STATEN ISLAND GUIDE TO SUMMER FUN 2012!



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Wednesday, August 1 - 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Concert: Rob Base

City Parks Foundation, Tappen Park
Located on Bay St., between Canal St. & Water St.

Best known for his platinum hip-hop classic "It Takes Two,"
Rob Base along with childhood friend, DJ E-Z Rock rode their smash hit into R&B radio stations as well as dance clubs around the world and provided a touchstone for the style known as "hip-house," a mix of hip-hop rhymes infused with the musical styling's of dance music.

Thursday, August 2 - 2:30 pm Manga Drawing Workshop with Misako Rocks

The New York Public Library
Dongan Hills Branch, 1617 Richmond Road
Do you have the next manga series
lurking in your head? Join Misako Rocks!
and learn how to draw your characters,
plot your stories, and more. Chibi-riffic! All materials
will be provided. For ages 12 to 18.

Thursday, August 2 - 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Starlight Concert

South Beach Boardwalk,
Father Capodanno Blvd.
& Sand Lane
Featuring: "Just Friends" & "Function 11"
9:30 Fireworks

Thursday, August 2 - 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm GQ / Felix Hernandez's Rhythm Revue

City Parks Foundation, Tappen Park
Located on Bay St, between Canal St and Water St.
GQ is a group that hailed originally from the Bronx and effectively mixed east coast disco and Chicago soul covers in the late 70's and early 80's with great success.

<u>Friday, August 3 - 10:30 am - 11:30 am</u> CityParks PuppetMobile: Bessie's Big Shot

City Parks Foundation, Tappen Park
Located on Bay St, between Canal St and Water St.
Bessie the cow has long dreamed of being in the circus.

Sunday, August 5 - 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Childrens Day at the Carousel for All Children

Willowbrook Park, 1 Eton Place 10314 *Rain date: Sunday, August 12th



Monday, August 6 - 10:30 am - 11:30 am CityParks PuppetMobile: Bessie's Big Shot

City Parks Foundation, Willowbrook Park 1 Eton Place 10314

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<u>Thursday, August 9 - 2:30 pm</u> Manga Drawing Workshop with Misako Rocks

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<u>Thursday, August 9 - 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm</u> Starlight Concert

Westerleigh Park
Located on Maine Ave between
Neal Dow Ave and Willard Ave
Featuring: "Rave On" &
"Alive n' Kickin"



<u>Thursday, August 9 - 10:30 am - 11:30 am</u> Jazz Reach Class

City Parks Foundation, Tappen Park
Located on Bay St, between Canal St and Water St.
Jazz Reach presents Metta Quintet's Get Hip!: A fun,
interactive introduction to jazz that illuminates the art form's
cultural origins, concepts about improvisation and creative selfexpression. It explores the role and responsibility of each
individual member of the jazz ensemble and how they all must
work together to serve and achieve the collective goal of
making great music.

Saturday, August 11 – At Dusk Movies in the Park

Bloomingdale Park Located on Lenevar Ave, between Ramona Ave and Drumgoole Rd W Movie: Judy Moody

Monday, August 13 10:30 am - 11:30 am Imagination in Motion with Neil Intraub and Paul Rajeckas

City Parks Foundation, Willowbrook Park 1 Eton Place 10314

An athletic movement theater performance, Imagination in Motion draws on various theatrical styles, including mime, modern dance, and vaudeville.

Monday, August 13 - 3:00 pm Paint on Silk

The New York Public Library
St. George Library Center, 5 Central Avenue
Gorgeous! Make a beautiful little piece to decorate your space.
Learn painting techniques from noted artist, PJ Cobbs. All material will be provided. For ages 12 to 18.

Monday, August 13 - 2:30 pm Irish Folk Dancing

The New York Public Library
Great Kills Branch, 56 Giffords Lane
Get into the spirit of the Céilidh with
traditional Irish music and dance. Learn the
steps and show off your skills.

Wednesday, August 15 - 2:00 pm Make a Backpack with Susan Hale

The New York Public Library Richmondtown Branch, 200 Clarke Avenue

It's almost time to head back to school! Make your very own fashionable backpack to get your gear from home to school. All materials will be provided. For ages 12 to 18.

