

FAIRMOUNT PARK COMMISSION
Office of the Executive Director

TO: Fairmount Park Commissioners
FROM: Mark A. Focht, FASLA, Executive Director
RE: Executive Director's Report—May 2009

Operating Budget Hearing

- April 21. Presented testimony to City Council on Fairmount Park's \$12.6 million proposed Fiscal Year 2010 operating budget. Responded to Council concerns along with Parks and Recreation Commissioner DiBerardinis.

Philadelphia Cares About Fairmount Park Day

- May 16th. 14th annual day of volunteerism and citizen service, partnering with the Philadelphia Cares organization. Projects took place at over 40 different sites throughout the city with over 1200 volunteers participating.

Spring Into Your Park Day

- April 18th. Two different project activities: In cooperation with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, participated in spring green-up/clean-ups at seven Fairmount Park sites. In partnership with the Junior League, removed invasive vegetation, did plantings, and restored the mural in Fernhill Park.

Fairmount Dam Fishway Rededication

- May 18th. Joined Mayor Nutter, Congressman Fattah, Congresswoman Schwartz, Commissioner Brunwasser and others for the dedication of the \$4 million renovation project of the Fairmount Dam Fishway.

Special Events Highlight Spring Calendar

- Fairmount Park has provided the venue and significant support to all of these major special events this spring:

Comcast Cares Day in Hunting Park

Penn Treaty Park Shad Festival

Sheep Shearing Day at Fox Chase Farm

Broad Street Run

Susan G. Komen Mother's Day Race For The Cure

Dad Vail Regatta

Stotesbury Regatta

Manny Flick Regatta series

Free Library Book Festival