May 18, 19, and 20, 1973.

#### **DRUID HILL DIVISION**

#### Major Maintenance and Development Projects

- 1. Stoney Run and Western Run were cleared after Storm Agnes of fallen trees and debris. The work performed by Public Employment Program Employees, required 64 man days to accomplish at a cost of \$1,561.67.
- 2. Repairs to Robert E. Lee Park, extensively damaged by Storm Agnes, were accomplished at a cost of \$1,766.00 for labor; installation of 50 guard posts and 300' of steel cable along the road; the replacement of safety floats across the water in front of the dam; the application of nine loads of Camp Small Mix to repair the lawns; and the hauling and spreading of 20 truck loads of wood chip to prevent erosion of the hillside.
- 3. Fifty truck loads of wood chips were hauled and spread on the slopes at Wyman Park to prevent erosion. This work was done with the Neighborhood Youth Corp Employees.
- 4. Twenty truck loads of Camp Small Mix were hauled and spread at Gilman Terrace and Beech Avenue, the area seeded and mulched, and 30 guard posts were installed along the road.
- 5. A new Filtration plant was installed at Pool #1 at a cost of \$65,000.

#### **Special Events**

- 1. A golf match was held at Pine Ridge Golf Course between Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus on August 22, 1972, to benefit the Maryland Cancer Society.
- 2. Ride-a-Bike For The Retarded Day was held on April 8, 1973, with a marathon race around the reservoir in Druid Hill Park. Organized by the Maryland Association for Retarded Children, the fund raising event aided 130,000 retarded citizens in Maryland.
- 3. A Civil Defense Demonstration was conducted in Druid Hill Park, with approximately 2,000 people in attendance, on June 9, 1973.
- 4. Operation Champ held a field day in the enclosed field in Druid Hill Park for youngsters from all sections of the City, on August 17, 1972.
- 5. Red Cross and Community College of Baltimore conducted swimming classes at Druid Hill and Roosevelt Pools.

#### **GWYNNS FALLS DIVISION**

#### Major Maintenance and Development Projects

1. Due to Storm Agnes, Dickeyville lawn areas, roadway, and dam were severely damaged and in dire need of repair. The Water Div. of the Department of Public Works rebuilt the dam and our Construction Division repaired the concrete work. The Construction Division also furnished two front end loaders and operators to help move debris and fill in deep holes and ruts. One thousand, fifty five cubic yards of fill, two hundred cubic yards of topsoil, and one hundred pounds of grass seed were used to repair the area. The project required 61 man days to complete at a total cost of \$3,120.00.

- 2. The Lower Leakin Picnic and Parking Area were severely damaged by Storm Agnes. To accomplish restoring these areas to useful facilities, help was rendered by the Construction Division to replace approximately 1,650 square feet of black top walkway, install a new fountain, and weld the plates on the under structure of the bridge. The Forestry Division planted fifty trees. The Welsbach Company replaced five 28' steel lamp posts in order to provide lighting for the areas. The Gwynns Falls Division replaced material for the berm, filled in large holes and washed out areas with fill dirt and topsoil, regraded parking areas and lawn areas, and installed approximately twenty guard posts. This project required 219 man days at a cost of \$7,658.00.
- 3. Extensive damage was done to Bloomingdale Oval ballfield by Storm Agnes. In order to accomplish some of the work, the Utility Construction Division of the Department of Public Works cooperated by furnishing a rubber-tired pay loader and an operator for approximately five days. The 90 foot baseball diamond and the backstop were completely destroyed. Two soft ball diamonds and the two football fields were severely damaged. To repair the playing fields and lawn areas, it required the installation of approximately 50 posts, filling in deep ruts and holes, removal of debris and regrading of 60 per cent of the Oval. Installation of a 90 foot diamond was accomplished and the other playing fields were renovated. This project required 150 cubic yards of fill dirt and 2800 square yards of K-31 sod; a new canopy regulation backstop; and one hundred and fifty pounds of grass seed to seed bare areas. The project required 250 man days to complete at a cost of \$10,116.00.
- 4. On the Forest Park Golf Course, improvements consisted of stripping, regrading and resodding twenty tees, which required 66 man days to complete at a cost of \$3,652.00; the installation of a 12 foot fence parallel to Forest Park Avenue from the middle of the 15th tee going west 150 feet to protect people from injury and private property from damage, at a cost of \$882.00; and the reseeding of Number 4 and Number 5 fairways at a cost of \$425.00.
- 5. Renovation of the lawn and surrounding area at the Cahill Recreation Center was undertaken and required removal of the old service road and repairs to the footway by the Construction Division; removal of dead trees and pruning of dead limbs by the Forestry Division; and the application of 200 cubic yards of fill dirt, 150 cubic yards of topsoil, and 2700 square yards of sod. The project required 141 man days to complete at a cost of \$5,827.00.

#### Special Events

1. The Union Square Association Incorporated held their 7th Annual

U.S.A. Day Fair at the Union Square on June 23, 1973 to raise funds for the restoration of Union Square. The fair was attended by approximately 5,000 persons.

- 2. The Bureau of Recreation held day camps at Easterwood Park, Hanlon Park, and Bergners Park from the end of the school term in June to the middle of August. The programs provided guidance and training, as well as recreational facilities for the children of the community. The attendance for each camp was approximately 225 per day.
- 3. The Franklintown Community Association presented an Antique and Craft Show in Leakin Park Area #2. Held on May 7, 1972, the show attracted 2,000 persons.
- 4. The Provident Community Mental Health Center held a mental health fair and bazaar at Lafayette Square from June 15th through June 17, 1973 to raise funds for Provident Hospital.
- 5. The Boy Scouts Summer Roundtable was held at the Crimea Picnic Area in Leakin Park on August 27, 1972 by the Trailblazers, District of Baltimore Area Council Boy Scouts.

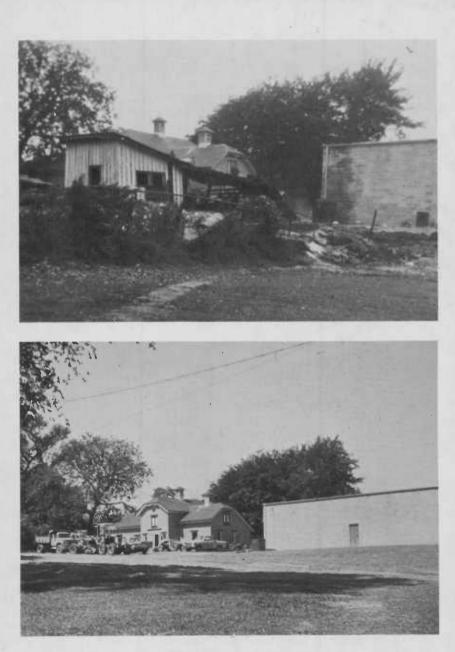
#### PATTERSON DIVISION

#### Major Maintenance and Development Projects

- 1. The #2 little league ballfield at Radecke Playfield was completely renovated utilizing 900 square yards of sod, 10 cubic yards of clay, and 10 cubic yards of top soil at a cost of \$495.00. The project was completed in approximately 10 man days.
- 2. A bocci ball court was constructed at the Pumping Station area, Eastern Avenue and President Street, to be used by area residents. Construction materials included 5 tons of stone dust, 15 cubic yards of clay, and 168 feet of 4 x 6 timber, and a small quantity of yellow paint to mark the court. Three man days were required to complete the court.
- 3. The shelter area at Janney-Kresson Playfield was renovated using 1700 paving bricks, which had been salvaged from abandoned walks in Patterson Park, 10 bags of cement, 5 tons of sand, and 15 cubic yards of top soil. The project required approximately 8 man days to complete.
- 4. The center field and the bench area in Utz Twardowicz Field were resodded. The project, which took approximately 5 man days to complete, utilized 500 square yards of sod, 25 cubic yards of clay, 15 tons of sand and 10 cubic yards of topsoil.
- 5. The clay tennis courts in Patterson Park are being resurfaced with blacktop under contract at a cost of \$69,811.00.

#### Special Events

1. The Committee for Downtown used the Hopkins Plaza on Wednesday evenings in July and August for jazz and pop concerts, and on August afternoons for noon jazz concerts. Approximately 1,000 people attended



A before and after view of The Historic Patterson Park Stable used as The Foreman's Office, and The New Shop Building, under construction and completed. This project is being accomplished by contract during this fiscal year.

each concert. The Committee also held their annual Christmas program in the Center Plaza during the Christmas season.

- 2. The Southeast Community Organization (SECO) held a Spring Celebration in Patterson Park on May 12, 1973. Approximately 8,000 persons attended.
- 3. On September 17, 1972, the annual "I Am An American Day" parade was held in and around Patterson Park, with 35,000 people participating and 500,000 in attendance.
- 4. A performance by the Jazzmobile of New York was given at Madison Square on August 22, 1972. The performance, sponsored by the National Brewing Company, attracted 2,500 people.
- 5. Annual events in the parks in the Charles Center Complex included the City Fair, held this year on September 29, 30 and October 1, 1972; the Preakness Week Celebration on May 11, 14 and 15, 1973; the Greater Baltimore Arts Festival, May 17, 18, and 19, 1973; and concerts by the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra on June 3 and 8, 1973. The first drawing for the Maryland Lottery was conducted in Hopkins Plaza on May 24, 1973. The drawing attracted 12,000 observers.

#### **CONSTRUCTION DIVISION**

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, the Construction Division responded to 686 requests from the 9 remaining divisions in the bureau for carpentry, painting, electrical, plumbing, welding and masonry work. Following is a brief listing, by location, of the assignments completed.

Carroll Division

- 1. Installation of a new roof on the Latrobe Park playground shelter and roof repairs at the Baybrook Fieldhouse, Curtis Playground shelter, and Riverside Park pool building were accomplished by the carpentry crew.
- 2. The exterior of the stables at Carroll Park, the Mansion House at Mt. Clare, the band shell and comfort station at Federal Hill Park, and the Babe Ruth Shrine, and the exterior and interior of the Cherry Hill pool building and Swann Park fieldhouse were repainted.
- 3. Renovations were completed at Fort Smallwood Park in preparation for the 1973 season by the painting of all buildings, repairs to existing picnic facilities and the construction of 50 new picnic tables with benches.
- 4. Major repairs were undertaken to control the severe erosion of the east slope of Federal Hill Park. New contours were established by removing 10,000 cubic yards of earth and installing 400 lineal feet of four inch drain line and replacing the excavated earth with 15,000 cubic yards of salvaged stone and granular fill.

#### **Clifton Division**

- 1. Roof Repairs were accomplished at the Mt. Pleasant Clubhouse and Graham Park riding stable.
- 2. Protective window guards were fabricated and installed on all windows at the Clifton Park Golf Course pro shop and concession building in an effort to prevent destruction of property by vandals.
- 3. Replacement drinking fountains were installed at Mt. Pleasant Park, Burdick Park, Parkside Drive and Brehm's Lane, and in Herring Run Park between Sinclair Lane and Brehm's Lane.
- 4. The newly completed automatic irrigation system at Clifton Park Golf Course necessitated the construction of a 13' 6" x 13' 6" building with concrete roof and double-hung steel doors to house the transformers and switch gears needed to provide power to the system.
- 5. Paving repairs included widening the service road at Burdick Park; resurfacing the roadway at Graham Park; replacing the service road at Mt. Pleasant Golf Course which had been destroyed during Storm Agnes and constructing a 150' x 75' parking area at Hillen Road Playground.

#### **Druid Hill Division**

- 1. The large oak support timbers and roof were replaced on the Rosenthal Memorial Shelter. The Council Grove Shelter was completely renovated with the assistance of vocational training students from the Baltimore City Schools. Both structures are located in Druid Hill Park.
- 2. Security lighting was installed in the Druid Hill Park shop area to deter the theft of valuable tools and equipment stored in the buildings.
- 3. Painting projects included the exteriors of the Loch Raven Skeet Range and the bureau's Administration Building; the bleacher seats at the High Service Field in Druid Hill Park and the Wall of Respect at Cumberland and Carey Streets.
- 4. Storm Agnes destroyed the service road and guard rail at Robert E. Lee Park necessitating replacement, by Construction Division forces, of 500 square feet of asphalt concrete and 140 lineal feet of guard rail.
- 5. In conjunction with the replacement of the filtration system at the Druid Hill Swimming Pool by a private contractor, the Construction Division completed major repairs to the underground pipes servicing this facility.

#### Forestry Division

1. New cabs were constructed for a 3 ton dump truck and a flatbed truck and large tool boxes were fabricated and installed in a pick-up and two dump trucks.

2. Steel plates were installed in the motorized stump grinding machines in addition to the normal welding repairs to existing equipment.

#### **Gwynns Falls Division**

- 1. Lighting additions and renovations were accomplished in Lower Leakin Park, where sixteen new mercury vapor fixtures were installed, and in Upper Leakin Park and the area surrounding the former riding stable in Leakin Park where a total of twenty-eight existing incandescent fixtures were replaced with 250 watt mercury vapor lights.
- 2. Repeated acts of vandalism necessitated extensive repairs and replacement of fixtures in the comfort stations at Helen Mackall Playground and Sloman athletic field.
- 3. Drainage was improved at the tennis courts in Gwynns Falls Park following the installation of 466 lineal feet of concrete gutter.
- 4. The exterior of the club house at Forest Park Golf Course was repainted as well as the exterior of the Hillsdale shop building and the Union Square shelter.
- 5. Drinking fountains, destroyed by Storm Agnes, were replaced in Lower Leakin Park and at Purnell Drive.

#### Horticulture Division

- 1. The interior of the Cylburn Greenhouse was repainted and four 56" exhaust fans were installed in the greenhouse complex.
- 2. The stone steps and porch of the Cylburn Mansion House were repaired and a 14' x 21' storage building was constructed in the rear of the mansion.
- 3. Roof repairs were completed on the Cylburn soil storage shed and carriage shed.

#### Patterson Division

- 1. The Casino building was renovated to provide adequate office space for management and clerical personnel in the Patterson District.
- 2. The shower room in the Joseph Lee Recreation Center was converted to a playroom.
- 3. The ornamental iron fence surrounding the Washington Monument was painted and hundreds of lights were strung on the monument, in the shape of a pine tree, for the Christmas holidays.
- 4. As part of the rebuilding of the decorative fountain in Mt. Vernon Square, west of Charles Street, the masonry floors and walls were repaired, new drain lines were installed and the cast iron spray head repaired.
- 5. Repairs to planter boxes, steps and walks were completed in Hopkins, Charles, and Center Plazas and in the Broadway median facing the main entrance to Johns Hopkins Hospital.

#### **Stadium Division**

- 1. An emergency exit light system was installed throughout the Stadium structure.
- 2. Prior to the opening of the 1973 baseball season, 5,000 chairback seats and six sections of bench-type seats were repainted, 1,500 chairback seats were repaired and deteriorated paving was replaced on the parking lots.
- 3. A 24' x 3' block retaining wall was constructed at the northeast end of the Stadium to control erosion.

Zoo Division

- 1. The Birthday House, a new display, was erected at the Children's Zoo and existing displays were repaired and painted in preparation for the opening of the 1973 season.
- 2. Water line repairs to eliminate flooding were accomplished at the Hippo House and the Sea Lion Pool.
- 3. The tracks for the miniature train at the Children's Zoo were readjusted and new ties and stone ballasts were installed.

#### FORESTRY DIVISION

Our continued inability to attract qualified tree trimmers necessitated entering into a contract for the pruning of street trees. This method proved to be very successful and will continue into the coming fiscal year.

The purchase of a second log grinder and the move to Camp Small, completed this year, has enabled us to keep up with the disposal of incoming logs.

During the past year, the planting and maintenance of trees in Baltimore was of prime importance to leading City officials. Councilwoman Mary B. Adams presented a proposal that the private citizens and businessmen of Baltimore be encouraged to care for the trees, growing on the public right of way, in front of their residence or place of business. The program, entitled "Adopt-A-Tree," received the wholehearted support of Mayor Schaefer whose staff prepared letters to many persons in the City soliciting their cooperation. Hopefully, a significant improvement in the appearance of the trees on the public streets will be evident by the end of summer.

The manufacturers of the Datsun automobile introduced a nationwide promotional campaign to interest persons in their product and the preservation of our national forests. "The Drive A Datsun, Plant A Tree" campaign was begun with the manufacturer agreeing to plant a tree in a national forest each time one of their automobiles was taken for a test drive by a potential customer. The idea attracted the interest of Mayor Schaefer. A member of his staff approached local Datsun dealers with a plan to plant trees in city parks as part of their campaign. Six area dealers, H & H Motors, Ritchie Datsun, Town and Country Datsun, Imperial Datsun, Major Motors and Nationwide Motors Sales Corporation each contributed \$250.00 to the City enabling us to purchase eighteen select trees which were planted in Franklin Square, Federal Hill Park, Druid Hill Park at the Grove of Remembrance, Patterson Park, Carroll Park near the Mt. Clare Mansion, and in Clifton Park south of the Johns Hopkins Mansion.

The following is a summary of the division's operations during the past fiscal year. The total number of trees planted in the parks includes the following replacement for trees destroyed during Storm Agnes. . .25 trees in Lower Herring Run Park, 100 trees at Lake Roland, 100 trees in Gwynns Falls Park along Purnell Drive, and 50 trees in Lower Leakin Park.

	FY 1972	FY 1973
Trees Removed		
Parks	423	714
Highways	1,135	2,482
Bureau of Highways Contract	795	588
C. W. O		115
Total	2,353	3,899
Trees Planted		
Parks	848	633
Highways	3,058	2,389
C. W. O	0	18
Total	3,906	3,040
Trees Pruned		
Parks	716	593
Highways	3,399	6,624
Asplundh Contract		454
Total	4,115	7,671
Down Trees Removed		
Parks	99	102
Highways	262	156
Total	361	258
Stumps Removed		
Parks	297	670
Highways	1,729	1,120
Total	2,026	1,790
Trees Sprayed		
Parks	1,477	2,425
Highways	13,540	9,348
Total	15,017	11,773
Trees Cultivated, Mulched & Weeded		
Parks	60	260
Highways	6,080	6,470
Total	6,140	6,730

#### HORTICULTURE DIVISION

#### Indoor Gardening

The Druid Hill Conservatory complex was open every day of the year and featured a permanent collection of tropical plants and seasonal displays: November-Chrysanthemums, December-Poinsettias, March & April-Spring Flower Display (tulips, lilies, hyacinths, daffodils, etc.). This facility was visited throughout the year by the casual visitor and many school groups.



The Bureau of Parks Construction Division is at work on what was originally envisioned as a holding-out type of renovation to preserve The Druid Hill Conservatory Building until a preservationist architect could draw up plans for renovation by a contractor. However, The Construction Division is having such success with its repair work, that the entire idea of an architect and renovation by a contractor will be re-evaluated after completion of these repairs. Cylburn Park Greenhouses were responsible for the production of cut flowers and potted plants for the various seasonal displays, bedding plants for park system flower beds; trees and shrubs for use in Cylburn Park Collections and in parks in general.

#### **Outdoor Gardening**

Flower beds in the park system were planted with annuals and tulips in the divisions listed below:

Clifton	4
Carroll	2
Druid Hill	16
Horticultural	20
Gwynns Falls	15
Patterson	17
Stadium	2

Shrubbery plantings at more than 75 locations were maintained on a regular basis, which included plant replacement, weeding, fertilizing, and mulching. Major projects accomplished in this area:

- 1. Lake Roland Dam-south slope, planting 300 total shrubs to retain sodded slope.
- 2. Wyman Slope on Charles Street-replacing 150 shrub dogwood.
- 3. Zoo Fence-planting a total of 325 shrubs for screening fence.
- 4. Druid Hill Mansion Parking Lot-replaced 2 hollies, 6 yews, and 30 forsythia.
- 5. Preston Gardens-planting 20 Crepe Myrtle trees along walks.
- 6. Liberty & Fayette Street Lot-planting 33 yews, 40 Ilex Hetzi, and 11 Thuja 'Nigra'.
- 7. Hopkins Plaza-planting 60 azaleas and 3000 ivy.
- 8. Potee & Hanover Streets-establishment of 3 shrub plantings, with a total of 200 plants.
- 9. Orleans Street & Pulaski Highway–establishment of a bed of Red Stemm Dogwood shrubs, and a screen of Acer ginnala along alley.
- 10. War Memorial Plaza-filling & planting 8 new boxes with Cannas and Petunias and under-planting tree planters with ivy.

#### Special Events

Druid Hill Conservatory:

November-Chrysanthemum Display	7,000 visitors
December-Christmas Display	8,000 "
March & April-Spring Display	12,000 "
Others (School & Casual visitors)	25,000 "

Total

52,000 visitors

#### Cylburn Park:

1. The 5th Annual Market Day, sponsored by the Cylburn Org. in cooperation with the Bureau of Parks, was held in June, 1973

with profits going toward the benefit of programs at Cylburn Park with attendance in excess of 16,000 persons

2. Attendance at all programs:

Tours of school children	12,000
Garden Clubs or related groups	2,500
Others	60,000
Total	74 500

There was a decline in school use due to the earlier bus strike and curtailment in school bus service due to school budget.

Recycling Composted Leaves and Processed Sewage Sludge:

This project started in 1965 has progressed slowly, but steadily, with the distribution of a total of 8,883 yards of compost distributed, with 375 yards of this material again being tested as a top dressing in Druid Hill Park.

