

Ben Evans Recreation Program Collection, 1906-1995

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Evans, Ben, 1895-1988
Title	Ben Evans Recreation Program Collection
Dates	1906-1995 (inclusive) 1906 1995
Quantity	20.4 cubic ft., ((51 boxes))
Collection Number	5801-02
Summary	Records and photographs compiled by Ben Evans, documenting history of recreation programs within the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation as well as the history and philosophy of recreation programs nationally.
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Access Restrictions	Records are open to the public.
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Biographical Note

Ben Evans (1895-1988), long time director of the Seattle Parks Department recreation programs, was born in Cambridge, Ohio, and moved to Seattle with his parents in 1904. He attended University Heights grammar school and graduated from Lincoln High School. Evans married Ethel Reed of Findlay, Ohio, in 1925; the couple had no children.

A severe shoulder injury suffered in elementary school indirectly led Ben Evans to a career in recreation. After being in a partial body cast for two years waiting for bone chips to make their way through his body, a physician told Evans, "The thing that will save you is lots of fresh air and sunshine."

Evans began his association with the Parks Department at the age of fifteen as an after-hours volunteer at the University and Collins Playfields. After high school graduation, he coached baseball and football at University Heights elementary school before joining the Parks Department full-time in 1917 as a playground instructor. Fifteen months later he was appointed Playground Director, and by 1925 was Director of Playgrounds and Bathing Beaches. In 1938, he was officially placed in the position of

Recreation Director for the Parks Department, a position he held (with various title changes) until his retirement in 1960. For forty years, Evans was assisted by his brother Luther (Lou) Evans.

Ben Evans directed the development of Seattle's public recreation program, turning it into one of the nation's major playfield and recreation systems. When Evans began his career, Seattle had four playfields. By the time he retired, it had forty-three. Evans is credited with developing the city's public school/playground joint use program. He also originated two of the Parks Department's most popular contests: "Old Woodenface" (Old Woody), in which boys threw baseballs through an opening in a wooden frame, and "Old Oswald" (Old Ossie), which tested football kicking and throwing skills.

Outside of his Parks Department work, Evans advised the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, YMCA, and YWCA on their recreation programs. He received many honors for his work with children, including a lifetime membership in the PTA, a commendation from the Catholic Youth Organization, a diamond pin for Scouting activities, and the Seton Award for Creative Service from the Camp Fire Girls. He also served as adviser to the Boeing Company's employees' recreation program.

Evans was also active in professional recreation associations on the local, state, and national levels. He was a member of the White House Council on Children and Youth for Washington State, received a medal for his work on playfields from the National Recreation Congress, and was awarded a lifetime membership in the Washington Recreation and Park Society. Ben Evans died in 1988 at the age of 93.

Historical Note

Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation: Administrative History

The Parks and Recreation Department administers Seattle's parks system and community recreation programs. It maintains over 6000 acres of city parks, 20 miles of shoreline, and 22 miles of boulevards. The department operates the city's 25 community recreation centers, the Seattle Aquarium, nine swimming pools, a tennis center, and more than 400 smaller facilities. In addition, it is custodian for four public golf courses, three moorages, and several other athletic and cultural facilities.

In 1884 David Denny donated a five-acre tract that was the site of a cemetery to the City of Seattle, stipulating that it be designated a public park. The site, initially named Seattle Park and later renamed Denny Park, was the first ordinance-designated public park in Seattle. The ordinance that accepted the property (Ordinance 571) also made allowances for its conversion from a cemetery to a park and included a provision that three Park Commissioners be appointed to oversee the conversion.

At that time, the City of Seattle was operating under its 1869 charter, which provided for a relatively small government of 13 elected officials and three other officers, in whom all municipal authority was vested.

Legislation in 1887 (Ordinance 874) created the Board of Park Commissioners, consisting of three members to be appointed by Council. The commissioners served three-year terms. This unpaid body was charged with all management responsibilities for Seattle's parks and was expected to report to Council as often as each quarter, making recommendations for improvements and for the acquisition of new properties.

In 1890 the City of Seattle adopted its first home-rule charter. The city's population had expanded from 3533 in 1880 to nearly 43,000. The new charter mandated a dramatically larger city government composed of 34 elected officials, 13 departments, and six regulatory commissions, including a Board of Park Commissioners. A park fund was also established, consisting of: proceeds from the sale of bonds

issued for that purpose; gifts; appropriations made by Council; and 10% of the gross receipts from all fines, penalties, and licenses.

The new Board of Park Commissioners, appointed by the Mayor, consisted of five paid (\$300 per year) members who served five-year terms. Although the Board had all management responsibilities for Seattle's parks, including the authority to appoint a superintendent and to negotiate for property, Council retained the authority to purchase property.

In 1892 the Board appointed E. O. Schwagerl, a noted landscape architect and engineer, to be the second Superintendent of Parks. During the four years that he held the office, Schwagerl developed the first comprehensive plan for Seattle's parks. This plan may have guided Assistant City Engineer George F. Cotterill, who organized volunteers to construct 25 miles of bicycle paths, the routes of which were utilized by the Olmsted Brothers in their 1903 city-wide plan for a system of parks and boulevards.

In 1896 Seattle adopted a new home-rule charter. This charter redefined the Board of Park Commissioners as the Park Committee: five unpaid appointees who reported annually to Council. In addition, all management responsibilities of the parks, including the authority to obtain new properties, were vested with the City Council. The Superintendent of Parks position was eliminated and its responsibilities were assumed by the new Superintendent of Street, Sewers, and Parks, one of the three members of the Board of Public Works.

In 1903, City Council adopted the Olmsted Brothers plan to expand and develop a system of parks and boulevards. At the same time, the Charter was amended, re-establishing the Board of Park Commissioners and giving it the kind of independence that park commissions in the metropolitan cities of the East enjoyed. While Council retained the authority to approve the purchase of property, the Board assumed all management responsibilities of the parks, as well as the exclusive authority to spend park fund monies. In addition, all park-related authority was removed from the Board of Public Works, and the Board of Park Commissioners elected to appoint a superintendent.

Public support, both for the implementation of the Olmsted plan as well as for the new, empowered Board, was substantial. In 1905 a \$500,000 park bond was passed, followed by \$1,000,000 in 1908; \$2,000,000 in 1910; and \$500,000 in 1912.

In 1907 the Superintendent was joined by a new staff position, the Assistant Superintendent, and in the following year the first directorship, Playgrounds Director, was created. In 1912 the first full-time engineer appeared under the title Chief Engineer, later to be changed to Park Engineer. By 1922 a Head Gardener had been appointed, and two more directorships created: the Zoo Director and the Bathing Beaches Director.

In 1925 the charter was amended such that no more money could be spent in the acquisition of park properties than was available through the park fund. In that same year, the Park Engineer was replaced by a new position, the Landscape Architect. In 1926 the Board abolished the position of Superintendent, distributing that position's responsibilities between the Head Gardener and the Landscape Architect. In 1927 the position title of Park Engineer was re-established, but with the duties and responsibilities of the old superintendent, while the new Junior Park Engineer directly managed engineering and construction activity.

In 1926 Mayor Bertha K. Landes appointed a Municipal Recreation Committee, composed of Park Board members, School Board members, and a representative of the community at large. Committee members analyzed ways in which they could cooperatively contribute to the municipal recreation program. The Committee submitted its report to the Mayor in January 1928. The report detailed which facilities were provided by the Park Board and which by the School Board; how the facilities could be more efficiently utilized; and what additional facilities were required.

A ten-year plan for the Department of Parks was announced in 1931. This plan, based upon a projected population for the Seattle metropolitan area in 1940, was a program of development aimed at making better use of existing properties, adding to those properties that needed more space, and acquiring new properties in those parts of town that were experiencing growth. Much of this plan would be realized by the Works Projects Administration later in the decade.

In 1939, administration of playground programs and bathing beaches was consolidated under the newly created position. In 1940, with the opening of the West Seattle Golf Course (the city's third municipal golf course) the position of Golf Director was established. A 1948 Charter amendment required the Board of Park Commissioners to appoint a park superintendent, and the position was to be excluded from the classified civil service.

A Charter amendment in 1967 reconstituted the Board of Park Commissioners as an advisory body to the Mayor, Council, the renamed Department of Parks and Recreation, and other City agencies. The amendment placed the fiscal and operational administration of the department under the control of the Superintendent of Parks, who was now appointed by the Mayor to serve a four-year term. The specific duties of both the Superintendent and the Board, as well as the number of members and term length for the latter, were to be prescribed by ordinance. Council passed an ordinance in 1968 (Ordinance 96453) defining the Board as a seven-member body with three-year terms of service.

The 65 million dollar Forward Thrust bond was approved by voters in 1968. By 1974, with matching funds, interest, etc., it had grown to 92 million dollars in working capital; by 1976, over 40 new properties had been obtained by the Department of Parks and Recreation utilizing these funds.

By 1969 golf had ceased to warrant a director-level position and came under the administration of the Recreation Director. A new directorship, the Aquarium Director, was added in 1973. By the following year there were only four executive positions reporting directly to the Superintendent: Zoo Director, Aquarium Director, Assistant Superintendent of Management, and Assistant Superintendent of Operations. In 1977, a charter amendment abolished the four-year term for the Superintendent of Parks established by the 1967 amendment.

Recreation History

“The most pressing need of the playgrounds is adequate provision for winter work. With a long rainy season, there is no chance for children or grownups to enjoy the hardy outdoor sports the cold winters make possible in the East.”

So wrote J. Howard Stine, Seattle's first fulltime Director of Recreation, in 1910. He was arguing for the “immediate construction” of fieldhouses. The next year when Hiawatha and Ballard fieldhouses opened their doors, Seattle became the first city on the West Coast and one of the first in the nation to build and operate year-round recreation centers. Although motor vehicles have now brought ski slopes within reach for many people, Mr. Stine's basic premise remains valid, but he could hardly have foreseen the popularity of basketball or the invention of pickleball.

Mr. Stine had several other recommendations to improve the quality of recreation in Seattle: fence the playgrounds, give pay raises to the more experienced recreation leaders, and install telephones on the playgrounds. Summer “playground work” centered around team sports, games for small children, and inter-playground tournaments and field days. Construction of the fieldhouses opened the door to arts and crafts, indoor sports, and community events. Plays and concerts were popular.

Although Seattle was in the forefront of the growing “recreation movement,” it was by no means alone. Public recreation was unknown before the opening of the Boston “sand gardens” in 1885. Hull House in Chicago, founded by Jane Addams and Ellen Gates Starr, opened in 1889 and shortly thereafter Cities all over the nation began offering playground programs for their children. The first White

House conference on playgrounds was held in 1906 and resulted in the founding of the Playground Association of America (later the National Recreation Association). The time was right for organized recreation, both public and private. The National Association of Boys Clubs was founded in 1906, the Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls in 1910, and Girl Scouts in 1912. The first Boy Scout troops in Seattle were organized in 1910 at Collins, Rogers, and Ballard playgrounds.

In the early decades of this century playgrounds and recreation centers were the focus of neighborhood activities. Architecturally, this community focus is seen in the stages that were a fixture in all the centers. Rarely used today, these stages were the scene of plays, concerts and lectures put on by local citizens and often sponsored by merchants.

In the summer, inter-playground meets and tournaments, elaborate Fourth of July celebrations, and outdoor concerts were common. Many adults in Seattle today have fond memories of “Old Woody” and “Old Ossie” competitions sponsored by the Seattle Times. Old Woody, or Old Woodenface, was a softball pitching structure that was carted from playground to playground where youngsters matched their skills to each other’s and to their own personal bests by trying to toss a softball through an opening. Old Oswald provided a similar throwing competition for football hopefuls. In 1922, more than 4500 youngsters took part in the Old Woodenface Contest at 23 playgrounds. The competition culminated in a parade 20 blocks long to Woodland Park for the finals. Old Woody and Old Ossie were playground fixtures from 1919 to 1968.

