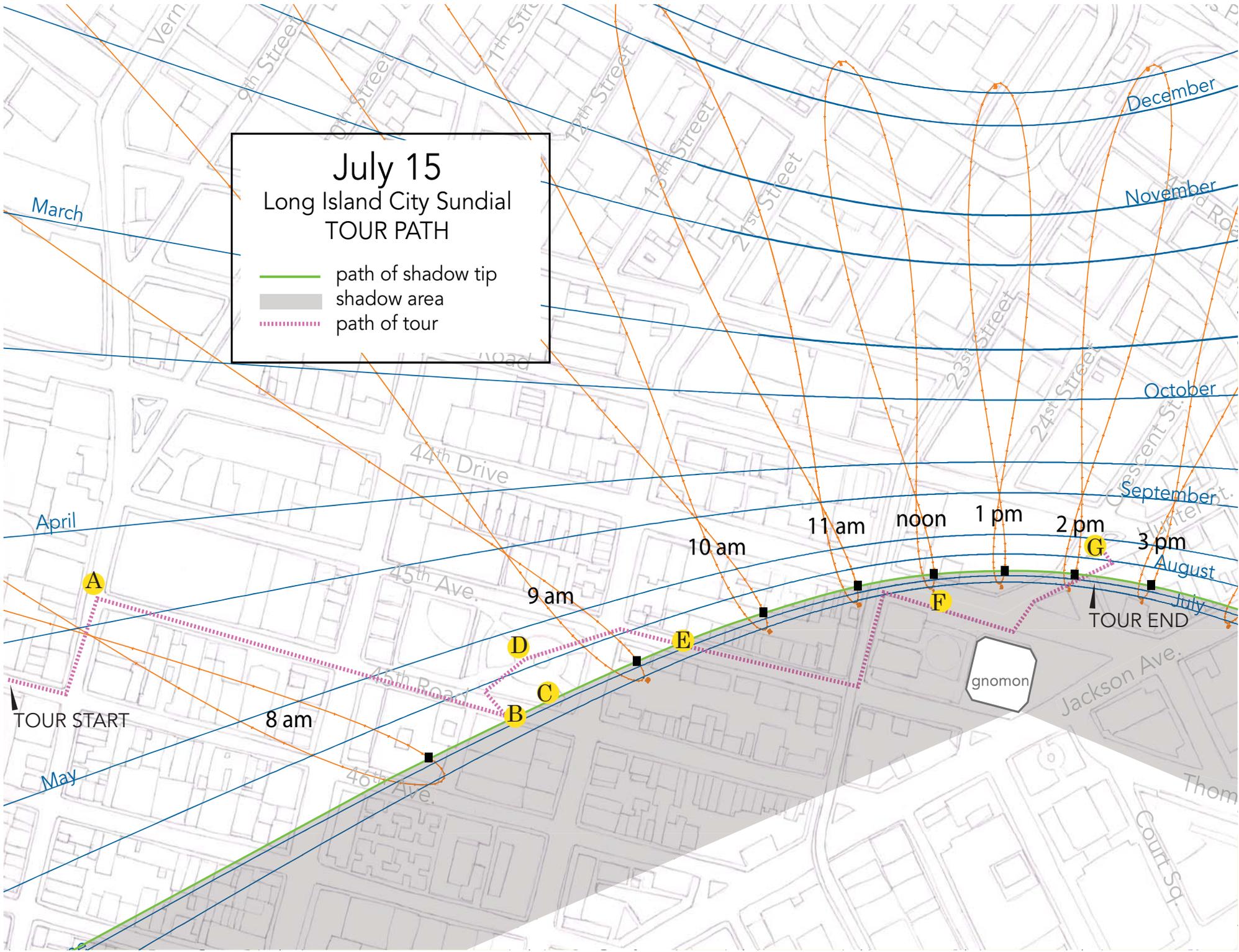


**July 15**  
Long Island City Sundial  
TOUR PATH

- path of shadow tip
- shadow area
- ⋯ path of tour



**A** Walking from **A** to **B** roughly follows the change in the shadow length at 8:20 am between April 12 and July 15

**B** the tip of the shadow reaches this point at 8:25 am on July 15. Crossing the street to point **C**, there is an unobstructed view of the sundial's gnomon.

**C** the point where the shadow reaches at 8:30 am on July 15 is marked by "Bigger Bird," a statue by Long Island City artist Dan Sinclair, installed in 1986. The 25' tall sculpture is made of welded steel piping and mesh, and is painted yellow and silver. Its interlocking triangular planes resemble "oversized origami," and suggest the wings of a bird. The artist was inspired by the children's educational program Sesame Street (filmed at nearby Kaufman Astoria Studios) as well as local neighborhood play areas. He commented: "This is serious sculpture with children in mind."

**D** Note surrounding Murray Playground, named on April 10, 1949 for John F. Murray (1889-1944), a lifetime Queens resident and a dedicated recreation supervisor for Queens parks. In 1978, Parks received grants from the Community Development Act and the Heritage, Conservation and Recreation Services for improvements; the park was renovated in 1979-1980 and again in 1996. One of just a handful of Parks and Parks facilities named for former "Parkies," Murray Playground fills a vital role in providing for the recreational needs of the community and is an optimal spot for viewing the gnomon.

**E** For the first time the tour crosses into the area covered by the shadow's path on June 15. Note the buildings on historic block and indicated by local markers.

**F** Tour encounters zone designated by locals as the "Court Square Wind Tunnel," which channels eastward breezes off the river in unforeseen ways. Winds here have been known to lift pedestrians off their feet and propel them through the air.

**G** Tour passes through the spot marking the shadow's position at 2 pm and concludes at local small sundial, memorializing four local residents.