

**Title:** Milwaukee Public Schools. Division of Recreation and Community Services

**Reference Code:** Mss-1677

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**Location:** WHS, Sh. C086

**Abstract:** In 1911, the Wisconsin legislature passed a law that permitted school boards to use school facilities for evening classes, vacation schools, reading rooms, debating clubs, public baths, gymnasiums, and public playgrounds to enrich the lives of the state's youth, adults and seniors. The law resulted in the creation of the Milwaukee Public Schools' Extension Department. During the department's first year, its needs were met by two social centers and eight playgrounds. After Dorothy Enderis was appointed head of the department in 1920, it expanded tremendously. The name was changed to the Department of Municipal Recreation and Adult Education and then to the Division of Recreation and Community Services. Since its inception, the department has offered numerous recreational and educational activities such as citizenship classes for immigrants, municipal athletic leagues for men and women, Golden Age Clubs for seniors, and theatrical productions, including the formation of the Milwaukee Players troupe in 1931.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of budget material, publications, programs, photos, manuals, brochures/leaflets and other ephemera detailing the department's programs and activities.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English

**Notes:** Donors include the Milwaukee Public Schools Department of Recreation.  
See also: Milwaukee Players, Mss-2184

**Arrangement:**

<b>Folder Heading</b>	<b>Box #</b>	<b>File #</b>
Adult Centers	1	1
Awards/Citations, 1972, 1983-1987	1	2
Budget, 1936-1949	1	3
Budget, 1950	1	4
Budget, 1951	1	5
Budget, 1952	1	6
Budget, 1953	1	7
Budget, 1954	1	8
Budget, 1955	1	9

Budget, 1956	1	10
Budget, 1957	1	11
Budget, 1958	1	12
Budget, 1959	1	13
Budget, 1960	1	14
Budget, 1962	1	15
Budget, 1963	1	16
Budget, 1964	1	17
Budget, 1965	1	18
Budget, 1966-74, 1976	2	1
Budget, 1967	2	2
Budget, 1968	2	3
Budget, 1969	2	4
Budget, 1970	2	5
Budget, 1971	2	6
Budget, 1972	2	7
Budget, 1973	2	8
Budget, 1974	2	9
Budget, 1976	2	10
Extension Department, 1932-34	2	11
– Social Center Drama Clubs Programs, 1932 (4 total)		
– Street Trades Department Annual Report, 1932-1933		
– Graduation Program, Naturalization Classes, 1934		
Harmony Golden Age Club	2	12
Instructions for Forms and Reports, Book No. 22	2	13
Legislation & Referendum, Phase 1: Oct. 1, 1962 – January 18, 1963	2	14
Legislation & Referendum, Phase 2: Jan. 19, 1963 – Oct. 15, 1963	2	15
Legislation & Referendum, Phase 3: Oct. 16, 1963 – May 16, 1964	3	1
Manuals/Handbooks	3	2
Miscellaneous	3	3
Play Leaders Kits, ca. 1933	3	4
Playground Programs/Sports Information	3	5
Primary Playtime Manual, 1989	3	6
Program schedules - 1980-83	3	7
Quiet Games and Special Activities	3	8
Records/Reports	3	9
– Boxing, ca. 1943		
– Chess, 1943		
– Miscellaneous Enrollment/Attendance Reports		
– Municipal Baseball-Softball Program Official Records, 1964		
– Municipal Basketball Program Official Records, 1965		
– Social Center and Playground Competitive Activities, 1938		
Referendum Book II, 1955-1965 (1 of 3)	3	10