In its efforts to keep pace with changing recreational needs, the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation has sometimes offered some unusual programs. From 1922 to 1928, the Parks Department operated a tourist camp south of Green Lake where the Lower Woodland playfields are now located. The camp cost \$21,000 to build and included a “community house,” large outdoor fireplaces, showers, and laundry facilities. Entertainment was presented nightly, usually in the form of concerts, dances, and movies. With camp sites renting for 50 cents a night, the project took in \$15,000 above its operating expenses in 1922, serving 15,000 people in almost 5000 cars. The camp flourished briefly, reaching a peak in 1924 when it served 12,000 cars. Its decline was almost as swift, probably as the “tourist court” industry grew. It closed in 1928 in response to “a growing demand for use of the camp area for large picnics” and a proposal to construct “a battery of twelve or more tennis courts” on the site, according to Park Board correspondence.

In the 1930s, the Department made a brief effort to include skiing in its recreation offerings. On December 20, 1933, the Forest Service leased 28.4 acres at Snoqualmie Pass to Seattle to be cleared and developed for a ski course. Snoqualmie Ski Park was dedicated on January 21, 1934—one month later. In 1938, the Department reported: “The ski course at Snoqualmie Pass gains in popularity and thousands of spectators as well as skiers visit the course each winter.” The last mention of the ski park occurs in the 1939 annual report. Apparently, the five-year lease was not renewed.

The Seattle Civic Christmas Ship started its annual voyages in 1949 under the leadership of then-Superintendent Paul Brow, who sought to combine Seattle’s tradition of Music in the Parks with its penchant for water-oriented activities. With bonfires and holiday music, the Christmas Ship adds a distinctly Northwest tradition to December festivities. Ships that have carried the colors of the Civic Christmas Ship include: the converted destroyer-minesweeper *Valkyrie* from 1949-1967, owned and donated for the cruises by the late Chris Berg; the 105-foot luxury yacht *Sobre las Olas*, from 1968-1980, whose use was donated first by Murray Suthergreen and later by Dr. Rodney Hearne; and the 65-foot cruise ship *Snow Goose*, donated by the Pacific Marine Institute.

In the 1970s, Forward Thrust Bonds, along with federal grants and the Model City Program, supported the largest expansion of the Park system in Seattle’s history. The Forward Thrust program funded more than 70 new parks and facilities alone. The Associated Recreation Council (ARC) was formed in the 1970s to provide a structure for the citizen advisory councils that had grown in number. ARC was a

federation of members advisory councils, with a Board made up of advisory council presidents elected by advisory council memberships.

In the 1980s and 1990s, recreational programs were focused more on specific populations, such as youth, families, at-risk teens, and those with disabilities. Recreational services broadened to include more social and educational programs. The hours of programs services were also extended, covering more hours per day and more days per week.

As the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation enters its second century, it has a varied history to look back on, and the prospect of a future uniquely shaped by the needs and demands of a population that values open space and recreational opportunity.

Content Description

The Ben Evans files comprise a wide range of records, personal papers, and ephemera accumulated by Evans during and after his 43-year tenure as a Parks Department employee. Following his death in 1988, the Evans family returned the records to the Department, recognizing their value to the City. The collection was under the care of Alan Hovland, who ensured its security and provided for the initial arrangement of the collection by a local historian. In 1996, the Evans collection was transferred to the custody of the Seattle Municipal Archives.

The collection dates from 1906 to 1995 and comprises 20.4 cubic feet in 51 boxes. The collection documents both the history of recreation programs within the Parks Department and reflects the history and philosophy behind recreation programs nationally. The collection is also a good source for biographical information on Parks Department employees. The collection is arranged in eleven subseries: I. Parks and Recreation Facilities; II. Sports Programs; III. Health and Safety Files; IV. Cultural Arts Programs; V. Christmas Ship Files; VI. Youth Organizations and Programs; VII. Administrative Subject Files; VIII. People/Biographical Files; IX. Regional, National, International Recreation Programs and Associations; X. Notebooks; XI. Photographs.

Over 300 photographs have been physically removed from the Evans collection and included in the Archives Image Collection. The photographs date from 1917 to 1984; many photographs are undated. The images document employees, participants, and facilities in the Parks Recreation Program. Included are images of kite contests, the Old Oswald and Old Woodenface contests, skiing at Snoqualmie, and Aqua Theater productions. Also included are images of other Parks Department employees, King County Parks Department employees and National Recreation Association members. There are also some images of recreation facilities, especially swimming pools, in other cities. Although physically separated from the rest of the collection, the photographs are included in this guide as a subseries of the Ben Evans Collection. More than 400 images have been digitized and are available on our digital platform. [View 5801-02 online](#)

Other Descriptive Information

A Timeline of Recreation History in Seattle

Pre-1851: A major recreation center was the Potlatch Meadows (approximately the site of the Seattle Center), scene of feasting, games and contests for many generations among Native Americans.

1850s: Pioneer center for recreation was Yesler's Sawmill Cookhouse (scene of town meetings, dances and celebrations) and adjacent open space (now Pioneer Square) for ball games and circuses.

1884: First professional recreation center established by YMCA on Cedar Street (including pool).

1896: First concert in the parks, forerunner of the Music in the Parks program, was given in honor of the arrival of the S.S. *Miike Maru*, opening an era of trade between Seattle and Asia.

1900: First playground under City jurisdiction was out-of-town—Woodland Park purchase.

1904: First shelterhouse built by Department (designed by winner of architectural competition).

1906: National Recreation Association founded by President Theodore Roosevelt to promote interchange of ideas, etc.

1907: First City-supervised playground within city limits: Broadway Playfield (the second was Collins Playground.). First supervisor of Recreation: Assistant Superintendent J. Howard Stine (ex-YMCA). Playground leaders were trained by the YMCA -- Thompson spent bond money for leadership.

1909: First inter-playground athletic meet at Broadway Playfield. First inter-playground baseball game at Day Playground. First public tennis court (clay) at Broadway and Woodland (clay). First swings (wooden) at Denny and Volunteer Parks. First story-telling by Library staff at Collins Playground.

1910: First Boy Scout troops in Seattle were organized at Collins, Rogers, and Ballard playgrounds.

1911: First recreation centers (called "fieldhouses") at Hiawatha, Ballard. Boat launching facility built at Denny-Blaine Park (boating existed with Woodland purchase). First municipally operated salt water bathing beach on West Coast at Alki Beach Park. First gift of property for playground purposes at Miller Playground. Playground report by Olmsted brothers stated that playgrounds and their management were most properly the business of schools – not for a park department to duplicate. First season for Aquatics Division of Parks Department. Playgrounds participated in first Potlatch Parade.

1914: First annual tennis tournament, inaugurated by Charles V. Gerrish, who gave 8 silver trophies. First public dances at Collins Recreation Center (private ones permitted since opening). Leagues formed by service groups and companies for baseball, tennis and basketball. Junior rowing program initiated by H.B. Conibear of University of Washington; included adults and swimming.

1915: First municipal golf course in Seattle at Jefferson Park.

1916: First motion picture booth in a recreation center at South Park.

1917: Recreation Division took over maintenance of playgrounds and centers with Ben Evans as Director. First annual open handicap golf tournament at Jefferson Golf Course.

1918: First supervised camp at "original" Carkeek Park (on Lake Washington), Ben Evans, Director.

1919: First free swim classes for youth under 16 at 10 beaches (through 1933 at least). First joint-use of facilities with School board: Highland Park School/adjointing Board offices had promoted cooperation and schools operated ball fields on "grade." First annual Girls' Day Picnic, sponsored by Community Service, Inc. First "Old Woodenface (Old Woody)" baseball and "Old Oswald (Old Ossie)" football contests for school boys. Seattle Times, sponsor, provided prizes; contest discontinued in 1968. First Swim Carnival, co-sponsored by Post-Intelligencer; Lou Evans, Director.

1920: First annual Girls' Fun Frolic. First kite flying meet and model races.

1921: First annual overnight hike-camp at Carkeek Park (on Lake Washington).

1924: First playground lighted "as an experiment" at Rogers Playground.

1925: First annual Northwest Golf Tournament held at Jefferson Golf Course.

1928: City-wide survey compiled of school and park grounds, buildings, equipment and capabilities to establish cooperation in planning by both Boards; initiated by Mayor Bertha K. Landes.

1929: "Sails and Trails Club" initiated by Pearl Powell and Eleanor Springer at Camp O.O. Denny. First concrete tennis court in Seattle at Madrona Playground; it was better for roller-skate hockey.

1932: First two public high school dances; co-sponsored with PTA and School boards; north and south Seattle.

1933: State grant to fund recreation supervision during the Great Depression. Civil Works Administration funded labor to develop ski park at Snoqualmie Pass with five-year lease on forest lands.

1934: Department adopts "Space Requirement Standards for Recreation" of National Recreation Association.

1936: Works Progress Administration funded supervision of employment and recreation.

1948: First Alki Kids' Fishing Derby promoted by Sheriff Don Armeni.

1950: Department inaugurated a policy of fees and charges for the exclusive use of facilities by outside groups. Creation of six district supervisors. Center and playground maintenance separated from Recreation.

1954: "Planning for Recreation" report defined needs and set priorities for Seattle.

1957: First all-city junior tennis tournament.

1958: Scenic Drive system established by Chamber of Commerce and Municipal Art Commission.

1961: National Recreation Association study recommended reorganization of Parks Department.

1964: Recreation staff formally expanded and established by W. H. Shumard to include four assistant directors and specialists in dance, art, music, drama, crafts, senior citizens and handicapped and public information.

1968: First bicycle Sunday on Lake Washington Boulevard, which was closed from Sayres Park through Seward Park. Sponsors included bike clubs, service organizations and individuals including Harry Coe of League of American Wheelmen. Phenomenal rise in popularity of bicycling resulted in a city-wide route, a Traffic Engineer project.

1970: Bathhouse remodeling program initiated by Mildred Noble, Assistant Director Cultural Arts. Unused portions of bathhouses were remodeled to meet demands for theater at Green Lake, an arts studio at Seward and a dance studio at Madrona.

1972: Recreation Districts re-divided for more equitable management.

Use of the Collection

Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

The collection is arranged by subject in eleven subseries:

I: Parks and Recreation Facilities

II: Sports Programs

III: Health and Safety

IV: Cultural Arts Program

V: Christmas Ship

VI: Youth Organizations

VII: Administrative Subject Files

VIII: People

IX: Regional, National, and International Recreation Programs

X: Notebooks

XI: Photographs

Within each subseries, records are arranged by subject and chronologically.

Custodial History

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Acquisition Information

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Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

Subseries I: Parks and Recreation Facilities, 1906-1995

6.9 cubic ft.

The largest subseries in the Ben Evans Recreation Program Collection, the Parks and Recreation Facilities files document the administration, acquisition, development and improvements of department-

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maintained facilities. The files also document the activities in parks and recreation programs and at the Parks facilities. The Parks Facilities are wide-ranging and include camps, golf courses, bathing beaches, playgrounds and playfields. The largest files are those of Green Lake, Camp Long, and Woodland Park Zoo.

This subseries contains financial statements, correspondence, newsletters and news clippings, meeting minutes, reports, attendance records, and programs of events. Also included are articles from national recreation publications on budgeting, contracting, and creating work specifications.

