



HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS



Halloween events are happening across all five boroughs this year. Ghosts and goblins will be visiting a park or recreation center near you at events organized by both community groups and Parks & Recreation. All events are free unless otherwise specified. Here's a sampling of what's brewing:

THE BRONX

St. James Recreation Center: St. James is hosting its second annual spectacularly scary haunted house, Fri., Oct. 29, 3 pm to 6 pm. 718-430-1864.

Pelham Bay Park: Pelham Bay is sponsoring "A Halloween Happening," featuring a truly frightening haunted walk, Fri., Oct. 29, 3 pm to 6 pm at the Pelham Bay Nature Center, off Bruckner Blvd. and Wilkinson Ave. 718-430-1890.

Hunts Point Riverside Park: The Point CDC is hosting the first annual Halloween party and parade at Hunts Point Riverside Park, Fri., Oct. 29, 3:30 pm. 718-542-4139.

Van Cortlandt Park: Let the Urban Park Rangers lead you on their "Halloween Walk: Forest of Fear." Enter at Broadway and Moshulu Parkway, Sat., Oct. 30, 6 pm to 8 pm. Sun., Oct. 31, at 1 pm there will be a "Howl-o-ween" show at Canine Court, near the W 252nd St. entrance, with contests, an agility demonstration, and treats for people and pets. 718-430-1890.

BROOKLYN

Brownsville Recreation Center: Get ready to be spooked beyond belief at the Brownsville Recreation Center Haunted House, Sat., Oct. 30, 12 pm to 6 pm. 718-345-2706.

Fort Greene Park: The Committee for the Restoration of Fort Greene Park is hosting their first Halloween Fall Festival featuring hay rides, pumpkin carving, face painting, a costume parade, and storytelling, Sat., Oct. 30, 12 pm to 3 pm. Also from 1 pm to 2 pm there will be a Great "Pup-kins" Doggy Costume Contest. 718-965-7710.

JJ Byrne Park: The Old Stone House in JJ Byrne Park is hosting a "Halloween Favorites" story time, Sun., Oct. 31, 1 pm. Scouts with current registration cards or in uniform \$1 all others \$2.

Marine Park: Get ready to walk through hell, fire, and brimstone at the Marine Park Civic Association Halloween Haunted Walk, Sat., Oct. 23, 2 pm to 4:45 pm. Walks start at E 36th Street. Refreshments available. If you are 16 or older and would like to perform as a creepy creature for the day, call 718-965-8913.

Prospect Park: The Prospect Park Alliance is hosting the park's 20th annual "Scary Prospects: Halloween Haunted Walk & Carnival," at the Nethermead, Sat., Oct. 30, 12 pm to 3 pm. 718-965-8999 or www.prospectpark.org.

MANHATTAN

Carl Schurz Park: The Carl Schurz Park Association is hosting a "Halloween Howl" dog costume contest for both big and small dogs, Sun., Oct. 24, 1 pm to 3 pm (rain date Oct. 31). Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. 212-288-3304.



Central Park: The Newmark Real Estate Great Halloween Party will feature puppet shows, face painting, Dress Your Pet for Halloween Contest, haunted house, kids shows, the "Pumpkin Patch," arts and crafts, and more. Sat., Oct. 30, 11 am to 4 pm. Enter at 72nd St. and 5th Ave. or Central Park West. 1-888-NY-PARKS. The Central Park Conservancy (CPC) presents a thrilling week-end of interactive theater entitled "William Shakespeare's Haunted House" at the Belvedere Castle, Sat., Oct. 23 & Sun., Oct. 24, 1 pm to 5 pm, both dates. 212-772-0210.

Show off your costume and bring a carved pumpkin to sail on the Harlem Meer at the Ninth Annual Halloween Parade and Pumpkin Sail hosted by CPC at The Charles A. Dana Discovery Center, Sun., Oct. 24, 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm. 212-860-1370.

First Park: The First Street Block Association is hosting a children's Halloween party, Sun., Oct. 31, 3 pm to 5 pm.

"Hell's Kitchen Halloween Festival," sponsored by the West 47th-48th Street Block Association, Sat., Oct. 20, 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm location to be determined. Call 212-430-0216 for information.



Riverside Park: The Riverside Park Playground Project annual Halloween children's party and costume parade convenes at the Soldier's and Sailors' Memorial, 89th St. and Riverside Drive, and ends at the Hippo Playground at 91st St. where refreshments will be available for children, Sun., Oct. 31, 3:45 pm to 4:30 pm.

Stuyvesant Square Park: The Stuyvesant Park Neighborhood Association is hosting a children's parade and celebration complete with contests, arts & crafts, pumpkin painting, face painting, and more, Sat., Oct. 30, 1 pm to 4 pm. 212-430-0216.

Tompkins Square Park: The East Village Parks Conservancy is sponsoring a day of free Park-related activities for children and adults entitled "In and About Tompkins Square Park: Walks & Talks." Sat., Oct. 23, 10 am - 3 pm. 212-353-9063.