Wednesday, August 15 – At Dusk

Movies in the Park

John D'Amato Park, Located on New Dorp Ln and Cedar Grove Ave

Movie: Judy Moody



Wednesday, August 15 - 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Concert: Jazz-A-Ma-Tazz

City Parks Foundation, Faber Park
Located on: Richmond Ter. Between Faber St. and Sharpe Ave
Jazz-A-Ma-Tazz is a live, interactive educational music
program for young people of jazz.

Thursday, August 16 - 2:30 pm

Manga Drawing Workshop with Misako Rocks

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Dongan Hills Branch, 1617 Richmond Road
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<u>Thursday, August 16 - 2:00 pm</u> Make a T-shirt with Susan Hale

The New York Public Library Tottenville Branch, 7430 Amboy Road

Tired of the same old clothes in your closet? Come on in and make your own fashionable shirt to show off your style or your opinion. All materials will be provided. For ages 12 to 18.

Friday, August 17 - 10:30 am - 11:30 am Central Park Zoo's Wildlife Theater

City Parks Foundation, Tappen Park
Located on Bay St, between Canal St and Water St.
Wildlife Theater is a Central Park Zoo-based theater company
that inspires audiences to learn—and care—more about our
natural world. W.T. performs their special interactive

theater programs in the tri-state area for schools, community centers, and hospitals.

Saturday, August 18, 19 - 12 noon to 9 pm Back to the Beach Celebration

Midland Beach - Father Capodanno Blvd
Have fun on the boardwalk with variety of entertainment!
There will be crafts and flea market vendors, food, inflatable rides, games in the ball field area and health-related information booths. The evening ends with fireworks at 9 pm.



Monday, August 20 - 10:30 am - 11:30 am Pickney Productions

City Parks Foundation, Willowbrook Park Located on: Richmond Ave., Victory Blvd., Ashworth Ave., and Forest Hill Rd.

What initially began as a company of children has since evolved into a versatile intergenerational group of multi-disciplinary artists based in New York City. The Pickney Players present "Irie Island" a vibrant celebration of Caribbean culture.

Tuesday, August 21- 2:00 pm

World Beat and Percussion Class

The New York Public Library
Port Richmond Branch, 75 Bennett Street
Discover your own natural rhythm! Drum Diva Dale provides
African drums, bongos, congas, shakers and more! Create
music while you dance, rap, and perform. For ages 12 to 18.

<u>Tuesday, August 21 - 10:30 am - 11:30 am</u> CityParks PuppetMobile: Bessie's Big Shot

City Parks Foundation, Faber Park
Located on: Richmond Ter. Between Faber St. and Sharpe Ave.
Bessie the cow has long dreamed of being in the circus.

Wednesday, August 22 - 10:30 am - 11:30 am Something Positive

City Parks Foundation, Faber Park

Located on: Richmond Ter. Between Faber St. and Sharpe Ave Something Positive is a vibrant, inter-generational not-for-profit performing arts organization dedicated to the art and culture of the African Diaspora.

Friday, August 24 - 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Starlight Concert: End of the Summer Doo Wop Concert & Fireworks

South Beach Boardwalk, Father Capodanno Blvd. & Sand Lane
9:30 Fireworks
Raindate: August 25



Kayaking - 10:30 am - 1:30 p.m

Great Kills Park

3270 Hylan Blvd

August 2, 5, 9, 12, 16.

Join the park rangers for a day of fun in the sun as we launch the first kayak walk-up program of the season. Beginners and intermediate levels, ages 13 and up are welcome. Kayaks and other equipment will be provided, or you may bring your own. Dress appropriately for the program. For more information call: 718-351-6970.

The Farm Stand Tuesdays, 2pm – 6pm Snug Harbor Heritage Farm

1000 Richmond Terrace
Seasonal Offerings Include: Tomatoes,
Kale, Collards, Mesculin, Onions,
Squash, Radishes, Cabbages, Zucchini,
Basil, Carrots, and more!