Referendum Book II, 1955-1965 (2 of 3)	3	11
Referendum Book II, 1955-1965 (3 of 3)	3	12
Referendum Book III, 1963-1965 (1 of 2)	3	13
Referendum Book III, 1963-1965 (2 of 2)	3	14
Referendum Book IV, 1966-1970 (1 of 2)	3	15
Referendum Book IV, 1966-1970 (2 of 2)	3	16
School Board Referendum, 1962	3	17
School Extension Fund (Recreation) Referendum, 1965: Book I	3	18
School Extension Fund (Recreation) Referendum, 1965: Book II	4	1
Social Centers, 1916-50	4	2
Theater	4	3
Potter's Forest Ropes & Challenge Course	4	4
Publications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>100 Years of Recreation: Games, Photos &amp; Stories from Milwaukee Recreation's Archives</i>, 2011 (3 copies)</li> <li>- <i>Sixty Years of Service for All Ages</i>, November 1972</li> <li>- <i>History of Sports and Selected Sportsmanship Poems</i>, 1961</li> <li>- <i>Folk Bulletin</i>, December 1937</li> <li>- <i>Club Bulletin</i>, January 1941</li> <li>- <i>Muni Hiker-Biker</i>, October-December 1945</li> </ul>	4	5
Publications (continued): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Simple Crafts No. 304, Department of Municipal Recreation</li> <li>- Playground Games No.253 Department of Municipal Recreation</li> <li>- <i>Kool Summer Fun</i>, Summer 1972 (playground card series)</li> <li>- <i>Back to Nature</i>, Summer 1973 (playground card series)</li> <li>- Games for the Elementary School Grades, Hazel Richardson</li> <li>- <i>Parks and Recreation</i>, 1968 &amp; 1975 (bound volumes)</li> <li>- <i>Recreation</i>, 1946 (bound volume)</li> <li>- Annual Playground Attendance, Fall 1954 Summer 1955</li> </ul>	5	Loose in Box
Annual Recreation Center Attendance 1973-75 BV 111		Loose on Shelf
<b>OVERSIZE DOCUMENTS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	
Citation from National Recreation and Park Association, 1987	OS SM "M" 4	
Resolution re retirement of Dr. George Wilson, 1976	OS SM "M" 4	
Resolution from Common Council congratulating Division of Municipal Recreation on its 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary, 1971	OS SM "M" 4	
Congratulation certificate from Indian University re Division of Municipal Recreation's 75 <sup>th</sup> anniversary, ca. 1986	OS SM "M" 4	
Tribute from Common Council re retirement of Dorothy Enderis, 1948	OS SM "M" 4	
Resolution from Old Time Ball Players' Association congratulating Division of Municipal Recreation on its 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary, 1972	OS XLG	

Resolution from Common Council re retirement of Clarence Emigh, 1969	OS XLG	
Memorial Resolution, Common Council re death of Donald Dyer, 1964	OS XLG	
<b>RECREATION DIVISION REEL-TO-REEL AUDIOTAPES (Transferred to Multimedia Collection)</b>		
#1: Area V		
#2: Unidentified		
#3-#4: Social Center In-Service Training Tapes		
#5: Gold Medal Award Presentation		
#6: Referendum Tape		
#7: Unidentified		
#8: Recreation Dept. Extension Fund Referendum, March 23, 1955		
#9: Unidentified		
#10: Referendum, 1965		
#11: Gold Medal Award Script		
#12: Referendum Tape		
#13: C.D.A. Meeting		
#14: C.D.A. Meeting (?), October 29, 1963		
#15: Unidentified		
#16: C.D.A. Meeting (?), October 30, 1963		
#17: C.D.A. Meeting		
#18: C.D.A. Meeting		
#19: Test Tape		
#20: Unidentified		
#21: Orientation, 1962		
#22: Referendum Tape (Long)		
#23: Referendum Tapes with new ending		
#24: Referendum Tapes with new ending (Short)		
#A: Script – Recreation – Norman Roth, 1964		
#B: C.D.A. Meeting (?), October 29, 1963		
#C: UW-Milwaukee, 6 <sup>th</sup> & Final Meeting, Pol.-Community Workshop, November 21, 1963		
#D: Dr. Wilson, Lapham Full-Time Staff, September 2, 1975		
#E: C.D.A. Meeting (?), October 31, 1963		
#F: C.D.A. Meeting (?), October 31, 1963		
#G: Braves Baseball No. 2		
#H: C.D.A. Meeting		
#I: Dr. Wilson – Message – Full-Time Staff – Marshall High School, June 13, 1975		
#J: Mrs. McGuilligott's speech on volunteers, Staff meeting – held at Hawthorn Glen – April 2, 1976		
#K: Social Center In-Service Training Tape		
#L: Div. of Municipal Recreation and Community Education – Slide		

