

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The 127th summer season at Assembly Park started with a splash this Memorial Day Weekend with kids of all ages joining in the Auxiliary's Pier Plunge! While many of the adults exited the water quickly with the excuse to get in line for the wonderful "walking tacos" that the Auxiliary had for sale, a great crowd remained by the beach and piers to celebrate the start of summer. Sunday was followed with the Assembly Park kids volunteering to clean up our golf carts to raise funds for future park improvements. My thanks to all our great volunteers and I'd like to welcome everyone back for another great summer season at Assembly Park!

The Parks and grounds look great, thanks to the great effort of Rob and Mae. The new piers, now a year old, are a welcome addition to the beach. The new pickleball courts continue to draw a crowd and are a family favorite activity. Thanks to the woodworking skills of Jim Ignoffo, labor support by Jeff LaMarre and Rob, and the financial support of the Auxiliary, old wooden benches have been replaced throughout the large park. Our classic playground equipment received a makeover, courtesy of Dave Hampson and family. Shortly, the main park will receive a refresh of sand and edging. Our front entrances are getting much needed maintenance work, with broken concrete being replaced, years of dirt sandblasted away, and classic signs repainted and repaired, to provide a bright welcome to all!

It was a busy winter for our Assembly Hall Committee. With great leadership being provided by Kathleen Fielder and Jim Ignoffo, the proposed new hall was gratefully approved by our community. As Kathleen and Jim shared in a recent update, they are in the process of addressing the county's request to divide the property and preparing documents for submission for approval at the town and county level. Many thanks to Jim and Kathleen and all members of the committee for their dedication to this much-needed improvement to our community!

I am so grateful to the many volunteers that give countless hours to our Assembly Park home. From the members of the Auxiliary, led by Jessica Gray, to the countless others who volunteer on committees, coordinate events, or simply lend a helping hand when needed. The Assembly Park Facebook pages and websites look great, thanks to Jerry Bransfield, who also has helped lead the research needed for our newly adopted DLA texting platform. I am also very grateful to the DLA Board members I am currently serving with, as well as to all board members who have served in the past and those who will serve in the future. Thank you, Jorge Cordova, Greg Selepe, Katie Bonk, Katie O'Halloran, Jim Ignoffo, and Tim Somen, for your leadership and support!

While we are looking ahead with excitement for a great summer, we also reflect upon those members of our community who are no longer with us:

Arthur Richoz

Al Pearson

Marcia Gillooley

Donna Zopp  
Joe Almburg

While they are no longer physically with us, they live on in our memories and are greatly missed.

Our Annual Meeting will be June 14 at 10:00 am. Like last year, the meeting will be held in-person and on-line. We will be presenting our annual budget, candidates for the Board, and the opportunity for our community to gather and share. I hope you can attend.

So, get ready for an incredible 127th summer at Assembly Park! Fro Elvis nights, Children's Dances, and simple memories, it will be a great year! Welcome Back!

John A Glimco  
DLA Board President