Production and distribution in FY 73:

Leaf Mold only	
<ol> <li>Camp Small Site</li> <li>Leakin Park Site</li> </ol>	756 yards 3,073 "
Leaf Mold-Sludge Mix 1. Camp Small Site	5,054 yards
Wood chips used by this division: 1. Used in all areas that are maintained	
2. Wood chips used in FY 73	346 truck

loads

#### **STADIUM DIVISION**

The Stadium crew completed the following major maintenance projects during the past fiscal year.

- 1. Installation of sixty-six lighting fixtures on ramps leading to the lower deck.
- 2. Steam cleaning of all decks, ramps, walls, and mezzanine seating area.
- 3. Installation of emergency lighting system throughout the Stadium.
- 4. Erosion of the Venable slope was controlled by filling in washed out areas with earth, topdressing and seeding bare spots.
- 5. Twenty-four hundred temporary seats were purchased for installation at the north end of the field during football games.

In addition to the regularly scheduled games of the Orioles, Colts, and Bays, the Stadium and surrounding parking areas were utilized for the following events:

1. The annual high school football games between City and Poly, and Calvert Hall and Loyola, played on Thanksgiving Day.

- 2. The American Legion Christmas Tree sale held from December 7, through December 24, 1972.
- 3. The March of Dimes utilized the Stadium parking lot as an assembly and completion point for the Walk-A-Thon on April 29, 1973.
- 4. The Morgan College-Howard University Football game was played on November 4, 1972.
- 5. The March of Champions Drum and Bugle Contest was held on July 22, 1972.
- 6. As part of Preakness Week festivities, a Showcase of Music was presented at the Stadium on May 11, 1973.
- 7. The Stadium parking areas were used for the convenience of parade participants on three occasions and on twenty-one occasions for persons on scheduled bus trips.

### DETAILS OF STADIUM REVENUE, EXCLUDING RECEIPTS FOR THE ICE RINK, WHICH OPERATED FROM NOVEMBER, 1972 TO MARCH, 1973.

Type Of Event	No. Of Uses	Gross Attendance	Rental Revenue	Concession Revenue
Baseball	69	962,141	159,007.15	115,834.99
Football	7	360,234	203,170.08	38,447.27
Soccer	13	82,790	17,363.56	11,312.34
Festival of Music	2	3,068	-	48.89
March of Champions	1	13,758	1,000.00	1,336.83
Fireworks	1	22,616	2,000.00	1,433.84
High School Football	2	12,995	1,000.00	592.59
College Football	1	8,416	3,000.00	872.89
Showcase of Music	1	3,215	1,500.00	427.13
Walk-A-Thon	1	Est40,000	1,421.97	
TOTAL - FY 1973	98	1,509,233	389,462.76	170,306.77
TOTAL – FY 1972	88	1,601,688	425,038.11	178,115.93
			FY 1973	FY 1972
Total Rental Revenue		\$	389,462.76	425,038.11
Total Concession Reve	enue		170,306.77	178,115.93
Sale of Utilities			19,659.09	19,612.63
Reimbursement From	Colts Par	Contract For		
Lights, Field Restorati		Contract POI	4,457.28	5,763.69

Lights, Field Restoration, Etc.

**PARKING REVENUE:** Stadium Venable

19,193.53

30,626.64

18,392.93

35,076.64

	FY 1973	FY 1972
*PARKING LOT LICENSE: Stadium Venable	13,938.76 7,667.60	13,938.76 7,667.60
*CITY PARKING TAX: Stadium Venable	19,067.50 10,870.95	20,401.76 11,067.84
*CITY'S SHARE OF ADMISSION		
AND AMUSEMENT TAX:	518,381.77	735.795.48
RENTAL OF OFFICE SPACE: Orioles Colts	1,845.00 1,500.00	1,845.00 1,500.00
TELEPHONE COMMISSIONS:	939.99	1,034.22
REPAYMENTS: Rental Waived on 189 Mezzanine Seats Rental Raived on 2,380 Upper Deck Seats	1,058.40 9,329.60	1,512.00 13,328.00
TOTAL Stadium Revenue Excluding Ice Rink	1,221,955.04	1,486,441.19

\*Although these items of City income are not collected by the Stadium, they come directly from the Stadium operation and would not otherwise exist.

The electro magnetic scoreboard at Memorial Stadium was constructed and installed by General Indicator Corporation, at their expense, at a cost of \$903,000 with the provision that General Indicator Corporation be granted exclusive selling rights to advertising space on the scoreboard, in accordance with the contract specifications. When revenues from said advertising sales equal the construction cost, the scoreboard will become the property of the City. As of April 30, 1973, \$475,640 of the construction costs had been liquidated.

Year	Uses	Attendance	Revenue	Expense	Gain (Loss)
1954	106	1,507,505	\$ 230,622.20	\$241,390.12	(\$ 10,767.92)
1955	106	1,452,172	254,652.69	234,636.67	20,016.02
1956	95	1,532,011	258,486.96	235,827.66	22,659.30
1957	121	2,045,367	297,449.38	244,521.23	52,928.15
1958	95	1,569,859	296,240.73	270,653.81	25,586.92
1959	95	1,667,521	420,101.12	307,624.38	112,476.74
1960	94	1,829,969	581,826.55	337,942.98	243,883.57
1961	89	1.547.043	470,967.90	328,459.19	142,508.71
1962	90	1,391,452	480,098.46	213,573.43	167,525.03
1963	92	1,278,684	488,131.88	360,424.86	127,707.02
1964	87	1,804,191	604,151.07	420,046.16	184,104.91
1965	82	1.291.836	514,324.13	418,510.38	95,813.75
*1966	32	527,482	190,379.98	201,406.42	( 11,026.44
**1967	100	2.377,500	717,140.24	435,059.74	282,080.50
1968	99	1,361,491	651,722.28	513,738.67	137,983.61
1969	102	1,592,145	689,940.80	510,369.06	179,571.74
**1970	93	1,591,847	966,592.92	556,952.66	409,640.26
**1971	97	1,781,163	1,290,545.48	932,514.66	358,030.82
1972	88	1,601,688	1,486,441.19	939,129.77	547,311.42
1973	98	1,509,233	1,221,955.04	873,864.56	348,090.48

Revenue and Operating and Management Cost Comparisons at Memorial Stadium, 1954 through Fiscal 1973

\*Six month period due to change of Fiscal year

**\*\*World Series Years** 

Years 1954 through 1970 expenses did not include debt service nor was there any admission tax payable to the City

Years 1971 through 1973 include debt service in expenses and admission tax paid the city is included in revenue

## **ZOO DIVISION**

Major construction projects were undertaken at the Baltimore Zoo during the year by private contractors and the Zoo maintenance staff. Gifts from the Middendorf Foundation and the late J. William Middendorf, Jr. enabled the Baltimore Zoological Society to engage a private contractor to begin construction of the Kodiak Bear enclosure, the first naturalistic display to be introduced at the Zoo. Projects accomplished by the Zoo maintenance staff included renovations to the Mansion House to provide office space for the Baltimore Zoological Society, closing of the area occupied by the medical laboratory and construction of a shelter on the island in the Waterfowl Lake to house Gibbons.



Kodiak mother bear and cub await construction to begin on The First Naturalistic Display to be built at the Zoo-The Kodiak bear enclosure, made possible by gifts from The Middendorf Foundation and The Late J. William Middendorf, Jr.

Reruns of the Zoo's television program, "Saturday at the Zoo" were shown at various times and fifty-one radio broadcasts were presented on Sunday mornings at Station WCAO. Mr. Arthur Watson celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary as Zoo Director on March 1, 1973, receiving congratulations and commendations from the Metropolitan Civic Association, The Ensign C. Markland Kelly, Jr. Memorial Post #174 of the American Legion, and members of the City Council, State Legislature and United States Senate.

The animal population at the Zoo increased during fiscal year 1973 with a significant decrease recorded in the mortality rate due in part to changes in diet to conform to modern nutritional research standards; efforts to create a natural environment for the specimens and programs of preventive medicine instituted by the veterinary department.

	Species	Specimens	Mortality Rate
Mammals	95	391	7.93%
Birds	159	380	17.0%
Reptiles	98	150	17.0 %

#### MAMMAL DEPARTMENT

The Mammal Department sustained the costliest animal loss with the death of a Congo Giraffe, the last of this species in the collection. A white-bearded Gnu, a Kodiak Bear and a Jaguar were outstanding first births in the collection and a baby African Elephant was obtained this year. Visitors at the Zoo had the opportunity to observe at close range and to hand feed 12 Llamas, 17 Guanacoes, 8 Whitetail Deer, 10 Sika Deer, 9 Aoudads and 29 Mouflons which had been turned loose within the Zoo grounds.

#### BIRD DEPARTMENT

Again, during the past year, the efforts of the personnel in the Bird Department were directed toward renovating the Waterfowl Lake by adding additional cover in the form of grasses and water plants and suitable, floating nesting boxes. A female Florida Sandhill Crane, trapped in Florida by the Florida Fish and Game Department, was added to the collection, giving the Zoo a pair of these rare and vanishing birds. Efforts will be made in the coming year to breed these birds.

Major renovations in the Bird Department were the installation of a new heating system for the Wading Bird building, the construction of two new flight cages for birds of prey and breeding cages for parrots and pheasants. New breeding programs with cranes, pheasants and parrots will be instituted in the coming year to improve the present collection and provide trade stock for additional species or to increase flock numbers of breeding stock.

#### **REPTILE DEPARTMENT**

A twelve foot Burmese Python, valued at \$400.00, and a pair of St. Vincent's Island Tree Boas, valued at \$250.00 each, were presented to the Reptile Department during fiscal year 1973.

For a number of years the Zoo staff has been studying daily temperatures, humidity and lighting at the Reptile House with a view toward creating a closed environmental system more favorable to reptile life than that which currently exists in the local ambient state. As a result of this study, a large window fan, two humidifiers and a system of timed cage lighting were installed. The fan cools the building at night thereby simulating, to some degree, the cooler nocturnal temperatures to which reptiles are exposed in the natural state. The humidifiers operate during the heating season to counter the very low humidity in the building at tha't time. The timed lighting in certain cages is geared to inhibit negative feeding and breeding responses to the shortened days of autumn. The effectiveness of these innovations will be measured and recorded during the next several years.

#### VETERINARY DEPARTMENT

The Veterinary Department has completed its first full year at the Baltimore Zoo. With the addition of a full-time technician supplied by the Baltimore Zoological Society and full-time keeper help supplied by the city, the hospital and laboratory areas are being utilized and the medical records organized and kept up to date. With the added staff the veterinary department has instituted preventive medicine programs encompassing a continuing parasite check at regular intervals with treatment of the animals affected, tuberculosis testing annually of the primate collection, quarantine of new arrivals whenever feasible and, with the cooperation of the Baltimore Zoo staff, diet and management changes are being introduced in some of the problem areas in an attempt to alleviate health problems that are not related directly to disease processes.

All the animals in the collection with the exception of the Highland Cattle have now been tagged, tattooed, banded or otherwise identified in order to facilitate record keeping. At the time that these animals were restrained for this procedure routine worming and lab specimens were collected and problems such as hoof trimming were accomplished.

Routine cases and treatments have been many and varied. The most frequent problems have been associated with nutritional or metabolic disease (often in combination with parasitism) and wounds and fractures obtained thru intraspecific fighting or vandalism. Some of the more unusual and interesting cases are being studied by experts at the University of Maryland, College Park and the Johns Hopkins University Medical School and will be the subject of papers in the near future. Some of the cases are:

- 1. Leptospirosis in a Spectacled Bear Cub
- 2. Penguin Malaria
- 3. Nutritional problems associated with raising Ratite Chicks
- 4. Chicken Pox in a Lowland Gorilla
- 5. Breast Tumor in a female Mandrill

### **ZOO REVENUE**

	FY 1973	FY 1972
Main Gate Revenue		
Paid Admissions	162,700	119,200
Free with Adult	151,461	109,861
Educational Group (1,680)	80,269	78,892
Total	394,430	307,953
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	Receipts	Allendance
Main Gate Hippo Gate Mansion Gate Total	\$30,126.99 21,350.00 <u>29,866.85</u> \$81,343.84	120,246 109,425 164,759 394,430
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In fiscal 1972 receipts were 57,461.65 with an attendance of 307,953

#### Children's Zoo Revenue

The figures shown represent revenue and attendance for the period July 1, 1972 through November 5, 1972 and April 13, 1973 through June 30, 1973.

	Receipts	Attendance
Children	\$13,213.95	88,093
Adults	\$20,944.50	69,815
Total	\$34,158.45	157,908
44.69% of all persons visiting Zoo.	to Main Zoo also visited	the Children's

### Revenue from Rides

	Net to City	Tickets Sold
Safari Train	\$ 3,921.39	35,649
Zoo Choo Train	5,511.87	61,243
Carousel	2,961.90	32,910
Total	\$12,395.16	129,802

# SUMMARY OF REVENUE PRODUCING FACILITIES

In addition to the revenue derived from the operation of Memorial Stadium and the Baltimore Zoo, the bureau operates five municipal golf courses, two ice skating rinks, and bathing facilities at Fort Smallwood Park, which also produce revenue either from direct ticket sales, or from receipts of commissions from the concessionaires.

The total number of rounds played at the golf courses increased by 7,138 rounds with Mt. Pleasant Golf Course having the highest individual increase in play of 3,299 rounds.

The Patterson and Stadium Ice Skating Rinks, which were in operation from November, 1972 through March, 1973, reported the following attendance and income and expense figures.

	Stadium	Patterson
Admission Revenue	\$21,446.20	\$19,512.65
Concession Revenue	2,736.45	2,001.95
Rental Revenue	1,865.65	1,902.25
Special Sessions Figure Skating	63.00	976.50
Total Receipts	26,111.30	24,393.35
Operating Cost	38,073.04	48,194.56
Gain or (Loss)	(\$11,961.74)	(\$23,801.21)
Total Attendance ·	36,122	32,210
Sessions Scheduled	245	253
Sessions Held	207	227

The Parking charge of \$0.25 per motorcycle; \$1.00 per car, and \$3.00 per bus was in effect at Fort Smallwood Park from July 1, to September 5, 1972 and May 25, 1973 to June 30, 1973.

Park Patrons 95,485	Beach Patrons	56,212
Beach Concessions	\$ 2,403,91	
Parking Fees	23,108.25	
Total Revenue	25,512.16	
Operating Cost	66,796.03	
Gain or (Loss)	(\$41,283.87)	

The swimming pools closed on Labor Day, 1972 and opened on June 16, 1973. Following is a chart detailing the number of patrons and the operating cost at each pool.

Pool	Days Open	Patrons	Operating Cost
Cherry Hill	72	59,340	\$ 35,697.37
Clifton	. 74	82,070	46,847.79
Druid Hill	73	134,674	101,752.50
Patterson	71	89,375	32,540.72
Riverside	70	90,155	44,823.70
Roosevelt	73	45,226	30,936.16
Total FY '73	433	500,840	\$292,598.24

## **GOLF COURSE REVENUE FOR**

## **FISCAL YEAR 1973**

Course	Rounds Played	Revenue (Greens Fees, Caddy Carts, etc.)	Revenue After Taxes	Operating Costs
Carroll*	35,835	\$ 60,435.12	\$ 59,846.08	\$ 69,817.35
Clifton	24,043	76,023.23	75,314.92	131,008.96
Forest Park	27,947	79,529.42	78,765.85	117,205.05
Mount Pleasant	38,099	131,499.15	130,245.63	159,074.34
Pine Ridge	46,190	214,789.55	204,672.24	176,183.76
TOTAL	172,114	\$562,276.47	\$548,844.72	\$653,289.46

### \*A nine hole course

Year	Rounds Played	Revenue	Operating Cost	Gain or (Loss)
1973	172,114	\$548,844.72	\$653,289.46	(\$104,444.74)
1972	164,966	\$513,162.87	\$697,387.90	(\$184,225.03)

# SUMMARY OF BUREAU OF PARKS Recreation Facilities

The maintenance of athletic and recreational facilities, in a condition and manner that will accommodate the needs of the citizens of Baltimore, continues as the major activity of the bureau. Each of the facilities listed below received a share of this effort.

Clay Tennis Courts Surfaced Tennis Courts Outdoor Basketball Courts Volley Ball Courts Football Fields Soccer Fields Running Tracks Quoit Ranges 90' Baseball Diamonds 60' Baseball Diamonds 75' Baseball Diamonds Softball Diamonds Softball Diamonds Swimming Pools Wading Pools Bathing Beaches Golf Courses Playgrounds	26 83 123 26 32 19 4 9 47 60 3 82 6 12 2 5 194
Archery Areas	2
Ice Skating Pond	1
Ice Skating Rinks	2
Fishing Lake Boat Lake	1
Picnic Groves	206
Skeet & Trap Fields	200
Rugby Field	1
Lacrosse Field	1
Driver Trainer Course	1
Bridle Path	1
Scouting Area	1
Outdoor Shuffle Board Courts	2
Badminton Court	1
Hockey Field	1
Quoit Shed	1
Roller Skating Rinks	2 1
Stadium	
Bocci Court	3
Whdflower Preserve & Garden Center	1
Zoo & Natural History Museum	1
Multi-Purpose Enclosed Field Handball Courts	1
Total	975

## **BUREAU OF RECREATION**

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#### I. BUREAU HIGHLIGHTS

A. Juring the year 1972-1973 the Mullan Property, rear of 4000 block Old York Road, was acquired and ground broken for the construction of a Playfield. The Carroll Park Recreation Center was occupied. The Cahill Recreation Center, 4001 Clifton Avenue, was occupied and dedicated. The Leith Walk Recreation Wing was renovated, expanded and occupied. The Mount Winans Recreation Center was equipped with outdoor lighting. Morrell Park Recreation Center was renovated. Roosevelt recreation Center, 1221 W. 36th Street, was renovated. The Cherry Hill Homes Aquatic Center was completed, turned over to Recreation and occupied. Joseph Lee Playground Extension was almost completed. The Webster M. Kendrick Recreation Center, Callaway and Fernhill Avenues, was completed and occupied. The Fred B. Leidig Recreation Wing was completed and occupied. Centrex Phone System was installed in the central office, 1129 N. Calvert Street. Year-round program was established in the following non-recreational facilities: P.S. 72A; Brehms Lane School, P.S. 231; Garrett Heights, P.S. 212.



Inter-agency cooperation results in multiplication of benefits. HCD funds constructed this facility and it is staffed and maintained by Recreation.

- B. Volunteers of every age and professionals of every level bent great effort to insure the passage of the two Recreation and Parks loans on the ballot in November, with successful results. The promotional activities included programs in Recreation Centers, the distribution of flyers and handbills, contacting influential citizens and officials, appearances before civic groups and organizations, news articles, demonstrations at the Hopkins and Center Plazas and a great deal of one-to-one explanation and description by the staff of recreation centers throughout the city.
- C. The 75th Anniversary year of the formation of the Playground Athletic League, parent organization of the Bureau of Recreation, provided an excellent vehicle with which to promote citizen awareness of the Bureau's activities, plans and programs. With this end as an objective, the Bureau held celebrative occasions at each of its 105 facilities and frequent noon-hour demonstrations at the various downtown plazas. As an adjunct to Recreation Week a gathering of retired professional recreators was held, and from this meeting grew a standing club known as the "Recreation Pioneers". The group's announced purpose is to continue service to the citizens of Baltimore through the auspices of the Bureau.
- D. A second position of Assistant Superintendent was created to facilitate the accomplishment of administrative detail and responsibility and was filled effective June 14, 1973.

#### II. BOYS' AND MEN'S, GIRLS' AND WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

- A. New Programs Initiated this Year
  - 1. A Foul Shooting Contest for boys and girls, 8 through 13 years old, sponsored by Gino's, Inc.
    - a. 32 recreation centers participated.
    - b. 2,323 children competed.
    - c. 3 boys and 3 girls and their parents were flown to Orlando, Florida for National Finals in May.
  - 2. Soccer Clinics at 6 centers held December through March.
    - a. 2,472 boys, ranging in age from 6 to 17, participated.
- B. Track and Field Activities
  - 1. Jesse Owens Track Meet, 526 youth participated.
    - a. Sponsored by the Atlantic Richfield Company.
    - b. Local Winners traveled to Pittsburgh to compete against winners from 8 other cities.
  - 2. Youth Games held in Detroit, 1,807 local competitors for membership on reams.
    - a. Try-outs for basketball, bowling and track and field events.
    - b. 9 other cities participated in National Games.
  - 3. District Pentathlons held at 8 Recreation Centers during the week of July 17, total participation of 1,447 children, 8 through 17.
  - 4. 2 indoor meets held at the 5th Regiment Armory with a total participation of 1,177 youth.

