



# GRAPEVINE

## WESTCHESTER RECREATION AND PARK SOCIETY

November 1992

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### Presidents Message

by William T. Rodriguez

The following represents the list of Goals and Objectives that the Executive Board has established for the 1992-1993 program year. There is still an opportunity to serve on standing or special committees or become involved in working towards the accomplishment of the 1992-1993 Goals and Objectives. Your comments and input on these issues will be greatly appreciated.

I can be reached at 967-2535 to discuss this or any other W.R.A.P.S. issue.

#### I. PROFESSIONALISM:

A. To promote W.R.A.P.S. and the recreation and leisure profession throughout Westchester County and New York State.

B. To debate issues that impact general membership and be prepared to issue position statements that reflect the interest of the W.R.A.P.S. membership.

C. To continue to provide certification and license information so that all members are prepared to make informed decisions.

#### II. PARTNERSHIPS:

A. To maintain the strong ties that currently exist between W.R.A.P.S. and Westchester County Parks, Recreation and Conservation.

B. To establish a sub-committee with the Westchester County Health Department to monitor regulations and procedures for camps and waterfront areas.

C. To develop a relationship with a charitable organization that W.R.A.P.S. can identify with and assist.

D. To assist with hosting the 1993 National Recreation and Park Association Board of Trustee Spring Meeting at Bear Mountain State Park.

#### III. PROGRAMS:

A. To provide current and topical issues at monthly meetings according to the needs and interests of W.R.A.P.S. members.

B. To supplement monthly meetings with educational workshops and seminars that permit in-depth and detailed information on appropriate subjects.

#### IV. AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

A. To conduct an internal and external review of the program, mission, goals and accomplishments.

#### V. RESOURCES:

A. To establish a committee to recommend a list of viable options that a portion of W.R.A.P.S. resources can be earmarked to fund.

B. To continue to provide funds so that selective programs and social functions cost can be defrayed for members.

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### Please Note

Westchester County Office for the Aging in cooperation with the Hudson River Museum and the Lower Hudson Conference will present a Showcase of Enrichment Programs held at the Hudson River Museum in Yonkers on Tuesday, November 17, 1992 from 9am-3pm. All personnel working with senior citizen groups are invited to attend. Keynote speaker will be Lawrence Luckinbill, noted actor and writer. For further information call 682-3054

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## Conservation Corner

by Barry C. Samuel

### The Eastern Chipmunk

This small, five striped ground squirrel is found in forests in most of the eastern United States. During the day, chipmunks frequent stone walls, rotten logs and thick underbrush. They spend evenings in underground burrows which are often 12 or more feet long with many chambers. One chamber is specifically for sleeping and bearing young while others are for food storage. Each burrow has at least one entrance and an "emergency" exit.

Chipmunks are omnivorous. They prefer small seeds, berries, fruits and nuts. However, they will eat mice, insects, eggs, etc. As fall approaches it is common to see these small ground squirrels with their cheek pouches filled with nuts on their way to their burrows or underground storerooms. They spend the majority of the winter months sleeping in what can be termed a semi-hibernation, however even in the middle of winter if the weather is mild they can be seen scampering around the forest floor. During the spring months they are very active and by May, their young are born. After a 31 day gestation period females have litters of two to eight young. The young spend about a month in the nest before they venture above ground.

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## Therapeutic Corner

by Dan Maloney

The Therapeutic Committee kicked off its 1992-1993 season with its annual Swap Shop Business Meeting. Committee members proceeded to the task of outlining the goals for the upcoming season.

Chipmunks are normally solitary and they spend their entire life within about a 100 yard range.

Chipmunk  
by Verne N. Rockcastle

Furry, striped friend with mumps  
Who caches berries under stumps  
How do you fare beneath the snow  
When wintry blasts begin to blow?  
I watched your summer's scurried reaping  
Of seeds and nuts and, for your sleeping,  
Mouthfuls of leafy bits and bark  
To keep you snug in frigid dark.  
They say you doze 'til winter's past,  
That though you hoard enough to last  
For several seasons underground,  
There's plenty left when spring rolls 'round.  
Why, then, insist on frenzied forage  
When half as much is ample storage?