The records are arranged alphabetically by name of facility.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	Alki Beach Park	1925-1949
1/2	Alki Beach Park	1951-1960
1/3	Alki Beach Park	n.d.
1/4	Alki Beach Park: News Clippings	1950-1959
1/5	Alki Beach Park: News Clippings	1960-1969
1/6	Alki Beach Park: News Clippings	1970-1975
1/7	Alki Beach Park: News Clippings	n.d.
1/8	Aquarium: Brochures and Programs	n.d.
1/9	Aquarium: The Central Waterfront Master Plan, Portal to the Pacific	1994
1/10	Aquarium: News Clippings	1957-1972
1/11	Aquarium: News Clippings	1973-1994
1/12	Aqua Theater	1954-1959
1/13	Aqua Theater	n.d.
1/14	Aqua Theater: Programs	1952-1953
1/15	Aqua Theater: News Clippings	1950-1951

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/16	Aqua Theater: News Clippings	1952
1/17	Aqua Theater: News Clippings	1953
1/18	Aqua Theater: News Clippings	1960-1969
2/1	Aqua Theater: News Clippings	1970-1992
2/2	Aqua Theater: News Clippings	n.d.
2/3	Aqua Theater: Photocopies of Photographs	n.d.
2/4	Arboretum	1937-1986
2/5	Arboretum: News Clippings	1952-1959
2/6	Arboretum: News Clippings	1960-1969
2/7	Arboretum: News Clippings	1970-1972
2/8	Arboretum: News Clippings	1973-1984
2/9	Arboretum: News Clippings	n.d.
2/10	Armory Park	1972-1973
2/11	Atlantic City Park and Atlantic Street Center	1959
2/12	Ballard Playground	1924-1950
2/13	Ballard Playground: News Clippings	1930-1974
2/14	Ballard Pool: News Clippings	1970-1973
2/15	Bathing Beaches: Pools	1950-1960
2/16	Bathing Beaches: Pools, News Clippings	1951-1994
2/17	Bayview Playground	1968
2/18	Beacon Hill Playground	1959-1973

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/19	Belvedere Viewpoint	1961
2/20	Bergen Place	1975
2/21	Bitter Lake Playfield	1962-1994
2/22	Boat Ramps, Moorages, Piers	1952-1974
2/23	Brighton Playfield	1932-1975
2/24	Broadway Playfield	1925-1949
2/25	Broadway Playfield: News Clippings	1944-1973
2/26	Bryant Playground	1972
3/1	B. F. Day Playground	1953-1972
3/2	Burke - Gilman Trail	1970-1975
3/3	Camp O. O. Denny	n.d.
3/4	Camp O. O. Denny	1931-1946
3/5	Camp O. O. Denny: News Clippings	1937-1970
3/6	Camp O. O. Denny	1947-1955
3/7	Camp O. O. Denny	1956-1960
3/8	Camp O. O. Denny: Account Book	1952-1957
3/9	Camping	1925-1965
3/10	Camping: News Clippings	1954-1995
3/11	Camp Lawton [Fort Lawton]	1925
3/12	Camp Long: Crafts, Firecrafts	n.d.
3/13	Camp Long: Mountain Climbing, Camping	1938-1975

Container(s)	Description	Dates
3/14	Camp Long: Slide Presentation Text	n.d.
3/15	Camp Long: History	1941-1960
3/16	Camp Long: Programs, Guides, Schedules	1941-1965
3/17	Camp Long: Games, Stunts, Songs	n.d.
4/1	Camp Long: Attendance Records, Rules, Forms	1942-1994
4/2	Camp Long: Maps, Drawings, Pictures	1945
4/3	Camp Long: News Clippings, Mountain Climbing, Camping, Crafts, Events	1947-1973
4/4	Camp Long: Programs	1956
4/5	Camp Long: Objectives, Demonstrations, Lessons, Games	1956-1960
4/6	Camp Long: William G. Long	1956-1975
4/7	Camp Long: Trails, Pond, Observatory	1959-1965
4/8	Camp Long: Day Camp, Potlach, Miscellaneous Events	1960-1965
4/9	Camp Long: Programs	1963
4/10	Camp Long: Day Camp Instructor and Counselor Guide	1967
4/11	Camp Long: News Clippings, Mountain Climbing, Crafts, Camping, Events	1971-1975
4/12	Carkeek Park	1925-1995
4/13	Carkeek Park: News Clippings	1922-1959
4/14	Carkeek Park: News Clippings	1961-1995
5/1	Cascade Place	n.d.
5/2	City Hall Park	1952-1995

Container(s)	Description	Dates
5/3	City View Park	1966
5/4	Civic Auditorium	1950-1953
5/5	Collins Playfield	1906-1933
5/6	Collins Playfield	1935-1975
5/7	Collins Playfield	1936-1971
5/8	Colman Pool: News Clippings	1941-1959
5/9	Colman Pool	1941-1960
5/10	Colman Pool: News Clippings	1960-1973
5/11	Colman Playground	1942-1975
5/12	Columbia Park	1964
5/13	Commodore Park	1972-1975
5/14	Dahl Playfield	1956-1972
5/15	Dearborn Park	1956
5/16	Delridge Playfield	1952-1994
5/17	Denny Blaine Park	1953-1964
5/18	Denny Park	1950-1987
5/19	Discovery Park	1973-1974
5/20	Discovery Park	1975-1995
5/21	Duwamish Head / Hamilton Park	1957-1974
6/1	Evans Pool	1945-1956
6/2	Evans Pool	1957-1959

Container(s)	Description	Dates
6/3	Evans Pool	1960-1969
6/4	Evans Pool	1970-1973
6/5	Fairmont Playground	1964-1974
6/6	Field Houses	1920-1926
6/7	Field Houses	1949-1954
6/8	Field Houses	1954-1955
6/9	Field Houses	1956-1957
6/10	Field Houses	1958-1959
6/11	Field Houses	1960-1966
6/12	Fort Lawton	1926-1957
6/13	Fort Lawton	1964-1969
6/14	Fort Lawton	1970-1972
7/1	Fort Lawton	1973-1975
7/2	Fort Worden	1972
7/3	Freeway Park	1960-1973
7/4	Freeway Park	1973-1975
7/5	Frink Park	n.d.
7/6	Froula Playground	1956-1957
7/7	Gardens	1950-1975
7/8	Garfield Playfield	1926-1968
7/9	Garfield Playfield	1969-1994

Container(s)	Description	Dates
7/10	Gas Works Park	1974
7/11	Gas Works Park	1962-1969
7/12	Gas Works Park	1975-1995
7/13	Gas Works Park	1970-1972
7/14	Gas Works Park	1973
7/15	Georgetown Playfield	1953-1970
7/16	Gilman Playground	1969-1973
7/17	Golden Gardens Park	1970-1972
7/18	Golden Gardens Park	1950-1959
7/19	Golden Gardens Park	1960-1969
7/20	Golden Gardens Park	1974
7/21	Golden Gardens Park	1975-1994
7/22	Green Lake	n.d.
8/1	Green Lake	n.d.
8/2	Green Lake	1924-1929
8/3	Green Lake: History, Ladies Auxiliary	1926-1938
8/4	Green Lake	1930-1939
8/5	Green Lake	1940-1945
8/6	Green Lake	1946-1949
8/7	Green Lake	1950-1955
8/8	Green Lake	1956-1959

Container(s)	Description	Dates
8/9	Green Lake	1960-1965
9/1	Green Lake	1970-1972
9/2	Green Lake	1966-1971
9/3	Green Lake	1973-1995
9/4	Greenwood Park	1954-1971
9/5	Haller Lake	1952-1969
9/6	Hamlin Park	1953-1975
9/7	Hanging Gardens, Hotel Lincoln	n.d.
9/8	Helene Madison Pool	1971-1973
9/9	Hiawatha Playfield	n.d.
9/10	Hiawatha Playfield	1924-1959
9/11	Hiawatha Playfield	1960-1974
9/12	Highland Playground	1954-1974
10/1	High Point Playfield	1954-1972
10/2	Hing Hay Park	1970-1975
10/3	Hutchinson Playground and Recreation Center	1968-1971
10/4	Interlaken Park	1963-1966
10/5	Interbay Playfield	1953-1970
10/6	Jackson Park	1954-1971
10/7	Jefferson Park	1941-1959
10/8	Jefferson Park	1964-1967

Container(s)	Description	Dates
10/9	Jefferson Park	1968-1969
10/10	Jefferson Park	1970-1972
10/11	Jefferson Park	1993-1995
10/12	Judkins Park and Playfield	1951-1974
10/13	Kent	1969-1995
10/14	Kerry Park	1969-1975
10/15	Kilbourne Park	1966
10/16	Kingdome	1976
10/17	Kinnear Park	1970
10/18	Kiwanis Memorial Preserve Park	1969-1972
10/19	Kobe Terrace	1975
10/20	Lake City Neighborhood	1954-1972
10/21	Lakeridge Park and Playground	n.d.
10/22	Lake Union	1969-1974
10/23	Lakeview Park	n.d.
10/24	Lake Washington	1952-1973
10/25	Lakewood Playground	1952-1975
10/26	Laurelhurst Playfield	1936-1973
11/1	Leschi Park	1956-1973
11/2	Licton Springs	1951-1975
11/3	Lincoln Park Park	1950-1975

Container(s)	Description	Dates
11/4	Lowell Playground	1969
11/5	Loyal Heights Playfield	1947-1973
11/6	Luna Park	1957-1987
11/7	H.W. McCurdy Park	1958
11/8	Madison Park, Beach	1950-1974
11/9	Madrona Park Beach	1939-1948
11/10	Madrona Park Beach	1950-1959
11/11	Madrona Park Beach	1960-1975
11/12	Magnolia Park and Pool	1949-1966
11/13	Magnolia Park and Pool	1957-1966
12/1	Magnolia Park and Pool	1958-1994
12/2	Maple Leaf Playground	1969
12/3	Marinas	1969-1972
12/4	Matthews Beach Park	1952-1975
12/5	Meadowbrook Playfield and Recreation Center	1953-1995
12/6	Medgar Evers Pool	1970-1972
12/7	Mercer Playground	1953-1956
12/8	Miller Playfield	1953-1971
12/9	Mini Parks	1969-1975
12/10	Montlake Playfield	1935-1995
12/11	Mount Baker Park and Beach	1952-1975

Container(s)	Description	Dates
12/12	Newport Park	1957-1970
12/13	North End Recreation	1943-1972
12/14	Observatory Park [Courts]	n.d.
12/15	Occidental Park [Square]	1970-1973
12/16	Olympic View	1952-1958
12/17	Parsons Gardens	1956
12/18	Phinney Ridge Community Council	1971
12/19	Pinehurst Playground	1953-1970
12/20	Portage Bay	1963
12/21	P-Patch Plots	1973-1974
12/22	Prefontaine Place	n.d.
12/23	Pritchard Island Beach	1951-1965
12/24	Puget Park	1963-1969
12/25	Queen Anne	1948-1959
12/26	Queen Anne	1960-1965
13/1	Queen Anne	1966-1969
13/2	Queen Anne	1970-1995
13/3	Queen Anne Pool	1973-1974
13/4	Rainier Beach Playfield	1932-1958
13/5	Rainier Beach Playfield	1960-1969
13/6	Rainier Beach Playfield	1970-1975

Container(s)	Description	Dates
13/7	Ravenna Park	1903-1923
13/8	Ravenna Park	1950-1982
13/9	Riverview Park	1966
13/10	Rizal (Jose P.) Park	1974
13/11	Roanoke Park	1966-1971
13/12	Rogers Playground	1970-1972
13/13	Roosevelt / Cowen Park	1919-1994
13/14	Ross Playground	1964-1965
13/15	Roxbury Park	1966
13/16	Roxhill Park	1969
13/17	Sacajawea Playground	1953-1968
13/18	Salmon Bay Park	1915-1973
13/19	Sand Point	1957-1975
13/20	Sandel (Neil) Playground	1973
13/21	Schmitz Memorial Park	1953-1979
13/22	Seafair	1950-1969
13/23	Seafair: King Neptune, Gold Cup, Slo Mo Five	1953
14/1	Seafair: Miscellaneous Subjects	1953-953
14/2	Seafair: Parade, Aqua Follies, Navy, Sea Fair Queen	1950-1953
14/3	Seafair	1970-1995
14/4	Sealth Swimming Pool	1973-1974

