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## GHOSTS, GOBLINS, AND GREAT PUMPKINS: HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE CITY



Your favorite haunts are likely to give you the spooks over the next couple of weeks! Events organized by both community groups and Parks & Recreation will transform parks and recreation centers in all five boroughs into haunted houses, scary trails, and goblin hang-outs. All Halloween events are free, unless otherwise specified. Here is a listing of what we'd heard about before going to press. Visit [www.partnershipsforparks.org](http://www.partnershipsforparks.org) for additional Halloween events listings.

### THE BRONX

**Pelham Bay Park:** "A Halloween Happening," featuring a haunted walk, Fri., Oct. 27, 3 to 5 pm at the Nature Center, off Bruckner Blvd. and Wilkinson Ave. 718-430-1825.

**St. James Rec. Center:** Get a treat, not a trick, with your costume at the third annual Halloween Party at St. James, Tues., Oct. 31, 4 to 6 pm. 718-822-4271.

**St. Marys Rec. Center:** Before trick-or-treating, check out a spectacularly scary haunted house Tues., Oct. 31, 5 to 7 pm.

**Williamsbridge Oval Rec. Center:** Get out the costume, and take part in the Oval's Halloween parade and party, Tues., Oct. 31, 3 to 5 pm. 718-543-8672.

**Van Cortlandt Park:** Join the **Friends of Van Cortlandt Park** and the Urban Park Rangers for "Halloween Happenings," on Sat., Oct. 28, 4 to 7 pm at the Van Cortlandt House Museum. Enter at Broadway and 246<sup>th</sup> St. Bring a flashlight. Some events require tickets of 50 cents each. 718-430-1890.

### BROOKLYN

**Brownsville Rec. Center:** Get ready to be spooked beyond belief at the Brownsville Rec. Center Haunted House, Sat., Oct. 28, 12 to 6 pm. 718-345-2706.

**Fort Greene Park:** The **Committee for the Restoration of Fort Greene Park** hosts its second annual Halloween Fall Festival featuring hay rides, pumpkin painting, and more on Sat., Oct. 28, 12 to 4 pm. 718-965-8998.

**JJ Byrne Park:** The Old Stone House in JJ Byrne Park hosts a "Halloween Favorites" story time, Sun., Oct. 29, 2 pm. Adults \$3, and children \$2.

**Marine Park:** You'll walk through hell, fire, and brimstone at the **Marine Park Civic Association** Halloween Haunted Walk, Sat., Oct. 21, 2 to 4:45 pm. Walk starts at E 36<sup>th</sup> Street. If you are 16 or older and would like to be a volunteer performer that day, call 718-965-8913.

**Prospect Park:** Watch out for the Grim Reaper when The **Prospect Park Alliance** hosts the park's 21<sup>st</sup> annual "Scary Prospects: Halloween Haunted Walk & Carnival" at the Nethermead, Sat., Oct. 28, 12 to 3 pm. 718-965-8944.

### MANHATTAN

**Carl Schurz Park:** The **Carl Schurz Park Association** hosts a "Halloween Howl" dog costume contest for both big and small dogs, Sun., Oct. 22, 1 to 3 pm (rain date Oct. 29.) Prizes for the best costumes. 212-288-3304.

"**Hell's Kitchen Halloween Festival,**" sponsored by the **West 47th-48th Street Block Association**, Sat., Oct. 28 at 12:30. 10th Ave. btwn. 47th and 48th Sts. 212-408-0216.

**Central Park:** Join over 50,000 ghosts and goblins at Newmark Real Estate's Great Halloween Party featuring 7,500 free pumpkins, Nutella Costume Making, inline skating, arts and crafts, puppet shows, the Kmart Haunted House, children's theater performances, the Dress Your Pet for Howl-O-Ween contest, and more. Sat., Oct. 28, 11 am to 3 pm, Skatefright 3 to 4 pm, enter the Park at 72<sup>nd</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> or Central Park West. For more information call 1-888-NYPARKS or visit [www.nyc.gov/parks](http://www.nyc.gov/parks). The **Central Park Conservancy** (CPC) presents a spine-tingling weekend of interactive theater entitled "William Shakespeare's Haunted House" at the Bevedere Castle, Sat., Oct. 21 & Sun., Oct. 22, 1 to 5 pm. 212-772-0210. CPC also hosts the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Parade and Pumpkin Sail at the Harlem Meer at the Dana Discovery Center, Sun. Oct. 22, 3:30 to 6:30 pm. 212-860-1370.

**Tompkins Square Park:** The **East Village Parks Conservancy** is sponsoring "In and About Tompkins Square Park: Walks & Talks" (event not Halloween specific) for children and adults. Sat., Oct. 21, 10 am to 3 pm. 212-353-9063.



### QUEENS

**Astoria Waterfront Parks:** Come to the second annual "Haunted Waters" walk and party, starting at Hellgate Bridge in Astoria Park, on Sat., Oct. 28, 3 to 8 pm. 718-520-5908.