- 5. Edward L. Waters Meet, held at Walbrook High School, 667 entries.
  - a. First Clifton Monk Award, donated by "The Friends of Clifton Monk" to the outstanding boy in the 12-13 age bracket.
- 6. 58th Junior Municipal Track and Field Games Meet, held at the Walbrook Senior High School, May 19, 1973.
  - a. Held as part of Recreation Week Celebration.
  - b. 743 youth involved.
- C. Basketball Programs and Alligned Activities
  - 1. Summer of 1972, Baltimore Neighborhood Basketball League
    - a. 35 leagues, 168 teams, 1,800 participants.
    - b. Exhibition at Hopkins Plaza, where 4, 15 & under teams, played two games.
    - c. Culminating competitions in each of three age divisions at the Civic Center on August 12.
    - d. Program fully sponsored by Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Baltimore, The Baltimore Sunpapers and WMAR-TV.
  - 2. Dribble & Shoot Program
    - a. 5,558 participants from 81 Recreation Centers (12% increase)
    - b. Highlighted by 2 appearances at the Civic Center.
  - 3. Baltimore Neighborhood Basketball League, Spring, 1973
    - a. 43 leagues, 200 teams, 2,000 participants.
    - b. 4 age divisions, total games: 1,243.
    - c. Sponsored, as before, by Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Baltimore, Baltimore Sunpapers, WMAR-TV.
- D. Weightlifting, Karate and Wrestling Classes
  - 1. 24 recreation centers served by specialists in weightlifting
    - a. 16,248 boys and men participating.
    - b. Three city-wide meets: Power Meet, Novice Meet & Championship Meet.
  - 2. 12 specialists served 18 Recreation Centers, 12,473 participants in Karate Classes
    - a. Exhibition at Hopkins Plaza during Recreation Week.
    - b. Exhibitions and demonstrations for Church Groups, Library and Schools.
  - 3. 6,472 received instruction at 6 Recreation Centers in Wrestling during 4 month season.
- E. Indoor and Outdoor Tennis
  - 1. Summer-Fall, 1972, 3,690 participants in classes at 14 sites.
    - a. Culminating City-wide Tournament in August.
    - b. Classes serve both children and adults.
  - 2. Winter
    - a. Urban Tennis Program, beginning in December for 15 weeks.
    - b. 75 youth received instruction weekly.

- c. 2 employed instructors and 8 volunteer instructors from Baltimore Tennis Club.
- 3. Spring
  - a. Wide participation in 2nd Annual Instructional Tennis Championships.
  - b. 20 Bureau youth participated in clinic.
  - c. Funded by SCCP.
- 4. April, 11 sites began Spring program of instruction.
  - a. 15 locations will offer tennis for summer period.
- F. Handball & Soccer Clinics
  - 1. Handball held at 8 Centers in conjunction with the Army Reserve Corps
  - 2. Soccer Clinics
    - a. Held on successive Saturdays in the fall at 3 Recreation Centers.
    - b. Held at 6 centers, December through March 2, 472 participating, age range, 6 through 17.



Rodney Young, now 15, took his first tennis lessons at Cahill Recreation Center during the summer of 1971, attended the Bureau's indoor clinics during the winters of 1971 and 1972, on his way to becoming a semi-finalist in the Maryland State Junior Tennis Championships in 1973.

- G. Table Tennis and Bowling
  - 1. 36 centers held preliminary table tennis tournaments, total number of competitors: 1,770.
    - a. 278 finalists, boys and men, in four age divisions in day-long, city-wide tournament, April 17.
  - 2. 1,730 young bowlers competed weekly throughout the year.
- H. Physical Fitness Demonstration during Oriole game, girls exhibited skills in rope jumping, tinikling, folk dance and team drill.
- I. Total participation, Boys' and Men's Girls' and Women's Program on local, district city, state and national competition in tournaments, leagues, instructed activities and meets, 306,772.

#### **III. MUNICIPAL SPORTS**

- A. Summer Tournaments and Meets
  - 1. Tennis
    - a. Maryland State Junior 583 Junior Players.
    - b. Evening Sun 530 Senior Players.
  - 2. Track Meets
    - a. Senior Municipal 211 Senior Participants.
  - 3. Swimming
    - a. Municipal Meet 1,093 Competitors, Junior.
  - 4. Softball
    - a. Fred B. Leidig Slow Pitch, 52 teams, double elimination.
- B. Year-round league and tournament program in most major sports.
- C. Fall, Winter, Spring
  - 1. Basketball
    - a. Girls and Women, 28 leagues, 150 teams, 1,495 players.
    - b. Boys and Men, 120 leagues, 667 teams, 6,197 players.
  - 2. Soccer, Boys and Men, 25 leagues, 167 teams, 3,106 players.
  - 3. Volleyball, Men, 2 leagues, 14 teams, 102 players.

#### D. Culminating Tournaments

- 1. Held in Soccer, Basketball and Volleyball.
- 2. Soccer: City-wide, 16-18 years; Championship team won National Championship in Dallas, Texas.

#### **IV. SERVICES TO THE HANDICAPPED**

- A. Persons served are the mentally and emotionally disturbed and/or the physically impaired.
  - 1. Pre-school handicapped, 3,200.
  - 2. Mentally ill adults, 660.

- 3. Physically handicapped children, 1,400.
- 4. Retarded and brain damaged, 4,000.
- 5. Blind adults, 420.
- 6. Retarded adults, 900.
- 7. Physically handicapped women, 400.
- B. Highlights of Program
  - 1. Summer Day Camp for Children, 500 attended.
    - a. Transported by Special Bus.
    - b. Program geared to assist in bridging the gap to "Normal Life".
    - c. Provides experience not usually available.
  - 2. Christmas Parties for children and adults
    - a. Complete dinner, dancing, entertainment, 300 toys supplied by Salvation Army.
  - 3. Trips to points of interest.
  - 4. Staff and Participants attended a seminar conducted by the American Foundation for the Blind.

### V. MOBILE AND TRAVELING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

- A. Side Walk Theatre
  - 1. Shown at playgrounds throughout the city without charge.
  - 2. Funded by Recreation Support Program moneys.
- B. Fun Wagons and Skate Mobiles
  - 1. 5 Fun Wagons, serving children and teenagers during the summer months.
  - 2. 1 Skate Mobile in operation on Saturdays during July, and September through December. During Christmas holidays it provided program daily.
- C. Traveling Play Leaders
  - 1. 50 neighborhoods served in areas not adjacent to Recreation Facilities.

#### VI. PUBLIC AWARENESS AND CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES PROGRAMS

- A. "Showcase" programs held at Hopkins Plaza, Center Plaza and downtown areas.
  - 1. Demonstrations of crafts and talents on Wednesdays during July and August.
  - 2. Children, adults and Senior Citizens also participated in numerous programs for special occasions throughout the year.
    - a. Children's Singing Games Festival.
    - b. Recreation Day at the Plaza.
    - c. Fire Department Poster Slogan Contest.

- d. Regional Frisbee Tournament.
- e. City Fair.
- f. Loan Promotion Programs.
- g. Kick-off Program for 75th Anniversary.
- h. Christmas Tree decorating Program.
- i. Participation in "Sunny Sundays" at Inner Harbor.
- B. Recreation Week
  - 1. Proclaimed by Mayor Schaefer.
  - 2. Program in each of 105 centers.
  - 3. Maryland National Bank provided open-air trolley. Attention also attracted by rock band, Senior Citizens Program, variety acts, teen dance groups, Karate demonstration, Open House at the Bureau's headquarters, 58th Municipal Track & Field Meet and luncheon served for Recreation Pioneers.
- C. City-wide contests and programs held for Children.
  - 1. Children's Coloring Contest sponsored by Quaker Oats and Pantry Pride.
  - 2. Hula-Hoop and Frisbee contest sponsored by Wham-O.
  - 3. Checker Contest sponsored by Evening Sunpapers.
  - 4. 6th Annual Chess Contest sponsored by Evening Sunpapers.
  - 5. Fire Department Poster-Slogan Contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.
  - 6. Easter Monday Program.
  - 7. Holiday Chess Tournament, 60 contestants. Sponsored by News American.
  - 8. Kite Flying Contest
    - a. Preceeded by workshops at In-Service Training School for staff directed by Maryland Kite Society.
    - b. Kite construction taught at centers.
    - c. Sponsored by United Air Lines.
    - d. Competition in conjunction with picnic atmosphere, Senior Citizens, adults and children.
  - 9. 6th Annual Frog Hop, winner to represent Mayor Schaefer at International Frog Hop in California.
  - 10. Marble Tournaments on local, district and city-wide levels. The winner competed at Wildwood, New Jersey.
  - 11. Bicycle Safety Week
    - a. Proclaimed by Mayor at ceremony held in his office.
    - b. Representatives of: Maryland Traffic Safety Commission, The Commission of Motor Vehicles, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Governor's Commission on Physical Fitness.
  - 12. Doll Show sponsored by News American.
  - 13. Bird House Building Contest.



Bureau of Recreation provides unique Baltimore-oriented minature golf course at Memorial Plaza.

#### **VII. SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM**

- A. One time activities or programs
  - 1. Presentations at City Fair, Fells Point Festival, Senior Citizens Talent and Hobby Show (3,000 spectators), numerous Churches, hospitals, and civic gatherings. Enoch Pratt Library Show, Inner Harbor "Sunny Sundays", War Memorial Plaza, Department of Housing and Urban Development Programs.
  - 2. Attendance at special-cost films, shows and exhibitions.
  - 3. Trips and outings with self-generated funds.
- B. Continuous Program
  - 1. 48 clubs and groups meet regularly.

- 2. 30 new craft, sewing and singing classes.
- 3. Training workshops for older citizens in which they received instruction in teaching techniques and in particular skills so that they could obtain remunerative positions as well as gain the self-respect that is implicit in service activities.
  - a. 37 elderly persons have been recruited, trained and hired.
- 4. Clubs which met formerly only once a week for a few hours of very limited program now meet for a full day's activities and receive leadership in crafts, singing, dancing, sewing, discussion groups and community service.
- 5. 10,000 older citizens are served by Recreation programs weekly.
- C. Cooperation with other Agencies
  - 1. The City Health Department is conducting a pilot nutrition program, funded by a Health, Education and Welfare Grant, in one of our facilities.
    - a. Will avoid duplication of services.
    - b. One hot meal a day will be served.
    - c. Other clubs and centers will be included as program expands.
  - 2. Volunteerism by the Senior Citizens in
    - a. Baltimore City Hospitals.
    - b. Loch Raven Veterans Hospital.
    - c. Nursing Homes.
- D. Senior Citizens' Newsletter established
  - 1. Begun September 1972, distributed to all Clubs and Groups within the Bureau.
    - a. Facilitates coordination, rapport and communication.
    - b. Serves to inform clubs of program available, new legislation, suggested activities.
    - c. Is sent to other interest-oriented organizations and agencies.
- E. Two Federal Grants have been awarded the Senior Citizens Program.
  - 1. A Model Cities Grant.
  - 2. Title III Grant under the Older Americans Act.
    - a. Awarded through the State Commission on the Aging.
- F. Day Camp, held at Camp Glyndon, served 702 people. Extended to six days because of demand.
  - 1. Facility leased from the Maryland Diabetes Society.
    - a. Particularly suited to older participants as grounds, and buildings are landscaped and clustered to facilitate mobility.
    - b. Red Cross supplied first aid wagon and personnel.
    - c. Some of food supplies donated.

#### VIII. PERFORMING ARTS

### A. Continuous, year-round program in Music, Drama and Dance.

- 1. Dance Specialists conducted classes in 40 centers.
  - a. Types of skills taught: Modern and Classical Ballet, Toe Dance, Tap Dance, Jazz, Acrobatic and Afro-Cuban.
- 2. Drama Specialists conducted classes in 12 centers.
- 3. Music Specialists conducted classes in 32 centers.
  - a. Activities in: singing, rhythm band, musical games and guitar.
- 4. At the close of the fall-winter-spring session recitals were produced to demonstrate the achievements of the young participants.
- B. Several Workshops were made available to full-time personnel.
  - 1. Instruction in basic rhythms, autoharp, singing and instrument making.
    - a. Leaders were encouraged to introduce the creation of rudimentary instruments into their crafts programs so that children could find the pleasure of constructing and then learning to employ a simple instrument.
    - b. Basic course for Full Time Personnel was conducted in Creative Dramatics.
    - c. Mini-Stage Crafters learned skills in music, drama, dance and puppetry.
- C. Cultural Experiences made available to children through the cooperation of the Bureau of Recreation with other agencies and organizations.
  - 1. Model Cities presented workshops and concerts to which we were invited to send children without charge.
  - 2. With funds from a grant by the Maryland Arts Council, the Pick-Wick Players presented performances at 6 Recreation Centers.
  - 3. The Children's Theatre Association presented a series of 3 plays at the Baltimore Museum of Art which more than 300 children attended without charge.
  - 4. Center Stage, The Morris Mechanic Theatre, the Maryland Ballet and the Baltimore Symphony were among the donors of free tickets to performances or invitations to dress rehearsals so that our children could be exposed to live exhibitions of the arts.
- D. Local and District leadership pooled resources and combined talents from a number of centers to stage Variety Shows, Contests, Dance Recitals and other cultural programs having to do with the performing arts.
- E. The Performing Arts Theatre auditioned children and adults from the entire city to write, score, stage and produce an original Musical entitled "Oh! Baltimore!".
  - 1. The presentation was held in the Poly-Western Auditorium during May, and at the War Memorial Plaza at the Mayor's request.
  - 2. The production involved Recreation Professional Staff as well as

Specialists in dance, drama and music, and Volunteers serving in essential positions as crew, technicians and instructors.

3. The plot dealt with Baltimore's famous landmarks and the production generated much enthusiasm both among participants and audiences.

#### IX. NATURE AND GARDENING

- A. 37,894 Children and Adults were involved in Programs this year.
  - 1. Although normal plant growth was inhibited during the summer by unusual weather, excessive rain and then drought, some centers were successful in raising colorful flower gardens.
  - 2. Nature Specialists redoubled efforts to have meaningful programs to emphasize ecological awareness.
  - 3. With Federal Funds 18 bus trips transported nature specialists and 828 children to areas of education and interest.



Mayor William Donald Schaefer joins Mrs. Gideon Steiff, Sr. and the Continental Can Company, co-sponsors, in honoring a winning artist in the Keep Maryland Beautiful Poster Contest.

- a. Carroll County Farm Museum, Longwood Gardens, Franklin Institute, Catoctin Mountain Park and Pretty Boy Dam were among the sites visited.
- b. Evaluations showed these trips to have real carry-over value for children and again demonstrated that learning is facilitated through recreation.
- B. The Nature Wagon was limited in its rounds by the inauspicious weather but was viewed by 5,274 children at locations throughout the city. Letters from our clientele attest to the worth of the program.
- C. There are now 6 operating plant rooms (Greenhouses) in centers.
  - 1. Children and Adults use the facilities and receive instruction and practical experience in making cuttings, nourishing and watering plants and they conduct experiments with light, temperature and water.
- D. During the winter months nature programs were held in most centers.
  - 1. Twenty-one centers conducted program lead by Specialists, one twohour class a week.
- E. Keep Maryland Beautiful Poster Contest, sponsored by the Bureau, Continental Can Company and Mrs. Gideon Steiff, Sr.
  - 1. Emphasis this year was placed on keeping centers, as part of the city, clean.
  - 2. 348 posters were submitted.
- F. Development of Leadership
  - 1. Supervisor conducted a workshop in the care and maintenance of Plant Rooms at In-Service Training in the fall season.
  - 2. At a pre-Christmas In-Service General Session a Holiday Decorations demonstration was held.
    - a. Stressed the importance of safe decorations, and simple construction suitable for children and youth in the Center.
  - 3. Environmental program given at In-Service Training in March.
    - a. Skits written and performed by center personnel.
    - b. Depicted, with humor, the struggle of a tree to live and mature.
- G. Spring Nature Lore Walks for the family on Sunday afternoons have continued to be popular.
  - 1. Program has developed a regular following as well as incidental, or one-time, participants.

#### X. ARTS AND CRAFTS

- A. Mobile Crafts Wagon, An Innovative Means of Developing Awareness and Participation.
  - 1. Visited 10 locations weekly during the summer.
  - 2. Supported by R.S.P. funds.

- 3. Three leaders were employed so that more individual guidance could be given to a larger number of children simultaneously.
  - a. 2,714 children under 14 were served.
  - b. Created interest and use-at-home techniques for lasting value.
- 4. Request for program are vastly greater than present funding permits.
- B. Total participation in Arts and Crafts Activities, 172,479.
  - 1. Programs directed by specialists: 122
    - a. These provided instruction for children, youths and adults.
    - b. Wide range of media included creative experiences in ceramics, oils, water colors, weaving, stained glass, gem cutting, silverwork, silk screening, batik, macrame, tie-dye, wood and linoleum block, scrap-paper-paste & paint projects for very small children.
  - 2. 186 series of classes were conducted by full-time staff.
- C. Crafts Demonstrations and Workshops
  - 1. At the new Carroll Park Recreation Center 4 crafts were demonstrated.
    - a. Community participation was invited and programs well attended.
    - b. Skills in leaded stained glass, gem cutting, silverwork, ceramics and silkscreen and batik were exhibited.
    - c. Participants were requested to show preference for 2 techniques.
    - d. Workshops were held for the two most requested skills, ceramics and stained glass.
- D. Workshop held at In-Service Training in Pottery during the fall.
- E. Two workshops held in the Spring for simple Summer Crafts.
- F. Roofing Felt was used for "Sunny Sunday" Chalk-In.
  - 1. Strips of felt were laid out on the grass and bright chalk provided.
  - 2. Passers-by were encouraged to create.
  - 3. Proved to be active, elicited freedom of expression and was much more provocative than a static Art Show.

#### **XI. SPECIAL PROJECTS**

- A. Operation Bullets: program served children throughout the city by providing free tickets and transportation to 18 home games of the Baltimore Bullets basketball team.
  - 1. 9,000 children participated.
  - 2. 180 organizations served.
- B. Camp Concern: A planned recreational and counseling program involving health, education and employment for disadvantaged young people in a day camp setting.

- 1. Camps held at Bainbridge Naval Training center, Fort Meade and Fort Holabird.
- 2. Unique domestic action program involving citizens, municipal agencies and the federal government.
- 3. Served 9,072 children between the ages of 10 and 19 years.
- 4. Carries with it a year-round counseling and recreation program, Camp Concern Follow-Up.
  - a. Provides consistent guidance and assistance in health, education and employment aid for the full year.
  - b. Fall, winter, spring sites at Cherry Hill Recreation Center, Pimlico Community School, Harlem Park Community School, Madison Square Recreation Center, Lake Clifton Community School and at Fort Meade.
  - c. Program operates in evenings and on weekends.
  - d. Participants at community sites, 30,539. Participants at Fort Meade weekend program, 2,103.
- C. Summer Lunch Program, funded by the Department of Agriculture.
  - 1. Provides free lunches to youngsters under 21 years of age.
  - 2. Bureau of Recreation is city's largest participating agency.
  - 3. Over 11,000 lunches distributed during the summer.
- D. Operation Birdland, provides free tickets and bus transportation to thirty-one Orioles home baseball games. Program geared to youngsters who are socially and economically deprived. 12,492 children between 6 and 16 served.
- E. School Community Center Program stressed human relations, creative arts and constructive recreationsl activities.
  - 1. Objective is the increase in the individual's creative use of leisure time and the enrichment of the lives of the participants.
  - 2. Has resulted in strengthening of family ties, improved racial relationships, developed human understanding and increased knowledge of government agencies.
  - 3. Total participants, 20,387.
- F. Recreation Support Program, administered by the Manpower Administration with technical support from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.
  - 1. Is designed to provide recreation for disadvantaged youth between the ages of 8 and 13.
  - 2. Program content includes organized sports, arts, crafts, mobile outreach activities, playground activities, educational and recreational trips and neighborhood impact activities.
  - 3. 183,244 children from 6 to 12 years benefited from these services.
- G. Neighborhood Youth Corps, a federal program intended to help young people of low income families to obtain remunerative employment while gaining working experience.

- 1. Program administered by the Department of Labor, Bureau of Recreation is a participating worksite agency.
- 2. 625 youth between the ages of 14 and 20 received this guidance and assistance through the Bureau of Recreation.

#### XII. STREET CLUB SERVICE

- A. Research and Demonstration Project, Youth Advocate Service.
  - 1. Federal funds through the Mayor's Office of Manpower Resources.
  - 2. Monies also allocated for a Family Crisis Intervention Project.
    - a. Intent: to divert youth 13-16 years old from the juvenile court system. Young people classified by Department of Juvenile Services as "children in need of supervision".
    - b. Services offered children in community and family setting.
    - c. Areas implemented: Northwest Baltimore, W. Southwest Baltimore and E. Southeast Baltimore.
  - 3. Program instituted by Street Club Service and operated from Mullan Property through January, then moved to Mayor's Office of Manpower Resources.
    - a. Street Club Director continues to act as consultant.
    - b. Street Club Workers continue to be involved in target areas.
- B. Vacancies filled in staff strength allowed increased provision of services.
  - 1. In previously uncovered areas: Joseph Lee Area, Federal Hill, Waverly, Remington.
  - 2. In areas where services had been discontinued because of lack of leadership: Steuart Hill, Lower Hilton Street, Gilmor Homes, White-lock & Linden, Upper Park Heights, Easterwood.
- C. General Services to Youth continue to provide many services other than rehabilitative recreation alone.
  - 1. Much individual guidance and assistance is required of the worker so that the youth may cope with community ills and daily problems with which they are confronted.
    - a. Counseling is frequently required in the areas of: referral to appropriate agencies, intervention on the behalf of youth in the courts, intercession with parole and probation officers, conferences in schools and youth service agencies.
  - 2. Wherever possible the Technique of Group Work is used in helping groups to help themselves.
    - a. Cherry Hill: 15 girls, 14-17 years old, finance their own activities, donate Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to the needy and hold Easter Egg Hunts for younger children.
    - b. Canton-Highlandtown: Group members sought employment through N.Y.C. for the summer months, made an intensive effort to reach street corner groups, planned, coordinated and

implemented programs reflecting the interests of those groups. Eased racial tensions by building relationships through integrated programs and activities.

