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## **COME OUT AND PLAY! NEW PLAYGROUND OFFICIALLY OPENS AT DRUSS PARK *Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to be Held Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>***

**White Plains, NY – July 24, 2020.** White Plains Mayor Tom Roach will celebrate the opening of the City’s newly refurbished playground at Druss Park with a ribbon cutting on Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Druss Park is one of the City’s neighborhood parks, located in the Highlands neighborhood on South Lexington Avenue between Bryant Avenue and Prospect Street.

The playground offers visitors two play areas -- one play space for young children ages 2 - 5 years old and a separate space for children 5 - 12 years old. In keeping with the City’s other playground renovations in recent years, both play spaces at Druss are fully accessible and inclusive. Features of the playgrounds include: a Cozy Dome, toddler swings with bucket seats, Bongo Panel, a sensory play wall, and a poured in place rubber surfacing.

“Parks are an extremely important amenity and the City takes pride in providing quality active and passive recreation spaces for its residents,” said Mayor Roach. “This investment at Druss is part of our ongoing commitment to our parks.”

Four new picnic tables donated by the Westchester-Putnam Central Labor Body, AFL-CIO are also part of the Druss Park playground renovation project. In addition to Druss, the Central Labor Body has donated picnic tables at Battle Hill, Liberty, Mattison, and Gardella Parks. These picnic tables all serve as memorials in honor of workers who died on the job. The Westchester / Putnam Central Labor Body has donated a total of 16 picnic tables to White Plains city parks since 2017.



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“Thank You Mayor Roach, White Plains Recreation and Parks and the White Plains Common Council for embracing this partnership with our labor council to add more benches to the great city of White Plains,” said Thomas Carey, President, Westchester / Putnam Central Labor Body AFL-CIO. “These benches and tables are placed in honor of workers who have died at the workplace. They serve as a permanent memorial that reinforces our commitment to advocating for worker safety. We are pleased to donate benches throughout the city to benefit all residents.”

“We have successfully renovated what had been an old and out-of-date playground to create a safe, accessible and inclusive new playground that is comfortable and user-friendly for children of varying abilities,” said Commissioner of Recreation and Parks, Wayne Bass.

In addition to the new playground at Druss, the City recently created at Dog Run at Battle Hill Park and expanded the Jack Harrington Greenway Walking Trail. The playground at Gillie Park is scheduled to be renovated this fall.

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