**Flushing Meadows-Corona Park:** Get spooked at "MedEvil Madness!" featuring a haunted house, crafts, carnival games, hayrides, contest, and more, on Sun., Oct. 22, 12 to 5 pm, Fri., Oct. 27, 4 to 8 pm, Sat., Oct. 28, 1 to 7 pm, and on Sun., Oct. 29, 2 to 7 pm. \$3 donation includes all activities. 718-520-5918.

**Forest Park:** "Share the Scare" at the Halloween Happening, Sun., Oct. 29, 1 to 5 pm at The Bandshell on Forest Park Drive. Enjoy the haunted walk, crafts, costume contest, story telling, and more. 718-235-4100.

### STATEN ISLAND

**Clove Lakes Park:** Ghostbusters on Parade - "The Legend of Clove's Hollow" including 1st annual "Denizens Costume Award." Sponsored by the **Friends of Clove Lakes** and Parks & Recreation, Oct. 14, 12 to 2 pm.

**High Rock Park:** Join **Greenbelt** staff, the Urban Park Rangers, and The Greenbelt Conservancy for a haunted lantern-lit trail walk through High Rock Park, Sat., Oct. 28, 5 to 7:30 pm. Pre-registration required. 718-667-2165.

**Willowbrook Park:** Pumpkin hunt at the Pumpkin Festival in Willowbrook Park, Sun., Oct. 15, 11 am to 4 pm.

**Wolfe's Pond Park:** "Ghost-a-Ree" with prizes, games, giveaways, and more. Sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America, \$6.00 per child. Oct. 28, 9 am to 1 pm.



## NEW YORK TREE TRUST LAUNCHES STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The New York Tree Trust, a joint initiative of the City of New York/Parks & Recreation and the City Parks Foundation, is excited to announce the hiring of a full-time Stewardship Coordinator, Michael Hastings-Black. He is creating an adoption program for street trees and Greenstreets (the program which "greens" small triangles and squares). Call him at 212-360-TREE to get information and resources for your tree and triangle stewardship efforts.

### FUNDING DEADLINES

**November 1, 2000: National Gardening Association.** \$750 awards for gardening supplies to 400 schools, neighborhood groups, community centers or organizations working with groups of at least 15 children aged 3 to 18. 800-538-7476 or [www.kidsgardening.com](http://www.kidsgardening.com).

**Mid-November: EPA's Environmental Education Grants.** Supports programs that promote environmental careers among students, educate low-income or culturally diverse audiences about environmental issues, or inform the general public through community-based organizations or the media. 212-637-3674.

### 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.nyc.gov/parks](http://www.nyc.gov/parks)

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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.

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## PARTNERS OF THE MONTH:

August's Partner from Staten Island, Denise "Tioga" Lakeman, has been a Parks volunteer for more than 15 years. As a member of the Westerleigh Improvement Society, she has been instrumental in advocating for more funding for Staten Island parks. She has written letters, made numerous phone calls and enlisted her friends and neighbors in fighting for Parks-related causes. In 1999, Denise formed a more "hands-on" group called the Friends of Westerleigh Park. Starting with 20 new volunteers, Denise and the Friends met two Saturdays every month for clean ups. The group now has 40 members and has expanded its focus to organizing other special events for the park, including a Safety Day, Halloween and Easter events, and a Winter Holiday Tree Lighting event.

Thanks to everyone who makes a difference in NYC Parks, and a special thanks to the August partners listed here: Bronx: Taikuma "Tortuga" Green, Phipps Community Development Corporation, Crotona Park West • Brooklyn: Selwyn "Bethel" Williams, Rogers Avenue Seventh Day Adventist Church, Amersfort Park • Manhattan: Doug Robinson, Friends of Morningside Park • Queens: Ruben "Herradura" Pena, Corona Business Corporation, Pigeon Plaza • GreenThumb: Herbert "Park Pop" Sterling, The Bronx Gardeners Coalition, Edith Garden.

### EMS CLUB DAY

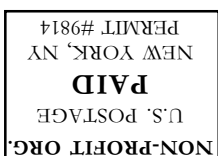
**Eastern Mountain Sports** is making it pay to have the card...the *ParksCard*, that is. On Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, all holders of a *ParksCard* will receive a 20% discount on their purchases. Store locations in Manhattan: 611 Broadway (at Houston), (212) 505-9860 and 20 West 61st Street, (212) 397-4860. Just show your *ParksCard* at the store to receive your discount.

*ParksCards* are free affiliation cards that recognize and thank park supporters for their efforts. If you support your parks in some way and would like a *ParksCard*, please call our volunteer hotline at 212-360-1357. For a complete list of *ParksCards* benefits, check our website: [www.partnershipsforparks.org](http://www.partnershipsforparks.org).

I praise the fall it is the human season now  
No more the foreign sun does meddle at our earth  
Enforce the green and thaw the frozen soil to birth  
Nor winter yet weigh all with silence the pine bough

— Archibald MacLeish, *Immortal Autumn* in  
"Collected Poems, 1917-1982"

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



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