QUEENS

Astoria Waterfront Parks: Come if you dare to the Greater Astoria Historical Society's first annual Astoria "Haunted Waters" walk from the Hellgate Bridge in Astoria Park to Socrates Sculpture Park on Sat., Oct. 30, 4 pm to dusk. Walk will highlight cemeteries, burial grounds and scary sites along the waterfront; music and refreshments to follow. 718-520-5908.

Forest Park: "Share the Scare" at Forest Park's Halloween Happening, Sun., Oct. 24, 1 pm to 5 pm at Jackson Pond at Myrtle Ave. and Park Lane South. Music by Squeaky Clean, hayrides, haunted walks, crafts, costume contest, and more. 718-235-4100.

Flushing Meadows-Corona Park: FMCP presents "The Carnival of Souls," featuring a haunted house, arts & crafts, Rollerblading, games, face painting, hayrides, giveaways, and much more at the Passerelle Building, next to the USTA center, Sun., Oct. 24 and Sun., Oct. 31, 12 pm to 5 pm; Fri., Oct. 29, 7 pm to 10 pm; and Sat., Oct. 30, 2 pm to 9 pm. 718-520-5918.

STATEN ISLAND

High Rock Park: Join the Urban Park Rangers and the Greenbelt Conservancy for a haunted walk along the lantern-lit trail through High Rock Park, Sat., Oct. 30, 5 pm to 8 pm. 718-667-2165.

Wolfe's Pond Park: Staten Island Boy Scouts are uniting forces to stage their "Ghost-Arce," featuring games, prizes, contests, Sat. Oct. 30, 1 pm to 4 pm, \$6 fee. 718-370-3302.

PARTNERS OF THE MONTH

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. July and August's "Partners of the Month" run the gamut from youth organizers to gardeners. July's Partner from Manhattan, **Mike "Bluejay" Klein**, has spearheaded graffiti and litter removal, planting projects, bench painting, and fence restoration as leader of the **Friends of Fort Tryon Beautification Committee**. The Friends of Fort Tryon is a membership-based nonprofit organization devoted to the well-being of the park. In addition to coordinating restoration and beautification efforts with volunteers, the group also publicizes events and gives input for capital projects. They are currently working on a wall calendar that will celebrate Fort Tryon Park while serving as an outreach tool for the group. August's Partners from GreenThumb, **Chris "Rose King" and Helen "Cranberry" Balomatis**, have worked tirelessly to transform an abandoned corner lot with a train trestle overhead into a thriving green space for the entire community. The **Project Eden Garden** in Queens is complete with shaded sitting areas and a children's play area so the space can be used for both active and passive recreation. The group utilized rocks dug up on site to create a rock garden and have encouraged neighbors to get involved in planting vegetable beds for the community. Thanks to everyone who makes a difference in New York City parks, and a special thanks to all of the outstanding July and August "Partners of the Month," listed below!

JULY PARTNERS OF THE MONTH:

Bronx: **Tee "Atlas" Lawton**, Friends of Crotona Park, Crotona Park
Brooklyn: **Sean "UMOJA" Hawkins**, UMOJA Group, P.O. Reinaldo Selgado Playground
Manhattan: **Mike "Bluejay" Klein**, Friends of Fort Tryon Park, Fort Tryon Park
Queens: **George "Bad Brad" Bradley**, Friends of Springfield Park, Springfield Park
Staten Island: **Tania "Fleur de Lys" Eicoff**, Friends of Clove Lakes Park, Clove Lakes Park

AUGUST PARTNERS OF THE MONTH:

Bronx: **Gerardo Mojica**, Victory Garden, Crotona Park
Brooklyn: **Paul "Team Power" Rivera**, Team Power, Irving Square
Manhattan: **Anne-Marie "Seven Oaks" O'Keefe**, Bennett Park Initiatives, Bennett Park
Queens: **Alix "Elixir" Moll**, Friends of Murray Playground, Murray Playground
Staten Island: **Susan "Barbecue" Meeker**, Mid-Island Rotary, Corporal Thompson Park
GreenThumb: **Chris "Rose King" & Helen "Cranberry" Balomatis**, Project Eden, Queens

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

www.nycparks.org

www.partnershipsforparks.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 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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EMS CLUB DAY FOR PARKSCARD HOLDERS

Eastern Mountain Sports is generously offering **ParksCard** holders 20% off all purchases made on their Club Day, **Thursday, October 28th**. Store locations: in Manhattan, 611 Broadway at Houston, 212-505-9860 and 20 West 61st Street, 212-397-4860; in Scarsdale, Eastchester Shopping Center, 914-725-0024. EMS offers a wide range of outdoor gear, from walking shoes and outdoor clothing, to guide books and binoculars. If you've been looking for outdoor gear, this is your opportunity!

If you don't have a **ParksCard** and would like one so you can enjoy our next discount offer, please call our volunteer hotline at (212) 360-1357 and leave your name and mailing address in the appropriate voice mailbox.

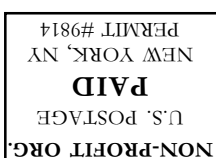
GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINES

November 22: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Education Grants Program. Funds community-based organizations for environmental education programs. Call 212-637-3674 for information.

The most beautiful thing we can experience
is the mysterious.

— *Albert Einstein, 1936*

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