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## I.C.O.T. ALERT

by Joe Arduino

Don't overlook proper training for your youth volunteer coaches now that fall season is coming to a close.

Many recreational leagues go year after year without any formal training. All it takes is one or two bad apples to ruin the pie. Don't let your program be negatively affected - take precautions now - call 593-2628 to book a sports or officials clinic for your department.

Committee members have been busy planning and organizing a Fall workshop. This year's workshop, will once again be held at the Osborne Retirement Community, in Rye, NY, on October 20th. The workshop's speaker, Mr. Matt Gold, CTRS, will present the topic, "Leisure Education". Such issues as value clarification, assessing and meeting client needs, leisure resources, as well as other areas will be addressed.

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## Parks Corner

by Don Brandes

The Parks Committee had a busy summer putting together programs for the fall and winter months. A tentative schedule of programs includes an Equipment Maintenance Program for October, and a Maintenance for High Use Athletic Fields in November. Topics for the remainder of the year have not yet been finalized, but may include: Park Master Planning, Computerization of Park Maintenance Operations, The American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) and its effect on park facilities and a possible trip to the new Westchester County Recycling Facility. Watch for Parks Committee flyers with your W.R.A.P.S. mailings!

In August, the Parks Committee was compiling information received from the parks surveys. In order to have a meaningful report of the results we need as close to 100% participation by the municipalities. If you have not returned your survey, please take a moment to do so as soon as possible! **DON'T DELAY, RETURN YOUR SURVEY TODAY!!!**

Information in the survey regarding a Parks Equipment Sharing Program will also be tabulated when all surveys have been received. If there is sufficient interest, a directory of equipment available for the program will be put together and made available to all communities.

This workshop should be most valuable to the experienced TR specialist as well as the newcomer to the field. Related disciplines should also benefit from this workshop.

Anyone interested in obtaining further information regarding the workshop or the functions of the TR Committee, please contact Yvonne at Burke Rehabilitation Center in White Plains, at 948-0050, ext.2248.

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## Bits and Pieces

by Joanne Marchesani

Congratulations and best of luck to **Anne Allan and Bruce Riehl** who were married on August 8th. Welcome and good luck to **Michelle DeAcutis**, who has joined the North Tarrytown Recreation Department as a Recreation Leader. Congratulations to **Barry Samuel** on placing 3rd at the National Bridge Tournament held in Toronto, Canada in August.

## Editor's Note

The next issue of the **GRAPEVINE** is due out for the February luncheon. All program information or articles should be sent to me by: January 8, 1993. Plan ahead and send any information to:

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## Supervisors Corner

by Sally Rogol

The Supervisors Committee (Sally Rogol, Pete McMillam, Jill Fisher, Anne Riehl and Dale French), are looking for people to assist on sub-committees to plan the upcoming events: Monthly Meetings, Holiday Party, and Summer Auditions. Anyone interested in helping or if you have an idea for a meeting topic or would like to host a meeting, contact Sally Rogol at 967-2535.

Supervisors-Leaders Monthly Meeting Schedule:

Date	Host Site
September 25	Pleasantville
October 23	Town of Mamaroneck
November 12	Cortlandt
December 7	Holiday Party site to be announced

### Summer Entertainment Follow Up:

As a follow up to the Summer Auditions/Entertainment, if anyone had a problem with any of the entertainers used, please contact Sally Rogol with the details. The committee welcomes any suggestions, ideas or comments from anyone using these entertainers to enhance this program.

## Department of Health: Camp Update

Mary Zimmermann and Sally Rogol are sitting on a committee with the Department of Health regarding camp regulations. Anyone having problems over this past summer with an inspector or the Health Department, is encouraged to put the information in writing documenting the problem, and forwarding it to Mary or Sally as soon as possible. This committee is looking to enhance relationships with the Health Department, get information out sooner and assist in planning the annual camp meeting. Comments or suggestions are welcome.

