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LOOSE PARK - A BEAUTIFUL BLESSING

Phil Brandon works hard every day. You can tell he takes a personal interest and pride in keeping things as they should be. He must be the top man at Loose Park - cause I see him there at dawn most mornings, getting ready to clear away the evidence of citizens from the night before.

I want the whole city to know how much Loose Park has meant to me and many others and to personally thank our city bureaucracy who have mostly treated it with respect if not always good taste.

As a boy I walked the edge of the park to and from school...as a young athlete we practiced football there and ran laps around the lake and all the way to the big tree...five times, made Fr. Owens (our coach) into a heartless tyrant.

We practiced baseball there too - and took field trips to the Rose Garden, swung on the swings, romped in the old wading pool and climbed the big pines on the west side.

It seemed in my growing up, there was always something to do in the park - I even wooed my wife, walking in the Rose Garden.

Today, a walk in the park is always my first priority. I've become an admirer of Mr. Phil Brandon who is always there working hard, and caring for our park like it was his own.

Lets all appreciate and be thankful for this beautiful blessing in our midst and do our part to keep it thus.

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