Program Narration		
#M: Referendum Song, 1965		
#N: Dr. Wilson – Message – Marshall H.S. – In-Service – Summer Playleaders, June 13, 1975		
<b>MILWAUKEE PLAYERS AUDIO CASSETTE TAPES (Transferred to Multimedia Collection)</b>		
10 Dances for Dance Manual, October 1980		
“Hero of Cantus” (3 cassettes)		
Guys & Dolls Songs – “Overture”/”Runyonland”/”Fugue for Tinhorns”/”Follow the Fold”/”Oldest Established” (Side 1) ”I’ll Know”/”Bushel and a Peck”/”Lament”/”Guys & Dolls” (Side 2)		
“Paint Your Wagon” Rehearsal Tape		
“Song of Cantus” Master Tape		
“Wind in the Willows” Acts I & II (2 cassettes)		
<b>FILM/VHS/VIDEO TAPES (Transferred to Multimedia Collection)</b>		
TV VIDEO TAPE: Milwaukee Public Schools – 75 Years of Community Service, October 1986 (3 copies)		
Celebrity Lecture Series (18 tapes total) – Bo Black – Gerald Boyle – Jean Driscoll – Jessie Garcia – Gus Gnorski – Jonathan Green – Chantel Jensen – Arthur Jones – George Karl – Vivian King – Dave Luczak – Kathy Mykleby – Paul Piaskoski – Reitman & Mueller – Marvin Pratt – Rock Rote – Wendy Selig-Prieb – Scott Steele & Spunky – Charles Sykes – Keith Tozer – Lynise Weeks – “Celebrity Fall Programs,” Channel 58, 8/14/2001		

Holiday Folk Fair, Nov. 23, 1986 (2 tapes)		
Special Chinese Show, 1986 Folk Fair		
Nature's Villa		
<b>Type</b>	<b>Number(s)</b>	
Video Cassette	114-133	
Tapes	159	
Film Reels	261-265	

**DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL RECREATION PHOTOS**

<b>Category</b>	<b>File Heading</b>	<b>Box #</b>	<b>File #</b>
Activities	Banquets and miscellaneous Parties	1	1
Activities	Baseball and Softball	1	2
Activities	Basketball	1	3
Activities	Boxing and Wrestling	1	4
Activities	Chess, checkers	1	5
Activities	Children's outdoor, playground activities	1	6
Activities	Children's Social Center indoor activities	1	7
Activities	Children's and Youth Dance Classes	1	8
Activities	Classes and Clinics - misc. photos	1	9
Activities	Color transparencies of various activities	1	10
Activities	Contract Entertainment (Children's) photos, negs	1	11
Activities	Dept. of Recreation 50th Anniversary	1	12
Activities	Dept. of Recreation 60th Anniversary	1	13
Activities	Fourth R: Drama (Children's)	1	14
Activities	Fourth R: Misc. children's activities	1	15
Activities	Game Room: Misc. children's indoor activities	1	16
Activities	Golf classes	1	17
Activities	Indoor Games, misc.	1	18
Activities	Men's Municipal Center, miscellaneous	1	19
Activities	Miscellaneous groups: track, soccer, playground etc.	1	20
Activities	Miscellaneous outdoor activities	1	21
Activities	Newsboys Republic	1	22
Activities	Parades	1	23
Activities	Physical Fitness, Gymnastics, etc.	1	24
Activities	School Dances	1	25
Activities	Swimming	1	26
Activities	Volleyball	1	27
Activities	Youth: Jr. Optimists, Guardians, Lapham 67, Grant 68	1	28

Adult Education	Arts & Crafts, miscellaneous	2	1
Adult Education	Classroom photos	2	2
Adult Education	Gymnastics, exercise, fitness, dancing	2	3
Adult Education	Miscellaneous	2	4
Adult Education	Modeling Classes, Shows	2	5
Adult Education	Mountaineering	2	6
Adult Education	Sewing, weaving, fiber arts	2	7
Adult Education	Small engine repair	2	8
Adult Education	Swimming	2	9
Adult Education	Golden Agers Crafts	2	10
Adult Education	Golden Agers Dance and Style Show	2	11
Adult Education	Golden Agers Field Trips	2	12
Adult Education	Golden Agers Games	2	13
Adult Education	Golden Agers Music & Performing Groups	2	14
Adult Education	Golden Agers Picnics	2	15
Adult Education	Golden Agers Swimming	2	16
Adult Education	Golden Agers: Miscellaneous	2	17
Handicapped Education	Dances	2	18
Handicapped Education	Indoor Programs	2	19
Handicapped Education	Sports	2	20
Handicapped Education	Miscellaneous	2	21
Miscellaneous	Birdhouse Contest	2	22
Miscellaneous	Charts and maps	2	23
Miscellaneous	Exhibits	2	24
Miscellaneous	Photographs of individuals, unidentified	2	25
Miscellaneous	Group photos, unidentified	2	26
Miscellaneous	M.A.B.A.	2	27
Miscellaneous	Pre-school classes & activities	2	28
Miscellaneous	School Extension Fund Referendum, 1965	2	29
Miscellaneous	1910-1919 miscellaneous photos	2	30
Performing Arts	Arts Faire	3	1
Performing Arts	Arts Workshop	3	2
Performing Arts	Children's Theater	3	3
Performing Arts	Creative Movement	3	4
Performing Arts	Drama	3	5
Performing Arts	Folk Dancing	3	6
Performing Arts	Miscellaneous	3	7
Performing Arts	Music	3	8