- c. Northwest Youth Council: Launched "Operation Restoration" on October 7, 1972 with intent of restoring recreational facilities as well as providing a wider variety of constructive activities for youth in the area. City, state and federal officials participated in a basketball game promoted by the youth and at the close of the game pledged their support. Council met the Director of Recreation and Parks and received his commitment for basketball goals, benches, outdoor lighting and similar equipment.
- d. Southwest Area: 25 youth employed through N.Y.C. to clear a lot owned by the Catholic Archdiocese on which a tot-lot is to be built. This program in conjunction with that of the Echo House Cultural Center.
- e. Whitelock-Brookfield: Meetings between youth and police have resulted in better relationships and lessened conflicts. Rap sessions with narcotics agents and ex-addicts have assisted group, and hence the community, to be more fully educated in regard to drug abuse.
- f. Greenmount-Mura Street: Worker and youth instrumental in activating proper officials to have vacant houses in the 700 block of Mura Street boarded properly. Illegal activities within the houses have vastly decreased with the result that youth are no longer suspected by police and community.
- 3. Many Street Club Youth are taking advantage of the Bay College programs on both the high school undergraduate and graduate levels. The financial assistance available for those qualified compliments the program to provide a telling service for many youth.
- 4. The youthful cast for Special Award film, *Robert*, was drawn from Street Club Groups and from members of a few Recreation Centers.
  - a. Film depicted hazards of trespassing on and theft from Railroad properties.
  - b. Produced by the Chesapeake and Ohio-Baltimore and Ohio Railroads.
  - c. Film won 3 awards for excellence: Chris Award at Columbus Film Festival, Award of merit from National Safety Council, Certificate for Creative Excellence from U.S. Indusfrial Film Festival.
- 5. Metropolitan Athletic Association will again finance Summer Softball League, and did support the fall and winter Basketball League in which 300 youth participated.

#### XIII. AQUATICS

- A. 53 portable pools provided activity for more than 200,000.
- B. Year-round indoor Evening High School programs attracted 60,000.

- C. 2,491 participants in learn-to-swim programs throughout the city earned one or more certificates issued by the Red Cross indicating achievement.
- D. Program open to children and adults and covers swimming techniques from Beginner through Senior Life Saving and Water Safety Aid.

#### XIV. COOPERATIVE PROGRAM BETWEEN MODEL CITIES AGENCY AND THE BUREAU OF RECREATION

- A. Intent of program to expand hours of recreation centers by providing program on weekends and holidays.
- B. July, 1972, through March, 1973, 22 recreation centers in Model Neighborhood areas were utilized 8 hours each Saturday and 5 hours on selected holidays.
  - 1. Good Friday, Thanksgiving, New Year's Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday.
  - 2. 8 centers were utilized 4 hours on Sundays.
- C. Funds severely curtailed in March.
  - 1. All holiday and Sunday programs cancelled.
  - 2. Saturday programs reduced from 22 to 12.
  - 3. Daily hours reduced from 8 to 7.
  - 4. Reorganization delineated so that each Area Council maintained program.
    - a. Closed centers directed patrons to closest operating facility.
    - b. Residents given opportunity to become involved in designing programs.
    - c. Leisure services relative to neighborhood culture, lifestyles and needs thus provided.
- D. Program experienced steady increase of participants.
  - 1. Originally intended to serve 18,000 Model Neighborhood Residents.
  - 2. March 1973 was serving 26,279 Model Neighborhood Residents.
    - a. Increase of participants indicates deep concern for proper use of leisure.
    - b. Consistent growth of group displays sensitivity to importance of emerging leisure ethic.
- E. Program of activities reflect leisure needs unique to community.
  - 1. Each provides basic structure.
    - a. Athletics, seasonal sports, table games and self-directed activities.
  - 2. To above various forms of recreation are added and the scope includes such activities as:
    - a. Physical Fitness-karate, weight training, rope jumping.
    - b. Music-organized singing groups, band practices, drum instruction, recreation club.

- c. Crafts-knitting, needle crafts, ceramics, sewing.
- d. Roller Skating-instructional and recreational, indoor and outdoor.
- e. Swimming-instructional and recreational, indoor and outdoor.
- f. Dance-classes in modern, ballet, interpretive and modern jazz.
- g. Drama-story hours, charades, informal dramatic groups.
- 3. Each facility required to produce one special event per month.
  - a. To broaden interest and serve as culminating activity for skills.
  - b. Examples: Track and Field Meet, Holiday Parties, Basketball Tournament, Skating Demonstration, Inter-City Adult Basketball (Center vs. Junior Globetrotters from New York), Junior Teen Bake Sale (Cooking Class), Mother's Day Tea and Fashion Show, Adult Pinochle Tournament, Community Cook-Out, Outdoor Music Festival, Woodcraft Exhibit.
- F. Resident Involvement in planning, conducting and evaluation retains high priority.
  - 1. Center Director meets a representative of Model Neighborhood Council to discuss content, plans and effect close relationship.
  - 2. Community became more involved and the assistance of residents has resulted in such activities as:
    - a. Volunteers preparing and serving refreshments.
    - b. Volunteers serving as instructors for special classes.
    - c. Time contributed as officials at games and tournaments.
    - d. Chaperonage at center socials and to activities away from the center.
    - e. Assistance in securing additional equipment.
    - f. Sponsorship for fund raising affairs (dinners, bake sales, car washes, etc.) profits applied to purchase of equipment and supplies.
- G. Flexibility built into schedules to allow discretionary use of facilities by neighborhood groups and other agencies.
  - 1. Minimizes duplication of services.
  - 2. Creates awareness on the part of all agencies of availability of programs and tends to provide facilities for all.
  - 3. Examples of Agencies other than Recreation using facilities: St. Ann's Catholic Church, (Basketball Leagues); Model Cities Poets Athletic Club; Model Cities Cultural Arts Program; Model Cities Teen Centers; Model Cities Operation Champ (Roller Skating); Elks Youth Day; American Legion Youth Day; Red Shield Boys' Club (Leagues and Special Events); Housing Authority of Baltimore City (Senior Citizens Fashion Show); Police Department Christmas Parties.
- F. Each center now organizing a Recreation Council which will meet regularly with the object of improving service of project.



Participation of young men leads up to the Baltimore Neighborhood Basketball League play-off at Hopkins Plaza.

## **BUREAU OF MUSIC**

## STEPHANIE S. ESWORTHY, Music and Administrative Supervisor

Sixty-five concerts were held this season six days a week beginning June 10 and continuing through the months of July and August concluding August 23.

- A. There are three concert bands, each composed of 34 professional musicians and conductor. These bands play a flexible program of popular classics and semi-classics, marches, music from Broadway shows and motion pictures, and current hit songs.
  - 1. The Park Concert Band-conducted by Gerald Eyth well known composer and former Assistant Concert Master of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. Gerald Eyth is currently on the faculty of the Peabody Conservatory of Music and celebrated his 24th year as Conductor of the Park Concert Band.
  - 2. The Municipal Concert and-conducted by Dr. Leigh Martinet Former Conductor of the Baltimore Civic Opera Company. Celebrated his 15th season as Conductor of the Municipal Concert Band.



The Park Concert Band conducted by Gerald Eyth performs "Fiddler On The Roof" at Reisterstown Road Plaza.

Received the degree of Doctor of Musical Arts in 1966 from the Peabody Conservatory of Music.

- 3. The Baltimore Municipal Band-conducted by Robert Smith. Mr. Smith conducted the Band this season for Weldon J. Irvine who took a leave of absence for reasons of health.
- B. There is one Dixieland Jazz Band, the Monumental City Six, composed of six jazz musicians, coordinated by John W. Spicer, who specialize in the old two-beat jazz born on lower Basin Street in New Orleans.
- C. Baltimore's Big Band conducted by Eugene Walker. The program features popular music played in the jazz idiom reminiscent of Count Basie and Stan Kenton. Geared for variety, the program also contains modern jazz selections and a type of "soul" music which runs the spectrum from a rock beat to the country blues sound.
- D. Three new locations were introduced into the schedule in order to bring more music to neighborhoods of the City where concerts were well received:
  - 1. Fred B. Leidig Recreation Center-301 South Beechfield Avenue
  - 2. Sacred Heart Churchyard-3500 Fleet Street



Traditional two-beat jazz born on Lower Basin Street in New Orleans is featured by The Monumental City Six Dixieland Jazz Band.

3. War Memorial Plaza-At the request of Mayor Schaefer, Baltimore's Big Band was scheduled every Sunday evening from 7 to 9 p.m., June 10 through August 12. The series was an unqualified success. Names taken for our mailing list showed that the Band attracted people not only from all sections of Baltimore City but also from the surrounding counties.



One of the most successful locations this season was War Memorial Plaza, where Baltimore's Big Band conducted by Eugene Walker entertained each Sunday evening.

#### E. Song Leaders and Soloists

- 1. Marvin Clark for the Municipal and Park Concert Bands.
- 2. Matthew Fraling for the Baltimore Municipal Band. One of the most popular features in the concert band program is the "Sing Along". Encouraged by the engaging personalities of the Song Leaders, audiences accompanied by the band and fortified with song sheets sing old favorites and currently popular songs. For the additional pleasure of the audience, professional vocal soloists perform nightly with each band; a total of 16 vocalists throughout the season.
- F. The Operations Crew-Joseph L. Esworthy, Labor Foreman. Mr. Esworthy supervises a crew of 11 men, and has responsibility for the entire physical set-up of the concerts.

## G. Festivals of Music-Baltimore Memorial Stadium

1. Monday, July 17, 1972, 8:00 p.m.

Gerald Eyth conducted the combined Park and Municipal Concert Bands in a program entitled "Continental Variety." In addition to the four vocal soloists and the "Sing Along" of old and current favorites, a special performance was given by the Baltimore City Pipe



Dr. Leigh Martinet conducts The Municipal Concert Band as tenor soloist Ralph Quinn entertains his Mt. Vernon Place audience with "Younger Than Springtime".

> Band in colorful and authentic Scotch costume; and the Monumental City Six Dixieland Jazz Band played several traditional jazz favorites.

2. Wednesday, August 9, 1972, 8:00 p.m.

Leigh Martinet conducted the combined Municipal and Park Concert Bands. Four vocal soloists were featured in addition to the "Sing Along," which was led by Marvin Clark. The Monumental City Six played Dixieland Jazz selections.

H. Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

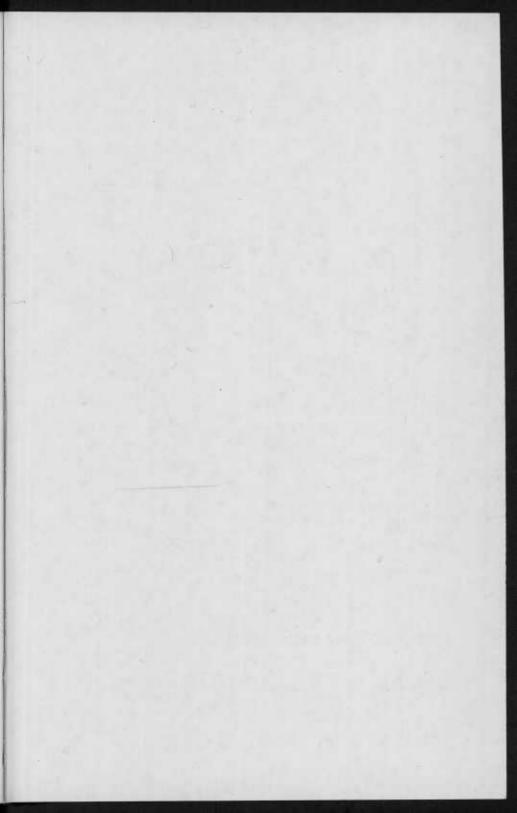
At the Mayor's request, the Bureau of Music's equipment and crew were involved in the preparation and set-up of facilities to accommodate the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra in their special series of 10 concerts held in various locations of the City during May and June.

# FINANCIAL REPORT-FISCAL 1973 DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & PARKS OPERATING BUDGET

Program Number	Title	Appropriation Fiscal Year 1973	Total Expenditure Through June 30, 1973	Unencumbered Balance for Fiscal Year 1973
471 (001-002)	Administrative Direction & Control	\$ 175,041	\$ 176,484	(1,443)
471	Debt Service	1,322,344	1,322,344	NONE
473	Municipal Concerts & Other Musical Events	83,087	81,882	1,205
478	General Park Services	4,771,556	4,745,042	26,514
479 (001-002)	Special Park Services	2,909.,618	2,867,910	41,708
480 (001-002)	Recreational Services	7,180,884	6,200,051	980,833*
505	Street Trees	495,759	490,023	5,736
		\$16,938,289	\$15,883,736	\$1,054,553
	TOTALS	\$16,938,289	\$15,883,736	<u>-758,006*</u> \$ 296,547

\*Of \$980,833 left unencumbered in Program 480, \$758,006 was budgeted in Special Funds anticipating Federal and State Grant Funds which never materialized. Therefore, the actual unencumbered balance in Program 480 is \$222,827.

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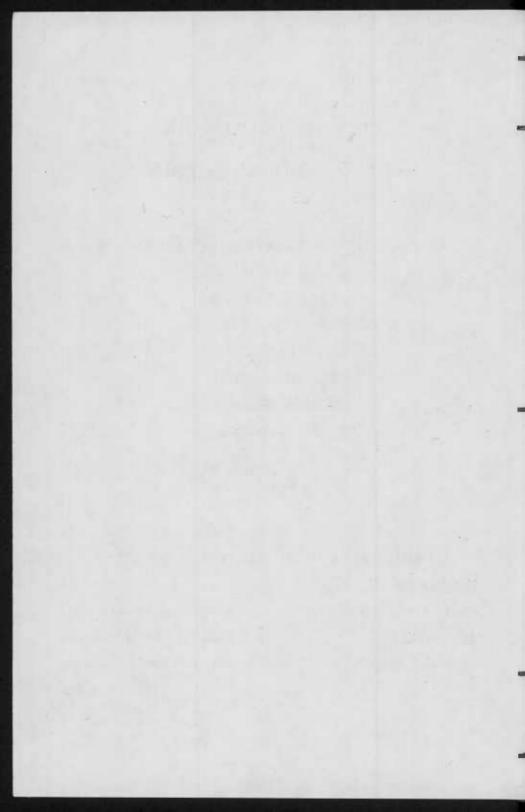
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# DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS Administrative Division

#### **ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**

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#### **BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS**

The Board of Recreation and Parks held 15 regular public meetings during Fiscal 1974; July 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974. The Real Estate Committee, along with members of the Staff, conducted eleven tours of inspection.

Board of Recreation and Parks committees:

Budget-Nazzareno F. Velleggia, Chairman, Samuel Hopkins, Uthman Ray, Jr., M.D., Ann F. Scheper, Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

Real Estate—Harry D. Kaufman, Chairman, Mrs. M. Richmond Farring, Samuel Hopkins, Ann F. Scheper, Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

Rule No. 46-Ann F. Scheper, Chairlady, Harry D. Kaufman, Uthman Ray, Jr., M.D., Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

Stadium-Samuel Hopkins, Chairman, Nazzareno F. Velleggia, Harry D. Kaufman, Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

To Study the Use of Beer in Parks-Ann F. Scheper, Chairlady, Samuel Hopkins, Harry D. Kaufman, Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

Zoo-Mrs. M. Richmond Farring, Chairlady, Samuel Hopkins, Ann F. Scheper, Joseph H. Rash (Ex Officio)

Board Representative to the Art Commission of Baltimore-Mrs. M. Richmond Farring

Board Representative to the Health and Welfare Council of the Baltimore Area-Mrs. M. Richmond Farring

#### CONTRACTS

The following contracts were entered into and executed by the Board of Recreation and Parks during Fiscal 1974:

1. Baltimore Football Club, Inc.-Memorial Stadium

- 2. Housing Authority of Baltimore City-operation of swimming pool at Hollander Hills Public Housing
- 3. Baltimore Concession Company-ice rinks at Patterson Park and Memorial Stadium
- 4. Baltimore Zoological Society-Phase II of Kodiak Bear Exhibit

5. Stratford Green, Inc.-annual expenditure of \$15,000 for Sherwood Gardens

6. Department of Public Works-perpetual easement in Moore's Run and Herring Run for sewer line

7. Baltimore Professional Soccer Associates-1974 Soccer Season at Memorial Stadium

8. Joseph Vaeth-Golf Professional-Clifton Park

9. Faulkner, Fryer and Vanderpool-Master Plan of Zoo

10. Hamilton Post No. 20-Memorial Stadium-Annual March of Champions

11. Baltimore Promotion Council-operation of 1974 U.S. Youth Games

12. Baltimore Zoological Society-increase in percentage expended for administrative expenses

13. March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon-Stadium

14. Golfers Charitable Association-Pine Ridge Golf Course-annual Lady Carling

15. Quille Parking Company-operation of Venable Park Parking Lot

16. Greater Northeast Baltimore Association, Inc.-Stadium-4th of July Fireworks

17. Baltimore Baseball Club. Inc. - Memorial Stadium

18. Baltimore Zoological Society-continued operation at Zoo

19. Department of Public Works-easement rear of Mattfeldt Avenue

20. C. & P. Telephone Company-easement on south side of Hanover Street Bridge

21. Baltimore Football Club, Inc.—provision for payment of additional 10% of concession revenue for football

22. Department of Natural Resources—acceptance of grant of \$10,732 for Youth Conservation Corps

#### FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The Federal Legacy of Parks Program is no longer operational and will be replaced by revenue sharing. Land and Water Conservation Fund grants under the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Outdoor Recreation are now added directly to the State of Maryland Open Space Program annual allotment to the City of Baltimore,

Under all programs, this Department collected \$2,085,588.77 on previously filed applications and filed new applications totalling \$3,692,277.99 under the State Open Space Program.

#### **PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Property holdings of this Department as of June 30, 1974 totaled 6,015.086 acres. During fiscal 1974, 13.452 acres were acquired and 3.744 acres were deleted.

#### Acquired

1. Robert C. Marshall Recreation Center and Playground property, Pennsylvania Avenue and Dolphin Street: acquired for development. 2.96 acres

2. DeWees Playfield Addition, 732 Woodbourne Avenue: acquired for development. .935 acre

3. Armco Playground Property, Biddle Street, West of Edison Highway: leased from Armco Steel Corporation and developed as a playground. 4.13 acres

4. Carroll Street Tot Lot Property, 838-844 Carroll Street: acquired for development. .237 acre

5. Carey Street Tot Lot Property, rear of 312-14 North Carey Street; acquired for development. .088 acre

6. Lawina Road and Duvall Avenue Playground Property: acquired for development. .49 acre

7. Shipley Hill Playground Property, 2549-2555 W. Baltimore Street and 2500 Block Booth Street: acquired for development. 1.099 acre

8. Garages to the rear of Bell Hardware Property, 4004-06 Old York Road: After demolition of garages, land to be added to Mullan Playground. .086 acre

9. Model Cities Council G Playfield Property—Phase I, Bounded by Arlington Avenue, W. Lexington Street and Schroeder Street: acquired for development. 1.08 acre

10. Delaware Avenue Playground Property, 4650 Delaware Avenue: acquired for development. .25 acre

11. Gwynns Falls Parkway and Clifton Avenue Property: acquired for development. .957 acre

12. Reservoir Hill Lot #3, 2303 Madison Avenue: transferred to this Department from Department of Housing and Community Development; part of Reservoir Hill Urban Renewal Project. .34 acre

13. Erdland Company Property Donation, Radecke and Cedonia Avenues. .8 acre

#### Deleted

1. Part of Chinquapin Run Park, transferred to Department of Public Works for the extension of Northern Parkway. .57 acre

2. 2007 W. Old Coldspring Lane and 2029 W. Old Coldspring Lane: transferred to the Department of Housing and Community Development for the Coldspring Site. 1.953 acres

3. 1604 Argyle Avenue: transferred to the Department of Housing and Community Development for the Upton Urban Renewal Project. .259 acre

4. 700-708 E. Belvedere Ave. Sold to adjacent property owner for commercial expansion. .962 acre

# **ENGINEERING DIVISION**

## GERALD W. BUNN, Recreation and Parks Engineer WILLIAM B. ELKINS, Principal Engineer SAMUEL P. FRAMM, Principal Engineer EDWIN W. HOUSEHOLDER, Administrative Assistant

The Engineering Division serves both the Bureau of Parks and the Bureau of Recreation in many and varied ways. Projects of diversified nature are designed and the construction is carried out through contracts let by this office or the other Bureaus of this Department. It is the responsibility of this office to see that all construction contracts, with the exception of those supervised by the City Bureau of Inspection, are properly carried out. Field surveys of all types are performed, and engineering assistance is rendered in our cooperative projects with other Departments.

