



The Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside

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Re: Tennis Bubbles in Central Park, NYC

To whom it may concern:

Residents of Riverside, Illinois are privileged in that their community is a National Historic Landmark District. Our good fortune comes from the fact that Frederick Law Olmsted was the landscape architect of our idyllic community. Olmsted believed that in order to have a rich and fulfilling life, one needed to be surrounded by nature. It is as true today as ever. When creating our community, he set off to retain the most desirable views, vistas, and properties for the common good. The idea being that the residents would meet as equals in our "Commons." Common parkland was still a new concept at the time. Central Park is the quintessential ideal of the democratizing effect of mixing the classes in open accessibility to parks as opposed to private fenced parks which were common at the time.

The bubbles are the equivalent of fences.

The Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside disagrees with the concept of the tennis bubbles for these reasons.

1. Only the wealthy will be able to afford the fees.
2. The bubbles are not attractive structures and will detract from the beauty of Central Park.
3. The proposed heating system is an environmental threat.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Kim Jacobs

President

Frederick Law Olmsted Society

The Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside is dedicated to sustaining Olmsted's vision for Riverside for generations to come. Its members are guided by his concern for humanity, nature, sense of community and the innovative and thoughtful essence of his work. The Olmsted Society invites residents and visitors to join us in learning, protecting the environment, and preserving our cultural and physical heritage.



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