

lawn party!



Honoring

Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP

Commissioner, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation

Recipient of The Betty Campbell-Adams Park Angel Award

06.24.21



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park alliance**

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are thrilled to welcome everyone to the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance Lawn Party. After a long year of isolation, we are delighted to host this event—where we can gather with friends and colleagues in person.

On behalf of VCPA's board, we thank Stephanie Ehrlich, our Executive Director, for taking the helm of the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance during these extraordinary times. The Alliance's talented program staff pivoted and created digital programming that kept our interns engaged, brought in more volunteers, and made it possible for us to share cultural events via Zoom. We congratulate the whole team on their flexibility and their success in making the Alliance responsive to our community at a time when they needed it most. This year, we organized a very special Juneteenth event under the auspices of VCPA's Enslaved People Project, together with our community partners, Van Cortlandt House Museum and Kingsbridge Historical Society. Working with NYC Parks, VCPA led the charge in renaming two locations in the park to honor and acknowledge the Enslaved Africans who lived, worked, and died in the park. We could not be more proud to honor their lives and contributions and look forward to bringing more of the Enslaved African Legacy to light.



Tonight, we are proud to honor NYC Parks Commissioner, Mitchell J. Silver FAICP, with the very first **Betty Campbell-Adams Park Angel Award**. Commissioner Silver is a real champion of NYC and has been an outstanding commissioner for parks across the city since 2014. His support was essential during the merger process that brought the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance into being. We are ever grateful for his wisdom and clarity. It is only fitting that we honor him with our new award, The Betty!

Betty Campbell-Adams was a true park hero. She gave generously of her time, and Betty's shop, Lloyd's Carrot Cake, is a landmark for Van Cortlandt Park visitors, welcoming not only the community but also athletes and friends from everywhere. Betty always donated her famous carrot cake to Alliance events—a treat everyone looked forward to - and continuing in that tradition, her children Lilka and Brandon have brought cupcakes for you to enjoy tonight! And, they will present Commissioner Silver with his award.

Commissioner Silver may be moving back to North Carolina but his connection to Van Cortlandt Park remains strong. As a runner, he has tracked many miles on our trails. Along with his brother Sam, Commissioner Silver will forever be associated with the Cross Country Trail. Tonight, we are pleased to present him with a sign acknowledging their love of Van Cortlandt. While we will miss him, we bid him farewell - until we meet again.

We are grateful to our fellow board members for their unwavering dedication to Van Cortlandt Park Alliance. And we thank you for caring about and supporting Van Cortlandt Park at a time when open green spaces are more important than ever.

Sincerely,

Nina Habib Spencer
Co-Chair

Carol Samel
Co-Chair



Dear Friends,

It has been a full year since I joined the Van Cortlandt Park team as Executive Director of the Alliance and Park Administrator. Believe me when I say, it was a year like no other! It has been an absolute honor and privilege to work with VCPA and Parks staff who rose to every challenge that came up during the pandemic: From VCP being identified as a possible location for a Covid field hospital; to welcoming record numbers of visitors yearning for sunshine, fresh air, and normalcy; to keeping the park clean and green despite huge decreases in resources; to offering in-park programs for volunteers and interns (being among the first to do so!). We have all weathered a lot and learned so much.

While we always knew that Van Cortlandt Park was great, we now see that it is an essential piece of the fabric of this community. We could not be more proud to be here for you, whether you run, ride a bike, swim, or just want to relax. You, in turn, stepped up by giving of your time, talent, and treasure. Your support this past year has been crucial, allowing VCPA to continue paying our staff and youth interns and hiring seasonal maintenance and horticulture staff when the NYC Parks budget was slashed beyond recognition.

This summer, we are so very happy to report that things are looking up!

As we begin to plan for the Alliance's future, we look forward to embarking on strategic planning process that will allow us to increase our staff, add all kinds of meaningful programs, work with NYC Parks on new capital projects, and advance the Enslaved People Project so that Van Cortlandt Park becomes synonymous with excellence in historic interpretation of northern slavery.

It is a thrilling time to be involved with Van Cortlandt Park Alliance! We want to spread the word... so, I ask you to think about ways you can bring more people into the fold. Send them to our social media @vc Alliance, our website vancortlandt.org, invite them to programs, and introduce them to the good work we are doing whenever possible.

See you around the park!

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephanie".

Stephanie Ehrlich
Executive Director, Van Cortlandt Park Alliance



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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June 24, 2021

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to join the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance in welcoming everyone to its Lawn Party.

