NEW PARADE GROUND COMFORT STATION TO OPEN

Brooklyn, NY - The Prospect Park Alliance is pleased to announce the opening of the new Parade Ground Comfort Station on Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at 1pm. Funded by the New York City Council, Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, and NYS Assembly Members Rhoda Jacobs, James Brennan, and Joan Millman, the new comfort station is centrally located in the Parade Ground, adjacent to the concession stand.

“This project is just one of many the Prospect Park Alliance has undertaken in its 25 year history to restore the Park to its original glory,” said Emily Lloyd, President of the Prospect Park Alliance and Park Administrator. She added, “Building a comfort station is not a sexy or exciting project but it is a critical one, especially now that the historic Parade Ground is even more heavily used after all of the restoration work the Alliance has undertaken. We are so grateful to have wonderful community support and the trust and support of our elected officials.”

QUOTE FROM RHODA JACOBS

Since 1998, the Alliance has invested over $20 million to restore the 40-acre Parade Ground to one of Brooklyn’s finest public recreational facilities. This new comfort station is a much-needed and welcome addition that will have a substantial impact for all park users.

About the Parade Ground:
The Parade Ground features eleven athletic fields, including a premiere baseball diamond with a state-of-the-art scoreboard, covered dugouts, bleachers, and night lighting. There are also three additional baseball fields, two softball fields, one football field, one soccer field, and three giant multi-purpose fields. During the 2004 reconstruction, new artificial turf was added to five of the fields allowing for year-round use. The reconstruction also included new basketball and volleyball courts, as well as full-service concessions facilities and new picnic areas, seating, and landscaping.

The fabled fields have enjoyed a long history, from hosting wildly popular military displays in the 1870s to the glory days of Brooklyn baseball, when it launched the careers of such major league legends as Sandy Koufax, Joe Torre, and John Franco. Designed with intensive community input, the Parade Ground is once again one of New York City’s premiere sports complexes, serving local high schools, youth soccer leagues, sandlot baseball teams, adult and youth softball leagues, football leagues, and many other community groups.

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