- A. The following projects were designed and contracts let and supervised by the Engineering Division:
  - 1. Filtration System—Patterson Park Pool
  - 2. Walk-To-Pools at Towanda Playfield, McAbee Playground, and Ambrose Kennedy Playground
  - 3. Walk-To-Pools at Coldstream Park, Bay Brook Park and O'Donnell Heights Playground
  - 4. Patterson Park Lighting-Phase II
  - 5. Lighted Athletic Field in Druid Hill Park
  - 6. Replacement of Defective Plastic Pipe in Mt. Pleasant Irrigation System
  - 7. Concrete Footways at Various Locations
  - 8 Bituminous Paving and Resurfacing at Various Locations
  - 9. Lighting of Druid Hill Tennis Courts, Latrobe Park Game Courts, and basketball courts at various locations.
- B. The following projects were designed by others with the contracts let and construction supervised by the Engineering Division:
  - 1. Carroll Street Playground
  - 2. Hawkins Point Playground
  - 3. Renovation of Eutaw Place from McMechen Street to North Avenue
- C. Many small projects were completed through informal bids or through the Bureau of Purchases; including the Showmobile Building Addition, Ortmann Field Lighting, Madison Avenue Flagpole repair, Mt. Clare Mansion Roof, Lawina and Duvall Playground, and many others.
- D. Topographic surveys for use by our staff and consultants in designing parks and playgrounds were also made by this division.

# **PROJECTS AND FACILITIES Department of Recreation and Parks**

#### **COMPLETED PROJECTS AND FACILITIES OPENED**

The following were completed between July 1, 1973 and June 30, 1974 at a total cost of \$3,714,435.47:

1. Modernization of Existing Facilities-Bureau of Recreation New ceilings-various centers New doors-various centers Fence around J. E. Howard Recreation Center Folding gates at Harlem Park Recreation Center Roof repairs at North Harford, Radecke, Hamilton and Luckman Recreation Centers Window Guards-various centers Tiling of Multi-Purpose rooms at Roosevelt, Crispus Attucks, and **James McHenry Recreation Centers Exterior cleaning of Roosevelt Recreation Center** 2. Modernization of Existing Facilities-Bureau of Parks Sheathing and rafters repaired in Zoo elephant house Roof and spouting repaired at #6 fieldhouse. Druid Hill Park Charles Center Christmas lights-on hand but held due to energy shortage **Roof repaired at Riverside Pool** Fencing placed at Lakeland Playfield, Patterson Shop Building and St. Leo's Playground Water service relocated at Violetville Playfield Sweeper purchased for Lexington Mall Storm water drains and new curbs placed in Morrell Park **Colonel Armistead Monument repaired** New Lighting installed and storm water drains repaired in Ortmann Field-Patterson Park Water service rerouted in front of lion and tiger cages; and two squeeze cages purchased for Zoo Playfields resodded in Carroll, Gwynns Falls, and Patterson Divisions Storm Water Drains placed in DeSoto Road Playground 1500 tons of stone purchased for repair to Fort Smallwood Sea Wall 3. Council Grove, and Four other Shelters renovation-Druid Hill Park 4. Towanda Avenue Recreation Center-4100 Towanda Avenue 5. Robert C. Marshall Recreation Center and Playground-Pennsylvania Avenue and Dolphin Street 6. Wilkens Avenue Recreation Center Fire Damage Repair-**Catherine and Ashton Streets** 7. Lions Club Fire Damage Repair-657 Washington Boulevard 8. Waterloo Park-Monument and St. Paul Streets 9. Patterson Park Recreation Center 10. Lawina and Duvall Roads Playground

- 11. Armco Playground-Biddle Street east of Edison Highway
- 12. Hawkins Point Playground-3106 Hawkins Point Road
- 13. Lexington Mall-Howard and Lexington Streets
- 14. Softball Field-Druid Hill Park
- 15. Modernization of Patterson Park Pool Filtration System
- 16. Mt. Pleasant Golf Course-Repairs to Irrigation System
- 17. Walk-To-Pools Construction McAbee Playground—Laurens and Gilmor Streets Towanda Playfield—4100 Towanda Avenue Ambrose Kennedy Playground—1000 Block Ensor Street Bay Brook Park—Sixth Street and Farring Avenue Coldstream Park—Filmore Street near Kirk Avenue O'Donnell Heights Playground—1200 Gusryan Street
- 18. Gwynns Falls Shop Building
- 19. DeWees Land Acquisition
- 20. Security and Facility Lighting Broening Park Latrobe Park Multi-Purpose Court Druid Hill Park Four Tennis Courts Patterson Park
- 21. Stadium Front Lighting Improvement—Two poles placed in front of Stadium
- 22. Kodiak Bear Exhibit Phase I-Zoo
- 23. Mullan and Bell Property Development-4000-04 Old York Road
- 24. Patterson Park Shop Building
- 25. Paving and Fencing Tennis Courts-Patterson Park

# WORK UNDER CONTRACT DURING FISCAL YEAR 1974 AS OF JUNE 30, 1974

Projects under contract totaled \$5,784,456.00

- 1. Greenmount Recreation Center (MUND Area)-2304 Greenmount Avenue
- 2. Playground North and Broadway, in conjunction with Harford Heights Elementary School #36
- 3. Fort Worthington School #85 Recreation Center—Oliver Street at Lakewood Avenue
- 4. Renovation of Zoo and Druid Hill Park Sewerage System
- 5. Historic Park Development—Phase I of the project is area around Shot Tower
- 6. Federal Hill Recreation Center—Inner Harbor, in conjunction with School # 45
- 7. Walter P. Carter Recreation Center and Swimming Pool— St. Georges Lane and 43rd Street in conjunction with School #134
- 8. Armistead Gardens Recreation Center—5001 E. Eager Street in conjunction with School #243

- 9. Druid Hill Conservatory Renovation
- 10. Modernization of Existing Facilities—Bureau of Parks Roof repair, Mt. Clare Mansion Construction of ticket buildings—Fort Smallwood
- 11. Mary Rodman Recreation Center—Franklin Street just east of Allendale Road, in conjunction with School #204
- 12. Kitchen in Curtis Bay Recreation Center, Curtis Avenue and Filbert Street
- 13. Kodiak Bear Exhibit-Phase II-Zoo
- 14. Eutaw Place Renovation-Eutaw and McMechen Streets
- 15. Remington Area Playfield—Phase II construction of ball diamonds on filled Wyman Park Ravine
- 16. Shipley Hill Playground-2600 Block W. Baltimore Street
- 17. Security Lighting in Druid Hill Park, between lighted field and comfort station
- 18. Renovation of Concrete Footways

Federal Hill Latrobe Park **Riverside** Park **Carroll Park Clifton Park** Herring Run Park-East side of Harford Road **Hadley Square** East side of Belair Road from Shannon Drive to Parkside Drive **Reverend** Ouille Playground Druid Hill Avenue between Cloverdale and Druid Park Lake Drive Remington Ave. between 33rd and Beech and Wyman Park Drive Linkwood Road near University Parkway Patterson Park-fieldhouse at Ortmann Field Druid Hill Park-Walk around Water Fowl Lake **Druid Hill Greenhouse backvard DeWees Playfield Cahill Recreation Center** Floor of showmobile shed

- 19. Rosemont Recreation Center-Normount Avenue and Rosedale Street
- 20. Ann Street Recreation Center-Ann and Gough Streets
- 21. North Carey Street Tot Lot-Rear of 300 block North Carey Street
- 22. Herring Run Park Development
- 23. Lighting Playgrounds Patterson Park athletic practice lighting DeWees Playfield
- 24. City Springs Playfield and Walk-To-Pool Development— Pratt and Spring Streets
- 25. Harlem Playfield Renovation-1500 Harlem Avenue
- 26. Laurens-Stricker Recreation Center Council E

27. Modernization of Existing Facilities—Bureau of Parks Improvements to isolation area in Zoo Reptile Building basement

#### 28. 838-844 Carroll Street Playground

29. Resurfacing Playgrounds Resurfacing Irvin Luckman tennis courts Druid Hill tennis courts Part of Stadium parking lot New surfacing **Elm Avenue Basketball Court** Armco Basketball Court **Basketball Court at Ellicott Drive** Basketball Court-2000 Block Rockrose Avenue Washburn Playground Pads Under Equipment North Avenue Bergner Mansion Pen Lucy Playground Paving Cart paths at various golf courses

Cylburn Storage Building

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Mr. Francis T. Butler District Superintendent Patterson Division

Mr. William H. Trageser Stadium Manager Stadium Division

Mr. Arthur R. Watson Zoo Director Zoo Division

During fiscal year 1974, the Bureau of Parks assumed maintenance responsibility for an additional 13.452 acres of land bringing the total acreage under our jurisdiction to 6,015.086. Routine maintenance included grass cutting, leaf and trash removal, preparation of athletic facilities, cleaning and repair of playground equipment, buildings, and monuments; the planting of trees, flowers, and shrubs; and the operation and maintenance of Memorial Stadium, the Zoo, five municipal golf courses, six swimming pools, two ice-skating rinks, and the bathing facilities at Fort Smallwood Park.

For the seventh consecutive year the bureau provided summer work for Baltimore Summer Corps enrollees (formerly the Neighborhood Youth Corps). Three hundred thirty-one teenagers, participating in the program, were assigned to various parks to perform routine maintenance work.

Additional personnel was assigned to our agency by the Mayor's Office of Manpower Resources through the Federally funded Public Employment Program and Operation Mainstream. During fiscal year 1974, the Public Employment Program terminated. Thirteen participants were employed, on a full-time basis with the bureau. Thirty-five persons, employed through Operation Mainstream, were assigned to the Clifton and Gwynns Falls Divisions.

Following is a summary of major maintenance projects accomplished and special events which took place during fiscal year 1974 throughout the park system.

#### CARROLL DIVISION

#### Major Maintenance and Development Projects

- 1. Carroll Park Golf Course—9 tees were stripped, graded, and resodded using 9,900 square feet of sod and 60 man days to complete.
- Swann Park--New backstops were installed on three softball diamonds requiring 30 man days of labor and utilizing 192 lineal feet of 4 inch pipe, 360 lineal feet of 2 inch pipe and 120 lineal feet of 12 foot chain link fence fabric.
- 3. Baybrook #4. Latrobe and Swann Park Baseball Diamonds—regrading and resodding the infields of the aforementioned diamonds with 60 cubic yards of new soil and 24,000 square feet of sod required 100 man days to complete.
- 4. Various sites, Carroll District-150 guard posts were installed to protect turf areas and play equipment, park benches, and comfort stations were painted.

#### Special Events

- 1. Easter Sunrise Services and Easter Egg Hunts were held at Baybrook, Garrett and Federal Hill Parks.
- 2. The sixth annual South Baltimore Spring Festival was held at Federal Hill Park on May 12, 1974 with attendance in excess of 4,000 persons.
- 3. The Southwest Community Council sponsored a Fall Festival in Carroll Park on September 8, 1973.
- 4. Sunday evening religious services were conducted during the summer months at Federal Hill and Riverside Parks through joint sponsorship by the Riverside Baptist Church, the Lee Street Memorial Baptist Church and Holy Cross Catholic Church.
- 5. Learn to Swim Classes were conducted at Cherry Hill and Riverside Pools.

#### **CLIFTON DIVISION**

Major Maintenance and Development Projects

- 1. North Harford and Chesterfield Avenue ballfields—two hooded backstops were installed at each location, by contractors, at a cost of \$3,594.00.
- 2. Burdick Park and Hall Springs Playground, Herring Run Park—bicycle racks were installed on May 6, 1974.
- 3. Gardener's House, Clifton Park—chain link fencing was installed around the rental residence at a cost of \$1,800.00.
- 4. North Harford Playfield—2 little league diamonds, with backstops, were installed and the existing softball field was regraded and sodded. The project totalled \$1,210.00, and required 151 man days to complete.
- 5. Clifton Park and Mt. Pleasant Golf Courses-tees and borders were graded and sodded using 7,600 square yards of sod at a cost of \$4,235.00.

#### Special Events

- 1. The HARBEL Improvement Association held a cleanup and picnic at Hall Springs in Herring Run Park on April 27, 1974. The Association also organized a group of young people to build a nature trail in Herring Run Park for their weekly hikes.
- 2. A Memorial Cultural Affair, sponsored by the Black Arts Museum, was held at Clifton Park on May 25, 1974.
- 3. The Chinquapin Park Improvement Association sponsored a Flea Market and Arts and Crafts Show in Chinquapin Park on July 14 and 15, 1973.
- 4. The Boy Scouts Annual 3 Day Camporee was held at Graham Memorial Park with approximately 300 scouts participating in the event.
- 5. The Urban Action Department of the Baltimore YMCA conducted their "Summer Fun Street Club" activities in Clifton Park on Tuesdays and Fridays during July and August, 1973, utilizing the basketball courts, tennis courts and softball diamond.

#### **CONSTRUCTION DIVISION**

Eight hundred twenty-two (822) work requests were received and expedited by the Construction Division for maintenance assistance for the nine remaining divisions in the bureau. This represented an increase of one hundred thirty-six (136) requests. Projects completed include the following:

Carroll Division

- 1. Renovation of Fort Smallwood Park which required the construction of a bathers' dressing room 24 feet x 12 feet x 8 feet; installation of new sinks and hot water tanks and replacement of plumbing fixtures stolen by vandals; construction of a 400 foot seawall and two 90 foot jetties; and painting of buildings and picnic tables.
- 2. Construction of a public boat ramp at Broening Park 90 feet long and 12 feet wide.
- 3. Replacement of 14 existing light fixtures in Broening Park with sodium vapor lights.
- 4. Installation of a new roof on the Carroll Park Fieldhouse.
- 5. Maintenance of Cherry Hill and Riverside Swimming Pools including cleaning and painting the pools, repairing tile in the dressing rooms, installing a new counter in the dressing room of the Riverside Pool building, and covering the windows with plywood to prevent vandalism.

#### **Clifton Division**

- 1. Extensive renovation of the Gardener's House in Clifton Park included interior repairs and painting; relocation of the electrical transformer and modification of the electrical system and repairs to the plumbing facilities.
- 2. Major repairs to the Clifton Park Band Shell roof, doors, and exterior wall.
- 3. Painting interior and exterior of the Mt. Pleasant Clubhouse, Herring Run Fieldhouse and the Octagon Shelter.

- 4. Installation of traffic bumps on Herring Run Park entrance road to reduce speed of vehicles entering the area.
- 5. Major repairs to the stone steps and piers in Mother's Garden, Clifton Park.

#### **Druid Hill Division**

- 1. Extensive repairs were made to the walkways and paths in Wyman Park.
- 2. Rebuilding and painting of the Chess and Checkers Shelter and the Latrobe Shelter.
- 3. Installation of security lighting on the Pine Ridge Golf Course Clubhouse.
- 4. Installation of 900 lineal feet of 6 inch terra cotta drain pipe and brick inlet to improve drainage of lawn area at Tudor Arms Avenue.
- 5. Installation of a new roof on #6 fieldhouse—comfort station, Druid Hill Park.

#### **Forestry Division**

- 1. Construction of a masonry storage room, 8 feet 6 inches x 8 feet 6 inches for safe storage of equipment.
- 2. Installation of security lighting-rear Forestry office building.
- 3. Construction of tool boxes for various trucks.
- 4. Construction of a work shop with storage cabinets.
- 5. Repairs to the water service at the Leakin Park tree nursery.

#### **Gwynns Falls Division**

- 1. Resurfacing walkways in Easterwood Park with bituminous concrete.
- 2. Replacement of nine deteriorated light poles in Lafayette Square.
- 3. Upgrading electrical service at Union Square by removing the existing transformer and installing a 100 amp metered service.
- 4. Major repairs to octagon-shaped shelter in Leakin Park.
- 5. Repairing plumbing fixtures in the Leakin Park athletic field comfort station.

#### **Horticulture Division**

- 1. Completion of the climate control, exhaust fan system at the Cylburn Greenhouse complex and replacement of 125 panes of glass, damaged by storms, at that site.
- 2. The following projects were completed at Cylburn Mansion: fabrication and installation of screens; repairs to the porch; installation of tile in two rooms and a hallway, and painting four rooms and a hallway.
- 3. Construction of various displays including the horticultural display at the City Fair.
- 4. Repair of plumbing fixtures, damaged by vandals, at the Druid Hill Greenhouse comfort station.
- 5. Construction of a road to the bath house in Druid Hill Park.

#### Patterson Division

- 1. Installation of new roofs on the comfort station at Collington Square and the shelter at St. Leo's Playground.
- 2. Repairs and interior and exterior painting at the Pagoda in Patterson Park.
- 3. Rebuilding the drinking fountain in Charles Plaza.
- 4. Repairs to the waterproof, recessed light fixtures in Charles Plaza, including replacing lamps and cracked lenses and cleaning all fixtures.
- 5. Painting the interior and exterior of the fieldhouse at Ortmann Field, the ice-skating rink building, the senior citizens recreation center, and the City Hall Plaza concession stand.

#### **Stadium Division**

- 1. Painting 15,000 chair back seats in the Stadium and the dasher boards at the ice rink.
- 2. Repairing Stadium and Venable parking lots.
- 3. Construction of a masonry storage building, 25 feet x 12 feet x 10 feet in size.
- 4. Assisting in the annual changeover from baseball to football in the fall and the opening of the baseball season in the spring.
- 5. Repairing plate glass doors in the lobby which had been damaged by vandals.

#### Zoo Division

- 1. Screening Party House at the Children's Zoo and repainting buildings and exhibits for the 1974 season.
- 2. Installation of electric feeder cables to two incubators in the Hippo House exhibit.
- 3. Installation of new water service to the lion, tiger, and bear cages.
- 4. Installation of bituminous concrete floors in the buffalo pens shelter buildings.
- 5. Concrete paving of the Safari Train Station.

#### **DRUID HILL DIVISION**

#### Major Maintenance and Development Projects

- 1. Towanda Playfield Running Track—the track was widened and lengthened using 6 loads of cinders. Fifteen man days were needed to complete the project at a cost of \$460.00.
- 2. 39th Street—Ten permanent park benches were constructed and installed for the convenience of senior citizens in the area at a cost of \$2,000.00.
- 3. Eutaw Place Squares—1,100 square yards of sod replaced salt-damaged grass in the squares south of McMechen Street. The project totalled \$2,336.00.
- 4. Wyman Park—The swampy area at Tudor Arms Avenue was graded, requiring 10 man days to complete.

5. Druid Hill Park Clay Tennis Courts—New clay and calcium chloride were applied to the courts at a cost of \$2,840.00. The project required 75 man days to complete.

#### Special Events

- 1. A balloon race was held at diamond #1 in Druid Hill Park as part of Preakness Week festivities. The event attracted 3,500 spectators.
- 2. Lake Roland was the site of an ecology project for 250 boy scouts.
- 3. Environmental Day was held in Wyman Park Meadow with 1,000 persons attending to view displays presented by various city agencies and organizations.
- 4. A fireworks display was held in Roosevelt Park attracting 8,000 spectators.
- 5. Five hundred persons attended an Arts and Crafts Fair held in Stoney Run Park.

#### FORESTRY DIVISION

Pruning trees on the public streets and highways, by contract, was continued during the past fiscal year eliminating much of the backlog of requests already on file and enabling the division to perform preventive maintenance in other areas.

A vehicle capable of transporting large loads of logs to the municipal saw mill was acquired resulting in the delivery of 40,000 board feet of logs to the mill to be cut and used by the city.

A program to control the growth of weeds in tree spaces was undertaken with 3,769 sapling tree spaces being treated with Casaron.

Following is a summary of the division's operations during fiscal year 1974 as compared to fiscal year 1973.

	FY 1973	FY 1974
Trees Removed		
Parks	714	619
Highways	2,482	943
Bureau of Highways Contract	588	
Construction Work Orders from other City Depts	115	40
Total	3,899	1,602
Trees Planted		
Parks	633	512
Highways	2,389	1,274
Construction Work Orders from other City Depts	18	27
Total	3,040	1,813
Trees Pruned		
Parks	593	889
Highways	6,624	3,740
Asplundh Contract	454	3,393
Total	7,671	8,022

Down Trees Removed		
Parks	102	46
Highways	156	82
Total	258	128
Stumps Removed		
Parks	670	398
Highways	1,120	692
Total	1,790	1,090
Trees Sprayed		
Parks	2,425	740
Highways	9,348	6,400
Total	11,773	7.140
Trees Cultivated, Mulched, and Weeded		
Parks	260	54
Highways	6,470	2,980
Total	6,730	3,034

### HORTICULTURE DIVISION

#### Indoor Gardening

The Druid Hill Conservatory complex was open every day of the year and featured a permanent collection of tropical plants and seasonal displays: November—Chrysanthemums, December—Poinsettias, March & April—Spring Flower Display (tulips, lilies, hyacinths, daffodils, etc.). This facility was visited throughout the year by the casual visitor and many school groups.

Cylburn Park Greenhouses were responsible for the production of cut flowers and potted plants for the various seasonal displays, bedding plants for park system flower beds; trees and shrubs for use in Cylburn Park Collections and in parks in general.

#### **Outdoor Gardening**

Flower beds in the park system were planted with annuals and tulips in the divisions listed below:

Carroll										6
Clifton										4
Druid Hill										
<b>Gwynns Falls</b>	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	9
Horticulture										
Patterson										
Stadium										1

Every effort was made to change the design and materials used in each of these beds.