Container(s)	Description	Dates
14/5	Seattle Center	1938-1965
14/6	Seattle Center	1966-1995
14/7	Seattle Commons	1993-1994
14/8	Seattle Commons	1995-1996
14/9	Seward Park	n.d.
14/10	Seward Park	1950-1959
14/11	Seward Park	1962-1969
14/12	Seward Park	1970-1995
14/13	Shilshole Bay	1957-1962
14/14	Ship Canal	1971-1973
14/15	Sicks Stadium	1974
14/16	Sister City Parks	1974
14/17	Soundview Terrace Play Area	1966-1972
15/1	South Park Playground	1924-1974
15/2	Stan Sayres Park and Pits	1956-1973
15/3	Sunset Hill Park	n.d.
15/4	Thornton Creek	1969-1994
15/5	Tilicum Place	1974-1975
15/6	Tokeland Beach	1966
15/7	Twelfth Avenue Southwest Park	1966
15/8	University Playground	n.d.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
15/9	Van Asselt Playground	1952-1974
15/10	Victory Heights Playground	1964-1969
15/11	Viewridge Playfield	1960-1972
15/12	Volunteer Park	n.d.
15/13	Volunteer Park	1950-1959
15/14	Volunteer Park	1961-1969
15/15	Volunteer Park	1970-1987
15/16	Wallingford Playfield	1951-1971
15/17	Wallingford Playfield	1926-1972
15/18	Waterfront Park : Elliot Bay	1958-1995
15/19	Wedgewood Playground	1955
15/20	Westlake Park	1960-1995
15/21	West Seattle: General	1952-1964
15/22	West Seattle: General	1965-1974
16/1	West Seattle: Stadium	1936-1973
16/2	White Center	1953-1973
16/3	Williams Place	n.d.
16/4	Woodland Park and Zoo: Maps, Pictures	n.d.
16/5	Woodland Park and Zoo	1922-1939
16/6	Woodland Park and Zoo	1940-1951
16/7	Woodland Park and Zoo	1950-1952

Container(s)	Description	Dates
16/8	Woodland Park and Zoo	1953
16/9	Woodland Park and Zoo	1954-1955
16/10	Woodland Park and Zoo	1956
16/11	Woodland Park and Zoo	1957-1959
17/1	Woodland Park and Zoo	1959-1977
17/2	Woodland Park and Zoo	1960-1971
17/3	Woodland Park and Zoo	1966
17/4	Woodland Park and Zoo	1968
17/5	Woodland Park and Zoo	1969
17/6	Woodland Park and Zoo	1970
17/7	Woodland Park and Zoo	1971
17/8	Woodland Park and Zoo	1971
18/1	Woodland Park and Zoo	1971-1996
18/2	Woodland Park and Zoo	1972
18/3	Woodland Park and Zoo	1973
18/4	World's Fair	1959-1962
18/5	Yesler Neighborhood	1964-1973

Subseries II: Sports Programs, 1920-1995

3.9 cubic ft.

These files contain general information on individual sports, games, and events as well as records relating to the formal sports programs administered by the Recreation Division. Sports such as baseball, golf, tennis, basketball, and skiing are documented, as are checkers tournaments and events such as the Fun Frolic. The Fun Frolic was an event for girls which included a parade, a track meet, baseball throwing, and playground games such as squares, cartwheels, and jump-rope. Especially well documented are the swimming and aquatics programs, "Old Oswald" (Old Ossie) football and "Old

Woodenface” (Old Woody) contests, both of which began in 1921, sponsored by the Parks Department and the Seattle Times. The “Old Oswald” was a six-foot football frame through which boys threw, punted, and kicked a football. The “Old Woodenface” contest was a wooden frame through which boys pitched baseballs to “strike out” Old Woody.

Records contained in the subseries include: promotional materials for sports programs, league lists and schedules, programs, tournament and contest rules and, correspondence, proposals, instructional guides, financial statements, and meeting minutes. Also included are reports on tournaments, contests, and other events.

Files are arranged alphabetically by sport or event.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
18/6	Achievement Club	1930-1953
18/7	Archery	1958
18/8	Athletic Tests	1925-1926
18/9	Badminton	1959-1974
18/10	Badminton: News Clippings	1956-1970
18/11	Ballfields: Use and Regulations	1951-1966
18/12	Baseball	n.d.
18/13	Baseball	1927-1962
19/1	Baseball: News Clippings	n.d.
19/2	Baseball: News Clippings	1921-1995
19/3	Basketball	n.d.
19/4	Basketball	n.d.
19/5	Basketball	1920-1929
19/6	Basketball	1930-1939
19/7	Basketball	1940-1949

Container(s)	Description	Dates
19/8	Basketball	1950-1959
19/9	Basketball: News Clippings	n.d.
19/10	Basketball: News Clippings	1920-1949
19/11	Basketball: News Clippings	1950-1959
19/12	Basketball: News Clippings	1960-1969
19/13	Basketball: News Clippings	1970-1980
19/14	Bicycling: Maps	n.d.
19/15	Bicycling: News Clippings	1951-1975
20/1	Bocce Ball	n.d.
20/2	Bowling	1961-1993
20/3	Checkers	1928-1965
20/4	Checkers: News Clippings	1929-1958
20/5	Emblem Winners	1925
20/6	Exercise	1965
20/7	Fishing	1942-1972
20/8	Football	1928-1962
20/9	Football: News Clippings	1924-1968
20/10	Football: News Clippings	1969-1973
20/11	Football: News Clippings	n.d.
20/12	Fun Frolic	1925-1944
20/13	Fun Frolic	1950-1959

Container(s)	Description	Dates
20/14	Fun Frolic	1960-1962
20/15	Fun Frolic: News Clippings	1920-1959
20/16	Fun Frolic: News Clippings	1960-1972
20/17	Golf	1963-1992
20/18	Golf: News Clippings	1952-1959
21/1	Golf: News Clippings	1960-1969
21/2	Golf: News Clippings	1974-1994
21/3	Gymnastics	n.d.
21/4	Handball	1932
21/5	Hockey: Indoor Gym	1925-1939
21/6	Hockey: Indoor Gym	1940-1960
21/7	Horseshoes	1927-1975
21/8	Junior Crew	1957-1960
21/9	Junior Crew: News Clippings	1951-1973
21/10	Kite Contests	1927-1960
21/11	Kite Contests: News Clippings	1927-1995
21/12	Marbles	1923-1962
21/13	Mountain Climbing, Hiking	1929-1982
21/14	Newcomb Tournament: All City Junior Girls	1961
21/15	Old Ossie, Football	n.d.
21/16	Old Ossie, Football	1923-1938

Container(s)	Description	Dates
21/17	Old Ossie, Football	1940-1943
21/18	Old Ossie, Football	1944-1948
21/19	Old Ossie, Football	1950-1954
21/20	Old Ossie, Football	1955
21/21	Old Ossie, Football	1957
22/1	Old Ossie, Football	1956
22/2	Old Ossie, Football	1958-1956
22/3	Old Ossie, Football	1960-1963
22/4	Old Ossie, Football	1964-1966
22/5	Old Woody, Baseball	n.d.
22/6	Old Woody, Baseball	1922-1925
22/7	Old Woody, Baseball	1930-1938
22/8	Old Woody, Baseball	1938-1940
22/9	Old Woody, Baseball	1940-1945
22/10	Old Woody, Baseball	1946-1949
22/11	Old Woody, Baseball	1950-1953
22/12	Old Woody, Baseball	1953
22/13	Old Woody, Baseball	1954
22/14	Old Woody, Baseball	1955
22/15	Old Woody, Baseball	1956
22/16	Old Woody, Baseball	1957

Container(s)	Description	Dates
22/17	Old Woody, Baseball	1958-1959
22/18	Old Woody, Baseball	1960-1968
22/19	Pickle Ball	1965
22/20	Play Day	1925-1942
22/21	Playground Ball	1925-1927
22/22	Playground Ball	1928-1930
23/1	Playground Ball	1930-1934
23/2	Pole Vaulting	n.d.
23/3	Relay Carnival	1929
23/4	Relay Carnival	1930-1934
23/5	Relay Carnival	1936-1939
23/6	Relay Carnival	1940-1944
23/7	Relay Carnival	1945-1949
23/8	Relay Carnival	1953-1959
23/9	Relay Carnival	1960-1972
23/10	Roller Skating	1926-1936
23/11	Sailing and Boating	n.d.
23/12	Sailing and Boating	1927-1965
23/13	Sailing and Boating	1966-1994
23/15	Skiing	1946-1964
23/16	Skiing	1965-1982

Container(s)	Description	Dates
23/17	Sledding	1969
23/18	Soccer	1935-1972
23/19	Softball	1934-1049
23/20	Softball	1950-1977
23/114	Skiing	1933-1939
24/1	Softball: News Clippings	1972-1974
24/2	Softball: News Clippings	1932-1971
24/3	Sports: General	1925-1972
24/4	Sports: General, News Clippings	1951-1976
24/5	Sports: Personalities	1966-1969
24/6	Stilts	1925-1926
24/7	Swimming	n.d.
24/8	Swimming	n.d.
24/9	Swimming	1951-1957
24/10	Swimming	1929-1934
24/11	Swimming	1935-1939
24/12	Swimming	1940-1949
24/13	Swimming	1950-1955
24/14	Swimming	1956-1958
24/15	Swimming	1958-1959
24/16	Swimming	1960-1963

Container(s)	Description	Dates
24/17	Swimming	1964-1966
24/18	Swimming	1968-1984
24/19	Swimming: Booklets	n.d.
25/1	Swimming: Interdepartmental Memorandum	1960
25/2	Swimming: Post-Intelligencer Swim Carnival	1963
25/3	Tennis	1944-1960
25/4	Tennis	1975
25/5	Tennis	1921-1929
25/6	Tennis	1930-1938
25/7	Tennis	1940-1949
25/8	Tennis	1952-1959
25/9	Tennis	1960-1969
25/10	Tennis	1970-1974
25/11	Tennis: Booklets	n.d.
25/12	Tennis: Booklets	n.d.
25/13	Track and Field	n.d.
25/14	Track and Field	1924-1938
25/15	Track and Field	1941-1949
25/16	Track and Field	1950-1959
25/17	Track and Field	1960-1969
25/18	Track and Field	1970-1979

Container(s)	Description	Dates
25/19	Volleyball	1925-1930
25/20	Volleyball	1930-1939
25/21	Volleyball	1940-1973
26/1	Volleyball: Booklet	n.d.
26/2	Water Skiing	1972
26/3	Winter Sports	1959
26/4	Women's Crew, Rowing Regatta	1973
26/5	Wrestling, Boxing	1957-1967

Subseries III: Health and Safety, 1927-1995

0.4 cubic ft.

The Health and Safety Files relate to crime and crime prevention, accident prevention, vandalism and pollution and litter on Parks Department property and to Parks Department employees, as well as the greater Seattle area. Other subjects are alcohol and drug use, police and fire protection, juvenile delinquency, and sanitation. Two files contain materials on providing recreational opportunities for the disabled.

Newspaper clippings constitute the bulk of the material in this series; other records include memoranda, conference proceedings, newsletters, accident and injury reports, and statistics.

The records in this series are arranged alphabetically by subject in the original order in which they were filed.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
26/6	Crimes: Vandalism	1954-1969
26/7	Crimes: Vandalism	1970-1975
26/8	Crimes: Vandalism, Memorandum	1970
26/9	Disasters	1966-1995
26/10	Handicapped Issues	1956-1966

Container(s)	Description	Dates
26/11	Handicapped Issues	1968-1995
26/12	Health Issues	1958-1970
26/13	Health Issues	1969-1995
26/14	Injuries, Safety	1927-1947
26/15	Injuries, Safety	1950-1955
26/16	Injuries, Safety	1956-1959
26/17	Injuries, Safety	1960-1995
26/18	Injuries, Safety	1970-1992
26/19	Injuries, Safety: Booklet	n.d.
26/20	Juvenile Delinquency	1947-1968
26/21	Police	1921-1975
26/22	Sanitation, Hygiene	1978-1993
26/23	Sanitation, Hygiene	1958

Subseries IV: Cultural Arts Programs, 1914-1995

0.4 cubic ft.