Guided by its mission to enhance and promote Van Cortlandt Park, the Alliance is a tremendous partner in my administration's efforts to maintain and enhance thousands of acres of parkland and green spaces across the five boroughs. Our beautiful parks have been even more essential during the COVID-19 pandemic, giving New Yorkers areas to breathe fresh air and safely enjoy fitness and recreational activities. Despite the challenges of this unprecedented crisis, VCPA has continued to engage our diverse residents through its virtual programs about this park's ecology and history, and its socially distanced outdoor events, including trail hikes, bird walks, tree plantings, and clean-up projects. As you gather to support its vital programs, I applaud everyone associated with this wonderful organization for all they do to ensure this sprawling urban oasis remains a vibrant destination of choice for people of all ages and backgrounds from the Bronx and beyond.

On behalf of the City of New York, congratulations to our outstanding Department of Parks and Recreation Commissioner, Mitchell J. Silver, recipient of the inaugural Betty Campbell-Adams Park Angel Award. Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful evening and continued success.

Sincerely,

Bill de Blasio
Mayor



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To Van Cortlandt Park Alliance, its Supporters and Benefactors:

Tonight, we celebrate Van Cortlandt Park Alliance and its preservation and promotion of Van Cortlandt Park's recreational, ecological and historical value, with NYC Parks providing maintenance and operations to the magnificent site. This evening's *Lawn Party* event supports the continued education, restoration, research and community stewardship in Van Cortlandt Park through contribution and cooperation. It also features live music, lawn games, visiting goats, and reunions with friends and neighbors!

As the sole honoree this evening, I am truly grateful to be the very first recipient of The Betty Campbell-Adams Park Angel Award. Throughout the past seven years as Parks Commissioner, we have all shared the commitment to an improved quality of life for the true-blue people of this great borough. On behalf of NYC Parks, I want to extend my thanks and appreciation to Van Cortlandt Park Alliance for their dedication to this wonderful community backyard for Bronx residents and significant destination for generations to come.

The end of my tenure as Commissioner is fast approaching, and I would like to offer every best wish for VCPA's continued success as well as many more glorious celebrations in the bright, green future.

Warm regards,

Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP, Hon. ASLA



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To Van Cortlandt Park Alliance and its Supporters:

Thank you for supporting the park during these extraordinary times, when green space became even more vital to every New Yorker.

In the midst of the crisis, we welcomed Stephanie Ehrlich, the new Administrator of Van Cortlandt Park and the Executive Director of the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance. A true public servant, she jumped in with enthusiasm, working with her district to keep the park safe, clean, and beautiful. She did a terrific job -- and was named NYC Parks "Rookie of the Year" at our Annual Awards Ceremony.

It gives me great pleasure to have this opportunity to honor New York City's NYC Parks Commissioner, Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP for his extraordinary leadership. Among his many accomplishments, Commissioner Silver established the very welcoming *Parks Without Borders* initiative, introduced the colorful *Cool Pools* initiative, and expertly guided NYC Parks through the pandemic. Given all he has done for New York City, it is fitting that he is the first recipient of the *Betty Campbell-Adams Park Angel Award*.

Congratulations to the staff and board of Van Cortlandt Park Alliance on meeting all of the unforeseen challenges and completing another successful year.

Again, thank you for your support of Van Cortlandt Park Alliance's programs and your ongoing commitment to making Van Cortlandt Park a vibrant destination for people of all ages and backgrounds.

Sincerely,


Iris Rodriguez-Rosa
Bronx Borough Commissioner



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June 24, 2021

Dear Friends,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance's Lawn Party. From mobilizing local teens to help remove harmful water chestnut weeds from Van Cortlandt Lake to coming up with innovative solutions like employing goats in the park to combat invasive species, the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance is dedicated to putting in the work for our community. Van Cortlandt Park is such a meaningful space to the Bronx, and the Alliance helps to maintain the spirit and value of the park. I am so grateful for your dedication to strengthening and enhancing the Bronx community and beyond.

Best wishes for your event and the continued success of your organization. I also would like to extend my congratulations to this year's honoree, Commissioner of New York City Parks, Mitchell J. Silver.

With gratitude,

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Alessandra Biaggi
New York State Senator, District 34



ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS
NEW YORK STATE SENATE, 35TH DISTRICT
PRESIDENT PRO TEM ♦ MAJORITY LEADER

June 24, 2021

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the *Van Cortlandt Park Alliance's Annual Benefit in the Park*. This fundraiser provides the fiscal resources needed to maintain and operate the park all year round. Additionally, the park puts on education, cultural and research oriented programs, which help foster a sense of community and participation.

