

City To Open 18th And 19th Playgrounds Here Next Week

Opening of Columbia's 18th and 19th playgrounds next week was announced today by Councilman Fred D. Marshall, head of the parks and playgrounds department.

These new playgrounds will be opened near Gonzales Gardens and Allen-Benedict court, the city's newest low cost housing projects.

Mr. Marshall pointed out that the playgrounds would not be for the exclusive use of tenants of the two housing projects but that children living in the vicinity would also be given use of the playgrounds.

Deluxe equipment including, two styles of swings, large and small, basketball courts, a volley ball court, a soft ball field, sand boxes, shelters, large and small slides, see-saw, a gym set, an enclosed merry-go-round and an octagonal

climb-a-round, has been installed in the Gonzales Gardens playgrounds and similar equipment will be installed in the Allen-Benedict court playground.

In addition to the playground activities, which are being supervised by WPA recreational directors, schools for pre-school age children, 3 to 6, are being conducted at the two projects by the WPA.

Mr. Marshall explained that the city's entire playground program had been placed under the national defense program in order that the WPA personnel might continue work at the various parks and playgrounds.

The councilman pointed out that soldiers who have families living here should send their children to the parks and playgrounds to participate in the activities.