



DAVIS CENTER AT THE HARLEM MEER

**CENTRAL PARK
CONSERVANCY**

Community Board 5 - March 3, 2025

Davis Center at the Harlem Meer

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OBJECTIVES

- Replace the existing facility
- Repair the damaged landscape and impaired hydrology
- Provide the largest pool and rink possible in the restored site
- Remove a physical and visual barrier
- Develop a design inspired by the scenic landmark
- Build a welcoming, accessible, and environmentally sustainable facility
- Serve more park users year-round
- Expand nature-based recreation























6" RED BRICK
6" SAWN CONCRETE
6" SAWN VIBRA

30 1/2
24





























Programming & Community Engagement

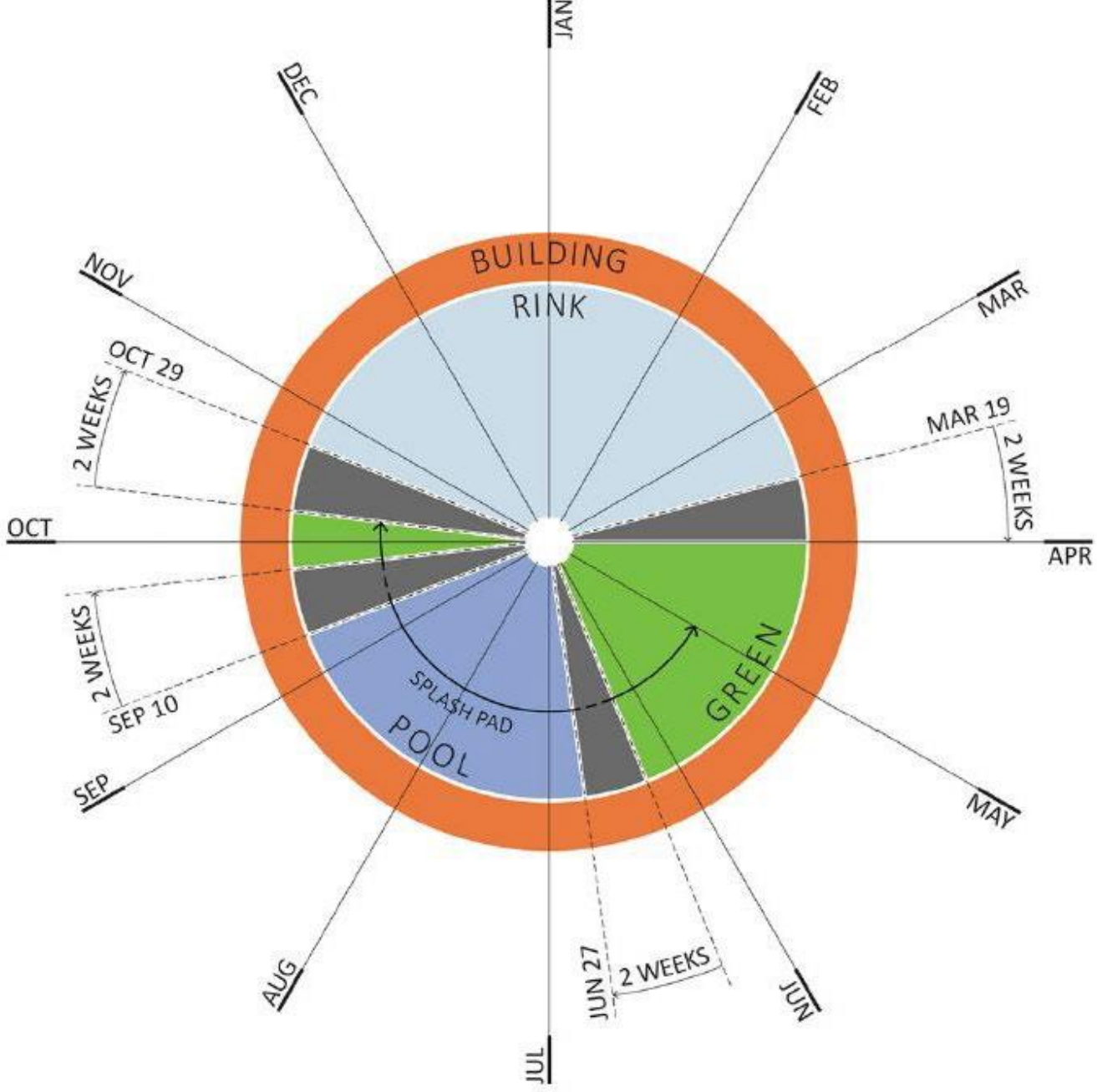


The Davis Center will have a transformational impact on the Park and Harlem

- Welcoming and sustainable design
- Four seasons of play on different surfaces: rink, pool, and turf (Harlem Oval: spring and fall)
- New community centric operating model: free and low-cost programming
- Strategic partnerships with local, community-based organizations and funders with shared values

Expanded Access:

- SWIMMING
- SKATING
- BUILDING
- FLEX
- SEASONAL TRANSITION



Success in Year One

- ✓ Light programming: Offer programming from local organizations; learn what resonates most amongst community members
- ✓ Fully functioning facility and excellent customer service
- ✓ Local recruitment and hiring
- ✓ Cultivate returning visitors through accessible programming and successful community partnerships
- ✓ Measure community impact and track visitor demographics to ensure we are reaching the intended audiences



"We are so excited about the community-first mindset! How refreshing."