It is my honor to congratulate this year's honoree, **Mitchell J. Silver, FAICIP, Commissioner of NYC Parks**. Commissioner Silver has dedicated years of service to New York City's Parks, and I thank him for his dedication.

This event would not have been possible without your support, so I appreciate your participation at the park this evening. The *Van Cortlandt Park Alliance* is well-served by your involvement, which helps make Van Cortlandt Park such a wonderful and resourceful place for New Yorkers.

Best Wishes,

Andrea Stewart-Cousins
New York State Senator, 35th District
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June 24, 2021

Dear Fellow Supporters of Van Cortlandt Park Alliance:

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support of this wonderful organization and this year's Lawn Party. The Van Cortlandt Park Alliance has shepherded our beloved park through a tumultuous period, and their work continues to demonstrate why our park is the best park in all of New York City. I am excited for a new year of programming that serves everyone in our community – school groups, retirees, and everyone in between. I am proud to support Van Cortlandt Park Alliance, and thank you to everyone for supporting them as well.

Congratulations to this year's Lawn Party honoree, New York City Department of Parks & Recreation Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver. Commissioner Silver has been a dedicated steward of our public parks for seven years. He is a nationally renowned planner and has overseen more than 800 capital projects during his tenure leading the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation, including numerous improvements to parks right here in the Bronx. Thank you to Commissioner Silver for all of his work on behalf of Bronxites.

Additionally, like many of you, I was saddened to learn of the death of Betty Campbell-Adams in December last year. Betty was a wonderful person and a dedicated community leader, and the new Betty Campbell-Adams Park Angel Award is a worthy honor of her legacy. Congratulations to Commissioner Silver for being this year's winner, the first of its kind, and to all future winners of this new award from the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance.

The Van Cortlandt Park Alliance, its board, and staff have earned your support through their ongoing work on behalf of Bronxites, and we are exceedingly fortunate to have this positive force for our community. Thank you once again to everyone who is supporting this excellent work.

Sincerely,

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Jeffrey Dinowitz
Member of Assembly



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June 24, 2021

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Dear Friends,

Congratulations on the occasion of your annual benefit in the park, Van Cortlandt Park Alliance's **Lawn Party**, a time to reflect and be proud of your organization's efforts to strengthen The Bronx and New York City throughout the years.

This event is a wonderful occasion, offering us all a chance to recognize your organization's efforts on behalf of your neighborhood and the entire borough. Throughout the years, the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance has shown an outstanding commitment to improving the lives of neighborhood residents, addressing the concerns and needs of the park as well as the community so that our great borough can reach its full potential.

Our great borough is striving in reaching its full potential, and organizations such as yours have played a key role in our success, aiding in our great transformative change The Bronx has seen in recent years, helping with our economic growth as well as the historic decreases in crime and unemployment rates that have occurred since I took office in 2009.

I offer my heartfelt congratulations to your honoree, someone who has become a borough favorite, Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP, Commissioner of NYC Parks for devoting countless hours and working hard to help The Bronx and the City of New York flourish as our city parks continue to grow stronger.

On behalf of the more than 1.4 million residents of The Bronx, I salute the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance and wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

Ruben Diaz Jr.



COREY JOHNSON
SPEAKER



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June 24, 2021

Dear Friends:

As the Speaker of the New York City Council, I am delighted to extend my personal greetings to everyone attending the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance's Lawn Party!

Although the COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on our city, many of the organizations that make New York such a wonderful place to live have found innovative ways to continue bringing quality programming to New Yorkers and their families as we navigate this unprecedented public health crisis.

As they celebrate their annual benefit, I would like to thank the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance and its dedicated team for the important work that they are doing to help ensure the park can once again be enjoyed by visitors of all ages as we continue to reopen and build a better, more equitable city.

Congratulations as well to this year's honoree, **NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell Silver**.

I hope everyone has a wonderful experience during this year's celebration!

Sincerely,

COREY JOHNSON
Speaker

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Dear Friends:

I want to congratulate the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance on another successful year in support of New York City's third largest park right here in our corner of the Bronx. With over 2.6 million visitors, Van Cortlandt Park provides our community and all New Yorkers numerous opportunities to hike, run, explore, play sports, exercise, and enjoy the outdoors. This was especially important as we faced the COVID pandemic. To have a safe and open area helped not just with people's physical well-being but also their mental health.

