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DCR CELEBRATES REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS AT KELLY OUTDOOR SKATING RINK IN JAMAICA PLAIN

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) today celebrated recent repairs and improvements at the Kelly Outdoor Skating Rink in Jamaica Plain.

“Skating outdoors is one of winter’s true pleasures,” said DCR Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan Jr. “We are delighted to have been able to upgrade the Kelly Rink, and ensure full accessibility, for all who enjoy this sport.”

The celebration is Saturday, December 19, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the Kelly Rink, 1 Marbury Terrace near the Stonybrook T stop in Jamaica Plain.

The \$800,000 rehabilitation, financed through DCR’s capital budget, includes a new concrete surface in the rink, new restroom and warming trailers, an upgraded rental trailer, and new handicapped-accessible ramps. In past years, refrigeration piping under the rink occasionally froze and cracked. The new concrete surface will prevent that from happening.

Bay State Contracting Co. Inc. in Pembroke and Modulease Corp. in North Attleboro did the work.

“We are thrilled that DCR has invested so many resources and so much energy into rehabilitating the Kelly Rink,” said Steve Glickel, president of the Friends of Kelly Rink. “We are looking forward to a great season.”

The Kelly Rink is DCR’s only outdoor skating rink.

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