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INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND

SATURDAY SUNDAY

MONDAY ->DJ Mike Dominico

**RESURFACING JULY 5-15** 

SATURDAY ->NO SKATING 07/10 SUNDAY

RESURFACING

07/16 SUNDAY 07/17

MONDAY ->DJ Jav Stewart

07/23

SATURDAY ->NO SKATING NYC TRIATHLON

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07/24

NYC TRIATHLON SATURDAY —>DJ TBD

SUNDAY

SUNDAY ->DJ TBD

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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

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# **Springtime for Roller Skating in Central Park**

This has been a very unusual spring for skating in New York City. After many years, two famous ice skating rinks — the Wollman and Rockefeller Center — have opened for roller skating in the warmer months. Suddenly, there are a number of alternatives to the Skate Circle. Actually, it comes at a good time for us; at least, theoretically. We have been told that the long awaited resurfacing of the North End of Skaters Road would happen this year. We are very happy to hear it and will be happier when we see it and skate on it.

Initially, we were told that the work would start in the second week of June, ending just before the July 4th weekend. That didn't happen. But we had a really wonderful June, so it wasn't like we were suffering. We are eager for the new, smooth, unbroken surface to skate on. So, we are hopeful.

In the third week of June, signs were posted on barricades around the area announcing closure for pavement repairs

beginning in mid June, to be completed by the end of July. As we approach the Forth-of-July weekend, we have now been told that the work will begin on July 5th and end by the 15th. On the bottom of those signs were QR codes that took us to a page on the Central Park Conservancy website that explained the work to be done:

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"The resurfacing work includes repairing and repaying the asphalt surface, applying a seal coating designed for recreational use, and striping the surface for recreational uses."

This is everything we have hoped for and more, "repaving" being the key word; it is the one thing that will improve our skating experience the most. If indeed Skaters Road gets "repaved," and not just repaired and resurfaced, that means it will be able to support the heavy truck loads and traffic during non-skating large events, allowing us to enjoy skating on a safe, smooth surface for many years.



May 2022 Skate Family

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## SKATERS, DO YOU HAVE SKILLS THAT COULD HELP THE SKATE CIRCLE?

...Or just someone genuinely willing to be a part of the group that keeps the skate circle rolling? Would you like to contribute stories or photos for consideration in our next newsletter?

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# The View from Skaters Road

by Bob Nichols, President, CPDSA

The Fourth of July is the birthday of the CPDSA and marks its 27th season. Through all of those seasons, we have dreamed of a smoother surface at the Skate Circle. For years, we have worked with the Central Park Conservancy and the Department of Parks and Recreation, urging them to have the road repaved and resurfaced with a recreational material coating.

A lot of our skaters have reluctantly moved on to smoother pavement elsewhere for the health of their knees, ankles and hips. Sadly, the coarse asphalt we have been skating on takes its toll on our bodies, but that hasn't changed our feelings for the Skate Circle and the friends we have made here. Many skaters are looking forward to coming back.

In San Francisco, our friend David Miles, "Mister Roller Skating," has been instrumental in getting the work done by the city, including expanding and improving the skating space in Golden Gate Park.

Steve Love recently came back from L.A., raving about the fabulous surface of the Venice Beach Dance Skate Plaza. He put me in touch with Dee, who was involved with the people who did the exceptional work there. They used high-tech, digital leveling and other refinements and put down high-quality, polished concrete pavement.

We don't expect anything like that at the Skate Circle but the Conservancy has promised repairing, repaving and resurfacing, so we are excited about it.

The CPDSA is a registered, taxexempt, Federally-recognized, 501c-3 non-profit organization. Over the years, we worked hard to develop a long-term relationship of cooperation with the Central Park Conservancy and have done all that was asked of us, including securing all the permits and following all the rules of the Park and the City. In doing so, we have gained some respect and some grandfathered-in status in the Park.

I am a co-founder of the organization, an avid skater, and a passionate believer in keeping skating and the Skate Circle alive. I am concerned that when I retire from the presidency of the CPDSA (I'm already 75 years

old), the organization may lose what it has built over the years.

That is why I'm writing some personal thoughts, so bear with me as I explain further.

The role of President includes all administrative and fund-raising tasks, which is demanding and timeconsuming, but also the responsibility of setting up and taking down the skate circle each day we have a permit to skate. So rolling up your sleeves and jumping in with volunteers to carry heavy material back und forth each day, two or three days in a row on weekends, is part of the job. That has become more and more difficult for my body to sustain.

I didn't get much of a response last year as I had started to express my concerns to the membership and the board of directors. So I propose we widen the 2023 CPDSA leadership elections to our membership base, as until now, the board was electing the president. Everyone who has made the minimum membership contribution of \$26 or more would be allowed to

When discussing leadership with skaters, it is mentioned and agreed upon by many that we need a younger group leading the organization. Younger folks bring new energy, new ideas and possibly new methodology. At the same time, they have to learn the ins and outs of a non-profit organization, how to work with the various agencies involved with us, and what we are legally bound to.

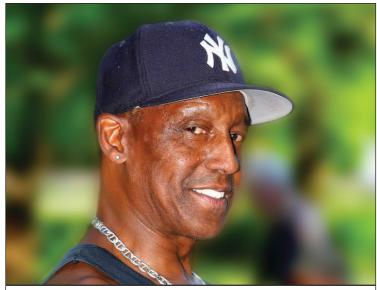
I would like to step away from my function as president and continue as an advisor. I don't know how many good years I have left for all I still want to do and experience.

Many thanks for understanding and please contact me or any member of the board to propose you candidacy to the leadership team of the CPDSA.

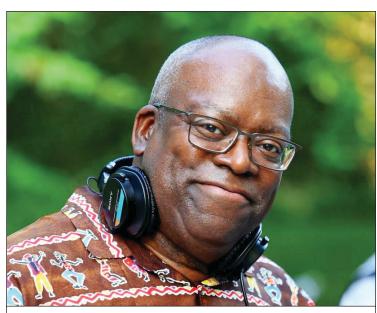
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