This subseries contains records documenting the Recreation Division's programs in visual arts, dance, drama, and music. Some material deals with public art in Seattle as well as graffiti. The files contain maps, news clippings, brochures, instructions for teaching crafts, storytelling techniques, reports, memoranda, musical scores, financial statements, correspondence, schedules, scripts, promotional materials, and course syllabi. Materials documenting the music programs are undated.

The records are arranged alphabetically in four broad categories: Art, Dance, Drama and Music.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
26/24	Art	n.d.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
26/25	Art	1959-1994
27/1	Arts: General	1953-1966
27/2	Arts: General	1968-1995
27/3	Arts: General	1930-1939
27/4	Arts: Northwest Art, Corporate Collection	1984
27/5	Dance: Participating Classes	n.d.
27/6	Dance: Participating Classes	1933-1955
27/7	Dance: Participating Classes	1956-1959
27/8	Dance: Participating Classes	1960-1973
27/9	Dance: Performance	1926-1939
27/10	Dance: Performance	1940-1971
27/11	Drama	1930-1952
27/12	Drama	1936-1966
27/13	Drama	1968-1975
27/14	Drama: Programs, Booklets, Scripts	1914-1923
27/15	Drama: Scripts	n.d.
27/16	Drama: Scripts	n.d.
27/17	Music	n.d.
27/18	Music	n.d.
27/19	Music	n.d.
28/1	Music Scores	n.d.

Subseries V: Christmas Ship, 1949-1994

0.4 cubic ft.

Subseries V documents the history and administration of Seattle's Christmas Ship. The Christmas Ship, which began operating in 1948, is a holiday cruise around Lake Washington, Lake Union, and the Shilshole harbor area. Supported by community donations, the ship carries Christmas carolers whose singing is broadcast to the shore. The Department of Parks and Recreation decorates the ship and arranges details of the voyage. The Christmas Ship records include correspondence, promotional materials and press releases, cruise schedules, news clippings, financial statements, and reports.

Records are arranged chronologically.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
28/2	Christmas Ship	1949
28/3	Christmas Ship	1950
28/4	Christmas Ship	1950
28/5	Christmas Ship	1950
28/6	Christmas Ship	1950
28/7	Christmas Ship	1951
28/8	Christmas Ship	1951
28/9	Christmas Ship	1951
28/10	Christmas Ship	1952
28/11	Christmas Ship	1952
28/12	Christmas Ship	1953
28/13	Christmas Ship	1953-1954
28/14	Christmas Ship	1955
28/15	Christmas Ship	1956-1965
28/16	Christmas Ship	1966-1969

Container(s)	Description	Dates
28/17	Christmas Ship	1970-1994

Subseries VI: Youth Organizations, 1939-1994

0.1 cubic ft.

The records in this subseries reflect Ben Evans' involvement in youth organizations such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls and other groups in the Seattle area. This subseries contains surveys, promotional materials, news clippings, programs, correspondence, meeting minutes, financial statements, newsletters, and pamphlets documenting the history and activities of these organization. Subjects include child growth and development, leadership, fundraising, and physical fitness.

The records are arranged alphabetically by program.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
29/1	Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts	n.d.
29/2	Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts	1963-1981
29/3	Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts: Newsletters	1962-1963
29/4	Campfire Girls	1965-1969
29/5	Campfire Girls: Leadership Booklet	1973
29/6	Campfire Girls: Leadership Booklet	n.d.
29/7	Child Growth and Development	1957
29/8	Child Growth and Development	1939
29/9	YMCA and YWCA	1948-1959
29/10	YMCA and YWCA	1961-1975
29/11	YMCA and YWCA	1962
29/12	Youth Special Activities	1961-1965
29/13	Youth Special Activities	1966-1994

Subseries VII: Administrative Subject Files, 1903-1996

6.8 cubic ft.

The second largest subseries in the collection after the Facilities subseries, these files contain information about Recreation programs, projects, and City-wide activities that affected the Parks Department, as well as the department's relationship with public schools and other local organizations. Several files hold material on national and local professional recreation groups such as the American Institute of Park Executives and National Park Association. The most extensive files relate to the Park Board. They date from 1916 to 1979 and include correspondence and newspaper clippings.

There is a series of "History" files containing newspaper clippings relating to the history of the City, the Parks Department, and the parks; information on the history of the parks is also found in the Olmsted Brothers files. The files titled "Ethnic Matters" contain newspaper clippings relating to race issues and ethnic events as well as issues of "Northwest Ethnic News."

The files of Playground Reports dating from 1925 to 1931 are detailed summer reports by playground of recreation activities at that location. The reports cover activities for both boys and girls and include program evaluations, suggestions for improvements, comments on children's behavior, and favorite games. Photographs are included with the 1925 Garfield playground report. Weekly Fieldhouse Reports, dating from 1923 to 1944, are primarily statistical, including number of boys and girls attending, and types of organized games played. Other subjects documented in the Administrative Subject Files are attendance and customer satisfaction, fundraising and financing, education of recreation professionals, and Forward Thrust.

Records in the Administrative Subject Files, although they vary according to the file, include reports, news clippings, employee newsletters, financial statements, memoranda, journal articles, catalogs, notes, sketches, maps, and conference papers and proceedings.

The files are arranged alphabetically by subject.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
29/14	Activities, Services	n.d.
29/15	Activities, Services	1920-1995
29/16	Activities, Services	1937-1942
29/17	Activities, Services	1954-1969
29/18	Activities, Services	1970-1987
29/19	Activities, Services: Booklet	1950
29/20	Administration	1947-1980

Container(s)	Description	Dates
30/1	Advocacy: Political Opinions, Philosophy	1908-1938
30/2	Advocacy: Political Opinions, Philosophy	1939-1949
30/3	Advocacy: Political Opinions, Philosophy	n.d.
30/4	Advocacy: Political Opinions, Philosophy	n.d.
30/5	Advocacy: Political Opinions, Philosophy	n.d.
30/6	Advocacy: Political Opinions, Philosophy	1950-1955
30/7	Advocacy: Political Opinions, Philosophy	1956-1959
30/8	Advocacy: Political Opinions, Philosophy	1960-1965
30/9	Advocacy: Political Opinions, Philosophy	1966-1996
30/10	Advocacy: Political Opinions, Philosophy, Booklets	n.d.
30/11	Advocacy: Political Opinions, Philosophy, Seattle Voter, Newsletter	1980
30/12	American Institute of Park Executives	1935-1959
30/13	American Institute of Park Executives	1948-1953
30/14	American Institute of Park Executives	1956-1959
30/15	American Institute of Park Executives	1960
30/16	American Recreation Society	1947-1951
30/17	American Recreation Society	1953-1956
30/18	American Recreation Society	1953-1960
30/19	Annual Reports: Materials and Excerpts	1940
30/20	Annual Reports: Materials and Excerpts	1957-1968
31/1	Annual Reports: Materials and Excerpts	1958-1972

Container(s)	Description	Dates
31/2	Annual Reports: Department of Parks and Recreation Annual Report	1984
31/3	Annual Reports: Beaches and Outdoor Pools	1981
31/4	Annual Reports: Materials and Excerpts - Incudes Photographs	1940
31/5	Annual Reports: Playground Division Annual Report	1940
31/6	Annual Reports: Playground Division	1940
31/7	Annual Reports: Seattle Public Schools Superintendent	1946
31/8	Archives	1996
31/9	Atomic Bomb	1951
31/10	Attendance Reports: Recreation Programs	1950-1955
31/11	Attendance Reports: Recreation Programs	1956-1959
31/12	Attendance Reports: Recreation Programs	1920-1990
31/13	Awards, Honors	1926-1931
31/14	Awards, Honors	1961-1975
31/15	Awards, Honors	1951-1959
31/16	Beautification	1958-1995
31/17	Boeing Company Recreation Programs	1952-1976
32/1	Budget and Finance Issues: Parks Department	1936-1953
32/2	Budget and Finance Issues: Parks Department	1954
32/3	Budget and Finance Issues: Parks Department	1955-1972
32/4	Budget and Finance Issues: Parks Department	1960-1969
32/5	Budget and Finance Issues: Parks Department	1970-1994

Container(s)	Description	Dates
32/6	Budget: Recreation Division	1961
32/7	Businesses	1950-1976
32/8	Calendar of Events and Schedules	1940-1959
32/9	Calendar of Events and Schedules	1960-1974
32/10	Carpenter Shop	n.d.
32/11	Centennial: Settlement of Seattle	1952
32/12	Charity, Donations	1951-1994
32/13	Chief Seattle Statue, Tilikum Place	1951-1975
32/14	City Council Actions (newspaper clippings)	1947-1955
32/15	City Council Actions (newspaper clippings)	1956-1959
32/16	City Council Actions (newspaper clippings)	1960-1994
32/17	Clubs: Service Clubs	1959
33/1	Computer Folk: Computer Services, Roy Street Facility	n.d.
33/2	Concessions	1952-1958
33/3	Conservation	1971-1975
33/4	Contrasts, Comparisons	1953-1965
33/5	Creative Playthings: Playground Equipment	1950-1957
33/6	Creative Playthings: Playground Equipment	n.d.
33/7	Creative Playthings: Playground Equipment	n.d.
33/8	Creative Playthings: Playground Equipment	1958-1960
33/9	Creative Playthings: Playground Equipment	1958-1974

Container(s)	Description	Dates
33/10	Creative Playthings: Playground Equipment	1974-1980
33/11	Creative Playthings: Playground Equipment	n.d.
33/12	Custodial Services and Landscaping	1957-1969
33/13	Custodial Services and Landscaping	1969-169
33/14	Custodial Services and Landscaping	1970
33/15	Custodial Services and Landscaping	1970
33/16	Custodial Services and Landscaping	1969-1970
33/17	Custodial Services and Landscaping	1970
33/18	Custodial Services and Landscaping	1970
33/19	Custodial Services and Landscaping	1970
33/20	Custodial Services and Landscaping	1969
33/21	Custodial Services and Landscaping	1969-1970
33/22	Custodial Services and Landscaping	1970
33/23	Custodial Services and Landscaping	1951-1969
33/24	Custodial: Committee Meetings	1969
34/1	Custodial: Corrected Document Copies	1969
34/2	Custodial: Subcommittee	1969
34/3	Development and Planning	1934-1961
34/4	Development and Planning	1961-1969
34/5	Development and Planning	1970-1995
34/6	Development and Planning	n.d.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
34/7	Disneyland	1955-1957
34/8	Electrical Shop	1955-1966
34/9	Electrical Shop: Nema Standard Flood Layouts Guide	1949
34/10	Employment, Wages, Benefits and Labor	1950-1975
34/11	Employment, Wages, Benefits and Labor	1963-1974
34/12	Employment: Policies, Questionnaires, Forms	1952-1964
34/13	Ethnic Matters: African American, Chinese	1969-1995
34/14	Ethnic Matters: International, Interracial	1967-1995
34/15	Ethnic Matters: Japanese, Asian, Kurdish, Russian, Samoan, Asian Pacific	1959-1986
34/16	Ethnic Matters: Native Americans	1930-1995
34/17	Facilities: Maintenance	1912-1959
34/18	Facilities: Maintenance	1960-1986
34/19	Facilities: Maintenance	n.d.
34/20	Facilities: Maintenance	n.d.
35/1	Forward Thrust	1969-1974
35/2	Forward Thrust	1968-1980
35/3	Fremont Car Barn	1956-1973
35/4	Guide Maps	1956-1966
35/5	Guide Maps	1965
35/6	History: General Information	1939-1976
35/7	History: Great Fire	1982

