



BOROUGH BEAT

Two Groundbreakings Kick Off Revitalization of Staten Island's North Shore

Parks Commissioner Adrian Benepe and Borough Commissioner Tom Paulo broke ground on the renovations at Tappen Park and Tompkinsville Park on Thursday, October 4. Both projects will be completed by the summer of 2008.

With funding provided by Council Member Michael McMahon, the reconstruction of both Tappen and Tompkinsville parks includes new landscaping, paving, benches, fencing and a decorative fountain. City Parks Foundation will create programming at the parks to make them come alive. Come visit!

See you in the parks!



Adrian Benepe,
Commissioner

Tom Paulo,
Staten Island 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.

Quiltmaking Class
LA TOURETTE PARK
& GOLF COURSE
 Thursdays - 7:30 p.m.

How Our Universe Began?
BLOOD ROOT VALLEY
(GREENBELT)
 November 4 - 2:00 p.m.

Park to Park: High Rock
to Heyerdahl Hill
HIGH ROCK PARK
 November 10 - 1:00 p.m.

Meet the Met
BLOOD ROOT VALLEY
(GREENBELT)
 November 10 - 1:00 p.m.

4th Annual Turkey Be Gone! Hike
BLOOD ROOT VALLEY
(GREENBELT)
 November 23 - 10:00 a.m.

Lenape Indian Hike
BLOOD ROOT VALLEY
(GREENBELT)
 November 25 - 1:00 p.m.



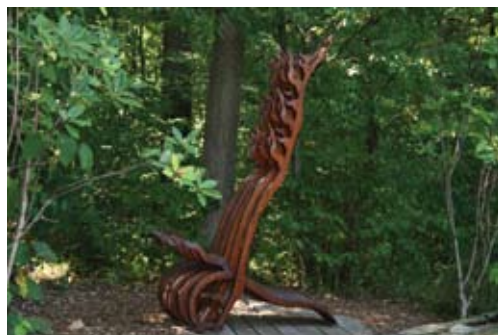
What's going on
 in my park this weekend?

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.

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.

Visit three different exhibits on Staten Island including the Tibetan Bench by Elizabeth Egbert at the Greenbelt Nature Center garden, Exploding Metal by Gudjon Bjarnason at the Snug Harbor Cultural Center and No Condition is Permanent by Tim Hetherington at the Alice Austen House.

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?

The soon-to-be-renovated Tappen Park has gone by many names. Originally built in the 1830s, it was known as Washington Square and later Stapleton Park after the surrounding commercial center famous for its breweries, thanks to a nearby natural spring. In 1934, it was renamed for World War I veteran James J. Tappen.

CURRENT EVENTS



Commissioner Benepe, Deputy Borough President Ed Burke, Council Member McMahon, and the City Parks Foundation dig into construction at Tappen Park along with kids from the Stapleton area. Photo: Malcolm Pinckney.



John Walsh, a participant in the "Kids on Stage" program of Staten Island Recreation, sings the National Anthem at the groundbreaking ceremony at Tompkinsville Park. Photo: Malcolm Pinckney.