Performing Arts	110 In the Shade	3	9
Performing Arts	Outdoor Theater	3	10
Performing Arts	Pageants	3	11
Performing Arts	Portraits, miscellaneous	3	12
Performing Arts	Rehearsal Shots	3	13
Performing Arts	Romeo and Juliet	3	14
Performing Arts	Royal Family	3	15
Performing Arts	She Stoops to Conquer	3	16
Performing Arts	Skupper Duppets, 1975-76	3	17
Performing Arts	South Pacific	3	18
Performing Arts	Summer Workshops	3	19
Performing Arts	Taming of the Shrew	3	20
Performing Arts	Theater productions, identified	3	21
Performing Arts	Theater productions, unidentified	3	22
Performing Arts	Trailer Theater	3	23
Performing Arts	Modeling Show	3	24
Arts & Crafts	Arts Academy Photos 1984-1990 (Photo albums)	4	1
Arts & Crafts	Children's classes	4	2
Arts & Crafts	Cooking	4	3
Arts & Crafts	Creative Workshop, Wisconsin Avenue	4	4
Arts & Crafts	Miscellaneous	4	5
Outdoor Education	All About Pets	4	1
Outdoor Education	Baseball	4	2
Outdoor Education	Camping, Hiking	4	3
Outdoor Education	Football	4	4
Outdoor Education	Games, misc. activities	4	5
Outdoor Education	Ice skating	4	6
Outdoor Education	Marbles tournaments	4	7
Outdoor Education	Military	4	8
Outdoor Education	Miscellaneous	4	9
Outdoor Education	Oak Ridge Farm	4	10
Outdoor Education	Palmyra camp	4	11
Outdoor Education	Palmyra field trip	4	12
Outdoor Education	Parades, pageants	4	13
Outdoor Education	Sailing, boating, canoeing	4	14
Outdoor Education	Skiing	4	15
Outdoor Education	Star Wagon	4	16
Outdoor Education	Summer Camp	4	17



Outdoor Education	Tennis	4	18
Outdoor Education	Track & Field	4	19
Outdoor Education	Wilderness Encounter	4	20
Outdoor Education	Winterfest & Nordic Race	4	21
Facilities	Aerial Photos	5	1
Facilities	Beulah Brinton	5	2
Facilities	Buildings, misc.	5	3
Facilities	Clarke Street Social Center	5	4
Facilities	Dover Street Playground	5	5
Facilities	Enderis Playground	5	6
Facilities	Grant Street Social Center	5	7
Facilities	Hawthorn Glen	5	8
Facilities	Lapham Park Clubs - Pictures, 1933-1945	5	9
Facilities	Lapham Park: History, clippings, misc. subjects	5	10
Facilities	Lapham Park Boys Clubs, 1932-1936	5	11
Facilities	Men's Municipal Center, Water St., 1967-68	5	12
Facilities	Men's Social Center, Vliet St., 1968-1969 & undated	5	13
Facilities	Men's Social Center, Vliet St., 1970-71	5	14
Facilities	Lapham Park: Misc. photos, activities	5	15
Facilities	Management, staff photos	5	16
Facilities	M.P.S. Misc.	5	17
Facilities	Miscellaneous indoor photos	5	18
Facilities	Oklahoma	5	19
Facilities	Playground buildings and equipment	5	20
Facilities	Playground activities and games	5	21
Facilities	Vandalism	5	22
Facilities	Fourth Street Social Center	5	23
Facilities	Wright Playground	5	24
Facilities	1922-1940 Pictures: N. 4th St., Lapham	5	25
Activities	55+ Program Parties/Events	6	1
Activities	55+ Program Dancing	6	2
Adult Education	55+, 60+ Senior Program	6	3
Adult Education	60+ Program Misc./Outdoor Events	6	4
Activities	60+ Program Mayfair Craft Fair	6	5
Activities	60+ Program Crafts	6	6
Activities	60+ Program Summer Picnic	6	7
Activities	60+ Program Senior Fest	6	8
Activities	Golden Agers Birthday Parties	6	9