Container(s)	Description	Dates
35/8	History: Historic Places, Buildings, Landmarks, Preservation	1948-1985
35/9	History: Historic Places	1956-1969
35/10	History: Historic Places	1987-1996
35/11	History: Historic Places, Transportation	1955-1996
35/12	History: Klondike Gold Rush, Prohibition	1996
35/13	History: Oral	1983
35/14	History: Parks and Recreation	n.d.
35/15	History: Parks and Recreation	n.d.
35/16	History: Parks and Recreation	n.d.
35/17	History: Parks and Recreation	n.d.
35/18	History: Parks and Recreation	1931-1942
35/19	History: Parks and Recreation	1932-1942
35/20	History: Parks and Recreation	1951-1956
35/21	History: Parks and Recreation	1952
35/22	History: Parks and Recreation	1963-1968
35/23	History: Parks and Recreation	1970-1977
35/24	History: Parks and Recreation	1980-1996
35/25	History: Ships	1957-1996
36/1	History: Washington, King County	n.d.
36/2	History: Washington, King County, Landmarks Magazine	n.d.
36/3	Holidays: Christmas	n.d.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
36/4	Holidays: Christmas	1942-1989
36/5	Holidays: Easter, Valentine's Day, Martin Luther King, Independence Day, Thanksgiving	1956-1975
36/6	Holidays: General	1947-1960
36/7	Holidays: Halloween	1944-1971
36/8	Holidays: Thanksgiving, Chinese New Year, Memorial Day, Moon Day	1969-1972
36/9	International Northwest Parks Association	1950
36/10	International Recreation Association	1954-1961
36/11	International Recreation Association	1962-1965
36/12	Interstate 90	1972
36/13	King County: Parks and Recreation	1972
36/14	King County: Parks and Recreation	1950-1957
36/15	King County: Parks and Recreation	1960-1965
36/16	King County: Parks and Recreation	1965-1994
36/17	King County: Parks and Recreation	1965
36/18	King County: Activities, Acquisitions, Operations	1960
36/19	King County: Annual Reports	1960-1964
36/20	King County: USO	n.d.
36/21	Logos, Parks Department	1955-1974
36/22	Machine Shop	n.d.
36/23	Mayors: B - C	1958-1969

Container(s)	Description	Dates
36/24	Mayors: C - L	1928-1969
36/25	Mayors: G- U, General Information	1959-1995
36/26	Metro	1975-1995
36/27	Military	1974
36/28	Minutes, Various Parks Committees and Boards	1926-1994
36/29	Miscellaneous	1915-1959
36/30	Miscellaneous	n.d.
36/31	Miscellaneous	1960-1969
36/32	Miscellaneous	1969-1994
36/33	Mount Rainier	1916-1969
37/1	Museums	1994-1995
37/2	Museums	1952-1959
37/3	Museums	1963-1969
37/4	Museums	1970-1994
37/5	Museums: Post-Intelligencer, Wing Luke, General	1973-1995
37/6	Museums: Seattle Art Museum	1954-1956
37/7	Museums: Seattle Art Museum	1957-1995
37/8	Museums: Seattle Asian Art Museum, Children's Museum, Frye Art Museum, Museum of Flight	1953-1995
37/9	National Park Service	1966-1995
37/10	National Recreation Association	n.d.
37/11	National Recreation Association	n.d.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
37/12	National Recreation Association	1929-1936
37/13	National Recreation Association	1930-1949
37/14	National Recreation Association	1930-1937
37/15	National Recreation Association	1932
37/16	National Recreation Association	1938
37/17	National Recreation Association	n.d.
37/18	National Recreation Association	1941
37/19	National Recreation Association	n.d.
37/20	National Recreation Association	1941-1948
37/21	National Recreation Association	1950-1952
37/22	National Recreation Association	1952
37/23	National Recreation Association	1953-1954
37/24	National Recreation Association	1953-1955
37/25	National Recreation Association	1956-1959
38/1	National Recreation Association	1960-1964
38/2	National Recreation Association	1960-1975
38/3	National Recreation Association	1962
38/4	National Recreation Association	1965-1969
38/5	National Recreation Association	1968
38/6	National Recreation Association	1968-1971
38/7	Newsletters: Division of Playgrounds, Department of Parks and Recreation	1945

Container(s)	Description	Dates
38/8	Newsletters: Department of Parks and Recreation	1965-1996
38/9	Newsletters: Miscellaneous City Agencies	1964-1996
38/10	Newsletters: Encompass	1995-1996
38/11	Newsletters: Plenty	1975
38/12	Newsletters: Miscellaneous National Newsletters	1951-1966
38/13	Newsletters: Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	1960-1964
38/14	Olmsted Brothers: Seattle Parks Design Materials	n.d.
38/15	Olmsted Brothers: Seattle Parks Design Materials	1903-1995
38/16	Olmsted Brothers: Seattle Parks Design Materials	1979-1983
38/17	Olmsted Brothers: Seattle Parks Design Materials	1979-1981
38/18	Open Space Program	1969-1970
38/19	Paint Shop	1985
38/20	Park Board: Miscellaneous	n.d.
38/21	Park Board: Miscellaneous	n.d.
38/22	Park Board: Correspondence and Newspaper Clippings	1910-1929
38/23	Park Board: Correspondence and Newspaper Clippings	1930-1949
39/1	Park Board: Conference Reports	1949
39/2	Park Board: Correspondence and Newspaper Clippings	1950-1952
39/3	Park Board: Correspondence and Newspaper Clippings	1953
39/4	Park Board: Correspondence and Newspaper Clippings	1954
39/5	Park Board: Correspondence and Newspaper Clippings	1955

Container(s)	Description	Dates
39/6	Park Board: Correspondence and Newspaper Clippings	1956
39/7	Park Board: Correspondence and Newspaper Clippings	1956
39/8	Park Board: Correspondence and Newspaper Clippings	1957
39/9	Park Board: Correspondence and Newspaper Clippings	1958
39/10	Park Board: Correspondence and Newspaper Clippings	1959
39/11	Park Board: Correspondence and Newspaper Clippings	1959
39/12	Park Board: Correspondence and Newspaper Clippings	1960
39/13	Park Board: Correspondence and Newspaper Clippings	1960
39/14	Park Board: Correspondence and Newspaper Clippings	1961
39/15	Park Board: Correspondence and Newspaper Clippings	1962
39/16	Park Board: Correspondence and Newspaper Clippings	1963-1964
39/17	Park Board: Correspondence and Newspaper Clippings	1965-1969
40/1	Park Board: Correspondence and Newspaper Clippings	1970-1979
40/2	Park Board: Correspondence and Newspaper Clippings	1916-1930
40/3	Park: Church	1956-1969
40/4	Park: Scene (Newsletter)	1959
40/5	Parks and Schools: Relationship and Cooperation	1929-1937
40/6	Parks and Schools: Relationship and Cooperation	1940-1949
40/7	Parks and Schools: Relationship and Cooperation	1949
40/8	Parks and Schools: Relationship and Cooperation	1950-1954
40/9	Parks and Schools: Relationship and Cooperation	1955-1959

Container(s)	Description	Dates
40/10	Parks and Schools: Relationship and Cooperation	1960-1961
40/11	Parks and Schools: Relationship and Cooperation	1965-1972
40/12	Parks and Schools: Relationship and Cooperation	n.d.
40/13	Parks and Schools: Relationship and Cooperation	n.d.
40/14	Pets: Animals and the Parks	1956-1975
40/15	Pioneer Square: Improvements, Totem Pole, Comfort Stations	1911-1939
40/16	Pioneer Square: Improvements, Totem Pole, Comfort Stations	1940-1959
40/17	Pioneer Square: Improvements, Totem Pole, Comfort Stations	1960-1969
40/18	Pioneer Square: Improvements, Totem Pole, Comfort Stations	1970-1995
40/19	Pioneer Square: Newspaper, Guide	1994
40/20	Pioneer Square: Improvements, Totem Pole, Comfort Stations	n.d.
40/21	Planning: Architects, Buildings	1953-1974
40/22	Planning: Highways, Dams, Schools	1954-1970
40/23	Planning: Miscellaneous	1954-1975
40/24	Planning: People	1971
41/1	Planning: Recreation	1961-1969
41/2	Planning: Recreation	n.d.
41/3	Planning: Recreation	1930-1939
41/4	Planning: Recreation	1944-1954
41/5	Planning: Recreation	1955-1959
41/6	Planning: Recreation	1961-1969

Container(s)	Description	Dates
41/7	Planning: Recreation	1972
41/8	Planning: Recreation	1953
41/9	Planning: Recreation	1934-1963
41/10	Planning: Recreation, Environment	1932-1994
41/11	Planning: Science and Technology	n.d.
41/12	Planning: Youth	1961
41/13	Planning: Youth	1961
41/14	Playground Reports	1925
41/15	Playground Reports	1925
41/16	Playground Reports	1926
41/17	Playground Reports	1927
41/18	Playground Reports	1930
41/19	Playground Reports	1931
41/20	Politics	1936-1970
41/21	Plumbing Shop	n.d.
41/22	Parent Teacher Association	1950-1957
41/23	Parent Teacher Association	1958-1959
41/24	Parent Teacher Association	1960-1964
41/25	Parent Teacher Association	1928-1970
42/1	Policies, Procedures, Guidelines, and Codes (Parks)	1947-1959
42/2	Policies, Procedures, Guidelines, and Codes (Parks)	1964-1966

Container(s)	Description	Dates
42/3	Policies, Procedures, Guidelines, and Codes (Parks)	n.d.
42/4	Policies, Procedures, Guidelines, and Codes (Parks)	n.d.
42/5	Procedures, Guidelines, Booklets	1939-1959
42/6	Procedures, Guidelines, Booklets	1911-1946
42/7	Procedures, Guidelines, Booklets	1917-1940
42/8	Public Schools	1947-1994
42/9	Public Schools	1958-1969
42/10	Public Schools: General Information, High Schools, Swim Meets	1961-1984
42/11	Public Works Unit	1984-1985
42/12	Recreation: COMPLAN	1993
42/13	Recreation: Policies	n.d.
42/14	Recreation: Policies	1950
42/15	Recreation: Policies	1940-1981
42/16	Recreation: Policies and Departmental Organization	1952-1960
42/17	Recreation: Survey of Facilities	1928
43/1	Red Cross	1965-1973
43/2	Religion: Recreation	1953-1967
43/3	Religion: Catholic -- Recreation	1959-1974
43/4	Religion: Christian Science, Christ Church, Congregational, Mormons--Recreation	1953-1974
43/5	Religion: Islam, Council of Churches, Presbyterian, Judaism -- Recreation	1953-1970

Container(s)	Description	Dates
43/6	Reports: City Employees Retirement System	1977
43/7	Reports: General	1940-1962
43/8	Reports: General, Recreation Conference	1930
43/9	Reports: General, State Parks and Recreation Commission	1962
43/10	Reports: General, State Parks and Recreation Progress Reports	1950-1960
43/11	Reports: General, Services, Facilities, Older People, Washington	1962
43/12	Reports: Weekly, Field House	1923-1926
43/13	Reports: Weekly, Field House	1927-1929
43/14	Reports: Weekly, Field House	1930-1931
43/15	Reports: Weekly, Field House	1931-1932
43/16	Reports: Weekly, Field House	n.d.
43/17	Reports: Weekly, Field House	1939-1944
43/18	Reports: Weekly, Field House	1933-1936
43/19	Reports: Weekly, Field House	1937-1938
43/20	Reports: Weekly, Field House	1938-1939
44/1	Retirement	1958-1988
44/2	Science	1966-1976
44/3	Seattle Tourism and Recreation	n.d.
44/4	Seattle Tourism and Recreation	n.d.
44/5	Seattle Tourism and Recreation	1959-1967