## PLAN AHEAD

Take a moment to make note of the following "tentative dates" for upcoming W.R.A.P.S. meetings:

December 7	Holiday Party
January 20	
February 17	Vendors luncheon at County Center
March 17	
April 14	
May 12	Municipal Managers Meeting at Rudy's Beau Rivage
June TBA	Awards and Scholarship Luncheon

### Recreation & Park Consultation and Maintenance



Athletic Field Maintenance  
Facilities Evaluation  
Nature/Fitness Trail Renovation  
Outdoor Court Surface Repair  
Playground Facility Maintenance  
Supervision of Contractors  
Swim Facility Repair

# 1993 NYSRPS Annual Conference and Exhibition

With the 1993 New York State recreation and park conference barely six months away, it is time to begin to plan your agenda of excitement for as many as 5 thrill packed days. Opportunities will abound for delegates to gain knowledge and enjoy New York State's Wonder of the World.

"Leisure Rapids - the Power of Parks and Recreation" is the theme of an historic, empowering event in the annals of our state society.

Innovation is the catch word for the conference which will run from April 19, 1993 to the 21st in Niagara Falls. Heading the list of unique opportunities is our state society's partnership with the Ontario Recreation Society. Never in the previous 52 year history of the organization has there been a conference of international impact. Our union with ORS will assure a stimulating program for all delegates. Issues and trends of global significance will be shared and debated. Networking and exchanging ideas will happen routinely. Delegates will be exposed to new approaches to programming.

Innovative educational opportunities will be fostered. On International Day, jointly designed panels will cross fertilize issues of common concern. Subjects such as a total quality management, corporate sponsorships, recycling, customer service and youth issues amongst others will be deliberated by impact panelists from both countries.

For the first time, Off Site Institutes will permit delegates to learn from visiting quality programs and facilities. On Monday, four institutes will be conducted. One tour will stop at area park facilities to assess their

compliance with ADA REGULATIONS. A second trip will visit Niagara Region Ontario Parks. In conjunction with NYSOPRHP, the third excursion will visit Niagara Region NYS Parks and Historic Areas. The final one will tour innovative therapeutic recreation programs in Western New York.

On Tuesday, one institute will take full advantage of the 1993 World University Games. The tour will visit Pilot Field, the new Erie Community College Athletic Center, the Tonawanda Aquatics Center and University of Buffalo athletic facilities. All of these facilities have been recently built or renovated in preparation of the '93 games. A second Off Site Institute will visit two innovative cultural programs. The community based Ghostlight Theater Company will demonstrate a grass roots approach to performing arts. The tour of the highly acclaimed Artpark ArtE1 Summer program will provide a contrasting cultural experience. A moderate fee which covers lunch and transportation costs will be charged to participants. CEU credits will be available.

Another unique opportunity offered for the '93 conference will be subsidized transportation. Through grant assistance from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, free bus transit is being offered to area affiliate societies.

For further information about the Conference contact Sue Peacock at 716-652-8866.

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## Aging Corner

by Roslyn Robinson

In 1993, Senior Centers across the nation will be joining the William Hodson Senior Center, Bronx, NY, in celebrating the 50 year anniversary of the Senior Center field. As the first Senior Center in the United States, Hodson was established in 1943 to meet the "day-time needs of retired and lonely older men and women." Today over 15,000 centers provide services, programs and activities to communities nationwide. The National Institute of Senior Centers has an active committee charged with coordinating, planning and encouraging participation in a year of celebration for the entire Senior Center field. Join us in hosting local, regional, state or national events in honor of this milestone.

Send a list of all the activities that volunteers perform in your center-sponsored community activities. Send me program ideas from your center - how will you celebrate "50 Years of Senior Centers?" For more information about the 50th Anniversary Celebration, contact:  
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