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## Time Flies... Right Back to Riis Park

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What a treat to watch them put the clock back up at Riis Park on the morning of June 5, 2019. The history I learned from Scott Kreilick (President and CEO of Kreilick Conservation, the company that restored the clock) was quite interesting and worth sharing. This company has been in business for over 20 years and restores monuments throughout the U.S.

The clock is 19-feet tall and was built by the Howard Watch Company in 1891 (some say it was built by the Wise Jewelry Store in Brooklyn) and moved to Riis Park in 1941.

The Kreilick Conservation company replaced all the existing crystals and inner workings of the clock, as well as the clock dials, backlighting the dials with LED illumination (now the clock will light up at night). The clock has been repainted and gilded with gold leaf on its accent pieces. All four clock faces will now tell the correct time.

Just for fun, if you YouTube "Commercial Cracker Jacks w Jack Gilford 1967," you will see two children buying Cracker Jacks from Jack Gilford at a concession stand at Riis Park near the clock and you will see the clock in the video.

So when you walk, run, bike or sit close by the beautifully restored, "Wise Clock" at Riis Park, know that it holds another Riis Park history story worth passing on.