Shrubbery plantings at more than 75 locations were maintained on a regular basis, which included plant replacement, weeding, fertilizing, and mulching. Major projects accomplished in this area:

- 1. Audrey Avenue at 6th Street—replaced all shrubs with 10 Ilex compacta.
- 2. Washington Boulevard at Bayard Street (Carroll Park) —established a planting bed with 9 Firethorn and 7 Crepe Myrtle.
- 3. Russell Street—establishment of flower beds at the entrance sign to the city, the Pyrolysis Plant, the Westport Highway Yard and in the center plot of Washington Boulevard.
- 4. Franklin Street at St. Paul Street (west end of viaduct) flower bed established and 14 Crepe Myrtles and 3 yews planted.
- 5. Lexington Street Mall planters.
- 6. Bloomingdale Road at Hilton Street—landscaped plot to include a flower bed, 8 yews, and 8 Japanese hollies.
- 7. Vincent Street Lot planters-replanting with 4 Japanese privet and 10 Firethorn lowboy.
- 8. Hilton Street at Edmondson Avenue—planting slope with 26 arborvitae.
- 9. Forest Park Golf Course Clubhouse-planted 20 Japanese privet and 7 spreading yews.
- 10. Eutaw Place Medians (North Avenue to McMechen Street) established 8 shrubbery beds and 5 flower beds.
- 11. Downtown area—replacing 10,000 ivy plantings at various locations.

#### Special Events

1. Druid Hill Conservatory Annual Displays

November—Chrysanthemum Display	5,000 visitors
December-Poinsettia display	5,000 visitors
March & April-Spring flower display	

2. Cylburn Park

The Cylburn Organization sponsored the 7th annual Market Day for the benefit of programs at Cylburn Park. The event, held on May 11, 1974, attracted 16,000 persons.

3. Other Events

The Department of Recreation and Parks constructed and staffed a booth at the City Fair featuring displays of indoor plants, terrariums, outdoor planters, and an outdoor garden.

#### **Recycling** Program

The program of recycling composted leaves (leaf mold) and processing sewage sludge (sludge mix) was continued producing 6,544 yards of organic material for use in the park system.

Seven hundred eighty-four truck loads of wood chips were spread over planted areas in the parks.

#### **GWYNNS FALLS DIVISION**

#### Major Maintenance and Development Projects

- 1. Easterwood Park—Lawn areas were regraded and improved using 100 cubic yards of topsoil and 3,700 square yards of sod. Costs for material, labor and equipment totalled \$3,664.00. In addition, a 6 foot high chain link fence was installed along 270 feet of the park bordering Bentalou Street.
- 2. Edmondale Ballfield and Playground—Two concrete pads were installed to accommodate newly painted portable bleachers; the backstop was repaired and 15 truck loads of rock and stone were removed from the playing area. The playground equipment was repaired and painted and two portable toilets were installed. The project required 59 man days to complete at a cost of \$3,977.00.
- 3. Lawina and Duvall Playground—This newly acquired property was cleaned and playground equipment was installed. Twenty-five truck loads of wood chips were spread to create a rustic play area.
- 4. 900 Block, Ellicott Drive—Four pieces of play equipment were purchased and installed requiring 18 man days to complete at a cost of \$685.00.
- 5. Walnut Oval—The lawn area was regraded and a portion of the hill removed so the area would conform to the existing slope. Materials and manpower totalled \$2,720.00.

#### Special Events

- 1. The Union Square Association held their 8th Annual U.S.A. Day Fair in Union Square. The fair was attended by approximately 5,000 persons. Proceeds are for the restoration of the Square.
- 2. The Crimea picnic area in Leakin Park was the site of the Trailblazer District, Boy Scouts of America Annual Summer Roundtable on Sunday, August 26, 1973.
- 3. Day camps were conducted by the Bureau of Recreation at Easterwood and Hanlon Parks and Cahill Recreation Center. The camps were in session from the end of the school term until mid-August with approximately 200 children attending each day.
- 4. A kite flying contest was held in Leakin Park adjacent to Windsor Mill Road on Sunday, October 21, 1973.
- 5. Evangelistic Services were conducted in Franklin Square from June 24 through July 7, 1973 by the Morning Star Baptist Church.

#### **PATTERSON DIVISION**

#### Major Maintenance and Development Projects

1. ARMCO Playground—Construction was completed on this new facility which includes a 60 foot softball diamond with a hooded backstop, a basketball court and a playground with a large and small swing set, a large and small slide, a merry-go-round, 4 spring animals and 2 picnic tables with benches.

- 2. Armistead Ballfields, Lower Herring Run Park—2,081 tons of soil stablization material and 700 cubic yards of leaf mold were spread on the #1 and #2 ballfields. Three hundred pounds of grass seed was applied to the outfield areas. The project required 22 man days to complete at a cost of \$4,149.00.
- 3. Center Plaza—The north slope was graded and sodded and four grass areas renovated totalling \$1,160.00.
- 4. Broadway Squares, Baltimore Street to Orleans Street—Grass areas were renovated, at a cost of \$1,185.00, using 240 cubic yards of top soil, 25 pounds of grass seed and 2,000 square yards of sod. The project was completed in 30 man days.
- 5. Utz Twardowicz Field—The playing surface was renovated using 6,600 square yards of sod, 25 cubic yards of clay, 15 cubic yards of topsoil and 15 tons of wash sand. The project which totalled \$3,555.00 required 72 man days to complete.

#### Special Events

- 1. Ride-a-Bike for the Mentally Retarded, sponsored by the Patterson Park Activity Center, was held in the park on April 21, 1974.
- 2. Annual celebrations in Patterson Park included the "I Am An American Day" parade on September 16, 1973 and Pulaski Day on October 21, 1973.
- 3. Religious services were held throughout the year in Mt. Vernon Square by the Central Baltimore Ecumenical School of Christian Education.
- 4. Hopkins Plaza was the scene of the following events: a. The city-wide chess tournament on July 25, 1973
  - b. Jazz and pop concerts presented by On Stage Downtown on Wednesday evenings during July and August
  - c. The turtle derby on August 15, 1973
  - d. Jazz on the Plaza, sponsored by Baltimore Forward Thrust, during August
  - e. Ethnic festivals, sponsored by Baltimore Forward Thrust, during September and October
  - f. The doll show on January 3, 1974
  - g. Preakness Week festivities, May 13, through 17, 1974
  - h. Preview days for the Golf Championship to be played at Pine Ridge Golf Course were held on May 16 and 17, 1974
  - i. The anniversary drawing for the Maryland State Lottery took place on May 22 and 23, 1974
  - j. The annual Baltimore Neighborhood Basketball League exhibition was held on June 26, 1974
- 5. War Memorial Plaza was the site for the following:
  - a. War Memorial Committee sponsored public entertainment, June through September, 1973
  - b. Law Enforcement Day ceremonies conducted on December 8, 1973
  - c. Fine Arts Festival sponsored by the Baltimore Jaycees, April 4 through 6, 1974
  - d. Boy Scout "Scout-O-Sphere" held May 3 through 5, 1974

#### STADIUM DIVISION

The following major maintenance projects were completed during the past fiscal year:

- 1. Partial resurfacing of the East Side parking lot.
- 2. Major repairs and painting of seats throughout the Stadium.
- 3. Installation of additional water booster pump to provide water to the field and upper deck area.
- 4. Installation of new goal post sleeve at the South end of the field.

In addition to the regularly scheduled games of the Orioles, Colts, and Bays, the Stadium and surrounding parking areas were utilized for the following events:

- 1. The annual high school football games between City and Poly, and Calvert Hall and Loyola were played on Thanksgiving Day.
- 2. The American Legion Christmas Tree Sale was conducted from December 10, through 24, 1973.
- 3. The March of Dimes utilized the parking lot as an assembly and completion point for their Walk-A-Thon on May 5, 1974.
- 4. A circus was held at the Stadium on September 8, 1973 for the benefit of widows of police officers killed in the line of duty. The event was attended by 9,440 persons.
- 5. Two March of Champions Drum and Bugle Contests attracted 21,000 spectators in July, 1973, and June, 1974.

Details of Stadium revenue, excluding receipts for the ice rink.

Type of Event	No. of Uses	Gross Attendance	Rental Revenue	Concession Revenue
Baseball	81	1,136,096	\$212,315.78	\$149,286.14
Football	7	325,548	204,266.61	25,001.50
Soccer	9	29,326	13,500.00	4,286.17
Festival of Music	2	10,372	-	47.45
March of Champions	2	21,100	3,000.00	1,758.33
Fireworks	- 1	19,922	2,000.00	1,261.01
Circus	1	9,440	_	1,331.29
High School Baseball	2	945		103.99
High School Football	2	12,816	1,000.00	659.38
Walk-A-Thon	1	50,000*	1,500.00	_
Miscellaneous	3	—	470.65	—
Total FY 1974	111	1,615,565	\$438,053.04	\$183,735.26
Total FY 1973	98	1,509,233	\$389,462.76	\$170,306.77
*Estimated Attendance				

\*Estimated Attendance

	FY 1974	FY 1973
Total Rental Revenue	\$438,053.04	\$389,462.76
Total Concession Revenue	183,735.26	170,306.77
Sale of Utilities	11,825.68	19,659.09
Reimbursement from Colts per contract for lights, field restoration. etc	_	4,457.28
Parking Revenue		
Stadium	18,298.97	18.392.93
Venable	35,227.02	35.076.64
*Parking Lot License	10.000 50	10 000 54
Stadium	13,938.76	13,938.76
Venable	7,667.60	7,667.60
*City Parking Tax	10 540.05	. 10.0/5.50
Stadium	§ 19,748.85 11,332.50	\$ 19,067.50 10,870.95
	11,002.00	10,010.95
*City's Share of Admission and Amusement Tax	527,284.00	518.381.77
	321,204.00	010,001.44
Rental of Office Space Orioles	768.75	1,845.00
Colts	100.15	1,500.00
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Telephone Commissions Repayments:	1,088.90	939.99
Rental waived on 189 mezzanine seats		1,058.40
Rental waived on 2,380 upper deck seats.	_	9,329.60
Total Stadium Revenue excluding ice rink	\$1,268,969.33	\$1,221,955.04

\* Although these items of City income are not collected by the Stadium, they come directly from the Stadium operation and would not otherwise exist.

The electro magnetic scoreboard at Memorial Stadium was constructed and installed by General Indicator Corporation, at their expense, at a cost of \$903,000 with the provision that General Indicator Corporation be granted exclusive selling rights to advertising space on the scoreboard, in accordance with the contract specifications. When revenues from said advertising sales equal the construction cost, the scoreboard will become the property of the City. As of March 11, 1974, \$528,360 of the construction costs had been liquidated.

#### Revenue and Operating and Management Cost Comparisons at Memorial Stadium, 1954 through Fiscal 1974

Year	Uses	Attendance	Revenue	Expense	Gain (Loss)
1954	106	1,507,505	\$ 230,622.20	\$241,390.12	(\$ 10,767.92)
1955	106	1,452,172	254,652.69	234,636.67	20,016.02
1956	95	1,532,011	258,486.96	235,827.66	22,659.30
1957	121	2,045,367	297,449.38	244,521.23	52,928.15
1958	95	1,569,859	296,240.73	270,653.81	25,586.92
1959	95	1,667,521	420,101.12	307,624.38	112,476.74
1960	94	1,829,969	581,826.55	337,942.98	243,883.57
1961	89	1,547,043	470,967.90	328,459.19	142,508.71
1962	90	1,391,452	480,098.46	213,573.43	167,525.03
1963	92	1,278,684	488,131.88	360,424.86	127,707.02
1964	87	1,804,191	604,151.07	420,046.16	184,104.91
1965	82	1,291,836	514,324.13	418,510.38	95,813.75
*1966	32	527,482	190,379.98	201,406.42	( 11,026.44)
**1967	100	2,377,500	717,140.24	435,059.74	282,080.50
1968	99	1,361,491	651,722.28	513,738.67	137,983.61
1969	102	1,592,145	689,940.80	510,369.06	179,571.74
**1970	93	1,591,847	966,592.92	556,952.66	409,640.26
**1971	97	1,781,163	1,290,545.48	932,514.66	358,030.82
1972	88	1,601,688	1,486,441.19	939,129.77	547,311.42
1973	98	1,509,233	1,221,955.04	873,864.56	348,090.48
1974	111	1,615,565	1,268,969.33	878,759.74	390,209.59

\* Six month period due to change of Fiscal Year

**\*\*** World Series Years

Years 1954 through 1970 expenses did not include debt service nor was there any admission tax payable to the City

Years 1971 through 1974 include debt service in expenses and admission tax paid the city is included in revenue

In October, 1973, Mr. Arthur Watson, Zoo Director, attended the annual conference of the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums in Houston, Texas at which time he extended an invitation to the membership to hold their annual conference in Baltimore in 1976 during our bicentennial celebration. The proposal received an overwhelming vote of acceptance.

The Board of Recreation and Parks, with the cooperation of the Baltimore Zoological Society, engaged the firm of Faulkner, Fryer, and Vanderpool to formulate a master plan for the Zoo and Druid Hill Park.

#### MAMMAL DEPARTMENT

Outstanding births at the Zoo during the past fiscal year included a South American Tapir, an Onager foal, two Eland calves, and two female Spectacled bear cubs. The cubs are destined for the Salisbury Zoo in exchange for a Grevy Zebra. The young African Elephant obtained last year was joined by an Asian baby named Pandora. A serious loss was sustained by the death of a Bison cow and her newborn calf. The number of free roaming animals, which increased considerably during the past year both through reproduction and additional stock released, continued to provide a unique exhibit for visitors.

#### **BIRD DEPARTMENT**

The breeding program in the bird department was advanced by the acquisition and installation of a Petersine Incubator, a totally automatic machine which has a capacity of incubating several hundred ratite eggs. Propagation of birds in the collection resulted in the production of 314 eggs, 126 of which hatched. Eighty-two birds survived. The ostrich breeding program produced 52 eggs, 25 hatched, and 15 chicks.

Acquisitions were directed mainly toward waterfowl adding 14 new species to the existing 39 on exhibit. In addition, a female Golden Eagle, a pair of Whooper Swans, a pair of Victorian Crown pigeons, and a pair of Lilfords Cranes were acquired.

A total of 447 specimens of 167 species are now represented.

#### **REPTILE DEPARTMENT**

The inventory of this department (142 specimens of 87 species) was lower than usual as a result of deliberate thinning of the collection through sales, trades, and other dispositions of surplus material.

The breeding program produced 81 specimens of various species; the most significant of which was the hatching of seven black rat snakes, each carrying the gene for albinism. This resulted from a mating of an albino female with a normal-colored male. Hopefully, these young will lead to a continuing strain of albino snakes.

Physical improvements included the decoration of some of the large habitat tanks to simulate, in some degree, the natural surroundings of the confined specimens. Important additions to the collection were a Puff Adder, a Big-headed Turtle, and a male Indian Python. The python was secured as a potential mate for the female which has been in the collection for several years.

#### **VETERINARY DEPARTMENT**

The preventive medicine programs continued including regular examinations for the control of internal parasites. Medical records were established for all animals in the collection. Except for certain species of deer which were identified by tags, all the animals were banded or tattoed. Separate records will now be maintained on each animal from time of arrival at the Zoo until time of departure.

The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine continued to give invaluable support through their microbiology laboratory, clinical laboratory, and pathology department. Except for rare exceptions every animal that died within the past year had a complete autopsy with copies of the report filed with the medical record, the Zoo office record, and the Principal Keeper in charge of the animal. From July 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974, the Hopkins staff performed 128 autopsies, 23 specialized clinical lab tests, and 66 cultures.

Restraint equipment was acquired to make handling the animals safer for both the personnel and the animals.

#### **ZOO REVENUE**

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	FY 1974	FY 1973
Gate Revenue		
Paid Admissions	170,343	162,700
Free with Adult	154,290	151,461
Educational Groups	68,199	80,269
Total	392,832	394,430
	Receipts	Attendance
Main Gate.	\$36,474.20	127,338
Hippo Gate	26,530.35	121,412
Mansion Gate	31,942.98	144,082
Total FY 1974	\$94,947.53	392,832
Total FY 1973	\$81,343.84	394,430

#### Children's Zoo Revenue

The figures shown represent revenue and attendance for the period July 1, 1973 through November 5, 1973 and April 5, 1974 through June 30, 1974.

	Receipts Attendance	
Children	\$13,353.90	89,026
Adults	22,967.70	74,339
Total FY 1974	\$36,321.60	163,365
Total FY 1973	34,158.45	157,908

During the past fiscal year 41% of all persons visiting the Main Zoo also visited the Children's Zoo.

Revenue from Rides	Net to City	Tickets Sold
Safari Train	\$ 3,097.88	28,141
Zoo Choo	7,249.17	80,546
Carousel	2,896.94	32,188
Total FY 1974 Total FY 1973	\$13,243.99 \$12,395.16	140,875 129,802

## SUMMARY OF

## **REVENUE PRODUCING FACILITIES**

In addition to the revenue derived from the operation of Memorial Stadium and the Baltimore Zoo, the bureau operates five municipal golf courses, two ice skating rinks, and bathing facilities at Fort Smallwood Park, which also produce revenue either from direct ticket sales, or from receipts of commission from the concessionaires.

The Stadium and Patterson Ice Skating Rinks were in operation from November 30, 1973 to February 28, 1974 and November 9, 1973 to March 4, 1974 respectively. The following attendance, income, and expense figures were reported:

	Stadium	Patterson
Sessions Scheduled	199	260
Sessions Held.	156	234
Number of Patrons	23,430	26,246
Admission Revenue	\$13,829.55	\$16,517.99
Concession Revenue	1,402.52	1,500.68
Special Sessions	10.00	
Figure Skating.		802.00
Hockey		902.00
Other Rentals	442.75	—
Total Receipts	\$15,684.82	\$19,722.67
Operating Cost	37,324.69	46,041.84
Gain or (Loss)	(\$21,639.87)	(\$26,319.17)

The Parking Charge of 25c per motorcycle, \$1.00 per car, and \$3.00 per bus was in effect at Fort Smallwood Park from July 1, 1973 to September 10, 1973 and April 18, 1974 to June 30, 1974.

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Park Patrons—99,612	Beach	Patrons-21,571
Beach Concessions		\$ 2,544.00
Parking Fees	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	24,791.75
Operating Cost		79,420.96
Gain or (Loss) .		(\$52,085.21)

The swimming pools closed on Labor Day, 1973 and opened on June 22. 1974. Following is a chart detailing the number of patrons and operating cost at each pool.

Pool	Days Open	Patrons	Operating Cost
Cherry Hill.	72	61,828	\$ 31,400.12
Clifton	72	76,090	45,539.93
Druid Hill	69	94,851	40,800.47
Patterson	70	77,574	28,950.38
Riverside	70	74,345	41,631.43
Roosevelt	73	40.819	26,703.92
Total FY '74	426	425,507	\$215,026.25

# GOLF COURSE REVENUE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1974

		Revenue		
		(Greens Fees,	Revenue	
	Rounds	Caddy Cost,	After	Operating
Course	Played	etc.)	Taxes	Cost
Carroll*	. 35,029	\$ 59,648.17	\$ 59,065.61	\$ 76,853.74
Clifton	. 28,784	89,940.14	89,112.44	138,559.33
Forest Park	. 30,002	84,249.33	83,444.12	117,725.39
Mt. Pleasant	. 44,535	152,367.67	150,928.59	179,721.46
Pine Ridge	. 49,938	232,739.35	222,196.25	217,932.96
Total	. 188,288	\$618,944.66	\$604,747.01	\$730,792.88
* A nine hole cou	rse			
	Rounds		Operating	Gain
Year	Played	Revenue	Cost	(Loss)
1974	188,288	\$604,747.01	\$730,792.88	(\$126,045.87)
1973	172,114	\$548,844.72	\$653,289.46	(\$104,444.74)

The total number of rounds played at the golf courses increased by 16.174 rounds.

# SUMMARY OF BUREAU OF PARKS Recreation Facilities

The maintenance of athletic and recreational facilities, in a condition and manner that will accommodate the needs of the citizens of Baltimore, continues as the major activity of the bureau. Each of the facilities listed below received a share of this effort.

Archery Areas	2
Badminton Court	1
Baseball Diamonds (90 feet)	47
Baseball Diamonds (75 feet)	3
Baseball Diamonds (60 feet)-Little League	62
Bathing Beaches	2
Boat Lake	1
Bocci Court	3
Bridle Path	1
Clay Tennis Courts	26
Driver Trainer Course	1
Fishing Lake	1
Football Fields	33
Golf Courses	5
Handball Courts	3
Hockey Field	1
Ice Skating Pond	1
Ice Skating Rinks	2
Lacrosse Field	1
Multi-Purpose Enclosed Field	1
Outdoor Basketball Courts	
Outdoor Shuffle Board Courts	2
Picnic Groves	197
Playgrounds	203
Ouoit Ranges	10
Quoit Shed	1
Roller Skating Rinks	2
Rugby Field	1
Running Tracks	3
Scouting Area	1
Skeet & Trap Fields	7
Soccer Fields	20
Softball Diamonds	88
Stadium	1
Surfaced Tennis Courts	83
Swimming Pools	6
Volley Ball Courts	29
Wading Pools	12
Wildflower Preserve and Garden Center	1
Zoo and Natural History Museum	1
Total	9951/2

# **BUREAU OF RECREATION**

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#### I. BUREAU HIGHLIGHTS

A. During the year 1973-1974, the following facilities were completed, dedicated and occupied:

Webster Kendrick Recreation Center, 4130 Callaway Ave., September 19, 1973.

