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A semiannual newsletter published by New York City Parks & Recreation highlighting the State elected officials who have supported improvements and renovations in the City's neighborhood parks and playgrounds.

Neighborhood parks are the heart of this city. Parks serve as the *Building Blocks* of communities--New Yorkers forge ties to enjoy and protect their shared public spaces. Recognizing the importance of safe, clean and well equipped neighborhood parks, we dedicate most of our resources to their operation. In many cases, our ability to do so depends upon the support of elected officials, who time and again demonstrate their commitment to their constituents by championing park renovations. With their support, we have the wherewithal to keep parks beautiful and to improve New York City's quality of life.

QUEENS BUILDING BLOCK PROFILES



Jeffrion L. Aubry: Assembly Member Aubry, 35th AD Queens, has been an advocate on behalf of park projects in his district. Assembly Member Aubry provided \$250,000 from the New York State Strategic Investment Program [SIP] to pay for the reconstruction of the Playground for All Children located in Flushing Meadows Corona Park. This commitment of funding allows for improvements to the park and rejuvenates the quality of life for young and old.



Michael Cohen: Assembly Member Cohen, 28th AD Queens, was advised of the hazardous conditions of the concrete sidewalk flags at Juniper Valley Park. He committed \$150,000 of State Multi-Modal funding to repair the sidewalks. The work has been completed and has enhanced the beauty and safety of the park.



Michael N. Gianaris: Assembly Member Gianaris, 36th AD, Queens, was successful in securing \$150,000 from the State Community Capital Assistance Program [CCAP] towards the acquisition and development of a park. The park will be named after Carlos Lillo, an Emergency Medical Services employee from Astoria who was killed on September 11, 2001. The acquisition of the land for the park is going through the necessary public hearing process. When completed, construction will begin immediately.



Serphin R. Maltese: State Senator Maltese, 15th SD Queens, has an outstanding record of funding Parks & Recreations projects and programs for his constituents. The Senator has committed State grants to fund repairs on the bandshell in Forest Park, the placement of Playground Associates in Juniper Valley Park and the purchase of a Recreation Van for the Queens Recreation Division. The Senator, in collaboration with Parks & Recreation is co-sponsoring the funding for the "Wake Up New York" obesity prevention program at Grover Cleveland Park. Through these efforts by Senator Maltese, Parks & Recreation has received over \$175,000 in State Grants.



Margaret Markey: Assembly Member Markey, 30th AD Queens, has been a champion of Queens' green spaces. Assembly Member Markey recognized the need for a refurbished running track in Windmuller Park and furnished \$275,000 in funding for that purpose. Assembly Member Markey also identified a need for space that could be devoted to music and arts performances and provided \$150,000 in funding for the construction of a concert stage, in Windmuller Park. The construction includes a concrete platform, decorative posts and electric service for amplifiers. Assembly Member Markey has generously supported Parks & Recreation projects and effectively addressed the needs of her constituency.



Brian McLaughlin: Assembly Member McLaughlin, 25th AD Queens, is a generous supporter of Parks & Recreation projects. Most notable of these projects was the installation of an aeration system in Bowne Park Lake. Assembly Member McLaughlin secured \$250,000 in Strategic Investment Program [SIP] Funding to solve an algae problem and keep the lake water clear. Bowne Park is now an environmentally, improved recreational space.



Frank Padavan: State Senator Padavan, 11th SD Queens, has a very favorable history as a supporter of Parks Projects. Recently, Senator Padavan was instrumental in securing approximately \$475,000 in State grant funding for site safety work to begin at Fort Totten. The project includes installation of handrails, lighting, paving signage and horticultural work. According to Senator Padavan, Fort Totten will become another jewel in the City Parks System for all to use and enjoy.



Audrey Pheffer: Assembly Member Pheffer, 23rd AD, Far Rockaway, is a committed advocate on behalf of Parks & Recreation projects. Assembly Member Pheffer has provided \$150,000 in Community Capital Assistance Program [CCAP] funding for the installation of custom play equipment and spray showers on Rockaway Beach between 103rd & 104th Streets. When the equipment and shower are installed, children and families will be able to use the play equipment and spray shower right on the beach.

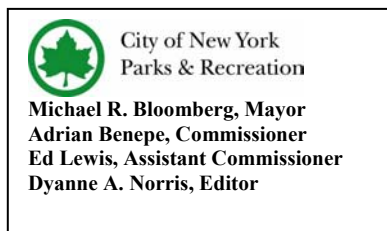


Mark Weprin: Assembly Member Weprin, 24th AD, Queens has brought beauty to the Vanderbilt Motor Parkway. Assembly Member Weprin has provided \$300,000 in multi modal funding to repave and landscape one half mile of the parkway as well as install new benches and lighting. This grant was one of the first multi-modal type grants approved for a Parks Project. Assembly Member Weprin is bringing about a beautiful revitalization to the area.

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It's My Park Day!



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