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COME OUT & PLAY!
GILLIE PARK PLAYGROUND RIBBON CUTTING
A Great New Place for Fun and Imaginary Play

White Plains, NY – November 13, 2020. White Plains Mayor Tom Roach and members of the Common Council will celebrate the opening of the City’s newly refurbished playground at Gillie Park with a ribbon cutting on **Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.** Gillie Park is one of the City’s neighborhood parks and is located at 85 Gedney Way, at the corner of Gedney Way and Mamaroneck Avenue, in White Plains.

The new playground, which is ADA compliant, has separate areas for 2 - 5 year olds and 5 - 12 year olds. It is fully accessible and inclusive for all children.

The 5 – 12 year old area features an array of play structures including slides, ramps, climbers, surface-level play features, built-in shade, and a color-coated rubberized safety-surface.

Children in the 2 - 5 year old area will have access to an expanded play structure with 23 interactive activities addressing developmentally-appropriate skills aimed at sparking their imagination in a fun and engaging way.

Features of this area include a Loft to Market Playhouse, Find-It Signs, Elevated Crawl Tunnel, Vegetable Climber, Mailbox/Flower Talk Tube, Crawl Tunnel, Vegetable/Leaf Sliders, Flower/Leaf Spinners, Flower Gear Panel, Meal Table, Alphabet and Counting Panels, Menu Board and a Vegetable Stand.

“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 Gillie is part of our ongoing commitment to our parks.”

City Recreation and Parks Commissioner Wayne Bass said, “Space to recreate is essential for a healthy community. Since 2013, the City has completed playground renovations at Delfino, Kittrell, Turnure, Druss, Mattison, and now Gillie Parks. In addition, the City recently created a Dog Run at Battle Hill Park and expanded the Jack Harrington Greenway Walking Trail.”

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