ONGOING PROGRAMS

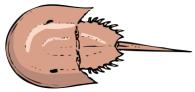
Zumba – 6:30 pm Miller Field (Meet at the Bocce Court near the Hangars)

New Dorp Lane and Mill Rd Friday, August 24

Join Zumba Instructor Maribel Gargiso for a free Latin-inspired dance-fitness program that blends dance with red-hot international music. Dress comfortably.







A La Carte Sunday, July 29th 10:00 am - 12:00 a.m Great Kills Beach Center

3270 Hylan Blvd

Did you ever wonder how many eyes a horseshoe crab has, why fish are slimy, or why some beach plants look like they have fur? Bring your curiosity about plants and animals to our discovery station where you can explore the answers to these questions and more! For more information call: 718-987-6790.

<u>Discover Fort Tompkins</u> <u>Saturdays and Sundays</u> <u>2 PM - 3:30 PM</u>

Building 137 of Fort Wadsworth 210 New York Avenue Ranger-led tours of the fortifications. Learn about coastal fortifications and get a glimpse into Army life in the late 1800s. Wear sturdy footwear.

Boogie Woogie Wednesdays Every Wednesday through August 30th, 5:00 – 8:00 pm Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden

1000 Richmond Terrace, Building P The weekly program teaches children different ethnic dances and music. Free admission to the museum, a savings of \$6.

Healthy snacks served until 6pm, with the main attraction starting at 7:00 pm. http://www.snug-harbor.org/



79 Howard Avenue, 10301
Admission to the film festival is Free.
Everyone is encouraged to bring a beach/lawn chair or a blanket.
Donations are welcome. Refreshment stand will be available. Parking is located directly across the street in the lot at Notre Dame Academy (unless noted otherwise).

In the event of inclement weather, the films will be shown inside the mansion. Italian-style Comedy, Romance and Suspense at its Best!
Evenings featuring some of Italy's most awarded films of the last decade. Films will be shown in Italian, with English subtitles.

http://www.casa-belvedere.org/blog/





PARKS AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Camping at Fort Wadsworth

Beginning Saturday, July 7, 2012, seven campsites in Fort Wadsworth, which have been prepared with help from Boy Scout Troop 37, will be available



for sleeping out. The tent sites are located in an area that was known as Seabee Park; it has been re-christened as Camp Hudson. Cold-water showers, restrooms, picnic tables and campfire rings will all be available. One campsite will be wheelchair-accessible. Reservations are \$20 a night for a 30-by-30-foot campsite, accommodating six people.

*To reserve a campsite, go to: www.nps.gov/gate. In the menu on the left, click on Plan Your Visit, then Things to Do. In Things to Do, click on Outdoor Activities and scroll down to Camping at Gateway where you will find information and the link for reservations. Reservations cannot be made by phone; however for more information, call the public affairs office at 718-354-4606.

GrowNYC Markets

Saint George (St Marks & Hyatt Streets) Saturday - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Staten Island Mall Parking Lot (2655 Richmond Ave)

Saturday - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

http://www.grownyc.org

Our markets are as diverse as the city itself! No matter where you are in NYC, you can find a bustling space filled with neighbors, families, and chefs all shopping side by-side for the freshest of products.

Conference House Park

April - December, Fri-Sun, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm. 7455 Hylan Boulevard

718.984.6046

www.conferencehouse.org

Open for guided tours of the house, group tours available by appointment. Conference House Park is a great destination for both nature and history buffs. This 267-acre site features four historic buildings from Staten Island's history. In addition to historic landmarks and breathtaking views, the park also boasts a newly refurbished playground, a Visitors Center, 2.5 miles of beach, paths for hiking and biking, and a "South Pole," which marks New York's southernmost point.

<u>Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm</u> Wednesdays - Sundays, July and August 210 New York Avenue, 10305

210 New 101K Avenue,

718-354-4500

www.nps.gov/gate

Visitors can join ranger led tours, walk a self guided tour or just enjoy a panoramic view from one of the highest elevations in New York City. It is an experience that will provide a look at the many facets of the American military throughout history.

<u>Discover Fort Tompkins</u> Located Within Fort Wadsworth

Only accessible with a ranger-guide, you'll explore little known areas of this historic structure. Learn about coastal fortifications and get a glimpse of fort life in the late 1800's. Wear sturdy footwear.