- **Sharon Cohen, CEO & Founder, Figure Skating in Harlem**

HARLEM OVAL TURF

(April-May / September-October)



Activities:

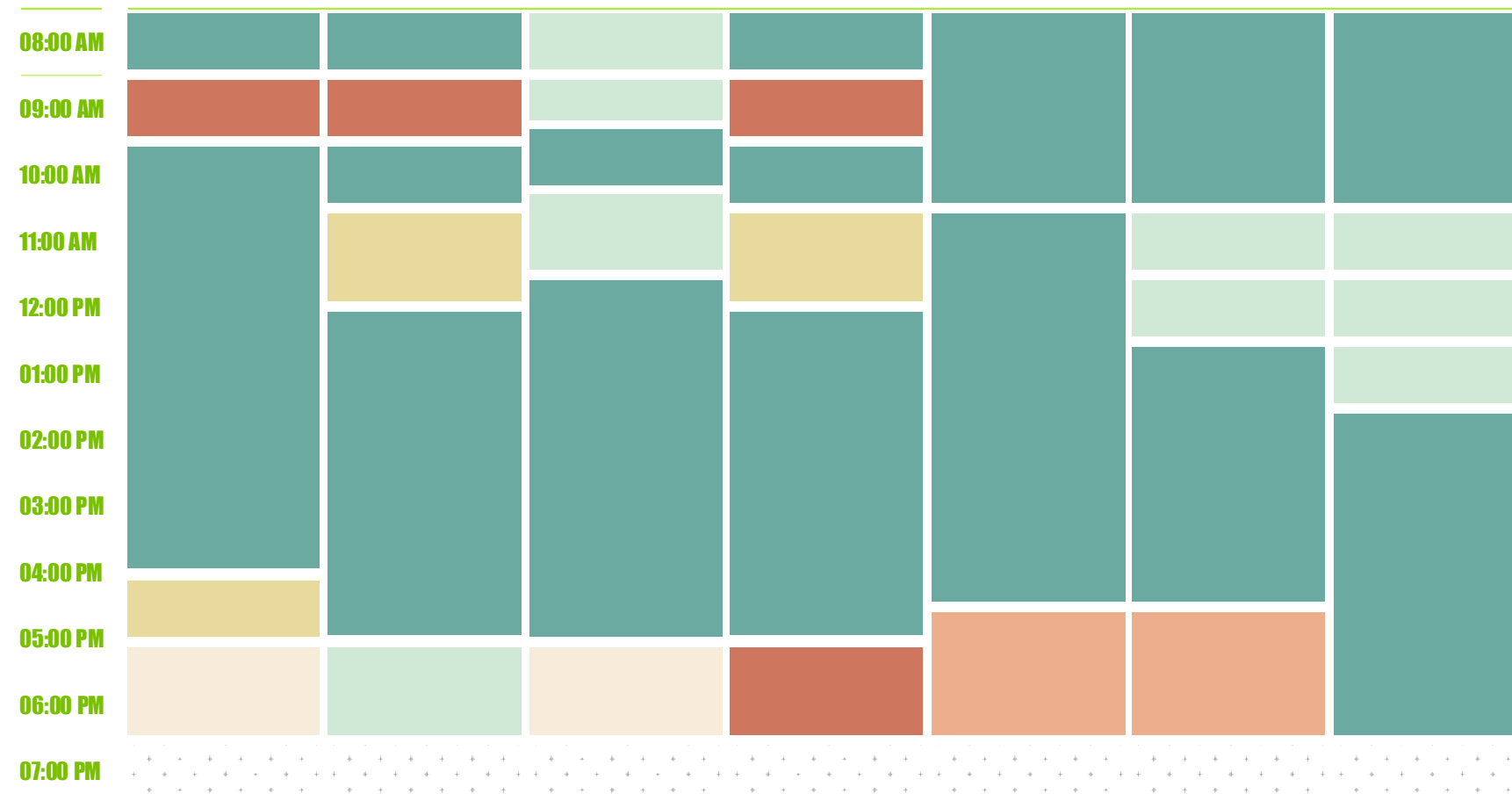
- Relax and unwind
- Games / nature activities
- Wellness / fitness classes
- School field days
- Specialized North End tours

