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Mayor Michael Bloomberg will attend this benefit @ approx. 8:30 p.m.

Directions: News vehicles can enter Prospect Park at the Park Circle or Parkside and Ocean Avenues entrances and proceed on the Park Drive past the Wollman Rink toward the Audubon Center --- there will be staff to direct vehicles at the Center. Interactive map at http://www.prospectpark.org/visit/interactive_map

Party for Playgrounds 2009 ***La Fête au Parc***

**A benefit for grown-ups in support of
Prospect Park's seven playgrounds**

Friday, June 5, 2009
7 – 10 p.m.

Cocktails • Hors D'Oeuvres • Music
Boat Rides • Silent Auction
Cocktail Attire • Parking Available

At the Prospect Park Audubon Center at the Boathouse

Background: More than 60,000 children live within a mile of Prospect Park, and they – along with countless others throughout Brooklyn – depend on these spaces as a critical component of their physical and emotional development.

The Prospect Park Playground Committee was formed in 2004 when concerned parents joined with the Prospect Park Alliance to support the Park's seven dynamic playgrounds. The Committee works to raise funds for and awareness of these crucial recreation areas, rallying community and government support to keep them welcoming and available for generations to come. To date the Committee has raised approximately \$200,000 for the care and upkeep of playgrounds and surrounding areas.

Have fun helping Prospect Park's playgrounds at this year's fundraising event, *La Fête au Parc* – a French Impressionist themed party on June 5th from 7 – 10 p.m. at the landmark Boathouse in the Park.

Individual tickets start at \$75.

Groups of five and ten tickets are available for \$500 and \$1,000.

All but \$35 per person is tax-deductible.

To purchase tickets, view the online silent auction and honor a child in the printed program and on special signage at the event, go to

<http://www.prospectpark.org/calendar/event/playgrounds>

For further information about La Fête au Parc or the Playground Committee, please contact Alex Van Slyck at avanslyck@prospectpark.org or call 718-965-6992.

Online invitation viewable at

http://www.prospectpark.org/about/eneews/playground_invitation

Bar sponsored by Freeverse | Boat sponsored by The Slope Health & Fitness Center | Flowers sponsored by Super Soccer Stars | Honor-a-Child sponsored by Tarzian Hardware | Media sponsor New York Family Brooklyn | Hors D'Oeuvres sponsored by Atlantic & Pacific Oil Co., iStoreGreen, Music Together of Park Slope, Sovereign Bank, and UTZ Potato Chips/Clem Snacks| Catering by Movable Feast | Beverages donated by Brooklyn Brewery | Wine provided by Big Nose Full Body

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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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