Mullan Playground, 4000-02 Old York Road, November 13.

Towanda Recreation Center, 4100 Towanda Avenue, March 21, 1974.

Robert C. Marshall Recreation Center, Pennsylvania Ave. and Dolphin St., June 13, 1974.

Patterson Park Recreation Center. June 13, 1974.

Six Walk-To-Pools have been completed and are ready for summer operation.

McAbee Playground-Laurens and Gilmor Streets.

Towanda Playfield-4100 Towanda Avenue.

Ambrose Kennedy Playground-1000 Block Ensor Street.

Coldstream Park-Filmore Street near Kirk Avenue.

Bay Brook Park-Sixth Street and Farring Avenue.

O'Donnell Heights Playground-1200 Gusryan Street.



On June 24, 1974, the Bay Brook Park Walk-To-Pool was dedicated with much swimming and splashing.

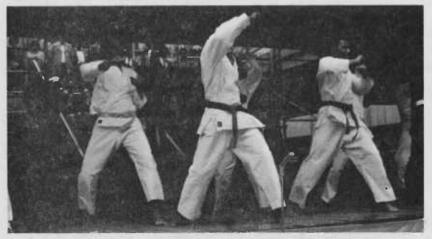
- B. Armco Playground, intersection of Curley and Biddle Streets, three blocks west of Edison Highway, Ann Street Recreation Center, 251 S. Ann Street, and Windsor Hill Tot Lot, Lawina, Duvall Roads, have been dedicated.
- C. Major renovations have been completed at Roosevelt Recreation Center and at the building from which Towanda moved. The latter building is now an exclusive housing Program for the Handicapped. Ramps were built to accommodate the paraplegic, new tile was installed, the interior of the building was repainted and refurnished.
- D. In response to the evident need for fuel conservation, not only were thermostats turned down, but innovative and imaginative programs were introduced at centers to lighten the consumption of fuel and continue to provide demanding and exciting activity.
- E. The acquisition of a Heat and Control Technician by the Maintenance Department expedited the Fuel Conservation program throughout the Bureau.
- F. By subdividing the eight Recreational Districts in the city, a ninth district was formed and a more equitable distribution of centers of similar size was achieved.
- G. Mayor William Donald Schaefer consented to act as host to the 8th Annual United States Youth Games, contributed funds from the Mayor's Office and instructed the Bureau of Recreation to implement the program. Since the games involve approximately 1,000 competitors, their coaches and chaperones for a full four-day period and includes housing, transportation, meals and amusement, as well as the actual conducting of the four fields of competition and the promotion for them, much time and effort of Bureau personnel has been expended in this direction during the course of the Spring.
- H. The addition of Walk-To-Pools has led into a vastly expanded plan for summer swim programs, involving the Department of Education's pools as well as our own facilities, and also involving private establishments.

#### II. BOY'S AND MEN'S, GIRL'S AND WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

- A. New Programs Initiated This Year.
  - 1. Pentathlon Program:
    - During July and August, local and District Pentathlons were held at one center in each of the eight Recreation districts. On August 7, the first city-wide pentathlon was held at Patterson Park. In total, 2,546 boys and girls from 88 Recreation Centers participated.
  - 2. The South Atlantic Olympic Champion Weightlifting Meet was hosted by the Bureau for the first time. The meet was held at the Gardenville Recreation Center on March 17, 1974 and attracted 142 participants.
  - 3. A spring soccer league for boys ranging from 16 to 19 years of age was sponsored by the Baltimore Comets Soccer Club. The six-team league played two nights a week and the championship games were held at the Memorial Stadium Friday, June 21.

- 4. Advanced Instructional Tennis Camp, held twice a week during July and August at Mergenthaler, offered special instructional attention to the more advanced player. Twenty participated.
- 5. Golf was introduced to the staff through In Service Training classes and taught in the Spring (as it will be during the summer) to members of Bureau centers.
- B. Track and Field Activities.
  - 1. Jesse Owens Track Meet:
    - a. Sponsored by Atlantic Richfield Company.
    - b. Local winners traveled to Boston to compete with winners from eight other cities.
  - 2. United States Youth Games:
    - a. Tryouts held in Bowling, Basketball and Track and Field events.
    - b. Teams practiced together at regular meeting sites for approximately five weeks.
    - c. Finals were held at Birmington, Alabama.
    - d. Sixty-two finalists from Baltimore traveled to participate.
  - 3. Indoor Track Meets severely curtailed because of fuel shortage and disinclination to heat the Armory for activity.
  - 4. The fifth Edward L. Waters meet held at Walbrook High School had 680 participants.
  - 5. 59th Junior Municipal Track Meet was held at Walbrook Sr. High School, 3600 W. North Avenue. 551 boys and girls were involved.
- C. Basketball Programs and Allied Activities.
  - 1. Summer 1973, Baltimore Neighborhood Basketball League.
    - a. 43 leagues, 200 teams, and 2,240 participants were in four age groups.
    - b. A thirteen-and-under division was added to the program and included 32 teams playing in eight leagues.
    - c. Special Week to celebrate the 3,000th game played since the program was initiated.
    - d. Baltimore was the host city for the second time to the National Tournament. Ten cities participated.
    - e. New sponsor, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, in addition to Coca-Cola Bottling Company and The Baltimore Sunpapers and WMAR TV.
  - 2. Basketball Clinics.
    - a. Held at Herring Run and Violetville.
    - b. Conducted by Hank Slider.
    - c. Sponsored by Bethlehem Steel.
  - 3. Baltimore Neighborhood Basketball League Officials Clinic.
    - a. Held at four centers.
    - b. Served as refresher for officials, timers and scorers for B.N.B.L.
    - c. Under the direction of four Supervisors of Officials.
  - 4. Dribble and Shoot Program.
    - a. Held on four levels: local centers, districts, city-wide and Metropolitan.
    - b. Metropolitan Finals at Largo, 15,000 spectators.

- c. 5,588 boys and girls between the ages of eight and sixteen participated.
- d. Sponsored by the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Baltimore and the Capitol Bullets.
- 5. Gino's Supershooter Contest.
  - a. Total attendance 6,527 boys and girls ages eight through thirteen.
  - b. More than double last year's participation.
  - c. State Finals held at Herring Run Recreation Center.
  - d. National finals held in Orlando, Florida.
  - e. Of the six representatives from Baltimore, one became National Champion in his age group and two were Runners Up.
- D. Weightlifting and Karate.
  - 1. Weightlifting.
    - a. Total participation, 18,365 boys and men.
    - b. Special instructors worked at 30 Recreation Centers.
    - c. Power Meet was held December 9. 74 boys and men in twelve divisions participated.
    - d. Novice Meet held January 27. There were 92 participants.
    - e. Championship Meet was held March 3. There were 72 participants.
    - f. March 17, for the first time, the Bureau of Recreation acted as host for the South Atlantic Olympic Champion Weightlifting Meet. 142 participated.
    - g. Demonstrations were held at Special Olympics and at the City Fair.
  - 2. Karate.
    - a. Total participation was 16,342.
    - b. Special Instructors worked at 24 Recreation Centers.
    - c. Exhibitions were held at Recreation Centers for church groups and at Hopkin's Plaza.



Special Techniques were exhibited in a Karate demonstration in Hopkins Plaza.

- E. Outdoor and Indoor Tennis.
  - 1. Outdoor Tennis.
    - a. Special instructions offered at 16 sites for children and 7 sites for adults.
    - b. Initiated Advanced Instructional Tennis Camp.
    - c. 597 participants in Maryland State Tennis Championships at Clifton Park.
    - d. Annual Municipal Tennis Tournament for adults.
    - e. 2nd Urban Tennis Tournament for participants in Bureau program held in August at Druid Hill Park.
    - f. 332 boys and girls enrolled in Spring Tennis classes.
  - 2. Indoor Tennis.
    - a. Urban Tennis Program ran from October through March. 83 boys and girls attended weekly.
- F. Soccer.
  - 1. Baltimore Comets Soccer Club sponsored a Spring soccer league for boys aged 16 to 19.
    - a. Six team league played twice weekly; the championship game at Memorial Stadium.
- G. Table Tennis.
  - 1. City Wide Table Tennis Tournament, April 9, 1974.
    - a. total participation 2,336.
    - b. four age divisions.
    - c. 46 Recreation Centers ran elimination Tournaments.
    - d. 312 competed at Herring Run in City Wide Finals.

#### **III. MUNICIPAL SPORTS**

- A. Summer Tournaments and Meets.
  - 1. Tennis.
    - a. Maryland State Junior-560 players.
    - b. Evening Sun-436 Senior players.
  - 2. Track.
    - a. Senior Municipal Track Meet-159 participants.
  - 3. Swimming.
    - a. Municipal Swimming Meet-1,106 Junior participants.
  - 4. Softball.
    - a. Fred B. Leidig Slow Pitche, 60 teams.
    - b. Edward Green Fast Pitch, 36 teams.
    - c. Men's Class A and AA State, 168 teams.
    - d. Women's Class A and AA State, 11 teams.
    - e. Women's Central Atlantic, 6 teams from Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, 3,000 spectators.
  - 5. Baseball.
    - a. City Championship Tournaments were conducted in each age classification. 61 teams participated.

- B. Summer League Participation.
  - 1. Baseball: 119 Leagues, 696 teams, 8,336 players.
  - 2. Men's Softball: 118 Leagues, 628 teams, 12,024 players.
  - 3. Women's Softball: 24 Leagues, 111 teams, 1,639 players.
- C. City Wide Baseball champions successfully defended National title by winning 1973 National All American Amateur Baseball Championship Tournament held in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.
- D. Fall and Winter League Participation.
  - 1. Basketball.
    - a. Girls and Women's: 28 leagues, 137 teams, 6,487 players.
    - b. Boys and Men: 119 leagues, 653 teams, 6,996 players.
  - 2. Soccer.
    - a. Boys and Men, 29 leagues, 178 teams, 3,378 players.
    - b. Girls, 2 leagues, 13 teams, 140 players.
  - 3. Volleyball.
    - a. Men, 2 leagues, 16 teams, 173 players.
    - b. Women, 1 league, 6 teams, 60 players.

#### **IV. SERVICES TO THE HANDICAPPED**

- A. Pre-school Handicapped, 5,200 total attendance.
- B. Mentally ill adults, 660, total attendance.
- C. Physically handicapped children, 2,340 total attendance.
- D. Retarded and brain damaged, 780 total attendance.
- E. Blind adults, 660 total attendance.
- F. Physically handicapped older adults, 780 total attendance.
- G. Highlights of Program.
  - 1. Summer Camp held at Northwestern High School served Mentally and Physically Handicapped Children as well as A.F.D.C. recipients.
  - 2. Former Towanda Recreation Center was allocated for the sole use of the program for the Handicapped.
    - a. Has been renamed Variety Club Recreation Center.
    - b. Vastly expanded program is now possible.
    - c. Allows program to be integrated with that of non-handicapped peers thus promoting the easing of the handicapped into the normal world.
  - 3. Program at Maryland School For The Blind.
    - a. Bureau requested by Coordinator of the Lower School to supply much needed recreation program for boys.
    - b. Nineteen blind boys of elementary school age received services second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.
  - 4. Twenty-five young people received intensive training in working with the handicapped.
    - a. Nine of them came through the Urban Corps.

- 5. Out of state, as well as local colleges and hospitals, use program for teaching purposes.
  - a. Post-graduate work.
  - b. Observation.
  - c. Thesis.
  - d. Nurses training.
- 6. Staff conducted seminars at Morgan State College for Post-Graduate Class.
- 7. Staff participated in seminar at University of Baltimore at the Regional meeting of the National Recreation and Parks Association.

#### V. FORTY-SEVEN ADDITIONAL PLAYGROUNDS AND SCHOOL YARDS WERE STAFFED TO PROVIDE SUMMER PROGRAMS

1. Nine of them with Recreation Support Program funds.

#### VI. PUBLIC AWARENESS AND CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES PROGRAMS



Mayor William Donald Schaefer takes charge of the issuance of games and equipment from the Fun Wagon for the day's activities.

- A. "Showcase" activities held at Hopkins Plaza, Center Plaza, The War Memorial Plaza, and at the City Fair and other downtown locations and events.
  - 1. Nine-hole miniature golf course in full operation at the War Memorial Plaza.
  - 2. Free "Monday Night at the Movies" program at War Memorial Plaza.
  - 3. Participation in "Sunny Sundays" at the inner harbor.
  - 4. National Junior Frisbee Championships held for the first time in Baltimore.
    - a. Bureau of Recreation Supervisor coordinated program.

- b. Champions of nine United States Regions and of Germany participated.
- c. Total program lasted four days and included tours of Baltimore and Washington.
- 5. Senior Citizens entertained, displayed crafts, gave talent demonstrations and presentations frequently. Children sang, danced, and demonstrated skills in many areas.
  - a. Local, State, Regional and National Frisbee Contests.
  - b. 3rd Annual Singing Games Contest.
  - c. Hula Hoop Contests, city and state-wide.
  - d. Recreation Day at the Plaza.
  - e. Yoyo Contest.
  - f. Fire Department Poster Slogan Contest.
  - g. 6th Annual Birdhouse Making Contest.
  - h. Yankee Doodle Dandy Essay Contest.
  - i. City Fair.
  - i. Sunny Sundays.
  - k. Christmas Tree Decorating.
  - 1. Hanover Flving Saucer Contest.
- 6. Golf Pro demonstration at War Memorial Plaza.
  - a. Demonstrated putting and driving techniques as well as other shots.
- 7. City-wide programs held at places other than downtown.
  - a. Marble tournaments, local and city-wide.
  - b. Chess, Checker and Scrabble tournaments.
  - c. Kite Flving Contest.

#### VII. SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM

- A. Annual Participation in demonstration programs, exhibits and presentations.
  - 1. Initiated a Senior Citizens' Fashion Show in the fall.
    - a. Sewing classes in Centers for Senior Citizens proved very popular.
    - b. Fashion Show held at War Memorial Plaza with clothes made in Sewing Classes and modeled by their creators.
    - c. Met with such enthusiasm that a second show was held at the Plaza in the Spring.
  - 2. Crafts Display.
    - a. Products of Art, Crafts, Weaving, Macrame and millinery classes displayed at Inner Harbor for "Sunny Sundays", at Hopkins Plaza for Recreation Day, 14 tables at Fells Point Festival, 45 clubs participated in the Annual Senior Citizens Hobby and Talent show at Center Plaza in May, Booth at City Fair, and exhibitions were held at Enoch Pratt Library.
  - 3. Musical Groups.
    - a. Singing groups of popular, religious and choral as well as ethnic music not only meet, but also entertained. Various groups have appeared at the Plazas, Nursing homes, Rosewood, Openings of West 20 and Claremont High Rise Apartment Buildings for the elderly.

- b. Special emphasis has been placed on participation in musical activities and the response has been especially rewarding.
- c. Participants have attended concerts at the Peabody and special admission prices have been obtained for tickets to the Baltimore Symphony for Senior Citizens.
- B. Continuous Program.
  - 1. Fifty-five Clubs and Groups now meet regularly.
    - a. Crafts Workshops held weekly in which Leaders and Club Members are taught new skills which the participants then teach in their own clubs or groups.
    - b. Special discount prices for theater tickets that have been obtained for monthly group attendance at Moving Picture Theaters.
    - c. Free baseball and circus tickets were made available on a limited basis.
  - 2. Title III Grant of the Older Americans Act renewed July 1, 1973 through the Maryland State Commissions on Aging.
    - a. Five Senior Citizens have been recruited, hired, trained, and placed in ten clubs and centers.
    - b. Brings total to 35 older persons hired under the Grant Program since it began in July, 1972.
    - c. Weekly Workshops held for new personnel in program planning, purchasing techniques and record keeping.
    - d. Film and discussion sessions added to program dealing with health, nutrition, cultural activities and current events as a means of improving general welfare through better understanding of personal needs.
    - e. Funds have made possible the purchase of kilns, metal cabinets and sewing machines for teaching purposes.
- C. Cooperation with Other Agencies.
  - 1. Pilot nutrition program of the City Health Department funded by HEW Grant—"Eating Together in Baltimore."
    - a. Now in second year.
    - b. First site, 1972 in one of Recreation's facilities.
    - c. Total program now at 17 sites.
    - d. Ten in Recreation facilities.
    - e. Recreation program operated around Health Department wherever feasible.
  - 2. Baltimore City Hospital.
    - a. Sends nurse to some centers to check blood pressure of any participant wishing service.
    - b. Group of women make annual visit for Pap Smear Tests.
    - c. Nurse attends center to administer flu shots in fall.
  - 3. Through the auspices of the Bureau, Senior Citizens sign up with Federal Retired Volunteer Service Program.
    - a. Teach therapeutic crafts programs.
    - b. Assist with care of ill.
    - c. Make and donate such items as lap robes, slippers, toilet cases.
    - d. On holidays, provide parties, entertain, make and give small gifts.

- e. Service given at City Hospital, Fort Howard and Veterans Hospital.
- f. Service given at Lincoln, Harbor View, House in The Pines and Westminster Nursing Homes.
- 4. Newsletter, Golden Gazette, established 1972 now has circulation of 2,000, many of whom are agencies or clubs not affiliated with the Bureau but who are in need of information stemming from the efforts of our staff.
- D. Camp Carefree at Glyndon, Maryland.
  - 1. Increase of daily attendance for two three-day sessions. 1972 totals 702, 1973 totals 960.

#### VIII. PERFORMING ARTS

- A. Drama.
  - 1. Classes held in 35 Recreation facilities during the summer.
    - a. Most specialists classes met weekly.
    - b. Often reinforced by Center staff so as to accomplish goals.
    - c. All presented culminating presentation at close of summer program.
  - 2. Children's Theater Association.
    - a. Awarded four Drama Scholarships to participants.
    - b. Presented touring shows and Showmobile performances at Centers to more than two thousand.
  - 3. Recreation Support Program.
    - a. Provided funds for several Children's Theater Performances.
    - b. Provided funds enabling the Bureau to purchase tickets for Wednesday morning shows at Painter's Mill Music Fair which children from nearly every center in the city attended.
  - 4. During the Fall, Winter, Spring period, Specialists conducted classes at 12 Recreation Centers.
    - a. Regular center staff conducted classes at eight facilities.
    - b. Full Time Leaders were offered a four week drama workshop which presented them with material suitable for use during the Christmas holidays.
    - c. A seven week course in Creative Drama was made available to Full Time Staff.
    - d. A course in the creation and use of puppets was also presented to Full Time personnel.
  - 5. Cultural experiences offered through the Bureau.
    - a. 2,000 children attended performances of the Children's Theater Association.
- B. Dance.
  - 1. Forty-five centers offered 54 classes in acrobatic tap, ballet, jazz, modern, Indian and African dance.
    - a. African and Indian Dance were tied in with folklore and crafts.
  - 2. Dance-movement workshop began in October.
    - a. Held through the auspices of the National Endowment for the Arts, National Education and Model Cities.

- b. Children at all ability levels participated.
- c. Program included a two-week Artists-in-Residency program featuring the Eleo Pomare Dance Company and a two-week follow-up program of dance instructions and demonstration.
- 3. Cultural experiences made available without charge through the Bureau to participants in dance classes.
  - a. 250 attended performances of the Maryland Ballet.
  - b. 50 saw the Harlem Dance Theater Group.
  - c. 450 watched the Community College of Baltimore dance series.
  - d. The Pomare Dance Concert was attended by 100.
  - e. Groups from centers participated in the Theater Project Dance and Drama Workshop.
  - f. The Model Cities Dance in Residency Program was offered in eight Recreation centers and drew the participation of 1,100 children for eight sessions.
  - g. Full time leaders, specialists and children attended an all day seminar at Towson State College conducted by the Pomare Dancers.

C. Music.

 52 Centers held classes, offered by Specialists in singing, rhythm bands, guitar, small combo groups of instruments, and steel band instruments.
 a. Steel Band supported by R.S.P. funds.



The "Big 8" Junior Steel Band from Murphy Homes Recreation Center entertained in Center Plaza.

- D. Performing Arts Theater staged two City-wide musical productions.
  - 1. An adaptation of *The Christmas Story* written by one of the dance specialists.
    - a. Included dance, music and dramatics.
    - b. 98 children were involved.

- 2. An original Musical Comedy written by drama specialist and a recreation leader.
  - a. "Space Oddities" had a cast of 120 children, teens, young adults and Senior Citizens.
  - b. Full time staff, specialists, volunteers served as technicians and crew.

