



BOROUGH BEAT

Memorials in Parks

Throughout the city, 1,200 monuments remind us of the people and events that have shaped our world. The most recent addition to this outdoor collection is the Korean War Veteran's Memorial in Flushing's Kissena Park. The commemorative memorial plaza and sculpture honor the forgotten heroes of the Korean War and the 1953 cease-fire that ended military engagement. The bronze sculpture is a larger-than-life solitary soldier with the silhouettes of five soldiers behind him. The surrounding plaza was designed with landscaping reminiscent of both Korea and the United States. It's just one more way that parks help us remember our past.

See you in the parks!



Adrian Benepe,
Commissioner

Dorothy Lewandowski,
Queens 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.

There's a Lot in Fort Totten
FORT TOTTEN PARK
 Daily - 1:00 p.m.

2007 Emerging Artist Fellowship Exhibition
SOCRATES SCULPTURE PARK
 Daily

Fall Bird Migration and Census
WILLOW LAKE, MAURO PLAYGROUND
 November 3 - 10:00 a.m.

Nuts About Squirrels
FORT TOTTEN PARK
 November 3 - 11:00 a.m.

Hands-on-History: Board Games
RUFUS KING PARK
 November 3,10,17,24 - 1:00 p.m.

Wine Tasting at King Manor Museum
RUFUS KING PARK
 November 29 - 6:00 p.m.

Holiday Happening
FOREST PARK HEADQUARTERS
 December 1 - 11:00 a.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.

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.

Three projects have found a home in Queens parks—a modified but functional bench at Court Square Park, the annual exhibition of emerging artists at Socrates Sculpture Park and a site-specific group project at Rufus King Manor 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.

Modified Social Bench I by Jeppe Hein in Court Square Park. Photo: courtesy of the artist.

DID YOU KNOW?

Before 1986, Socrates Sculpture Park in Long Island City was an abandoned landfill and illegal dumpsite. But a coalition of artists and community members transformed it into an open studio and exhibition space for artists and a neighborhood park for local residents... the only one of its kind in the New York metropolitan area.

CURRENT EVENTS



At the Bocce finals in Juniper Valley Park, teams from Queens clinched first and second place in the 13th Annual Citywide Bocce Tournament. The Devils won first place and Team Adriatica second place. Photo: NYC Parks & Recreation.



This summer and fall, thousands of kids enjoyed several performances of the puppet show "The Prince, the Emperor and the Duck" at Baisley Pond Park, presented by Parks and CityParks Foundation. Photo: Susan Friedman.