Program Partners:

- Multitasking Yogi
- Go Hard Dance!
- Harlem Jets
- Harlem School of the Arts
- Art in the Park
- NYC Public School District 5 (Pilot)



TURF SCHEDULE



We have a full schedule of fun programming for all ages and interests

ICE RINK AT THE DAVIS CENTER

(October – March)



Activities:

- Community skate
- Learn to skate
- Community partner use
- Adult and youth hockey leagues

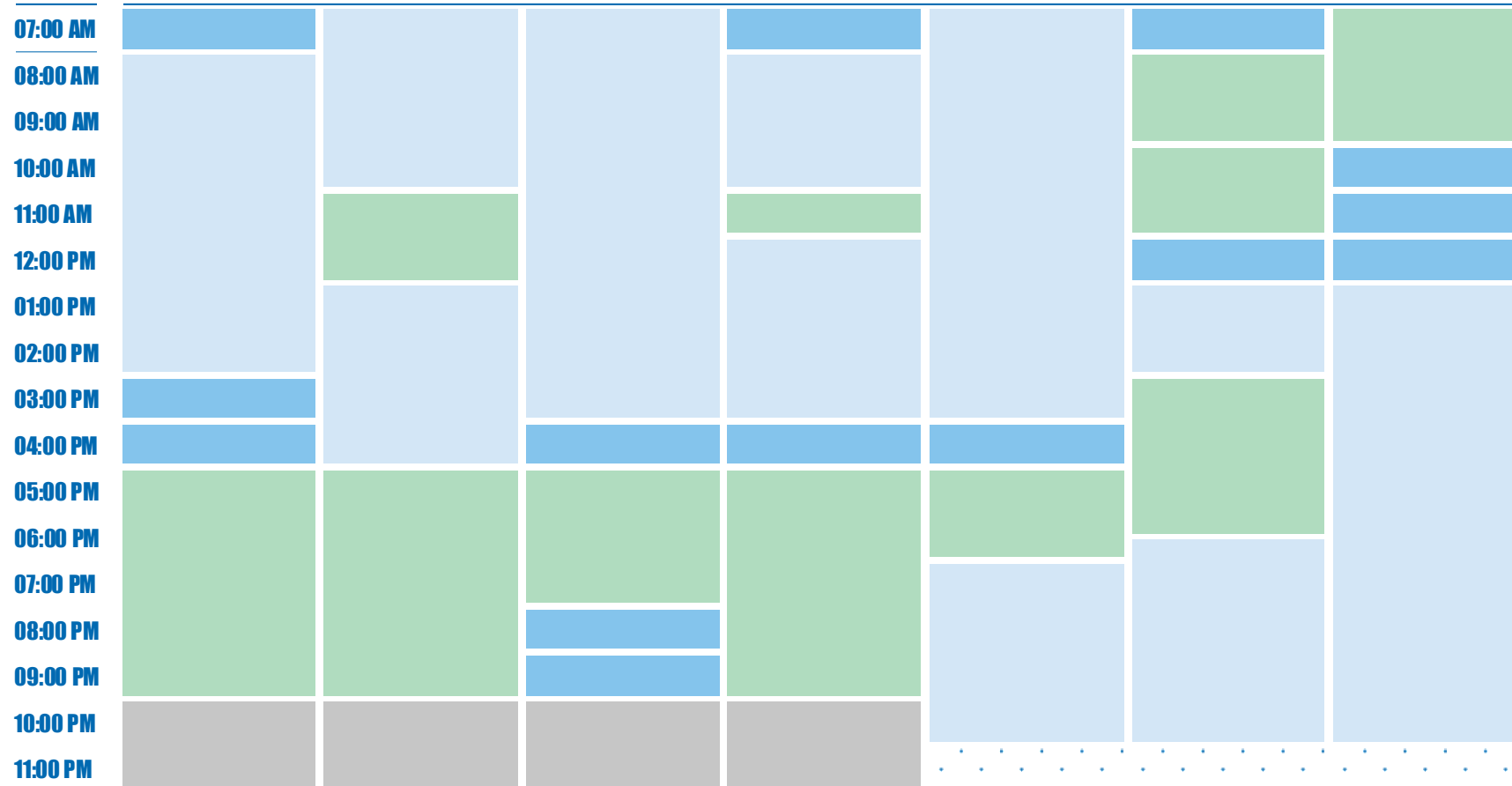
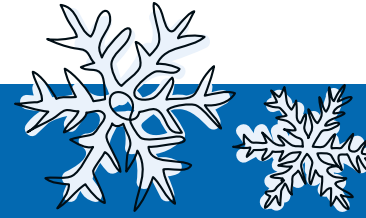


Program Partners:

- Figure Skating in Harlem
- Ice Hockey in Harlem
- North Stars
- American Special Hockey Assoc.
- NYC Public School District 5 (Pilot)



RINK SCHEDULE



Bring your family and friends to our **open skate time!**

Are you a hockey fan? Stop by on Thursday mornings for a pick-up game

Skates available for rental

Tickets are available in-person and online



GOTTESMAN POOL *(July & August)*

NYC Parks Department / Pool:

- Community Swim
- Aquatics Programming (Learn to Swim, etc.)