# **IX. NATURE AND GARDENING**

- A. During the fall and winter, nature specialists were assigned for two hours a week at 28 centers; during the summer at 32.
- B. Plant rooms were begun in Webster Kendrick, Bentalou, Towanda and Robert Marshall Recreation Centers.
  - 1. All were provided with tools and equipment to provide basic instruction in the care and propagation of indoor plants.
  - 2. Children participate in re-potting, taking cuttings and learning the general care of types of plants.
  - 3. Children prepared material for exhibit for City Fair.
  - 4. Photographs, showing the steps to be followed when cuttings are taken, were arranged to make a display by the participants in one of the classes.
  - 5. Full time leadership at the centers conduct Plant Room program.
- C. Nature Wagon took small animals, primarily native, to sites throughout the city during the summer.
  - 1. Instructor, Driver, and assistant all participated in instruction and demonstration.
  - 2. Where possible, movies were shown to emphasize or show more clearly the nature and habitat of a specific species.
  - 3. Children allowed to pat animals and encouraged to ask questions.
- D. Family Nature Lore Walks continue excellent participation.
- E. Full Time Leadership provides Nature programs at many centers.
  - 1. Camping Trips, Day Trips and Trips to State Parks conducted by the park naturalist are popular and informative.
  - Games and poster contests as well as instruction brighten the experience of learning.
    - a. The supervisor has a folio of games dealing with nature subjects available for the use of any staff member.
    - b. Keep Maryland Beautiful Poster Contest, divided into two categories, Idea and Art. It was sponsored by the Continental Can Company Incorporated and Mrs. Gideon Stieff, Sr. and drew a final entry of 300.
- F. Nature Showcase held at the close of the Winter in three centers.
  - 1. Forty centers conceived projects and, on their completion, sent the results to the nearest of the three Showcase centers.
  - 2. Children learned through class activity.
  - 3. Children were impressed when all projects were displayed.

- 4. Leaders, Parents and Education personnel were impressed by the part that recreation can play in education.
- G. Children of one center in the Northeastern District held a "Nature Day."
  - 1. Constructed displays and explained the habits of and differences between amphibians, reptiles, animals, fish and birds.
  - 2. Both adults and children attended, as did some of the teachers from the adjoining school.
- H. 300 entries in the Keep Maryland Beautiful Poster Contest.
  - 1. Judged in two categories, Idea and Art.
  - 2. United States Savings Bond donated by Continental Can Company, first prize.
  - 3. Cash award contributed by Mrs. Gideon Stieff, Sr., second prize.
- I. Gardening Workshop held for adults at Cylburn Park.
  - 1. Met once a week for eight weeks from the end of March to the beginning of May.
  - 2. Twenty-six participated. Registration limited to that number to facilitate instruction.
- J. Two House plant workshops held at Cylburn.
  - 1. Each met four times during the fall.

#### X. ARTS AND CRAFTS

- A. Total attendance 150,000.
  - 1. Specialist-conducted classes, 44 in 23 centers.



Participants in a class in pottery at the Mt. Royal Recreation Center were intent on creating their own bowls and jugs.

- 2. Full time staff conducted classes, 63 in 48 centers.
- 3. 33 centers have crafts shops specifically equipped with tables, cabinets, sinks, storage space and electric pottery kilns.
- 4. Specialist-instructors employed to guide participants.
  - a. Good work space, able instructors, contribute to growth of skills and development of satisfaction in the experience of self expression.
  - b. Many worthwhile projects were produced using traditional and inexpensive materials, often available as scrap or in bulk quantities.
  - c. Baltimore's citizens respond with enthusiastic participation to well presented and prepared crafts programs.
- B. Maryland Arts Council Craft Demonstration Project.
  - 1. A grant of \$300.00 was made to the Bureau for use in its adult program.
    - a. Classes conducted at Cahill Recreation Center every Thursday evening from March through June.
    - b. Participants chose techniques they preferred to learn.
    - c. Work shops held in:
      - Jewelry beading.

Hat design and construction, draping and stitching, silk screen printing.

- C. In Service Training classes throughout the year.
  - 1. Taught by full time leader.
  - 2. Classes in ceramics and weaving skills.
    - a. Simple frame looms and Inkle belt looms demonstrated and used.
    - b. Results highly satisfactory and skills now being taught in centers.
    - c. Macrame hangings and twined bags also made.
- D. The Mobile Craft Unit conducted activities at many of the same locations as previously.
  - 1. Neighborhoods without recreation centers.
  - 2. Parked off the roads and in shade where possible.
  - 3. Had excellent and repeat attendance.
  - 4. One morning a week, it was taken to the site of the Third World Museum.

#### **XI. SPECIAL PROJECTS**

- A. Recreation Support Program, June 1973 through September 1973.
  - 1. Office of Economic Opportunity through the Mayor's Office of Manpower Resource provided \$145,000 to supplement budgeted municipal recreation program.
  - 2. 92 program sites, served 26,073 participants.
  - 3. Provided the following activities: Performing Arts, Mobile Movie—Golf, Tennis, Fishing, Boxing, District Transportation, Sports Trips, Birdland, Greenbelt, Mobile Arts and Crafts, Community Outreach, and Additional Playgrounds.

- B. Camp Concern Summer and Follow-up phases.
  - 1. During the summer, Camp Concern operated nine hours a day, Monday through Saturday.
  - 2. Served 5,900 city young people between the ages of 9 and 18 years.
  - 3. Conducted at Bainbridge Naval Training Center.
  - 4. Funded by the general revenue of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City and by Title IV, The Social Services Administration of the Department of Employment and Social Services of the State of Maryland.
  - 5. Follow up phase operated at ten sites.
  - 6. Served 8,662.
  - 7. Provided the following special programs: Operation Morgan College, Operation Sports, Operation Children's Theater, Operation Circus and Operation Counseling.
- C. Summer Lunch Program, June 25, 1973 to August 25, 1973.
  - 1. Provided 10,220 daily box lunches to 70 participating Centers.
  - 2. Participants were between the ages of 6 years and 20 years old.
- D. School Community Center Program provides expanded recreational services in the evening and on weekends.
  - 1. 89 centers involved during the summer, 42 centers participating during the fall, winter and spring.
  - 2. 6,888 participants during the summer, 18,888 during the fall, winter and spring.
  - 3. Program activities include: Sports leagues, clubs, crafts, roller skating, tennis, mobile recreation programs, seminars and expanded hours of operation.
- E. BSC provides In-School employment experiences from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.
  - 1. Funded by the Federal Government.
  - 2. 22 centers participating in program and providing jobs for 46 young people.

# **XII. STREET CLUB SERVICE**

- A. 2,050 delinquent or delinquency prone youth between the ages of 13 and 19 served.
  - 1. 741 are school drop-outs, and of these, 380 are unemployed.
    - a. Workers have been successful in assisting many to become a part of educational and job-training programs and have obtained employment for others. Have also negotiated with School authorities in an attempt to have youth reinstated in school whenever possible.
  - 2. Over 450 have some type of juvenile arrest record.
    - a. Street Club Workers have involved themselves in court situations in an effort to have youth placed on probation, rather than be incarcerated.

- b. Have worked closely with the Pre-Trial Release Program and the Probation Department on behalf of youth.
- c. Special Program initiated with Pre-trial Release Program through which Street Club Services are offered non-members of Street Club Groups.
- 3. Group Sessions held regularly at Maryland Training School for Boys.
  - a? Through counseling, role-playing and rap sessions workers assist youth to prepare for their return to their community.
  - b. Workers assist youth with their problems while at school and maintain contact after the youth's release.
- 4. During October, as part of Drug Prevention Week, Street Club set up a pictorial Display in Mondawmin Mall and conducted a number of activities in which the youth participated.
- 5. During the summer, a number of new programs were initiated through the use of Recreation Support funds.
  - a. Fishing, camping, boxing, and weightlifting.
  - b. Transportation and admissions to sports events.
- 6. Metropolitan Athletic Association sponsors Softball and Basketball Leagues.
  - a. Funds are provided by the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation for referees fees, and Awards Programs.
  - b. Street Club Workers gather the participants and supervise.
  - c. Supplies and equipment are purchased through M.A.A. when not available through the Bureau of Recreation.
- 7. Boxing Program continues to expand. Now have 90 regular participants and 20 occasional attendants.
- 8. Areas of Achievement in specific parts of the city.
  - a. Remington: Street Club, in conjunction with Greater Homewood Community Organization has been influential in starting a Summer Arts Program, a Theater Clinic and Community Rock Concerts.
  - b. Southeast Baltimore: worker and group have obtained a threestory building in Fells Point for use as a Youth Cultural Center.
  - c. Highlandtown: Newly formed council has made the following available to community youth: Guitar and piano lessons taught by a volunteer, weekly film programs, and boxing.
  - d. O'Donnell Heights Youth are involved in swimming programs at Patterson High School.
  - e. Greenmount-Preston Street Area: workers, in conjunction with businessmen, community organizations, city agencies, the Mayor's office, and the youth of the community have promoted vocational training, recreational pursuits and facilities, and employment for the youth of the area.
  - f. Male groups, city-wide, have been involved in weekend back-pack camping expeditions on the Appalachian Trail.
- 9. Street Club Workers attended a Conference on Juvenile Delinquency in Washington, D.C.
- 10. Street Club Workers conducted training sessions at Western Maryland College, having to do with Urban Youth.

#### **XIII. AQUATICS**

- A. Cherry Hill Homes Aquatic Center completed and leased by the Baltimore City Bureau of Recreation.
  - 1. Built with Federal funds through the Department of Housing and Community Development.
  - 2. Staffed by the Bureau of Recreation.
  - 3. Operates Monday through Saturday.
  - 4. Average monthly attendance, 7,500, participants six years old through adults.
  - 5. Instruction from Beginners through Life Saving, and in synchronized swimming.
  - 6. 173 Red Cross Certificates were earned at the Cherry Hill Aquatics Center.
  - 7. 50 participated in synchronized swimming class.
- B. Summer Portable Pool Program.
  - 1. 52 pools, June through August.
  - 2. Instruction and recreational swim program.
  - 3. Culminating activity: Held at Northwood Recreation Center.
    - a. 121 District Champions competed.
    - b. 259 spectators.
    - c. Representatives from all eight districts competed for City-wide Championships.
- C. Learn to Swim Program.
  - 1. Held at municipal pools in Clifton Park, Patterson Park, Roosevelt Park, Riverside Park, Druid Hill Park and in the Cherry Hill Pool during the summer.
  - Held in Chick Webb Memorial Recreation Center, Cherry Hill Homes Aquatic Center, Southern High School (P.S. #70), Southwestern High School (P.S. #412), City College (P.S. #408), Mergenthaler (P.S. #410), Northern High School (P.S. #402), Patterson High School (P.S. #405), Forest Park High School (P.S. #406), Douglass High School (P.S. #450), Carver High School (P.S. #454), Briscoe Junior High School (P.S. #451), and Northwestern High School (P.S. #401) during the winter.
  - 3. Total number of participants in swimming programs throughout the city, 1,427.
  - 4. Total number of Red Cross Certificates earned in classes, 1,254. a. Beginners, 752.

Advanced Beginners, 214. Intermediate, 70. Swimmers, 60. Senior Life Savers, 15. Advanced Swimmers, 8. Swimmer Aide, 135.

- D. Six Walk-To-Swimming Pools constructed.
  - 1. Funds a part of the \$2 million recreation loan passed in November of 1973.
  - 2. Located at Ambrose Kennedy, 1000 Block of Ensor Street; Bay Brook, 6th Street and Farring Avenue; Coldstream, 1400 Block of Filmore Street (between the 2500-2600 Block of Kirk Avenue); Gilmor McAbee, 1600 Block Laurens Street between Gilmor and Mount Streets: and Towanda, 4100-4200 Towanda Avenue.
- Swim 'N Splash Program. Ε.
  - 1. Using Walk-To-Pools, municipal pools, education's pools and Recreation's pools, every center in the city will offer free swimming instruction and recreational swimming during the summer of 1974. a. Transportation will be provided.

    - b. Portable pools will be phased out.
    - c. More service will be given to more people at less cost.

# **XIV. EXPANDING HOURS OF OPERATION**

- Concerned with inter-relationships among people in relation to the physical Α. and social environment of Model Neighborhood Communities.
- Funded through Model Cities-interacts with other Model Cities Agencies. **B**.
  - 1. Participated in having a booth at the Soul Festival.
  - 2. Participated in having a booth at Area "G" Festival.
  - 3. Holds Cooperative programs with Teen Center Program, Operation Champ and Poets Athletic Clinic.
  - 4. Utilizes the services of Direct Search for Talent in counseling Model Cities Aides to improve their educational training so that they may qualify for full time employment with the Bureau of Recreation.
- Operates 12 centers on Saturdays from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. C.
  - 1. Deliberately involves residents in planning on-going schedule as well as short term activities.
  - 2. Program remains flexible to insure adjustability to special interest groups and satisfactory performance at times of crisis.
    - a. During recent heating fuel shortage when heat was not available on weekends, outdoor programs were offered, e.g., roller skating parties, wheel derbies and basketball marathons.
    - b. Participants are encouraged to join regular Bureau of Recreation programs.
    - c. Model Cities participants are now registered in Bureau Tennis, Swimming, Bowling, and Golf classes.
    - d. Have also used a variety of special city-wide services such as: Operation Birdland, Camp Concern, Operation Bullets, Baltimore Neighborhood Basketball League, Jesse Owens Track Meet, District Pentathlons, the United States Youth Games (held in Birmingham, Alabama).

# XV. UPPER PARK HEIGHTS COMMUNITY DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS

- A. Equipment purchased with SCCP monies.
- B. Recreation provides Project Coordinator.
- C. Five sites involved.
  - 1. Three Bureau of Recreation Centers.
  - 2. Police Boys Club.
  - 3. Arlington Church Community Center.
- D. Group has entered five competitions and has won recognition five times.

# **BUREAU OF MUSIC**

# STEPHANIE S. ESWORTHY, Music and Administrative Supervisor

Sixty-six concerts were held this season six days a week beginning June 9 and continuing through the months of July and August concluding August 29.

- A. There are three concert bands, each composed of 34 professional musicians and conductor. These bands play a flexible program of popular classics and semi-classics, marches, music from Broadway shows and motion pictures, and current hit songs.
  - 1. The Park Concert Band—conducted by Gerald Eyth well known composer and former Assistant Concert Master of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. Gerald Eyth is currently on the faculty of the Peabody Conservatory of Music and celebrated his 25th year as Conductor of the Park Concert Band.

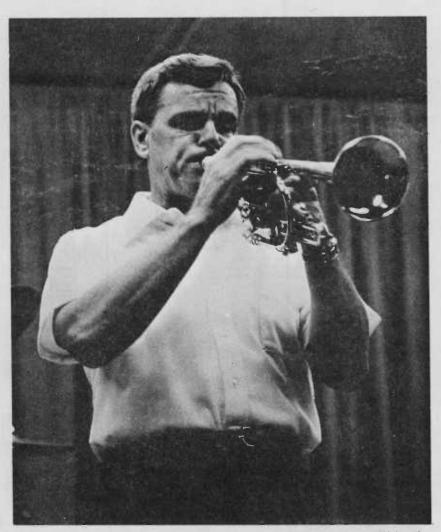


On stage at the July Festival of Music to celebrate Gerald Eyth's 25th anniversary as conductor of the Park Concert Band with the presentation of gifts from the Musician's Union, the Bureau of Music and Mayor Schaefer, were left to right, Keith S. Kummer, Vice President of the Musician's Association of Metropolitan Baltimore; Harold E. Schneider, Secretary Treasurer of the Musician's Asso. of Metro. Balto.; Stephanie S. Esworthy, Music and Administrative Supervisor, Bureau of Music; Gerald Eyth, Conductor, Park Concert Band; and Mrs. Maree Farring, member of the Board of Recreation and Parks, representing Mayor Schaefer.

- 2. The Municipal Concert Band—conducted by Dr. Leigh Martinet; former Conductor of the Baltimore Civic Opera Company; celebrated his 16th season as Conductor of the Municipal Concert Band; received the degree of Doctor of Musical Arts in 1966 from the Peabody Conservatory of Music.
- 3. The Baltimore Municipal Band—conducted by Edward C. Myers. A special events which request music. This idea was put into practice due of programs, this band, as of the current season, is scheduled only at Special Events which request music. This idea was put into practice due to the many requests received weekly for music at special events.
- B. There is one Dixieland Jazz Band, the Monumental City Six, composed of six jazz musicians, coordinated by John W. Spicer, who specialize in the old two-beat jazz born on lower Basin Street in New Orleans.

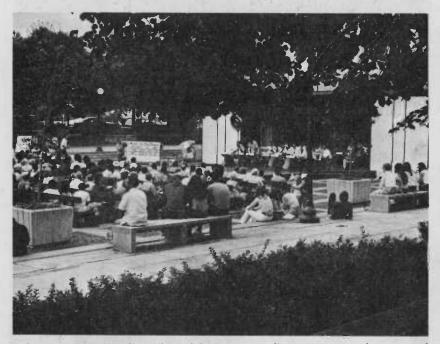


Dr. Leigh Martinet, conducts as the Municipal Concert Band entertains its Reisterstown Road Plaza audience.



Al Straub on cornet, sets the pace of the traditional Jazz featured by the Monumental City Six Dixieland Jazz Band.

C. Baltimore's Big Band conducted by Gene Walker. The program features popular music played in the jazz idiom reminiscent of Count Basie and Stan Kenton. Geared for variety, the program also contains modern jazz and selections of contemporary music with a rock beat by composers like Thad Jones and Mel Lewis.



Baltimore'a Big Band conducted by Gene Walker experienced continued success in War Memorial Plaza where the Band drew large crowds each Sunday evening.

- D. Five new locations were introduced into the schedule in order to bring more music to neighborhoods of the City where concerts were well received:
  - 1. Memorial Apartments-310 McMechen Street.
  - 2. Janney Kresson Playground-East Fayette and Janney Sts.
  - 3. Concord Apts.-2500 W. Belvedere Ave.
  - 4. Cedonia Mall-6000 Radecke Avenue.
  - 5. St. Jerome's Church-Scott and Hamburg Sts.
- E. Song Leaders and Soloists.
  - 1. Pat Bruchalski song leader for the Park Concert Band.
  - 2. Billy Locklear song leader for the Municipal Concert Band. One of the most popular features in the concert band program is the "Sing Along". Encouraged by the engaging personalities of the Song Leaders, audiences accompanied by the band and fortified with song sheets sing old favorites and currently popular songs. For the additional pleasure of the audience, professional vocal soloists perform nightly with each band; a total of 16 vocalists throughout the season.



In a break with tradition, Patricia Bruchalski, Contralto, the first female song leader in the 114 year history of the Bureau's concert bands, prepares to lead her audience in a rendition of a popular favorite.

- F. The Operations Crew—Joseph L. Esworthy, Labor Foreman. Mr. Esworthy supervises a crew of 11 persons, and has responsibility for the entire physical set-up of the concerts.
- G. Festivals of Music-Baltimore Memorial Stadium.
  - 1. Thursday, July 12, 1973, 8:00 p.m.

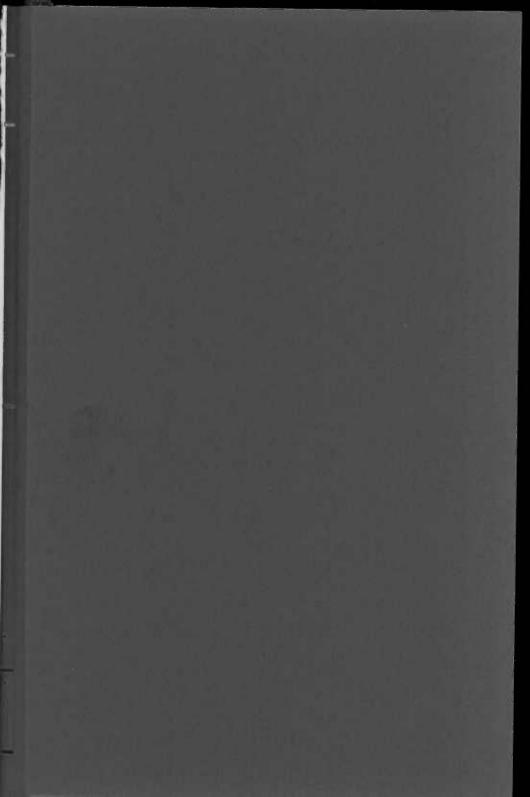
Dr. Leigh Martinent conducted the combined Municipal and Park Concert Bands. In addition to the five vocalists and the "Sing Along" of old and current favorites, special performances were given by the Monumental City Six Dixieland Jazz Band which played traditional jazz favorites, and the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps from Fort Myer, Virginia, which featured traditional American Revolutionary tunes on fife and drum popular in the days of George Washington; performed while marching in authentic revolutionary costume.

- 2. Wednesday, August 8, 1973, 8:00 p.m. Gerald Eyth conducted the combined Park and Municipal Concert Bands. Four vocal soloists were featured in addition to the "Sing Along" which was led by Marvin Clark. The Monumental City Six played Dixieland Jazz selections and Baltimore's Big Band featured contemporary jazz selections.
- H. Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

At the Mayor's request, the Bureau of Music's equipment and crew were involved in the preparation and set-up of facilities to accommodate the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra in their special series of concerts held in various locations of the City during May and June.

# FINANCIAL REPORT—FISCAL 1974 DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & PARKS OPERATING BUDGET

Program Number	Title	Appropriation Fiscal Year 1974	Total Expenditure Through <sup>1</sup> June 30. 1974	Unencumbered Balance for Fiscal Year 1974
471 (001-002)	Administrative Direction and Control	\$ 192,281	\$ 186,091	\$ 6.190
471	Debt Service	1.631,684	1,631,684	NONE
473	Municipal Concerts and Other Musical Events.	90.035	90.403	(368)
478	General Park Service	6,010,276	5,729,719	280,557
479	Special Park Facilities	3,138,913	3,110,628	28,285
480	Regular Recreational Services	6,778,361	6,131,354	647,007
482	Supplementary Recreational Services	607.526	605.305	2,221
505	Street Trees	613,164	607.306	5,858
	TOTALS	\$19,062,240	\$18.092.490	\$969,750



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