



Along the Ridge



City of New York
Parks & Recreation

Forest & Highland Park

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Thanks for your support

We would like to thank the following for their support:

Council Member Eric Ulrich for sponsoring the Forest Park summer sports clinics.

Council Member Erik Martin Dilan, and State Senator Martin Malave Dilan for sponsoring the Highland Park summer sports clinics.

Con Edison for their \$10,000 donation for the Summer Youth Conservation Corp, where high school students will work on improving the park's natural areas.

Council Member Erik Martin Dilan for sponsoring our Highland Park Summer Concert Series.

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Volunteers Rock !



Volunteer groups are essential in helping our parks staff tackle tough maintenance projects and manage some of our facilities. In Forest & Highland Park, groups organized by our office, New York Cares, and Partnerships for Parks make a significant difference in improving problem areas. Their muscle and passion remove litter and dumped debris from the parks. They clear our hiking trails, remove leaf litter and plant thousands of spring flowering bulbs, shrubs and trees.

We also have local groups and individual volunteers, which take on the responsibility of starting up a park program or help to oversee a park facility. Their civic pride and dedication to your park have helped us to provide a dog run, community garden, youth tennis and other sports programs. These unsung heroes

spend their free time managing a program, and providing socially enriching and physically challenging park experiences. In Forest Park, Paul Toomey, the President of K9Korral, Inc, our dog run, works with his volunteer board in running this popular pooch place space, Frank Gallo, and his team at the Forest Park Runners club provides a weekly running program, organizes races and helps us with our 5K Fundraiser. In Highland Park, Louis Vasquez, Nayda Maymi and Nuala Gallagher, are part of the newly formed Children's Garden Coordinator's Committee. These folks volunteer their time to manage our community garden. Also, Dion Lachmanen runs a youth tennis program in Highland Park.

Share your passion for your park by organizing a group cleanup, support programming, and contribute to its sustainability.

Smoke-Free Parks & Beaches

Mayor Bloomberg signed a bill that prohibits smoking within New York City's parks, beaches and pedestrian plazas. The new law will take effect on May 23rd. By supporting this legislation, we welcome the chance to improve the beauty and health benefits of the city's public outdoor spaces. Parkies throughout the agency work hard to ensure that tens of millions of park users—New Yorkers and visitors alike—enjoy our public parks year round, and we hope this new legislation ensures an even healthier and cleaner experience at our parks and beaches. For more information, visit www.nyc.gov/parks or call 311.

Forest Park 5K Fundraiser



The Forest Park Trust 2nd annual 5K is scheduled for Sunday, October 2nd, 2011 from 10:00 am to 2:00pm.

The Forest Park 5K begins and ends at Victory Field and will start promptly at 9:00 am (rain or shine). The race will be professionally timed with all participants receiving a t-shirt, entry into a raffle with a variety of prizes, a goodie bag and an official time. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Awards will be given for: 1st Male & Female Overall, Top Male & Female Runners for ages 14 and under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 and over (no duplicate awards). Registration fee is \$14.00, \$16.00 for late registration.

To register please call Jonathan Matt at 718 235-4100 or go to the Parks web site at www.nyc.gov/parks.

FREE Stuff For Kids

SPORTS CLINICS at Highland Park

Sponsored by Council Member Erik Martin Dilan and Senator Martin Malave Dilan

All of the clinics run from July 11 to August 19

For youth age 7-14

Basketball: Tuesday & Thursday 11:00 – 1:00 at the Lower Highland basketball courts

Handball: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 11:00 – 1:00 at the Lower Highland handball courts

Soccer: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 - 11:00 at the Lower Highland new synthetic field

SPORTS CLINICS at Forest Park

Sponsored by Council Member Eric Ulrich

Skateboarding: Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 – 11:00 at the Forest Park skate park

Handball: Tuesday & Thursday 11:00 – 1:00 at Victory Field

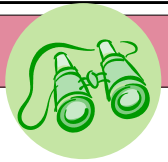
Basketball: Tuesday & Thursday 2:00 – 4:00 at Dry Harbor Playground

Karate: Wednesday 2:00 – 3:30 at Oak Ridge

Rent Oak Ridge

Oak Ridge is located on the southwestern corner of Forest Park, overlooking the Jamaica Plains. This unique facility is available for private events and parties. With two rooms to choose from and a maximum capacity of 120, your special occasion will be most memorable. This spring, we renovated the exterior of our facility and added new flowering shrubs. For a tour and more information, contact us at (718) 235-0684.

Out in the Field



The longer days leads to more time to enjoy your park and the sights and sounds of the season.

Spring blossoms develop into flowers and fruits. New insects hatch, find a home and places to nourish. Monarchs, painted ladies and swallowtail butterflies grace the landscape of the park while bees begin pollinating.



The May “warbler wave” fills the forest with darting birds such as the yellow-throat and chestnut sided warbler.



The summer songs of insects can be heard. Listen for the tinkling sound of the meadow cricket or the katydid.



Spring rains fill the parks ponds and wetlands where spring peepers, American toads, dragonflies, wood ducks, red-wing blackbirds and egrets await your arrival.