

EVENT: Summer Youth Clean-up Corps Kick-Off

DATE: Friday, July 25, 1986

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: William H. Garvey Playground, Neponset Ave., Dorchester

RLF ROLE: announce Summer Youth Clean-Up Corps program

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Larry Dwyer, Community Schools
Ron Young, Boys & Girls Clubs
Peter Scarpignato, Acting Parks Commissioner

BACKGROUND:

Program is funded by Public Works Dept., run by Community Schools, in collaboration with Boys & Girls Clubs.

21 crews, each made up of 10 youngsters and 1 supervisor, will be cleaning public places, parks, playgrounds and vacant lots for the rest of the summer.

The work sites change daily and are determined by complaints and requests from neighborhood residents. Every day, however, crews are sent to Boston Common, the city's cemeteries, and as an "emergency crew" for the Parks Dept.

Program is similar to Youth Conservation Corps run by Mayor's Office of Jobs & Community Services, through ABCD. That program emphasizes growing things, this one emphasizes picking up litter.

We are billing this as a "pilot program" that will continue and expand in subsequent years.

Program actually started on Monday. On Tuesday, near the Jackson-Mann School in Brighton, residents were so thrilled at the work the kids were doing that they got together and served them lunch and cold drinks.

Parks Dept. has cut the grass at Garvey Playground - but left litter to be picked up by kids. Kids will also work on Neponset Ave. and at Neponset Circle today.