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April 5 NYC's Largest Little League Parade! An "Opening Day" Tradition in Prospect Park.

**Also on April 5: The Prospect Park Audubon Center,
Carousel, Electric Boat, Lefferts Historic House and
Prospect Park Zoo Open for Spring!**

Just after the Yanks or the Mets take the field for their home game openers, nearly 2,000 Little League players will start the 2008 baseball season in Prospect Park. The pint-sized players will be joined by their friends, families, local community leaders and elected officials for a parade through Park Slope and on into the Park. Everyone then will gather at the Prospect Park Bandshell for a ceremonial first ball toss to start another great season of baseball and softball at the seven fields in Prospect Park's Long Meadow and the six fields at the historic Parade Ground.

The Little League Parade gets underway at 10 a.m., starting at Seventh Avenue and Carroll Street, then moving along Seventh Avenue to 9th Street before turning up 9th Street into the Park and ending at the Bandshell. The Opening Day ceremony at the Bandshell will begin at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Also worth cheering for are Prospect Park's dedicated volunteers who will be holding an **Opening Day Clean-Up, April 5 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Anyone wanting to lend a hand can meet near the Tennis House. Call or email for more information: (718) 965-8960, volunteers@prospectpark.org.

Young children can get into the spring cleaning spirit at the Park's Lefferts Historic House during **Spring Wash Day, 1 – 4 p.m.** (both April 5 and April 6). Out come the washtubs and washboards as Lefferts turns back the clock to when Brooklynites cleaned without the help of electricity. Free.

Opening Day is the perfect time to take a ride on the Park's historic 1912 Carousel, visit the interactive nature exhibits at the Prospect Park Audubon Center, explore the Park's waterways on the electric boat *Independence*, or visit with the more than 80 species of wildlife at the Prospect Park Zoo!

Opening Day in Prospect Park is sponsored by Park Surgical

For more information on Prospect Park events, programs, membership and volunteering, call the Park Hotline at (718) 965-8999 or visit www.prospectpark.org

For more information on the Prospect Park Baseball Association, visit www.ppba.info

In partnership with the City of New York and the community, the Prospect Park Alliance restores, develops, and operates Prospect Park for the enjoyment of all by caring for the natural environment, preserving historic design, and serving the public through facilities and programs. Prospect Park's 585 acres of meadows, waterfalls, forest, lakes, and athletic facilities comprise a masterwork of urban green space.

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