

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

09/03 SATURDAY

DJ KL

09/04 SUNDAY

DJ Shan S

09/05 MONDAY

DJ Mike Dominico &
DJ Duce Martinez

09/10 SATURDAY

NO SKATING
Susan G. Koman
Race for the Cure

09/11 SUNDAY

NO SKATING
9/11 Memorial

09/17 SATURDAY

DJ Ruben R

09/18 SUNDAY

DJ Bobby Morales

09/24 SATURDAY

NO SKATING
Global Citizens Concert

09/25 SUNDAY

NO SKATING?
Global Citizens Concert
rain day

THE CENTRAL PARK SKATE CIRCLE

takes place most Saturdays, Sundays and major holidays in 2014 from April 2nd through October 30th. The music plays from 2:45 pm to 6:45 pm.

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The Long Hot Summer

August was rough. We were expecting a great month; our permits granted us most Saturdays and Sundays in July and August. We were supposed to be in the Park from the last week in July until the last Saturday in August when the Central Park Film Festival kept us from skating.

What we didn't count on was the weather. Starting in the last week in July, rainy weekends and a brutal Heat Wave kept us from skating. On Saturday, August 13th the National Weather Service issued a heat advisory and recommended against strenuous outdoor activities. Temperatures in Central Park were around 95 degrees and with the dense humidity the "feels like" temperature was around 106°.

We huddled with our staff and the DJ and decided on something we hate to do—we canceled. I went to the beach. Of course, there were some, the brave, the foolhardy, the diehard skaters; who come out rain, snow or blast furnace heat. They skated that day.

On Sunday the 14th the die hards shamed us into setting up the Circle. After all, it was only 92° and felt like a balmy 103°. We skated, but it was like moving slow motion in warm oatmeal.

We can only hope that we have survived the worst. September and October will almost certainly have better weather for skating—if we can dodge the Hurricanes. October is National Roller Skating Month and we are hoping for a great finish to our season.

We must acknowledge and thank the hardworking team of CPDSA volunteers who make the Skate Circle possible. Tim Smith, equipment manager, Steve Cherry, the ambassador, Gary Bowler, Marco Sepulveda, Jose Rivera, John Spotsy, Sal Rentas, Tyrone Cloud, Jonathan Brunschwig, Albert Boulanger and others. We also thank our chief engineer, Chris Burchard, who does a great job keeping our sound equipment working. Special thanks go to Bob Dea for his skillful and insightful photographs.

Thanks go to Lynna, who takes charge of setting up the barricades and benches at the beginning of our day. We also appreciate Yvette, Tessel, Robin O. Ileana, Kathy, Xiamamara, Robbin Z. and all the others who prepare the pavement for skating, sweep, clean up the grounds, put out and take in the signs and generally keep their eyes open to identify problems and potential difficulties and safely greet and guide newcomers into and out of the Circle and make them feel welcome. Thank you all!



CPDSA Family, July 4th

DJ Appreciation

We are starting a new tradition at the Skate Circle, a Food and Drink, Fund & Donation basket for all the DJs that play for CPDSA . Every Saturday, Sunday & Holiday Mondays there will be a basket for you to put Special Snacks, Food or Funds to show your appreciation.

Please make sure it is wrapped if needed. All funds should be put in a small envelope. Let's make this a sweet, yummy & caring donation.

They are here for us .WE need to be there for them.

Thank You.
Lynna Davis



Lynna



Miyuke & Jamie

SKATERS, DO YOU HAVE SKILLS THAT COULD HELP THE SKATE CIRCLE?

...or just someone genuinely willing to be a part of the group that keeps the skate circle rolling?
Would you like to contribute stories or photos for consideration in our next newsletter?
please contact: info@cpdsa.org



Last Stop: A Survivor's Story

by Nelson Velez and Tommy McInnis

A true story based on the lives and work of Nelson Velez, NYPD HOU police officer, and Tommy McInnis, an MTA Connections outreach worker, truly details the lives of some of New York's unsung heroes.

