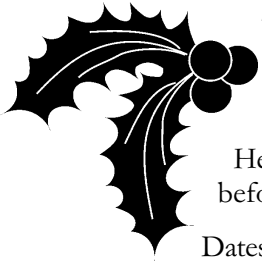




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CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH PARKS



Throughout the City, Friends of Parks groups, Civic Associations, and Parks & Recreation will be celebrating the holiday season with festive park events. Here is a listing of what we've heard about before going to press.

Dates and times are subject to change. Unless stated otherwise, events are tree lightings. For more information, please contact the Outreach Coordinators (listed below).

THE BRONX

Maria Luisa "Red Baron" Cipriano, 718-430-4641

Bronx County Courthouse: Tues., Dec. 14, 4:30 pm, sponsored by the Borough President.

Nelson Playground: Thurs., Dec. 16, 6:30 to 7 pm, sponsored by the **Friends of Nelson Playground**.

Seton Falls Park: Student holiday performances at MS 142, followed by a tree lighting in the park, Fri., Dec. 3, 6:30 pm, sponsored by the **Seton Falls Park Preservation Coalition**.

St. James Park: Mon., Dec. 20, 4 pm, singing by local school children, sponsored by the **Friends of St. James Park**.

St. Mary's Recreation Center: Fri., Dec. 3, 3:30 to 6 pm, sponsored by Parks & Recreation.

Williamsbridge Square: Sun., Dec. 12, 4 to 6 pm, sponsored by the **Northeast Bronx Community Cultural Committee**.

BROOKLYN

Chrisanne "Gollum" Wilks, 718-965-8902

Borough Hall: The Borough President is sponsoring a menorah lighting, Mon., Dec. 6, 5:30 pm and a tree lighting Thurs., Dec. 9, 5:30 pm.

Brighton Beach: Menorah lighting, Sun., Dec. 5, 5 to 7 pm, sponsored by **Brighton Beach District Mgmt. Association**.

Columbus Park: Menorah lighting, Fri., Dec. 3, and Sat., Dec. 11, time to be set, sponsored by **Chabad Lubavitch**.

Grand Army Plaza: Menorah lighting, Dec. 2 to Sun., Dec. 12, 5:30 to 6:15 pm, sponsored by the **Lubavitch Youth Org.**

McCarren Park: Sat., Dec. 4, 3 to 5 pm, sponsored by the **McCarren Park MOMs**.

Marine Park: Santa will grant wishes and give gifts to kids on Sat., Dec. 4, 11 am to 2 pm, sponsored by the **Marine Park Civic Association and Parks**.

Owl's Head Park: Sat., Dec. 4, 10 am, sponsored by the **Friends and Neighbors of Owl's Head Park**.

MANHATTAN

Jessica "Montana" Dodson, 212-408-0282

Bellevue South Park: Tues., Dec. 14, 4 to 7 pm, ornament making and decorating for children and music by the Jr. HS 104 band, sponsored by **Bellevue South Park Association**.

Carl Schurz Park: Sun., Dec. 19, time not yet set, including caroling, sponsored by the **Carl Schurz Park Association**.

Carmansville Playground: Tues., Dec. 14, 6:30 to 8 pm, including caroling, sponsored by the **West Harlem Art Fund**.

Courtney Callender Playground: Fri., Dec. 10, 7 to 8 pm, sponsored by **Citizens for Courtney Callender Playground**.

City Hall Park: Mayor Giuliani kicks off the holiday season with the city's annual tree lighting at the newly reopened City Hall Park. Tues., Dec. 7, 5 pm.

DeWitt Clinton Park: The Manhattan Botanical Garden is sponsoring caroling, Sat., Dec. 4, 4 to 5 pm.

Donnellan Square and Convent Garden: Fri., Dec. 10, 6 to 7:30 pm, including caroling in Donnellan Square followed by a holiday celebration in Convent Garden, sponsored by the **Convent Neighborhood Association** and the **West Harlem Community Preservation Organization**.

Duffy Square: Wed., Dec. 8, 5 to 6:30 pm., in the heart of Times Square.

Fred Samuel Playground: Join **Save a Park to Save a Child** for a Christmas pageant, hot chocolate and gifts for kids. Sat., Dec. 18, 6:30 pm to 9 pm.

Jackie Robinson Park: Fri., Dec. 17, 4 to 7 pm, "Lights of Hope" with music, food, caroling and tree lighting, sponsored by **Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement**.

Johnny Hartman Plaza: Thurs., Dec. 9, 7 to 8 pm, caroling, sponsored by the **West Harlem Art Fund**. Mon., Dec. 13, 6:30 to 7:30 pm, tree lighting and a chorale and musical ensemble, sponsored by the **West Harlem Community Preservation Organization**.

Marcus Garvey Park: Holiday bazaar, sponsored by **Mount Morris Park Community Improvement Association**, Sat., Dec. 11, 11 am to 4:30 pm, and tree lighting 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Montefiore Park: Tree-lighting, followed by speakers and music, sponsored by the **Montefiore Park Neighborhood Association**. Wed., Dec. 8, 6:30 to 8 pm.

St. Nicholas Park: Fri., Dec. 10, 6 to 8 pm, including Kwanza celebration, sponsored by the **Friends of St. Nicholas Park**.

Tompkins Square Park: Sun., Dec. 12, 4 to 5:30 pm, including hot chocolate and music from Theater for the New City and Third Street Music Settlement, sponsored by the **Tompkins Square Neighborhood Coalition**.