Central Park Conservancy / North End:

- Davis Center Tours
- Summer on the Harlem Meer
- Great Jazz on the Great Hill with Jazzmobile
- Dana Discovery Center (fishing, discovery kits, lawn games)
- Central Park Farmstand with Corbin Hill Food Project



Spreading the Word!

Community Partners

Corbin Hill Food Project
The Apollo
Jazzmobile
Sugar Hill Children's Museum
Studio Museum of Harlem
All Angels' Church
Mother AME Zion Church
Harlem Chocolate Factory
Omi Gray
National Black Theater
Music on the Inside
Institute for the Exploration of Seneca Village
History
WE ACT!
Northside Center for Childhood Development

Community Supporters / Advocates

Community Boards 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
Boys & Girls Club of Harlem
Children Museum of Manhattan
El Museo del Barrio
Historic Harlem Parks
NYPL, Harlem Branch
NYPL, Schomburg Center
The Africa Center
PAL - Harlem Center
Brotherhood Sister Sol
ARC Senior Centers
Public Art Fund
Madison Square Boys & Girls Club
Children's Aid Society
Harlem Run
Creo College Prep
Second Corinthian Baptist Church
Museum of the City of New York
Vista on 5th
iChallenge Myself
Street Corner Resources, Inc.
Harlem Grown
Mt. Sinai Adolescent Health Center
West Harlem Development Corp
Fortune Society
Harlem Economic Development Corp
Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce
Harlem Arts Alliance
New York Society for Ethical Culture
Black Education Research Center-Teacher's
College
CUNY School of Public Health
Strive

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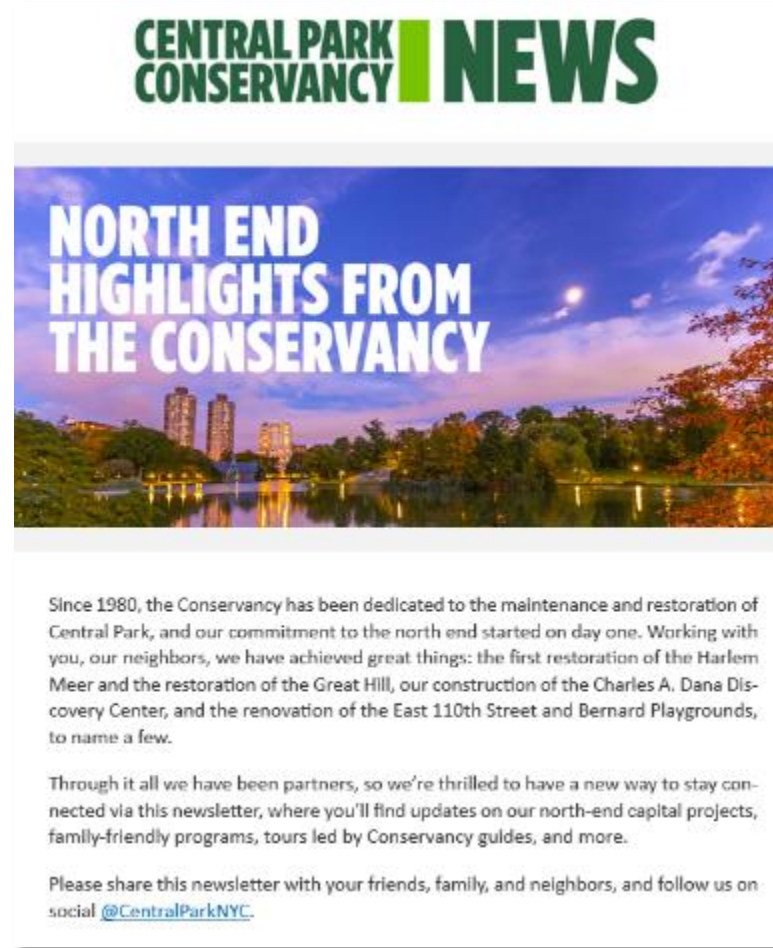


Harlem Week, 2024



*Harlem Community Education Council District 5
Superintendent Meeting, 2025*

Learn More: This Spring in the Park's North End



Sign up to receive the North End newsletter:
centralparknyc.org/HarlemNewsletter





SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, April 26th Community Celebration

Come celebrate the opening of the Davis Center!

Questions?

**For more information, reach out to
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