



BOROUGH BEAT

This fall, help **MillionTreesNYC** continue toward its goal of planting one million trees across New York City over the next eight years. Since 2007, nearly 250,000 trees have been planted by volunteers, private partners, community organizations and more. You can take part by joining us on October 24 when New Yorkers throughout the five boroughs plant 20,000 trees in parks and other public spaces for **It's My Park! Day**. Help make our city an even more beautiful and comfortable place to live, work, and visit. **See you in the Parks!**



Adrian Benepe,
Commissioner

Hector Aponte,
Bronx Commissioner

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



A member of the Melrose Community Center enjoys the newly renovated Melrose Playground. The \$1.6 million project was funded through the Croton Water Filtration Plant Mitigation Fund. The reconstructed park contains new play equipment that includes a climbing unit, teeter-totter and swings, chess and checker tables, and a spray shower.

Photo by Malcolm Pinckney

CITYWIDE SPOTLIGHT ⇒ School's In! Find a Parks Afterschool Program Near You!

On any afternoon, visit one of the 35 Parks Afterschool locations and you will see children ages 6 to 13 participating in a wide variety of recreational, cultural, and educational programs. Three thousand children in the City of New York are served by the Parks Afterschool Program between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, the time when school-aged children are most in need of being in safe, supportive environments. Parks Afterschool youth receive homework help, participate in fitness activities, and explore arts & culture opportunities. Parks Afterschool programs complement what children are learning in schools and strengthen their sense of belonging to the communities in which they live.

Registration is available from September through June. For more information about the **Parks Afterschool Program**, call **(212) 360-3333**. To register your child, contact your nearest recreation center.

Hunts Point
765 Manida Street

Owen Dolen
1400 Westchester Square

St. James
2530 Jerome Avenue

St. Mary's
450 East 145th Street

Williamsbridge Oval
3225 Reservoir Oval East

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Labor Day Fiesta

El Flamboyán Garden

Sat., September 5 • 3:00 p.m.

Tidal Paddle

Hunts Point Riverside Park

Sat., September 12 • 9:30 a.m.

Bronx Native American Festival

Pelham Bay Park

Sun., September 20 • 12:00 p.m.

Pedal and Paddle the Bronx River

Bronx River Park

Sat., October 3 • 9:00 a.m.

Party in the Pumpkin Patch

Grove Hill Playground

Sat., October 24 • 1:00 p.m.

It's My Park! Day

Citywide

Sat., October 24 • 9:00 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**.

Shape Up in Bronx Parks!

This fall, take advantage of Shape Up New York – a free fitness program for the whole family! Offered by the New York City Parks Department and the Department of Health, Shape Up New York is a fun, free activity offered at locations throughout the Bronx. Instructors will focus on flexibility, muscle strengthening and cardiovascular endurance. No pre-registration is required. For more information, **call 311** or visit BeFitNYC at www.nyc.gov/parks/befitNYC.

The program is offered at the following locations:

Hunts Point Recreation Center
765 Manida Street btw Spofford
& Lafayette
Ph: (718) 860-5544

St. Mary's Park
450 East 145th St. at St. Ann's Ave.
Ph: (718) 402-5155

St. James Recreation Center
2530 Jerome Avenue at 192nd Street
Ph: (718) 822-4271

Melrose Classic Center
286 E. 156th St. on Courtlandt &
Morris Ave.
Ph: (718) 665-7093

Roberto Clemente State Park
West Tremont & Mattewson Road
Ph: (718) 299-8750

DID YOU KNOW?

... You can now submit forestry service requests online! Log on to the Parks website to report a damaged or dead tree, request a new street tree, notify Parks of overgrown trees or branches, or let us know about an undesirable root, sewer, or sidewalk condition. Visit www.nyc.gov/parks to learn more!

CURRENT EVENTS



Legendary New York Knicks guard John Starks joins kids from the Sedgwick Community and Hunts Point Recreation Centers to celebrate improvements to Sedgwick Playground.

Photo by Daniel Avila



Sailboats prepare to launch from Hunts Point Riverside Park for a sail along the Bronx River.

Photo by Malcolm Pinckney