LINCOLN ROAD PLAYGROUND TO REOPEN ON SATURDAY

*Playground was severely damaged during Hurricane Sandy*

Brooklyn, NY – The Prospect Park Alliance is pleased to announce that the Lincoln Road Playground will reopen on Saturday, January 12 at sunrise (7:19 a.m.). The playground, which was badly damaged by a fallen tree during Hurricane Sandy, has been closed since then. It was the last area of Prospect Park that remained closed because of storm damage.

“Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of the Parks Department and Prospect Park Alliance staff, we are able to open the playground much faster than we anticipated,” said Emily Lloyd, Prospect Park Alliance President. She added, “We know how important this playground is for so many children and families and we are thankful for the tremendous outpouring of support to help the Park recover from the storm.”

The damage to the playground included significant damage to the play equipment plus the fence, benches, safety mats and light poles. It is estimated that over $100,000 in damage was done to the playground alone.

Prospect Park sustained significant damage from Hurricane Sandy and the Nor’easter that hit less than two weeks later. The damage to the Park from these storms far exceeds that of any storm in the 25 year history of the Prospect Park Alliance. Over 500 trees, many of them older and very large trees, were knocked down or so severely damaged that they had to be taken down. In addition, over 1,000 large branches fell or were hanging and had to be removed.

The Prospect Park Alliance thanks its staff and volunteers along with the Parks Department staff, over 500 volunteers from NYC Service, FEMA, the US Forestry Service, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservations and other agencies who all worked incredibly hard to get the Park cleaned up. Over 7,000 cubic yards of debris, weighing 1,900 tons, were removed.

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Lincoln Playground after Hurricane Sandy

Lincoln Playground after restoration