QUEENS

Eileen "Funny Girl" Stasny Remor, 718-520-5948

Borough Hall: Tues., Dec. 14, 4 pm, including caroling, sponsored by the Borough President.

Baisley Pond Park: Fri., Dec. 17, 7 pm, including gifts for kids, refreshments, and caroling for all, sponsored by **Neighborhood Housing Services of Jamaica**.

Forest Park: Thurs., Dec. 9, 6 pm, in Dry Harbor Playground.

Flushing Meadows-Corona Park: Games, roller blading, holiday craft making, music, and refreshments, at Playground for all Children in FMCP. Sat., Dec. 18. 718-263-1163.

Sorrentino Recreation Center: Recreation's Holiday Dance Performance, Sat., Dec. 18, at P.S. 197. 718-471-4818.

STATEN ISLAND

Loretta "Quill" Quinn, 718-815-7194

Borough Hall: Fri., Dec. 10, 10 am, including singing by local school children, sponsored by the Borough President.

Cromwell Recreation Center: Fri., Dec. 17, 4 pm, tree lighting ceremony and performance by "Kids on Stage."



CLEAN-UP DAY WRAP UP

Lovely fall weather graced us on October 16 for Parks & Recreation's annual fall Clean-Up Day. Over 4,000 of you helped clean, paint, and plant bulbs at more than 200 parks citywide. All participants were eligible for a drawing, and we are pleased to announce the grand prize winners: Fay Parkinson, of Grovehill Playground in the Bronx will enjoy a **Patagonia Jacket**. Girism Kunapareddy of Asser Levy Park in Brooklyn and Zaki Fewfik of Clinton Community Garden in Manhattan will enjoy **Chelsea Piers Passes**. Yasuyo Susa of El Jardin del Paraiso in Manhattan; Lisa Frisbee of Middle Village Playground in Queens; Michael Marx of M'Finda Kalunga Garden in Manhattan; Denise Gillen of City Hall Park in Manhattan; and Albert Alvarez of Crotona Malls in the Bronx will enjoy tickets to Broadway's **Kat and The Kings**. Arnold Lim of White Playground in Staten Island; Jane David of Crotona Park in the Bronx; George Clardy of Mt. Hope Park in the Bronx; Robin Hamer of Poe Park in the Bronx; and Maile Losgar of MacNeil Park in Queens will enjoy tickets to Broadway's **Jekyll & Hyde**.

Scores more won movie passes, Kenneth Cole bags, and "It's My Park!" T-shirts and mugs. Special thanks to our raffle prize sponsors **TMG Marketing and Publicity; Patagonia; Chelsea Piers;** and **Kenneth Cole** and our 1999 Clean-Up Day sponsors **Keeper Springs, 98.7 Kiss-FM, La Mega 97.9-FM, Amor 93.1-FM, Wendy's,** and **Home Depot** for their support.

HELPFUL NUMBERS

<i>Partnerships for Parks</i>	212-360-1310
To volunteer or to join your local parks group:	212-360-1357
For recorded information about special events:	888-NY-PARKS
To report graffiti, vandalism, or crime:	800-201-PARK

www.nycparks.org

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Partnerships for Parks believes that parks are essential to the life of New York City, and that community involvement is essential to the life of a park. We work to start, strengthen, and support neighborhood park groups; to link them together so that they can learn from each other and be stronger collectively; and to promote parks in general so that people will be more likely to join in efforts to restore and preserve them.

Tim (Sailfish) Tompkins, Director

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PARTNERS OF THE MONTH

October's Partners of the Month display a collection of talents and experience, from gardening to community organizing to education. Every month *Partnerships for Parks* holds a luncheon with Commissioner Stern at which he presents certificates of appreciation to the "Partners of the Month" for their outstanding efforts. He also meets with representatives from other park groups at this informal luncheon setting. October's Partner from Manhattan, **Valerie "The Amaryllis" Bradley**, is an energetic and skilled community organizer, and the first Executive Director for the Mount Morris Park Community Improvement Association. She has been instrumental in the effort to expand and modernize the fitness room at Pelham Fritz Recreation Center in **Marcus Garvey Park** through organizing a fundraising event in the park and attracting local sponsors for the event. She also coordinates the Association's Historic Homes Tour, which brings an ever increasing number of visitors to the neighborhood, and the park. Her talents for engaging local stores, businesses, and residents in park issues is an example of the benefits of building business partnerships.

Thanks to everyone who makes a difference in New York City parks, and a special thanks to all of the outstanding October "Partners of the Month," listed below!

OCTOBER PARTNERS OF THE MONTH:

Bronx: **Charles "The Fox" Kearse**, Friends of Crotona Park, Crotona Park

Brooklyn: **Michael "Mussel Beach" McNally**, A Bandana for Mickey Markapopolos, Manhattan Beach

Manhattan: **Valerie "The Amaryllis" Bradley**, Mount Morris Park Community Improvement Association, Marcus Garvey Park

Queens: **Imitaz "Pigeon" Choudahari**, The Center for Children & Families, Inc., Rufus King Park

Staten Island: **Aurora Ocampo**, United Asian Lions Club, Egbert Square



GRANT DEADLINES

January 1, 2000: City Parks Foundation Quarterly Grants Program.

Supports projects developed by community groups for parks and playgrounds with grants of up to \$5,000. Call 212-360-8121 for an application.

Not yesterday I learned to know
The love of bare November days
Before the coming of the snow,
But it were vain to tell her so,
And they are better for her praise.

— Robert Frost, "My November Guest", 1913

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