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MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

- 05/28 **SATURDAY**
—>DJ Stormin' Normian
- 05/29 **SUNDAY**
—>DJ Frankie D
- 05/30 **MONDAY**
—>DJ Dat Gurl Curley

- 06/04 **SATURDAY**
—>DJ Duce Martinez
- 06/05 **SUNDAY**
—>DJ Shan S

- 06/11 **SATURDAY**
—>NO SKATING / RESURFACING
- 06/12 **SUNDAY**
—>NO SKATING / RESURFACING

- 06/18 **SATURDAY**
—>NO SKATING / RESURFACING
- 06/19 **SUNDAY**
—> SKATING?? RESURFACING FINISHED??

- 06/25 **SATURDAY**
—>DJ TBD
- 06/26 **SUNDAY**
—>DJ TBD

INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND

- 07/02 **SATURDAY**
—>DJ TBD
- 07/03 **SUNDAY**
—>DJ TBD
- 07/04 **MONDAY**
—>DJ TBD

THE CENTRAL PARK SKATE CIRCLE

takes place most Saturdays, Sundays and major holidays in 2022 from April 9th through October 30th. The music plays from 2:45 pm to 6:45 pm, weather permitting.

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A banner year for Roller Skating in New York

This is a banner year for Roller Skating in New York, with two high-visibility, well-publicized outdoor rinks opening. "Flipper's At The Rink" at Rockefeller Center is already open and has featured some of our favorite New York Skate DJs. "The DiscOasis Central Park—A Roller-Disco Paradise" at Wollman Rink will be opening on June 16th. It promises world-class entertainment along with the skating. It's a far cry from the days in the early 2000s when the rinks all closed and the Skate Circle was the only place to skate in Manhattan.

What helped us survive is that we are a small community-based group with one goal—to have a place for skaters to come together and dance on skates, free of charge. We keep a low profile and are a little known attraction—a pleasant surprise to visitors walking though Central Park.

Over the past 27 years, we have made repairs to the surface of the Skate Circle with material first given to us by the Department of Parks. We also painted the rink guidelines. We actually got very good at it. It wasn't officially approved, but the powers that be turned a blind eye. We were making

improvements to the park and not costing the city a dime. That worked out well for twenty-three years.

In 2018, a new administration took over the Conservancy. We were told that we could no longer do any repair work ourselves and that repairing our area was a very low priority for them. We knew, from past experience, that after three years or so, the truck traffic from large events would open cracks in the pavement and that repairs had to be made. If we couldn't do it ourselves we had to come up with a solution or after a few years the area would not be safe for skating.

We finally reached an agreement: with the conservancy: they would choose the contractor and supervise the work; we would find a way to finance the project. There have been many twists and turns over the past few years, but it now appears that resurfacing is slated to begin in early June.

We are walking on tiptoes—which is not easy on skates. We have our fingers crossed and a lot of us are praying that we will have a new, smooth skating surface for the Skate Circle in July. We are very hopeful, but it isn't over until it's over.



New Skater



LeeAnne and Aristedes



Wilson

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April 2022 Skate Family



Walter



Nicola, Jeff and Lis



Lynna

The View from Skaters Road

by Bob Nichols, President, CPDSA

Every April, the CPDSA starts its skating season in Central Park. It is often cold with rain threatening, but when the flowering Cherry Trees in the area next to our rink are in full blossom, we know it is time for us to begin.

The big news this season is the resurfacing project that we have been working toward since our earliest days in the 1990s. There were promises made that were not quite broken, but not quite fulfilled either. Over the years, we pressed for a recreational surface on the pavement and offered to do the work ourselves. We had a long string of stalling “We’ll See” stringing us along for months, always ending with a “no.” Finally, in 2019, we negotiated an agreement with the Conservancy for them to choose the contractor and supervise the work; we would find a way to finance the project.

When Manhattan Borough President, Gale Brewer, saw the precision line dance skating group “Energy In The Middle” at the annual “Dance Parade,” she asked its leader, Harry Gaskin, if there was a way to help the group. He told her that the Skate Circle in Central Park, where they practice, needed to get a better surface. Borough President Brewer was able to have the funds needed for our project, allocated in the city budget.

We were all set for the work to begin in the spring of 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic put a hold on all nonessential city projects. Now, in 2022, the project is set to begin in early June and slated to be completed in time for the 28th birthday celebration of the CPDSA on the 4th of July.

The one most important thing all of us should remember is that it was our group that initiated this project to begin with. We agreed to the Conservancy’s conditions and we had to raise the funds for the work. It was members of the CPDSA who were able to get those funds allocated in the City Budget. This is our project, not a gift from the Conservancy or the Department of Parks. We do not want to interfere, but we do want to consult and advise; not about the materials or

the method of application or the engineering. We just want to have some input about the smoothness and texture of the final surface; that is what is most important to us skaters.

We are the ones who will be using the area for our skating activities. We care about this more than anyone else. We want a smooth, unbroken surface that is not too rough and not too slippery and we want the guidelines painted the same way that they are now. It is not too much to ask. The CPDSA rink guidelines have been developed and refined over the 27 years we have been painting them ourselves. We made small adjustments and refinements over the years and found what worked best. The lines are designed for the safety of skaters on the rink and the usage of the area by others dancing in place. We have it working well at this point and we do not want to start over with different guidelines. The way the original painters used the curve of the road to shape the inner guidelines was simple, elegant and artistic.

Now it is up to us all to prepare for the resurfacing. We want to do everything we can to make this project happen. We want to help the Conservancy and their contractors in any way we can. We have already drawn up detailed diagrams of the area and the guidelines and passed them along to the Conservancy. We are just waiting for the opportunity to walk through the area with their representative so that we can share our intimate knowledge of the roadway.

Nothing is certain at this moment, but we are determined to follow through on this project. We are doing this for the love of skating and a genuine regard and love for our fellow skaters. It has taken tenacity and persistence for the CPDSA to continue since 1995 and we are not going to quit now.

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DJ Rob Scott



DJ KL



DJ Stargazer

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