



The Daffodil Project: Help Make New York City Bloom Again

In the aftermath of the World Trade Center attacks, thousands of New Yorkers are looking for ways to commemorate those lost while contributing to the city's emotional and physical rebirth. The City of New York/Parks & Recreation, the Parks Council, *Partnerships for Parks*, the City Parks Foundation, the Central Park Conservancy, and a consortium of parks groups have organized a living tribute to those who have died as a result of the terrorist acts of September 11, 2001.

This citywide initiative, **The Daffodil Project**, is a way for everyday New Yorkers to help create a recurring memorial and contribute to bringing forth a sense of renewal in our city. **We will plant one million daffodil bulbs** in parks, along highways, in community gardens, and in front of fire houses, police stations, libraries, and schools around the city, with thousands of volunteers tilling the soil. One million bulbs will bloom into fields of gold next spring and each spring that follows to reinvigorate and reflect New York City's collective spirit.

This initiative will be in full swing from **Clean Up Day, October 20, through Veteran's Day, November 11**, with special plantings organized by community groups,

schools, and corporations. We expect thousands of volunteers in hundreds of parks across the city to come out for this event.

Companies have already donated bulbs and money to purchase supplies such as trowels, gloves, and bags. In order to make this very special project extraordinary, we continue to seek both cash and in-kind donations. All gifts to the initiative are fully tax-deductible. To make a donation, please call Cynthia Vredenburg at **212.360.8186**.

Groups of fifteen or more can register to volunteer by logging onto **www.itsmypark.org** and printing and filling out the registration form. Fax your completed registration form to **212.360.1350**. Groups can also register by calling *Partnerships'* hotline at **212.360.1357**.

For individuals and smaller groups that wish to participate, please contact the Outreach Coordinator in your borough and you will be matched with a project:

- Bronx:** 718.430.4641 or 718.430.1861
- Brooklyn:** 718.965.8902 or 718.965.8992
- Manhattan:** 212.408.0214 or 212.408.0282
- Queens:** 718.520.5913 or 718.520.5948
- Staten Island:** 718.815.7194

Parks Groups Host Halloween Gatherings



Each year, community groups and the City of New York/Parks & Recreation organize events that transform parks and public spaces across the city into favorite Halloween hot spots. This year is no exception. The Halloween festivities hosted all over the city, like other park events, bring people together from all walks of life while encouraging park usership and helping to reinforce a sense of community.

Central Park's 7th annual Great Halloween Party, this country's largest Halloween event, transforms 40 park acres into grounds for celebration that includes costume making, a Haunted House, and Broadway entertainment. On Saturday, October 27th from 11:00am to 3pm, this all-city Great Party will serve as the centerpiece for all of the equally great celebrations happening in neighborhood parks across New York City.

One example is Fort Greene Park, one of five parks in *Partnerships'* Catalyst Project, which supports targeted efforts to increase local stewardship in neighborhood greenspaces, who will host the second annual Halloween Party on the 27th. The main event begins at 12pm, preceded by the Great "Pup-kins" Doggy Costume Contest at 11:30. Events like this are made possible through the efforts of The Fort Greene Park Conservancy, Parks & Recreation Manager Todd Leavitt, and parks volunteers who rally their community members and local businesses around park activities. The 88th Precinct has signed on to provide food for hungry party-goers this year, and a moonwalk, stilt-walking, pumpkin decorating, face painting, Brazilian drumming, and an African dance company are activities and entertainment all made possible by local sponsors, merchants, and several community groups working to promote their park. This is just one example of the exciting neighborhood parks' Halloween parties taking place in all five boroughs. There are so many events out there, you won't want to miss out on any of them.

Visit our website at **www.itsmypark.org** for information on all of the Halloween happenings. If you do not have internet access, please call **212.360.1310** for a faxed copy of the listings.

LEARNING FROM THE PARKS LIBRARY

Events: The Parks Library hosts several events and lectures on ecology, natural and New York history, and other related topics. On October 23rd at 6pm, Marc Matsil, Chief of the Natural Resources Group (NRG) discussed the two-step approach to parks ecological restoration in a lecture titled "The History of Natural History".

Other Parks Library events are taking place throughout the fall. Spaces are limited and RSVP is recommended. For event information, please call **212.360.8240**.

Historic Signs Update: Last summer, more than a dozen writers and researchers worked in the Parks Library creating hundreds of historical sign texts. More than 2001 signs have been written for parks, including: Bruckner Playground (Bronx), Spuyten Duyvil Creek (Bronx), Alice Austen House (Staten Island), Lady Moody Triangle (Brooklyn), and Captain Tilly Park (Queens). The text for 600 installed signs can be read at www.nyc.gov/parks.

The Parks Library is located in The Arsenal in Central Park at 830 Fifth Avenue, Room 240. To learn more about the Library, call Kate Clark at **212.360.8240**.

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.itsmypark.org
www.nyc.gov/parks

Partnerships for Parks, a joint initiative of City Parks Foundation and City of New York/Parks & Recreation, 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.

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FREE WORKSHOPS FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community group members are invited to attend *Partnerships* workshops being held citywide. To register, call Charlotte (Weaver) Kaiser at **212.360.8180**.

Making Your Park Safer: Fighting Crime in Parks

Learn techniques for forming anti-crime alliances with key community members and how to drive out negative activity by organizing small actions that have a big impact. This workshop will include a presentation from a community member who has effectively made his park a safer place.

Tuesday, December 4, 6-8pm

The Overlook, 80-30 Park Lane, Queens

Money Matters: Fund-raising for Park Groups

Learn techniques for approaching businesses, individuals, and foundations for support, and get tips on writing grant proposals. Hear from a group that has successfully raised money for a neighborhood park. Parks groups only, please.

Wednesday, November 14, 6-8pm

The Arsenal, 830 Fifth Avenue, Central Park

Looking Ahead to 2002: Event Planning and Fund-raising

What's next for your group? How can you keep people engaged over the winter? This workshop will offer ideas for developing a twelve-month calendar, planning events, and finding funding and resources for your projects. Join a discussion with a community member whose group has successfully held regular events.

Tuesday, November 13, 6-8pm

St. James Recreation Center, 25-30 Jerome Avenue, the Bronx

Thursday, November 15, 6-8pm

The Overlook, 80-30 Park Lane, Queens

Tuesday, November 27, 6-8pm

The Arsenal, 830 Fifth Avenue, Central Park

Starting a Friends of the Park Group

With committed and organized volunteers, a Friends of the Park Group can make the difference between an abandoned park and a beautiful, well-equipped, and actively used park. Learn how to create a Friends group including writing by-laws, electing leaders, and developing short-, mid-, and long-term goals. Also, hear from a leader of a successful Friends group.

Saturday, December 1, 12-2pm

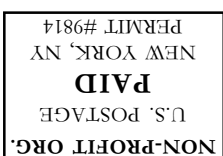
Staten Island (location TBA)

To see the earth as we now see it, small and beautiful in that eternal silence where it floats, is to see ourselves as riders on the earth together, brothers on that bright loveliness in the unending night -- brothers who see now they are truly brothers.

Archibald MacLeish

Riders on Earth Together, Brothers in Eternal Cold (1968)

ATTENTION: FOR ADDRESS CORRECTIONS CALL 212-360-1357.



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