It was a strong partnership between the Alliance, the NYC Parks Department and the community to make our park a destination for all ages. Your efforts kept many programs running both in the park and virtually and made a huge impact on students as they were adjusting to remote learning.

I want to also congratulate this year's honoree, our NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell Silver. Commissioner Silver has been a great advocate for our parks system and his leaving is a great loss to all of our green spaces. His advancement of projects to better our parks is second to none and he has served as an inspiration to many who see our over 30,000 acres of parkland as space for reflection, thought and the exchange of ideas. His leadership will be missed but we wish him well in his future endeavors.

Once again, I want to applaud the Board, the staff, and the volunteers of the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance for their hard work and advocacy for the people of the 11th Council District and all of New York.

Sincerely,

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Eric Dinowitz
Council Member, District 11



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Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings and congratulations to the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance on the occasion of its annual benefit in the park honoring Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP, Commissioner of NYC Parks.

Located in northwest Bronx, Van Cortlandt Park is among the borough's flagship open spaces featuring the last vestiges of New York City's native woodlands and wetlands. Throughout its history, the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance has worked in close concert with the Department of Parks and Recreation and Commissioner Silver to preserve, support, and promote the recreational, ecological and historical value of the park.

I commend the board and members of the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance for your dedication and commitment to providing these important services to our community, and thank you for your continuing contributions to the City of New York.

Please accept my best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

Peter Koo
Council Member
20th District, Queens



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The Betty Campbell Adams Park Angel Award

Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP

Commissioner, NYC Parks

Meet the Interns

Francisco Diaz, Urban Ecology Teen Internship Program

Loraine Liu, Garden 2 Market Internship Program

Honoree

Mitchell J. Silver

FAICP, Hon. ASLA

Mitchell Silver became Commissioner of the New York City Department of Parks in May 2014. Commissioner Silver is president of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and past president of the American Planning Association (APA). Mitchell is an award-winning planner with over 35 years of experience. He is internationally recognized for his leadership in the planning profession and his contributions to contemporary planning issues. As Parks Commissioner, Mitchell oversees management, planning and operations of nearly 30,000 acres of parkland, which includes parks, playgrounds, beaches, marinas, recreation centers, natural areas and other assets.

Prior to returning to his native New York City as Parks Commissioner, he served as the Chief Planning & Development Officer and Planning Director for Raleigh, NC. His career has included roles as a policy and planning director for New York City's Department of Planning, a principal of a New York City-based planning firm, a town manager in New Jersey, and deputy planning director in Washington, DC.

One of the nation's most celebrated urban thinkers, Commissioner Silver has been elected to Planetizen's list of the 100 Most Influential Urbanists in the world (2017), and named an honorary member of the American Society of Landscape Architects (2017), a fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences (2016), an honorary fellow of the Planning Institute of Australia (2015), a fellow of the American Planning Association (2014), and an honorary lifetime member of the Royal Town Planning Institute (2014). In addition, he has been honored as one of the top 100 City Innovators in the world by UBM Future Cities, and in 2012 the Urban Times named him one of the top international thought leaders of the built environment.



Betty Campbell-Adams Park Angel Award

Van Cortlandt Park Alliance has created the **Betty Campbell-Adams Park Angel Award** to honor Betty's long-term dedication to Van Cortlandt Park. She truly was a park hero!



The Board and Staff of Van Cortlandt Park Alliance were devastated to learn of the passing of Betty Campbell-Adams, owner of Lloyd's Carrot Cake on December 11, 2020. From her beloved storefront across the street, Betty was a devoted supporter of the park for many years. This past June, VCPA had the distinct pleasure of honoring Betty at our virtual benefit, PICNIC in Your Living Room, for her leadership in the community.

Betty was a shining light in this world. Her warmth and extraordinary generosity will be remembered by all who knew her. May her memory be for a blessing.

Betty took time out of her busy day at the shop for this [interview](#) with VCPA Board member Gary Axelbank for the Picnic on June 16, 2020.

Commissioner Silver, with his long history of running cross country in the park, commitment to community service, and love of Lloyd's Carrot Cake, is the perfect person to receive the first annual Betty Campbell-Adams Park Angel Award, heretofore known as, "The Betty."