<http://www.laststopbook.com>



Linda & Rosco



French visitors roll with us

The View from Skaters Road

by Bob Nichols, President, CPDSA

When we admit a new member into our Board of Directors, we ask one question: "What do you see yourself doing for the CPDSA?" This question is very important for our leadership, because there are so many things that must be done to keep the Skate Circle operating smoothly and so many talents we have beyond roller skating

It is not just board members who should be asking themselves this question. Those of us who skate or dance at the Circle know how much pleasure it brings us and, as in any relationship, we know that we must give something back if we are going to keep this good thing going.

There are so many things that must be done to keep the CPDSA operating, keeping accurate financial records, sales and fundraising, applying for official permits and dealing with the Parks Department, the Central Park Conservancy and the Central Park Police on a regular basis. There is also equipment maintenance and replacement, everyday and seasonal transport of our gear. Our communications apparatus includes a spectacular website, Facebook pages and groups, a weekly Skate News e-mail and this Newsletter to keep our skaters informed and amused. There are also the small things that make the Circle friendly and hospitable. If you are a regular, you should find a way that your talents or resources can help support the CPDSA.

For many years we have talked about making a 6 foot tall model of a roller skate for us to use in the Halloween Parade. This year, we have a number of people who want to see this skate happen. Maybe we can scale the size back

so that it would fit inside a van for transporting it, but we should resolve to make it happen this year.

We need people who are good artists or sculptors to design the look and get it in scale. We have fine metal mesh to mold it into shape, but we need people who can frame the supports, work with fiberglass cloth and epoxy resin for the outer skin. We will need a garage or some other large well ventilated place where we can work.

There's not a lot of time before Halloween, but this can be done if we get started right away and work together. We can start a message board, an e-mail thread or whatever new technology would work to keep everyone together. One or more of you might be good with that kind of communication to help us work together. Think about what you can do to make this dream come true.

We have lost a lot of days this year - to big events, rain, heat, you name it. We lose two whole weekends in September to big events, so lets take advantage of those extra days when we won't be skating in the park to make this vision a reality.

The mission of the Central Park Dance Skaters Association is first and foremost to keep the Skate Circle rolling and always improving. Beyond that, as an organization, we encourage roller skating, we support other skaters and try to help empower them. The CPDSA wants to be a resource for this kind of group endeavor that shows pride for the activity that brings us so much joy and to show our love for skating.

The Skate Circle Lives!



DJ Andre Collins



DJ Shan S



DJ Preston

Thank You 2016 CPDSA New and Renewing Members

The CPDSA thanks these current 2016 members whose generosity allows us to keep rolling.

Adam Adam
Jose Alma
Martha Anderson
Niki Le Bouquin
Gary Bowler
Dave Britton
Val Brochard
Kobi Bromley
Kat Campbell
Denes Carpenter
Kathy Cino
Terry & Janice Collins
Darryl Davis
Lynna Davis
Amanda Edell

Beth Emerson
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Peggy Flefleh
Shoshanna Gleich
Jeff Goldberg
Calbert Green
Richard Hassard
Merri Interiors
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Ute Kammerer
Michael A. Katz
Michael Kesselman
Eugene Kim
Miyuke Koga
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Suzanne Maxx
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Lisa Reich

Roz Reich
Regina Rider
Connie Reynolds
Jamie Rivera
Jose Rivera
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Lorraine Sanchez
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Sunshine Straiges
Dalys "Panama" Torres
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Mark & Lee Wolf
Rebecca Zaretsky
Robbin Ziering



Joy



Tyrone



Gail

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CPDSA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



JOIN US!

Name _____

Date ____/____/____

Member # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home or Cell Phone _____ - _____ - _____

Work or Cell Phone _____ - _____ - _____

E-mail _____

Please make a copy of this membership application and mail it, along with your contribution, to the CPDSA address below. You can get additional applications and more information from our staff members at the CPDSA Skate Circle, located mid-park, just west of the bandshell. To find us, enter Central Park at East or West 72nd street on weekend days between 3 and 7 PM and walk along Terrace Drive toward the center of the park. Listen for our dance music, you'll find us.

Contribution:

\$25 \$50 \$100 Other _____

New Member Renewal



c/o Bob Nichols
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