



BOROUGH BEAT

It's My Park!

On Saturday October 20, hundreds of volunteers at various locations throughout Brooklyn came together for *It's My Park! Day*, a semi-annual event coordinated by Parks & Recreation, City Parks Foundation and local community groups. Volunteers participated in clean up and planting projects, free events and enjoyed their parks.

This year featured a special emphasis on trees in honor of Million Trees NYC. Volunteers planted 10,000 trees in one day and participated in many tree related activities across the five boroughs. In Brooklyn, major projects took place at sites including Fort Greene Park, Kaiser Park, Prospect Park and Four Sparrows Marsh. Thanks to all the volunteers for their support.

See you in the parks!



Adrian Benepe,
Commissioner

Julius Spiegel,
Brooklyn 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

Early Birding

MARINE PARK, SALT MARSH
NATURE CENTER

November 3 - 8:00 a.m.

NYC Marathon Watching

VARIOUS PARKS

November 4 - 10:00 a.m.

Ice Skating Opens for the Season on Thanksgiving Day!

WOLLMAN RINK & FLOWER GARDEN

November 22 - 10:00 a.m.

Winter on a Flatbush Farm

THE ZOO, LEFFERTS HOMESTEAD
CAROUSEL

November 23 - 1:00 p.m.

Christmas Bird Count

LULLWATER & BOATHOUSE

December 15 - 8:00 a.m.

New Year's Fireworks

GRAND ARMY PLAZA

December 31 - 11:00 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.

FEATURE OF THE MONTH



Art in the Parks: Celebrating 40 Years

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of its public art program, Parks & Recreation presents 40 temporary art installations at parks throughout the five boroughs. *Art in the Parks: Celebrating 40 Years* welcomes installations by George Rickey and Tony Smith, who had exhibits in 1967, as well as others such as Tom Otterness, George Sánchez-Calderón, Arthur Simms, Anne Peabody 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.

Ten projects have found a home in Brooklyn parks—from a replica of the Loch Ness Monster at the Salt Marsh Nature Preserve in Marine Park and large sculptures of tree roots in Prospect Park to fiber optic, glowing grasses at Brooklyn Bridge Park and a larger-than-life wasps' nest that has fallen from its tree in Fort Greene 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.

The Third Bridge by Osman Akan in Brooklyn Bridge Park. Photo: Kelly Barrie.

DID YOU KNOW?

In the next decade, Parks & Recreation will be planting more than 70,000 street trees, free-of-charge, on sidewalks in front of homes, apartment buildings, and businesses throughout Brooklyn. If you know of a good location (or if you want to plant one yourself), visit www.milliontreesnyc.org or call 311.

CURRENT EVENTS



Urban Park Ranger graduates and award recipients gather outside the Prospect Park Picnic House. Photo: Daniel Avila.



Students from the International School of Brooklyn sing the American and French national anthems at the restored Lafayette Monument in Prospect Park. Photo: Daniel Avila.