



BOROUGH BEAT

It's My Park!

On Saturday October 20, hundreds of volunteers at various locations throughout the Bronx came together for *It's My Park! Day*, a semi-annual event coordinated by Parks & Recreation, City Parks Foundation and local community groups. Volunteers cleaned, painted and planted 36 parks and playground sites including Williamsbridge Oval, St. Mary's and Brust Parks.

In honor of *Million Trees NYC* and thanks to generous funding provided by Prince Albert of Monaco, volunteers also planted a Living Memorial Grove of 2,000 trees in Ferry Point Park, in memory of the victims of 9/11. Thanks to all the volunteers for their support.

See you in the parks!



Adrian Benepe,
Commissioner

Hector Aponte,
Bronx Commissioner

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Big Bird joined the festivities in the Bronx as Bette Midler and Mayor Bloomberg plant Tree #1 to kick off *Million Trees NYC*.

Photo: Daniel Avila

CITYWIDE SPOTLIGHT

Something big is taking root...

On October 9, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and New York Restoration Project Founder Bette Midler planted Tree #1 in the Morrisania section of the Bronx to launch *Million Trees NYC*, a citywide, public-private initiative with an ambitious goal: to plant and care for one million new trees across the city's five boroughs over the next decade.

Part of Mayor Bloomberg's PlaNYC—the most extensive plan to strengthen an urban environment ever undertaken by an American city—*Million Trees NYC* will expand New York City's urban forest, with a special focus on neighborhoods with too few trees and high rates of asthma. One million new trees will bring cleaner air, less pollution, higher property values, beautiful landscapes and a cooler city.

HOW CAN I HELP?

- **PLANT** a tree in your yard or request a free street tree from the Parks Department.
- **PROTECT** and **PRESERVE** by volunteering to plant or care for trees.
- **PARTICIPATE** by educating your family, friends and colleagues about trees.

For more information, visit
www.milliontreesnyc.org or call 311.

CALENDAR

Fall Foliage

PELHAM BAY PARK

November 4 - 2:00 p.m.

Veterans Picture Display

WILLIAMSBRIDGE OVAL
RECREATION CENTER

November 10 - 9:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Celebration

HUNTS POINT RECREATION CENTER

November 21 - 7:00 p.m.

Rock Hounding

VAN CORTLANDT PARK

December 2 - 2:00 p.m.

Annual Winter Family Day

PELHAM BAY PARK

December 8 - 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

OWEN DOLEN GOLDEN AGE CENTER

December 14 - 5:00 p.m.

Candlelight Tours of

Van Cortlandt House

VAN CORTLANDT MANSION

December 15 - 4:00 p.m.

Bronx Arts Ensemble:

Holiday Music Concert

PELHAM BAY PARK

December 16 - 12:00 p.m.



What's going on
in my park this weekend?

How do I request
a tree for my street?

How can I report
a problem in a park?

For answers
to these questions and more,
visit www.nyc.gov/parks
or call 311.



and Minsuk Cho. The diverse collection of art displays is complemented by a retrospective overview in the Arsenal Gallery and an accompanying booklet with a comprehensive history, photographs and timeline.

Four projects have found a home in Bronx parks—a lighthouse-like sculpture on the banks of Barretto Point Park, a group project at Wave Hill inspired by Mark Twain and Edgar Allan Poe, a monument base where visitors are invited to become the art at Joyce Kilmer Park and a colorful coil floating on the lake at Van Cortlandt Park.

This outdoor gallery is free and open to the public. Most works will be on display through December 2007. Please visit www.nyc.gov/parks for further details and maps.

Bronx Boogie by Michael Milton on the lake in Van Cortlandt Park. Photo: Malcolm Pinckney.

DID YOU KNOW?

In the next decade, Parks & Recreation will be planting more than 50,000 street trees, free-of-charge, on sidewalks in front of homes, apartment buildings, and businesses throughout the Bronx. If you know of a good location (or if you want to plant one yourself), visit www.milliontreesnyc.org or call 311.

CURRENT EVENTS



Kids try out new play equipment at the August ribbon cutting on \$1.45 million in renovations at Webster Playground.
Photo: Malcolm Pinckney.



Parks Employee John Muhlfeld tends to Tree #1 in a Million. Photo: Daniel Avila.