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Historic Days Park celebrates 150th birthday

Days Park will celebrate its 150th birthday with a community homecoming Saturday, Oct. 2, beginning at 2 p.m. in the historic park at Wadsworth and Allen streets.

"Everyone with an interest in Days Park is welcome," said Mary Simpson, Days Park Block Club president. "We want to hear the stories of all those who have taken part in building and preserving this wonderful place."

Guests are asked to bring memories, photographs and a dish to pass.

The land for park was donated to the City of Buffalo in 1854 by Thomas Day, a brick manufacturer and real estate investor. It was one of the first open spaces given as perpetual parkland.

In 1887, Frederick Law Olmsted, the great American landscape architect and designer of New York City's Central Park and the Buffalo park system, created plans for Days Park. Some of his original design remains today.

A century after Frederick Law Olmsted submitted his plans for Days Park to the City of Buffalo's Board of Park Commissioners, the unkept condition of the park compelled the homeowners and tenants to raise funds for restoration and to actively seek the assistance of police, housing inspectors and other government agencies to eliminate crime and blight.

The Days Park Block Club has raised money by selling baked goods, plants and T-shirts and through government funds and private donations. Flower gardens and trees were planted, new historic streetlights were installed and a Victorian wrought-iron fountain again graces the center of the park.

Days Park was restored through the efforts of the Days Park Block Club, with the support of the Allentown Association, Kleinhans Community Association, Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy and Buffalo Public School #36, Bi-lingual Early Childhood Center.

School #36 is an active partner in the restoration, with the children involved as designers, gardeners and advocates for the park. The school serves more than 300 children between the ages of 4 and 7.

The original building, a two-story brick building with 12 classrooms, opened in 1868. The current building was built in 1958.

Days Park was awarded the Civic Empowerment Award 2003 for the park restoration and was placed on

the short list for the 2003 Great Parks/Great Cities Award sponsored by Project for Public Spaces. 42 Days Park has been featured on the Home and Garden network's Restore America.

In case of inclement weather, the homecoming will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Symphony Circle, Porter and Richmond avenues.

For more information, please contact Mary Simpson at 881-6464 or Peter Grine at 882-1002.



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