



The Long History of Labor Day in America

By US Department of Labor

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

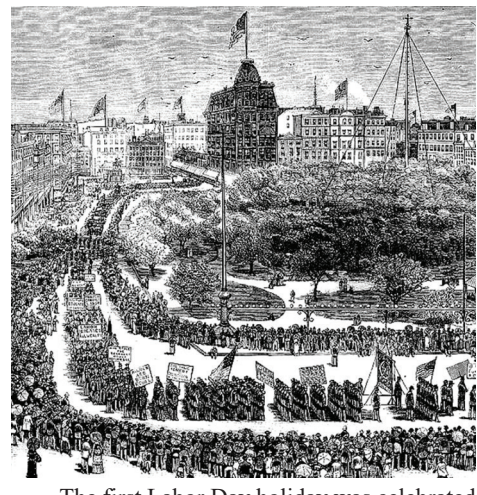
Through the years, the nation gave increasing emphasis to Labor Day. The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. From these, a movement developed to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During the year, four more states—Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York—created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade, Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, twenty-three other states had adopted the holiday in honor of workers, and on June 28 of that year, congress passed an

act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

More than one hundred years after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers.

Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those “who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold.”

But Peter McGuire’s place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, New Jersey, proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear is that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.



The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September

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Bid Date: September 15, 2016

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Enhanced Stations Initiative Program, Package 1 MTA New York City Transit Contract No. A-36622A
Bid Date: September 22, 2016

Description of project:
The work will include making three stations on the Fourth Avenue Line, BMT, in the Borough of Brooklyn (Prospect Avenue Station, 53rd Street Station, and Bay Ridge Avenue Station) cleaner, brighter, and easier to navigate, by utilizing means such as improved lighting and more intuitive way-finding and providing amenities such as Wi-Fi and cellular connectivity. This will involve architectural finishes (including painting and signage), structural repair and modifications, electrical (including lighting, communications, and technology) and mechanical work, as well as architectural and engineering services and surveying. There is also a required industrial design associated with station furniture and architectural elements and components to be installed within these stations.

Subcontracting opportunities include, but are not limited to:
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Bid Date: September 27, 2016

Description of project:
Design build rehabilitation and repair of the Henry Hudson Bridge’s skewbacks, viaduct piers, and lower level north abutment.

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