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Van Cortlandt Park Alliance is a tax-exempt not-for-profit organization formed in partnership with NYC Parks to preserve, support, and promote the recreational, ecological, and historical value of Van Cortlandt Park. The Alliance's programming is made possible by the generosity of the following supporters:

Urban Ecology Teen Internship is supported by The City Gardens Club of New York City, Con Edison, Horace Mann School, Jockey Hollow Foundation, The Edward F. and Sheri G. Leonard Fund, The New Yankee Stadium Community Benefits Fund, Inc., NYC Council Parks Equity Initiative, the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs*, the Shandler Family Fund, Laura J. Niles Foundation, SMPS Foundation, and TD Charitable Foundation. Van Cortlandt Park Alliance thanks program partner Manhattan College.

Garden 2 Market Internship is supported by NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. Van Cortlandt Park Alliance thanks its Garden 2 Market program partners Amalgamated Housing Cooperative and Manhattan College.

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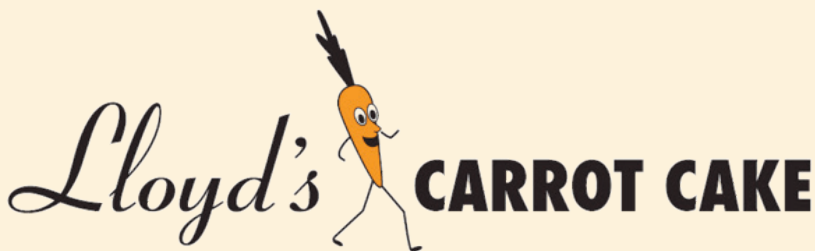
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Maintenance of the world-famous, 100-year-old Cross Country Course and the Parade Ground is funded, in part, by Horace Mann School.

Enslaved People Project programming is made possible through the generosity of the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs* and individual donations.

The following funders have supported Van Cortlandt Park Alliance's general operations and upcoming strategic planning: Lily Auchincloss Foundation, Achelis & Bodman Foundation, The Hyde & Watson Foundation, Patagonia, and the Altman Foundation.

*These programs are supported, in part, by public funds from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the New York City Council.



Lloyd's Carrot Cake
would like to congratulate

Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver

on receiving the first-ever, annual
Betty Campbell-Adams Park Angel Award.

Commissioner Silver's work with the
New York City Parks Department echoes Betty's
same dedication and commitment to servicing
local communities and those in need.
We wish you all the best in your next endeavor.

Additionally, Lloyd's Carrot Cake would like to
thank the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance and the
Bronx community for their continued support.

We look to continue the legacy of
Betty and Lloyd for years to come.

Lilka Adams & Brandon Adams

Lloyd's Carrot Cake



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First Annual Betty Campbell-Adams Park Angel Award Recipient

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and

Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP

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NYC Department of Parks & Recreation



*SAR salutes the Van Cortlandt community for
their work and dedication to preserving, supporting,
and promoting the value of Van Cortlandt Park.*



Rabbi Binyamin Krauss (AC '84)

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Congrats
to the wonderful
VCPA and NYC Parks
employees who elevate
Van Cortlandt Park,
the crown jewel of the Bronx.
Thank you for your hard work
and love of the Park.

*Colleague LLC,
and
Nina Habib & Parke Spencer*



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A black and white photograph of a city street, likely in New York City, looking down a long, straight road. Tall buildings line both sides of the street, and mature trees are planted along the sidewalks. The Chrysler Building is prominent on the right side of the street. The text "Tusk Holdings" is overlaid in large white letters.

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Whether it's capital, expertise, or creativity, we help the startups we invest in, the companies we work for, and the causes we believe in break through regulatory barriers and operate at full speed.



*Thank you everyone at
Van Cortlandt Park Alliance
and NYC Parks
for all the work you do
in Van Cortlandt Park.*

Congratulations to the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance on the occasion of its annual celebration of Van Cortlandt Park and the organization's accomplishments in New York City and The Bronx throughout the years. We want to express our deep appreciation to the staff for their hard work and thank the Board members for their unwavering commitment.

Best of luck to Commissioner Silver – your leadership has been the foundation of our success. We are sorry we are unable to celebrate with you but look forward to seeing everybody in the park soon.

**WITH LOVE,
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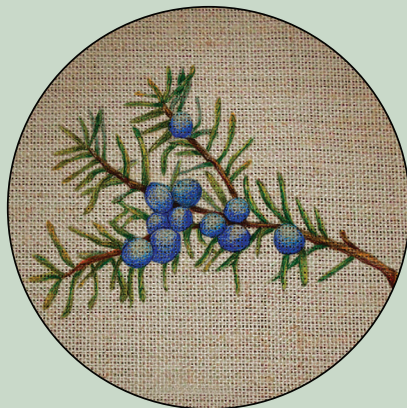
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