Container(s)	Description	Dates
44/6	Seattle Tourism and Recreation	1971-1994
44/7	Seattle Tourism and Recreation	1964-1966
44/8	Seattle: Election Scrapbook	1969
44/9	Seattle: Election	1984-1993
44/10	Seattle Public Library	1960-1989
44/11	Seattle Pacific University	1953-1971
44/12	Senior Citizens	1950-1952
44/13	Senior Citizens	1960-1966
44/14	Senior Citizens	1966-1969
44/15	Senior Citizens	1970-1995
44/16	Senior Citizens: Lee Home Program	1966
44/17	Senior Citizens: Senior Adult Programs	1995
44/18	Summer Notebook Activities	1942-1968
44/19	Summer Notebook Activities	1939-1995
44/20	Summer Notebook Activities, Playground Leaders	1967
44/21	Totem Poles, Belvedere Park, Pioneer Square, Alaska, Admiral Way	1958-1994
44/22	Traffic	1937-1970
45/1	Training Materials: Recreation Programs	n.d.
45/2	Training Materials: Recreation Programs	n.d.
45/3	Training Materials: Recreation Programs	n.d.
45/4	Training Materials: Recreation Programs	n.d.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
45/5	Training Materials: Recreation Programs	1927-1956
45/6	Training Materials: Recreation Programs	1958-1975
45/7	Training Materials: Recreation Programs	1953-1954
45/8	Training Materials: Recreation Programs	1929-1943
45/9	Training Materials: Recreation Programs	1979
45/10	Transportation	1995
45/11	Trees: Parks and Street Trees	1966-1995
45/12	Trees: Parks and Street Trees	1951-1968
45/13	Trees: Parks and Street Trees	n.d.
45/14	University of Washington	1967-1984
45/15	University of Washington	n.d.
45/16	University of Washington	1934-1965
45/17	University of Washington	1968-1996
45/18	Warehouse Services Unit	n.d.
45/19	Volunteers	1953-1969
45/20	Washington State Recreation Society	1960-1963
45/21	Washington State Recreation Society	1950-1959
45/22	Washington State Recreation Society	1964
46/1	Washington State Recreation Society	1964-1969
46/2	Washington State Recreation Society	1970-1976
46/3	Washington State Recreation Society	1976-1977

Container(s)	Description	Dates
46/4	Washington State Recreation Society: Bulletin	1984
46/5	Washington State Recreation Society: Bulletin	1984
46/6	Washington State University	1953-1963
46/7	Water	n.d.
46/8	Weyerhaeuser	1969-1995
46/9	White House Conference on Children and Youth	1958-1960
46/10	Work Load: Planning, Scheduling	n.d.

Subseries VIII : People, 1900-1995

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Files are arranged alphabetically by the last name of the person.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
46/11	Abbott, H. T.	1962
46/12	Aizstrauts, Arne	1959-1984
46/13	Alexander, Paul and Mildred	n.d.
46/14	Anderson, Clayton	1963
46/15	Anderson, Elmer	n.d.
46/16	Armstrong, Roy A.	1958-1971
46/17	Arthur, Robert	1964

Container(s)	Description	Dates
46/18	Ball, Willis L.	1969
46/19	Barry, Lowell	1968
46/20	Beck, Dave	1984
46/21	Berger, Harold	1972-1980
46/22	Bishop, William A.	n.d.
46/23	Block, Robert J., Dorothy and Nancy	1959-1964
46/24	Block, Rudolph	n.d.
46/25	Bounds, Richard E.	1964-1969
46/26	Boyd, Eugene	1948-1985
46/27	Braden, George W.	1948-1971
46/28	Braman, James D., Jr.	1964-1969
46/29	Branstetter, Irvin	1958
46/30	Braucher, Howard	1949
46/31	Brougham, Royal	1962-1982
46/32	Brown, Hilton U.	1951-1953
46/33	Brown, Paul V.	1949-1964
46/34	Butler, George	1962-1965
46/35	Carlson, Ernest V.	1937-1967
46/36	Carlson, Hazel	n.d.
46/37	Casler, Paul	1994
46/38	Clark, John A.	n.d.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
46/39	Claypoole, Jack (Mrs.)	n.d.
46/40	Collins, Gilbert W.	n.d.
46/41	Colman, Kenneth B.	n.d.
46/42	Cooper, Fred	1955
46/43	Cross, Tom	n.d.
46/44	Dahl, Waldo J.	1961-1972
46/45	Dahl, Waldo J.	1941-1957
46/46	Daily, Leo	n.d.
46/47	Dauncey, Helen	1954
46/48	Day, John	n.d.
46/49	DeTurk, Charles A.	1953-1967
46/50	Dimmich, William J	1969
46/51	Donohoe, M. D.	1961
46/52	Duncan, John W.	n.d.
46/53	Durgan, Chuck	n.d.
46/54	Ebright, Ky	1979
46/55	Edwards, Myrtle	1958
46/56	Ellis, James	1980
46/57	Ellis, Neil	n.d.
46/58	Ellis, Neil	1900-1929
46/59	Ellis, Neil	1930-1950

Container(s)	Description	Dates
46/60	England, Bob	1969
47/1	Eppley, Garret G.	n.d.
47/2	Erickson, Allen	1954
47/3	Evans, Ben	n.d.
47/4	Evans, Ben	1912-1923
47/5	Evans, Ben	1937-1957
47/6	Evans, Ben	1960-1968
47/7	Evans, Ben	1970-1988
47/8	Evans, Lou	1920-1957
47/9	Evans, Lou	1962-1977
47/10	Everest, H. P.	1963-1967
47/11	Everly, Robert E.	1960
47/12	Fahey, George E.	1958-1962
47/13	Finley, John H.	1940
47/14	Fouts, Margaret	1970
47/15	Fuller, Richard E.	1926-1973
47/16	Gallaher, Adrian W.	1930
47/17	Galer, Robert E.	1961
47/18	Gamble, Robert R.	n.d.
47/19	Garber, George B.	1954
47/20	Gerneff, Arne	n.d.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
47/21	Gibbs, James A.	1950-1971
47/22	Glenn, John H. Jr.	1962
47/23	Goss, Lyle E.	1947-1993
47/24	Graham, Cecil	1964
47/25	Graves, Tubby	1959
47/26	Green, Joshua	1969-1975
47/27	Groups of Administrators: Photocopy of Photos	1909-1958
47/28	Groups of Administrators	n.d.
47/29	Groups of Administrators	1930-1973
47/30	Hamblen, Laurence E.	1949-1962
47/31	Hamlin, Laura	1968
47/32	Harlin, Robert H.	n.d.
47/33	Harper, Guy C.	1952
47/34	Harrison, Cliff	1965
47/35	Haslam, Cameron	1963
47/36	Hayes, Willard L.	1949
47/37	Henricksen, Fred	1962
47/38	Hollingbery, Orin E. (Babe)	1963
47/39	Hovland, Al	1989-1990
47/40	Hovis, Watson B. and Smith, Richard A.	n.d.
47/41	Hoyt, Raymond E.	1957

Container(s)	Description	Dates
47/42	Hudson, Harry E.	1963
47/43	Hull, Bradford M.	1953
47/44	Hutchinson, Fred	1965-1975
47/45	Jacobson, Bert	n.d.
47/46	Jensen, Ethel	n.d.
47/47	Johnson, Edward	1955-1961
47/48	Johnston, Harold W.	1969
47/49	Karlin, Wally	1970
47/50	Kelly, Edwin J.	1958
47/51	Keyser, Charles	1962-1963
47/52	Kinnear, George	1993
47/53	Kunde, Norman I.	1962
47/54	Langlie, Arthur B. (Governor)	1953-1966
47/55	Lantz, Thomas W.	1962-1963
47/56	Lassen, Leo H.	1969
47/57	Lavoie, Robert J.	n.d.
47/58	Lee, Joseph	1938
47/59	Lee, Susan	1954
47/60	Lemere, Madeline	1961
47/61	Lensch, Dorothea	1954-1962
47/62	Levine, David	1952

Container(s)	Description	Dates
47/63	Levy, Sol G.	1950-1962
47/64	Lichtenberger, Raleigh R.	n.d.
47/65	Lies, Eugene T.	1954
47/66	Livingston, Anne	n.d.
47/67	Lopp, Alice M.	1937
47/68	Lovell, Ann	1968-1969
47/69	Lynch, Slim	1963
47/70	Madison, Helene	1933-1970
47/71	Mallery, Otto T.	1957
47/72	Mantz, Freda B.	1956-1964
48/1	Marble, Dale	1952-1962
48/2	Markov, Victor W.	n.d.
48/3	Mather, Stephen	n.d.
48/4	Matthys, Fred	n.d.
48/5	McBride, Ella	n.d.
48/6	McCurdy, Horrace	1963
48/7	McDermott, Mary	1955-1960
48/8	McGale, Dornatt J.	n.d.
48/9	McGinnis, William J.	1973
48/10	Meisnest, Darwin	n.d.
48/11	Michael, Clark E.	1955

Container(s)	Description	Dates
48/12	Miller, Dorothy	n.d.
48/13	Momoda, Ron	1995
48/14	Morrison, Howell O. (Mr. and Mrs.)	1962
48/15	Munson, Richard M.	1922
48/16	Musselman, Virginia	1949-1962
48/17	Nash, Jay B.	1965
48/18	Nesbitt, George	n.d.
48/19	Newman, Everett	n.d.
48/20	Noble, Mildred	1951-1968
48/21	Nollan, Bill	1976
48/22	Odegaard, Charles E.	1963-1979
48/23	Odion, Nancy	1950
48/24	Oglebay, Crispin	1949
48/25	Olmsted, Natalie	1937-1970
48/26	Parsons, Reginald H.	1945
48/27	Parsons, William H.	n.d.
48/28	Pastrouich, Donna Baker	1965
48/29	Patterson, Elva	1980-1988
48/30	Pedersen, Godfred	1954-1981
48/31	Peeler, Ruth	1952-1954
48/32	Perry, Arthur L.	1974

Container(s)	Description	Dates
48/33	Phelps, Don	n.d.
48/34	Phelps, Archie	1938-1954
48/35	Pike, Ruth	1962
48/36	Pond, William B	n.d.
48/37	Post, Bill	1970
48/38	Powell, James H.	1968
48/39	Powell, Pearl	n.d.
48/40	Powell, Pearl	1948-1961
48/41	Powell, Pearl	1962-1969
48/42	Powell, Pearl	1969
48/43	Preece, Marion	1956
48/44	Prendergast, Joseph	1950
48/45	Putnam, Edward V.	1961-1956
48/46	Quirk, Mary	1961
48/47	Richardson, W. A.	1961
48/48	Rindt, Anne	1930
48/49	Robinson, Herb	1969
48/50	Rockefeller, John D.	1960
48/51	Rodney, Lynn. S.	1949
48/52	Rogers, James E.	1949-1959
48/53	Rosellini, Albert D. (Governor)	1962-1963

Container(s)	Description	Dates
48/54	Rosen, Kermit	1953
48/55	Ross, Florence	1949-1963
48/56	Sandvigen, Gilbert T.	1937-1969
48/57	Scholl, George	1965-1970
48/58	Schroeder, Charles R.	1970
48/59	Schutt, Irene W.	1964
48/60	Scott, Arthur	1959
48/61	Scripp, Ellen B.	1932
48/62	Sears, Herb	n.d.
48/63	Sedgwick, Tom	1954-1972
48/64	Sherwood, Donald	1970-1981
48/65	Shumard, W. H.	1949-1957
48/66	Shumard, W. H.	1961-1962
48/67	Shumard, W. H.	1962-1981
48/68	Sieg, Lee Paul and Gretchen	1963
48/69	Smith, Al	1972
48/70	Smith, George	1971
48/71	Snellenberg, Wally	n.d.
48/72	Snellenberg, Wally	n.d.
48/73	Snellenberg, Wally	1936-1984
49/1	Snellenberg, Wally	1939-1953

Container(s)	Description	Dates
49/2	Soltani, Riza	1963-1986
49/3	Soriano, Dewey	n.d.
49/4	Spaeth, Evelyn	1967
49/5	Spring, Evelyn L.	1962-1968
49/6	Stern, Gustave	1951-1957
49/7	Stern, Sigmund (Mrs.)	1956
49/8	Sternberg, Brian	1966
49/9	Stone, Willard B.	n.d.
49/10	Stroyan, Phil B.	1960-1961
49/11	Sullivan , Charles	1966
49/12	Sullivan, Leo	1965
49/13	Sylvester, Jack	1993
49/14	Thompson, Hans A.	1965-1971
49/15	Thompson, John	1975
49/16	Thorgrimson, O. B.	1960
49/17	Tiffin, Charles	n.d.
49/18	Titsworth, Grant	1960
49/19	Torney, Jack	1959
49/20	Torrance, Roscoe	1973
49/21	Tsuchiya, Herbert	1970
49/22	Tveten, Jan	1979

Container(s)	Description	Dates
49/23	Umlaff, Jacob	1941-1970
49/24	Vance, William E.	1971
49/25	Vanderzicht, John R.	1961
49/26	Varnell, George M.	1967
49/27	Vincenzi, Frank	1961-1984
49/28	Viney, Hessel G.	1950-
49/29	Watts, Ed	1984
49/30	Weir, Lerbert	1949
49/31	Welch, Douglass	1955-1964
49/32	Whittaker, James Mrs.	1963
49/33	Williams, Arthur	1963
49/34	Williams, Vernon J.	n.d.
49/35	Wilson, L. J.	n.d.
49/36	Wirth, Conrad	1946-1958
49/37	Witter, Stanley G.	1958-1962
49/38	Wright, Thomas C.	1957
49/39	Wyse, George D.	1965

Subseries IX: Regional, National, and International Recreation Programs, 1904-1994

0.6 cubic ft.

