



HOLIDAY EVENTS

Every New Yorker knows that the holiday season has officially begun when the Mayor lights the City's Christmas tree at **City Hall Park**, December, pm to pm. And each year, thousands of you brave the cold to witness it in person. What you may not know is that the lighting at City Hall is only the first of many public holiday events across the five boroughs. Here's all the events we've heard about before going to press:

Unless otherwise stated, events are tree lightings.

THE BRONX

Borough Hall, December, pm to pm, sponsored by the Borough President.

BROOKLYN

Borough Hall: The Borough President's office sponsors a tree lighting Thursday, December 10, 5:30 pm, and a menorah lighting, Monday, December 14th, 5:30 pm.

Marine Park: Saturday, December 12, noon to 3 pm, sponsored by the ****Marine Park Civic Association****.

MANHATTAN

Alice Korngay Triangle: Saturday, December 19, 4 pm to 6 pm, sponsored by **East Harlem Triangle**.

Bowling Green: December, pm to pm, sponsored by the **Bowling Green Association**.

Broadway Malls at 136th Street: Wednesday, December 9, 6 pm to 7 pm, sponsored by the **Montifiore Park Neighborhood Association**.

Donnellan Square: Friday, December 11, 6:30 pm to 7 pm, sponsored by the **Hamilton Heights-West Harlem Community Preservation Organization**.

Father Fagan Square: sponsored by the **Charlton Street Block Association**.

First Park: sponsored by the **First Street Block Association**.

Jackie Robinson Park: Friday, December 18, 5 pm to 7 pm, sponsored by **Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement**, featuring carolling and surprises for children!

Johnny Hartman Square: Thursday, December 10, 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm, sponsored by the **Hamilton Heights-West Harlem Community Preservation Organization**.

Madison Square Park: Wednesday, December 16, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm, the **23rd Street Association** hosts holiday music from the Gramercy Brass Band, singing by children from the McBurney YMCA and a visit from St. Nick.

St. Nicholas Park (of course!): December, pm to pm, sponsored by **City College**.

Tompkins Square Park: December, pm to pm, sponsored by the **East Village Parks Conservancy**.

Union Square Park: December, pm to pm, sponsored by the **14th Street BID**.

Washington Square Park: Tuesday, December 8, 6 pm, sponsored by the **Washington Square Association**. Also: Thursday, December 24, 5 pm, carolling with the NYU Brass Ensemble at the Arch.

QUEENS

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Baisley Pond Park: **Neighborhood Housing Services of Jamaica** throws it's "Old Fashioned Christmas", Friday, December 11, 7 pm, corner of Basiley Blvd. and Lakeview Lane.

Bowne Park: The Winter Holiday Party for children, featuring games, facepainting, crafts, Santa and more takes place Saturday, December 19, 12 pm to 4 pm.

Flushing Meadows-Corona Park: FMCP is organizing a toy and gift drive, to run from November 30th to December 22nd. 718-699-8283.

Forest Park: A Holiday Concert, which includes storytelling, music and ornament-making, takes place Friday, December 11, 7 pm to 9 pm. Meet at Oak Ridge. Parking available at golf course.

Sorentino Recreation Center: Recreation sponsors free holiday events at the beach! The Holiday Dance Performance takes place Saturday, December 12, 4 pm; the Performance Project, Saturday, December 19 (time TBA); and the Double Dutch Tournament, December 29, 10 am. 718-471-4818.

STATEN ISLAND

Borough Hall: December, pm to pm, sponsored by the Borough President.

OCTOBER PARTNERS OF THE MONTH

Bronx: **Maria Pabon** helped establish the **Friends of Slattery Playground** to address her concerns about safety and physical conditions. The group now holds monthly meetings with the local police precinct to ensure necessary patrol, and has beautified the area with bulbs and new shrubery.

Brooklyn: **Merin Frazier** of the **Friends of Cooper Park** has been instrumental in motivating her Williamsburg neighbors to get involved. Under her leadership, the group has forged strong ties not only with Parks, but with key other community groups, and has addressed various issues, including how to reduce crime in the park.

Manhattan: As director of the **Morningside Area Alliance**, **Ann McIver** has strengthened ties between the diverse communities surrounding the park through the Common Ground Festival, which this year included performance from the Historic Harlem Parks Concert Series.

Queens: **Raymond Ally** and **Jamal Baksh** of **Agenda 21** are dedicated to the revitalization of their Richmond Hill community. As part of their effort, they staged a Park Awareness Day in **Smokey Oval Park**, which featured family entertainment and food donated by local businesses.

Staten Island: **Richard Ologu's** commitment has been vital to safety and up-keep of **Graniteville Park**. Not only does he open, close and clean the park every day, he is organizing a Friends of Graniteville Park group.

HELPFUL NUMBERS

Partnerships for Parks 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

Parks on the Web: www.nycparks.org

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 strengthen, support and start neighborhood park groups; link them together so that they can learn from each other and be stronger collectively; and promote parks in general so that people will be more likely to join in efforts to restore and preserve them.

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GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINES

January 1, 1999: City Parks Foundation Quarterly Grants Program. Grants for community groups that support their parks and playgrounds. 212-360-8181

January 31, 1999: Trust for Public Land - Neighborhood Open Space Management Grant Program.

Grants to help groups more effectively manage local open spaces in low-to moderate-income neighborhoods. 212-667-7171

February 9, 1999: Philanthropic Collaborative - Youth, Community Gardens, and the Urban Environment Grant Program. Grants for urban greening movement organizations and projects which involve young people and their families in efforts to convert abandoned lots into community gardens, science learning labs and open space learning centers. 212-649-5614

January/February, 1999: Citizens Committee for New York City - Neighborhood Environmental Action Program (NEAP). Funding for community groups that tackle environmental problems in low-income neighborhoods, including protection of local open space. Call 212-989-0909 now for applications.

Holy Mother Earth,
the trees and all nature,
are witness of your thoughts and deeds.

Winnebago Saying

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