



## BOROUGH BEAT

### Riverside Alive!

During October, Parks & Recreation and the Riverside Park Fund celebrated *Riverside Alive!*, a festival featuring free community events celebrating Riverside Park's 1937 expansion under Parks Commissioner Robert Moses. Events included a groundbreaking at Soldiers and Sailors Monument Plaza, the opening of Serpentine Promenade, and Mayor Bloomberg breaking ground on construction of the park's crucial waterfront greenway link, the Riverwalk. Opened in 1880, Riverside Park was significantly expanded and improved in the 1930s, growing by 132 acres. By 1937, it featured new playgrounds, promenades, and athletic facilities as well as the rotunda and the 79th Street Boat Basin.

See you in the parks!



**Adrian Benepe,**  
Commissioner

**Bill Castro,**  
Manhattan 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](http://www.milliontreesnyc.org) or call 311.

**Presentation in the Parlor**  
**MERCHANT'S HOUSE MUSEUM**  
 Thursdays - 3:00 p.m.

**Heather Garden Walking Tours**  
**FORT TRYON PARK**  
 Sundays - 1:00 p.m.

**It's My Park! Day @ John Jay Park**  
**JOHN JAY PARK & POOL**  
 November 1 - 4:00 p.m.

**Mike Feller's Inwood Nature Walks**  
**INWOOD HILL PARK**  
 November 3 & 10 - 8:00 a.m.

**Tree-mendous Hike!**  
**CENTRAL PARK**  
 November 3 - 12:00 p.m.

**Urban Starfest!**  
**CENTRAL PARK**  
 November 10 - 6:30 p.m.

**Commemoration of the  
 Battle of Fort Washington**  
**FORT TRYON PARK**  
 November 11 - 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](http://www.nyc.gov/parks)  
 or call 311.

## Art in the Parks: Celebrating 40 Years



To celebrate the 40th anniversary of its temporary public art program, Parks & Recreation presents 40 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 public art installations is

complemented by a retrospective overview in the Arsenal Gallery and an accompanying booklet with a comprehensive history, photographs and timeline.

Twenty projects have found a home in Manhattan parks—from a thermal-optic camera that shows different views of the Bowling Green Park at the southern tip of the island to a Large Sad Sphere in the recognizable Tom Otterness style at Hudson River Park and an iconic work by Tony Smith at Carl Schurz Park...and everything in between. 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](http://www.nyc.gov/parks) for further details and maps.

Large Sad Sphere by Tom Otterness in Hudson River Park. Photo: Clare Weiss.

## DID YOU KNOW?

In the next decade, Parks & Recreation will be planting more than 20,000 street trees, free-of-charge, on sidewalks in front of homes, apartment buildings, and businesses throughout Manhattan. If you know of a good location (or if you want to plant one yourself), visit [www.milliontreesnyc.org](http://www.milliontreesnyc.org) or call 311.

## CURRENT EVENTS



Students from Lycee Francais commemorate the Marquis de Lafayette's 250th birthday in Union Square Park by singing the French national anthem, "La Marseillaise."  
 Photo: Daniel Avila.



Kids celebrate as Mayor Bloomberg breaks ground on the new Riverwalk in Riverside Park. Photo: Malcolm Pinckney.