#2624	Children viewing hand puppets		
#2625	Outdoor lawn chess game		
#2626	Ladies' softball game		
#2627	"Tech" basketball team - 1979 state champions?		
#2628	Children in playground		
#2629	Children on playground covered wagon		
#2630	Clown entertaining children		
#2631	Ladies Home Defense League ball team		
#2632	Lapham Park Annual Banquet 1922		
#2633	Child fitting roller skate		
#2634	World's Largest Chess Tournament 8-14-1953		
#2635	World's Largest Chess Tournament 8-14-1953		
#2636	World's Largest Chess Tournament 8-14-1953		
#2637	World's Largest Chess Tournament 8-14-1953		
#2638	World's Largest Chess Tournament 8-14-1953		
#2639	World's Largest Chess Tournament 8-14-1953		
#2640	World's Largest Chess Tournament 8-14-1953		
#2641	World's Largest Chess Tournament 8-14-1953		
#2642	World's Largest Chess Tournament 8-14-1953		
#2643	World's Largest Chess Tournament 8-14-1953		
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80 slides	Marked "Juneau High School", miscellaneous	2	7 - 10
72 slides	Misc. houses, buildings, neighborhoods	3	11 - 15
	Miscellaneous activities, events, subjects	4	16 - 28
	Outdoor Education	5	29 - 39
	Arts, Crafts, Performing Arts	6	40 - 50
21 slides	Romeo & Juliet performance	6	51
135 slides	Muni Athletics, Youth Sports, Swimming	7	52 - 60
	Children's Programs, Parties, "Circus Train"	8	61 - 66
12 slides	Miscellaneous - "Crunchy" Waste Management truck	9	1
11 slides	Miscellaneous - Volunteer Dinner	9	2
19 slides	Miscellaneous - Emigh Playfield dedication 8-5-1994	9	3
18 slides	Miscellaneous - Crafts, misc.	9	8
28 slides	Miscellaneous - Historic black & white photos	9	9 - 10
43 slides	Miscellaneous - Gym Activities	9	4 - 6

159 slides	Miscellaneous Activities	10	1 - 8
16 slides	Sports - Baseball	11	1
27 slides	Sports - Basketball	11	2 - 3
16 slides	Sports - Golf, Soccer	11	4
18 slides	Sports - Tennis, Volleyball	11	5
12 slides	Sports - Skiing	11	6
15 slides	Sports - Cross Country Skiing	11	7
13 slides	Sports - Boys' Soccer, Nov. 1983	11	8
115 slides	Little Circus Show	12	1 - 6
39 slides	Golden Agers: Miscellaneous	13	1 - 2
4 slides	Golden Agers: Upham Woods	13	3
6 slides	Golden Agers: Bowling, Cards, Recreation	13	4
15 slides	60+ Program: Children, Picnic	14	5
32 slides	60+ Program: Shows	14	6 - 7
11 slides	60+ Program: Swimming, Recreation, Exercise	14	8
4 slides	60+ Program: Miscellaneous	14	9
<b>COMPACT DISCS</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>BOX #</b>	
1	Senior Fest 2002	10	
2	Slide Collection - Scanned 1/29/10	10	
3	South Division Photos - 3/12/03	10	
4	Dancing, Exercise, Swimming	10	
5	Billiards, Soccer, Exercise	10	
6	Cheerleading, Basketball, Dance	10	
7	Basketball, Tennis, Golf	10	
8	Swimming, Cooking, Kickboxing	10	
9	Rollerblading, Swimming	10	
10	Basketball	10	
11	Fitness, Ballet, Basket Weaving, Baking	10	
12	Martial Arts, Yoga, Fitness, Basketball	10	
13	Kids Basketball, Yoga, Fitness, Gardening	10	
14	Guitar Lessons, Golf, Tae Kwon Do	10	
15	Kids Basketball, Music Lessons	10	
16	Ballroom Dance, Ballet, Tap	10	
17	Cooking, Crafts, Dance	10	
18	Asthma Wellness Day	10	
19	Summer Recreation Camp	10	
20	Get to Know Your Neighborhood Festival 2002 (1)	10	
21	Get to Know Your Neighborhood Festival 2002 (2)	10	

22	Misc. Event, Ernst & Young Reward	10	
23	Girls of Summer Softball League, Milwaukee City World Cup Soccer	10	
24	North Division High School Summer Event	10	
25	Misc. Event	10	
26	Milwaukee Irish Fest	10	
27	In the Classroom	10	
28	Community Service Day (1)	10	
29	Girls of Summer Softball League	10	
30	Franklin Square Basketball Clinic (1)	10	
31	Franklin Square Basketball Clinic (2)	10	
32	Franklin Square Basketball Clinic (3)	10	
33	Community Service Day (2)	10	