The subseries Regional, National, and International Recreation Programs contains news clippings, journal articles, correspondence, brochures, pamphlets, guides, maps and annual reports relating to recreation programs and facilities around the world. The most extensive files are of programs and facilities in Washington State.

The files on facilities in the United States are arranged alphabetically by state. Following these, the files on international programs are arranged alphabetically by country.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
49/40	Alaska	1960
49/41	California: Altadena-Lake Tahoe	1940-1980
49/42	California: Los Angeles-Oakland	1919-1962
49/43	California: Pasadena-Whittier	1940-1963
49/44	California: Bakersfield	1941
49/45	California: Bakersfield	1942
49/46	California: Claremont	1942
49/47	Colorado: Denver	1955
49/48	Florida	1954
49/49	Hawaii	1961
49/50	Idaho	1960
49/51	Illinois	1962
49/52	Illinois: Chicago	1904
49/53	Illinois: Chicago	1904-1913
49/54	Illinois: Chicago	1938-1959
49/55	Illinois: Chicago	1960-1961
49/56	Illinois: Chicago	1961
50/1	Illinois: Chicago	1961-1964
50/2	Illinois: Chicago	1965-1980

Container(s)	Description	Dates
50/3	Illinois: Chicago Park District Administrative Bulletin	1975-1976
50/4	Illinois: Chicago Park District Annual Report	1952
50/5	Illinois: Chicago Photos	n.d.
50/6	Indiana	n.d.
50/7	Iowa: Ames	1955
50/8	Louisiana: New Orleans	1948
50/9	Maryland: Baltimore	1949
50/10	Massachusetts: Boston	1924
50/11	Michigan: Detroit	1950
50/12	Michigan: Detroit	1955-1975
50/13	Michigan: Midland	n.d.
50/14	Michigan: Wayne County	1959
50/15	Minnesota: Minneapolis	1944-1952
50/16	Minnesota: Minneapolis	n.d.
50/17	Montana	1979
50/18	New York	1924-1958
50/19	North Carolina: Burlington	1947
50/20	Ohio	1945-1958
50/21	Oregon	n.d.
50/22	Pennsylvania: Philadelphia and Pittsburgh	1953-1967
50/23	Tennessee	n.d.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
50/24	Texas	1915-1952
50/25	Virginia: Fairfax County	n.d.
50/26	Washington	1976
50/27	Washington: Bellevue	n.d.
50/28	Washington: Birch Bay State Park	1978
50/29	Washington: Blake Island State Park	1979
50/30	Washington: Bremerton: Parks and Recreation Department Annual Report	1964
50/31	Washington: Brooks Environmental Learning Center	1979
50/32	Washington: Camano Island State Park	1979
50/33	Washington: Clarkston County	n.d.
50/34	Washington: Cowlitz County	1966
50/35	Washington: Curlew Lake State Park	1978
50/36	Washington: Dungeness Park	1994
50/37	Washington: Gold Creek Park	1966
50/38	Washington: Kitsap County	n.d.
50/39	Washington: Lewis and Clark State Park	1979
50/40	Washington: Mount Baker National Forest: Monte Cristo	n.d.
50/41	Washington: Mount Rainier National Park	1962
50/42	Washington: Mount Spokane State Park	1978
50/43	Washington: Ocean Beaches	1978
50/44	Washington: Orcas Island	1985

Container(s)	Description	Dates
50/45	Washington: Orcas Island: Moran State Park	1979
51/1	Washington: Osoyoos Lake	1979
51/2	Washington: Pierce County	1960-1982
51/3	Washington: Rockport State Park	1978-1979
51/4	Washington: Scenic Beach State Park	n.d.
51/5	Washington: Seattle: Ballard	1985
51/6	Washington: Snohomish County	1969
51/7	Washington: Snoqualmie Valley	n.d.
51/8	Washington: Spokane	n.d.
51/9	Washington: Stuart, Jones, and Posey Islands	1978
51/10	Washington: Tacoma	1953-1960
51/11	Washington: Yakima	n.d.
51/12	West Virginia	1950
51/13	Wisconsin: Glacier National Park	n.d.
51/14	Wisconsin: Milwaukee	1952-1958
51/15	Midwest Region, National Park Service Areas	n.d.
51/16	South Central Camping	1977
51/17	Various Cities	1952
51/18	Various Cities	1954-1977
51/19	Canada: British Columbia	n.d.
51/20	Canada: British Columbia - Vancouver	n.d.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
51/21	Canada: British Columbia - Vancouver	1953-1959
51/22	Canada: British Columbia - Vancouver - Map	n.d.
51/23	Canada: British Columbia - Vancouver - Parks Department Annual Report	1964
51/24	Canada: British Columbia - Vancouver - Parks Department Annual Report	1977
51/25	Canada: British Columbia - Vancouver - Parks Department Annual Report	1978
51/26	Canada: British Columbia - Vancouver - Parks Department Annual Report	1980
51/27	Canada: British Columbia - Vancouver - Parks Department Annual Report	1982
51/28	Canada: British Columbia - Vancouver - Song	1940
51/29	Canada: British Columbia - Vancouver - Stanley Park	n.d.
51/30	Canada: British Columbia - Victoria	1959
51/31	Canada: Quebec - Montreal	n.d.
51/32	Canada: Western Canada - Accomodation - National Parks	1975
51/33	Mexico	n.d.
51/34	New Zealand	1953
51/35	Soviet Union	1961

Subseries X: Notebooks, ca. 1923-1962

0.2 cubic ft.

There are three small notebooks in this subseries. The bulk of the information in the notebooks covers the years 1923 to 1932. The notebooks contain notes on Parks Recreation programs and facilities, such as games, statistics on attendance, and improvements made. Other notes relate to conferences and information on recreation programs.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
51/36	Notebooks	1927-1962
51/37	Notebook	1923-1932

Subseries XI: Photographs, 1917-1984

0.8 cubic ft.

This subseries includes over 300 photographs of Parks Department employees and facilities, sporting events and contests on Seattle's playgrounds, facilities and parks leaders from other cities, and images of Ben Evans.

The box numbers for photographs do not follow sequentially the boxes for the Ben Evans textual records. This reflects the photographs' placement within the entire photograph collection of the Seattle Municipal Archives.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
160/1	Harold T. Abbott	1959
160/2	Alki Beach and Fieldhouse	n.d.
160/3	Aqua Theater, Green Lake	n.d.
160/4	Aqua Theater, Green Lake	1950, n.d.
160/5	Aqua Theater, Green Lake	n.d.
160/6	Aqua Theater, Green Lake	n.d.
160/7	Roy A. Armstrong	n.d.
160/8	Ballard Playground	n.d.
160/9	Baseball	1923-1925, n.d.
160/10	Basketball	n.d.
160/11	Basketball	1946-1947

Container(s)	Description	Dates
160/12	Basketball	1917, n.d.
160/13	Boeing Basketball	n.d.
160/14	Eugene Boyd	n.d.
160/15	Broadway Playfield	1947
160/16	Paul V. Brown	n.d.
160/17	Bubblegum Blowing	n.d.
160/18	Butte, Montana	n.d.
160/19	California	n.d.
160/20	California	n.d.
160/21	California	n.d.
160/22	California	n.d.
160/23	Camp Lawton	n.d.
160/24	Camp Long	n.d.
160/25	Hazel Carlson	1965, n.d.
160/26	Carpenter Shop, Parks Department	n.d.
160/27	Cascade Playground	1937
160/28	Checkers	n.d.
160/29	Collins Playfield	n.d.
160/30	Colman Pool	n.d.
160/31	Waldo J. Dahl	1969, n.d.
160/32	Dance: Participating Classes	n.d.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
160/33	Delridge Overpass	n.d.
160/34	John W. Duncan	1941, n.d.
160/35	Ben Evans	1935-1953, n.d.
160/36	Ben Evans	1948-1968, n.d.
160/37	Lou Evans	n.d.
160/38	Evans Pool	n.d.
160/39	W.E. Everts - Boise, Idaho	1961
160/40	Facilities, Unidentified	1935, n.d.
160/41	Field Houses	n.d.
160/42	Fishing	n.d.
160/43	Football	n.d.
160/44	Froula Playground	n.d.
160/45	Girl Scouts	n.d.
160/46	Golf	n.d.
160/47	Green Lake	n.d.
160/48	Laurence R. Hamblen	n.d.
160/49	Cameron Haslam	n.d.
160/50	Hiawatha	n.d.
160/51	Hughes (E.C.) Playfield	n.d.
160/52	Jefferson Park	n.d.
160/53	Jefferson Park	n.d.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
160/54	Jefferson Park	1913-1936
160/55	Jefferson Park	1911-1914, n.d.
160/56	Jackson Park - Chicago, Illinois	n.d.
160/57	Mount Rainier	n.d.
161/1	Charles Paul Keyser, President - American Institute of Park Executives	n.d.
161/2	King County Parks and Recreation	1935, n.d.
161/3	King County USO	n.d.
161/4	Kite Flying Contests	n.d.
161/5	Norman F. Kunde	n.d.
161/6	Thomas W. Lantz - Tacoma	n.d.
161/7	Laurelhurst Community Center	n.d.
161/8	Joseph Lee	n.d.
161/9	Dorothea Lensch -- Portland, OR	1949
161/10	Alice Lopp	n.d.
161/11	Loyal Heights	n.d.
161/12	Helene Madison	1949
161/13	Madrona Beach	n.d.
161/14	Medgar Evers Swimming Pool	n.d.
161/15	National Recreation Association	1956-1960, n.d.
161/16	National Recreation Association, George D. Butler	n.d.
161/17	Nogeyama Park, Yokohama, Japan - Seattle Roses	1932

Container(s)	Description	Dates
161/18	Charles E. Odegaard	1961-1966
161/19	Old Ossie	n.d.
161/20	Old Woody	1924, n.d.

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Athletic fields--Washington (State)--Seattle
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 Playgrounds--Washington (State)--Seattle
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 Sports & recreation facilities--Washington (State)--Seattle
 Sports--Washington (State)--Seattle
 Swimming pools--Washington (State)--Seattle
 Youth organizations--Washington (State)--Seattle
 Zoos--Washington (State)--Seattle

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 (collector)

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 Girl Scouts of the United States of America
 Young Men's Christian Association (Seattle, Wash.)
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