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MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS: HUDSON RIVER PARK'S VIGILANT WORKFORCE

ENSURING THE SAFETY, BEAUTY AND INTEGRITY OF HUDSON RIVER PARK IS A MORE DETAILED AND COMPLICATED TASK THEN MANY REALIZE. In fact, most who are familiar with the park know of and utilize its facilities, but are unaware of the almost around the clock maintenance schedule kept by the Park's Department of Maintenance & Operations. It is the members of this department that keep the 5-mile park in working order.

It is the Department of Maintenance & Operations that keeps the bikeway/bladeway smooth and the lines and marks on the recreational fields fresh. The trees trimmed and the grass cut. The litter picked up and the trash removed. The benches sturdy and the gates swinging.

"WHEN I SEE ALL THE PEOPLE ROLLERBLADING, JOGGING OR USING ANY OF THE PARK'S FACILITIES, IT SHOWS THE WONDERFUL JOB THE STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS HAS DONE," MORENO SAID.

Maintenance is only one aspect of the department's responsibilities and not all their assignments are confined to land. The

department also serves as an unofficial security force for the entire 550-acre park. Because they are always out and about making sure that the public spaces are clean and in good repair, they are frequently the first ones on hand if a park patron has an emergency.

In the waterways around the park, the department ensures the safety of boaters by placing navigation guides and buoys and standing by to assist should anything occur that couldn't be reached from landside.

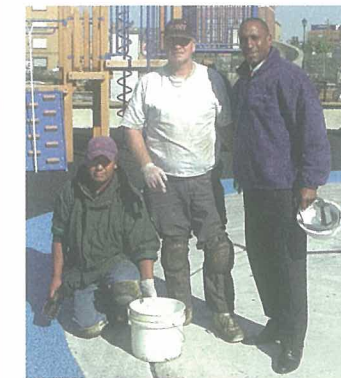
As the construction project progresses and is eventually completed, the staff of the Department of Maintenance & Operations will have more responsibilities, more facilities to inspect and more repairs to make. Given what they have already accomplished and continue to achieve on a daily basis, many times going unrecognized, the staff of the Department of Maintenance & Operations is ready to meet the challenge and keep Hudson River Park in good working order for many years to come.

Hudson River Park Happenings

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER: FALL IN!



Robert Balachandran on Pier 51 with construction workers laying down safety surfacing for the play area.

Fall is here and even with the cool weather, Hudson River Park is still the place to be! The Park is the ideal location to take advantage of the change in season and enjoy a few more days of sunshine before winter sets in.

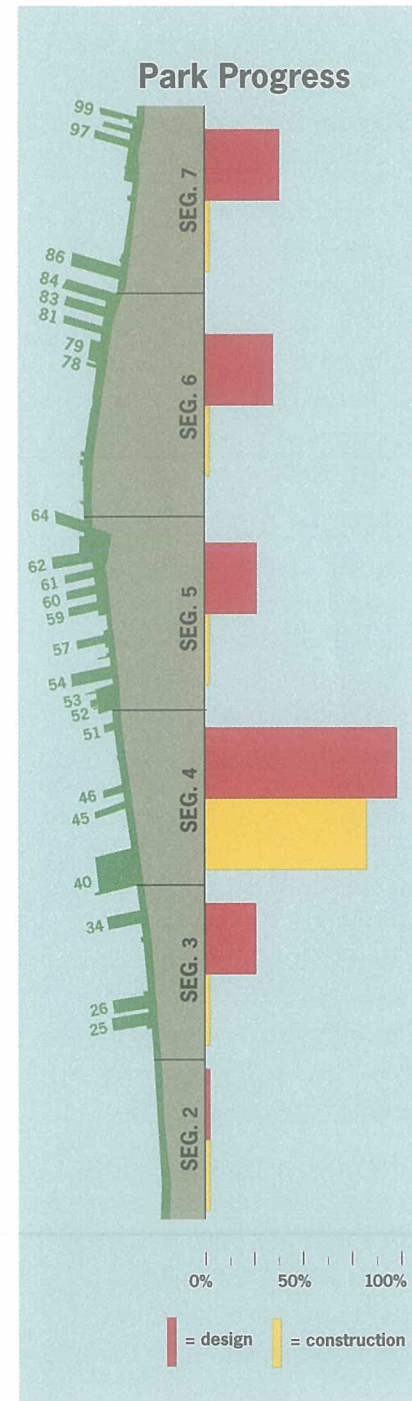
It's also back to school for the young ones and Hudson River Park Trust offers **free** educational field trips for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. We have science and ecology programs with three curricula: "Fishing and Fish Biology," "Plankton and the Food Web," and "Water Quality." The Trust also presents park and environmental planning lectures/tours for colleges and universities. If you are a professor, teacher or educator and are interested in either program, please call 212-791-2530 for more information.

In this issue of *Happenings*, we profile Hudson River Park's Director of Park Operations, Juan Moreno. Juan and his department handle everything from daily maintenance to the safety of the Park's patrons. Also in this issue, we will go behind the scenes of Juan's department and see how the Operations Department keeps Hudson River Park in topnotch shape.

Construction continues with the completion of the Skate Park and the removal of the deteriorated decks of Piers 32 and 46. Collaboration between the Trust and the New York City Art Commission will allow new light poles to grace the park in the coming months. Benches, railings and an athletic surface have been installed at Pier 46. These developments, as well as those expected in the coming months, will ensure that Hudson River Park continues to be an exciting and vital part of the New York City community for years to come.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Balachandran, President & CEO
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