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Freshkills Park

Victory Blvd., W. Shore Exwy., Richmond Ave. bet. Sign Rd., Travis Ave. and Arthur Kill Rd.

Tours run through November, and are free of charge. 2,200 acres, Freshkills Park will be almost three times the size of Central Park and the largest park developed in New York City in over 100 years. To sign up for a tour, visit: http://www.nycgovparks.org/park-features/freshkills-park/tours-and-events.

Space is limited and reservations are required.

The Staten Island Botanical Gardens

1000 Richmond Terrace

718-448-2500

http://www.snug-harbor.org/

Please visit the website for specific timings for various gardens. The Staten Island Botanical Gardens is a real treat for nature lovers. It has numerous gardens which are a mix of Victorian as well as contemporary styles. The Botanical Gardens include the scenic and imposing Chinese Scholars garden, Connie Gretz's Secret Garden, Pond Garden, Butterfly Garden and many more. Educational and guided tours are encouraged.

Staten Island GoKarts

215 Schmidts Lane between LaGuardia Avenue and Manor Road

Monday - Thursday noon - 10:00 pm; Friday noon - 11:00 pm; Saturday 11:00 am - 11:00 pm; Sunday 11:00 am - 10:00 pm 718-982-5576, sigokarts.com This Staten Island establishment claims to be the only go-kart spot where you can play a round of putt-putt among the bridges, shrubs, pools and sand traps - then give cruising a whirl. Single cart \$6. double cart \$9. Get coupons online.

South Beach

Father Capodanno Blvd. & Sand Lane

718-816-6804

South Beach is one of Staten Island's most popular attractions.

The 1.7 mile boardwalk

attracts families back to the beach for a pleasant stroll or a weekend festival. Located at the south end is Freedom Circle, which pays special tribute to the women and men who have fought to defend our freedom over the years. It displays American flags from six important moments in our history as well as educational graphics about each period. A Senior Park has features such as checkerboard tables, benches, and bocce courts. Easily accessible to the Boardwalk, the Senior Park at South Beach is a popular destination for enjoying the outdoors.

Midland Beach

Father Capodanno Blvd.

718-987-0709

Located near South Beach, this beach is the perfect spot for sunbathing and swimming. Children love the Sea Turtle Fountain, a fountain with sprinklers that kids are encouraged to play in and around. A variety of amenities are available including a playground, handball and shuffleboard courts, seasonal concession stands and much more. Sand castle building, boardwalk vendors, live music and a fireworks show are also featured.

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Silver Lake Park 915 Victory Blvd., West Brighton

718-447-5686

There are 107 acres of park area, an 18-hole public golf course, tennis courts, clubhouses, pro shop, lockers, showers, lounge, restaurant, and auto parking. The road is closed on Sundays and holidays 6am-6pm for bicycling. This major park surrounding twin reservoirs is popular for walking, jogging and picnics.

Clove Lakes Park

Victory Boulevard & Clove Road

718-390-8000

The park is made up of 110 acres of developed park land and 81 acres of woodland. It contains four ponds, jogging trails, playground, picnic, grounds, nature trails, ball fields, model yacht pond, restaurant, bridle paths and an outdoor ice skating rink. Row boating and fishing are permitted. NYC Parks administration offices are located at 1150 Clove Road.

Great Kills Park & Beach 3270 Hylan Blvd

718-980-6130

This park is home to a beautiful swimming beach with a new bathhouse and snack bar. Also located here are nature trails, great fishing, a marina, a public boat launch, paths for walking and jogging, and playing fields. Free Parking is available.

Miller Field

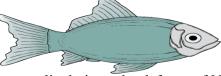
New Dorp Ln and Mill Rd

718-351-6970

Miller Field became part of Gateway National Recreation Area in 1974. The park includes two post-World War I military

aircraft hangers, 64 acres of athletic fields, picnic areas, a community garden and a swamp white oak forest.

Fort Wadsworth 210 New York Ave 718-354-4500



Fort Wadsworth was once a linchpin to the defense of New York Harbor for nearly two centuries. Park Rangers lead walks and tours highlighting both the history and the protected natural plant and animal communities at these sites. High Rock Park Greenbelt Administration and hiking trails, a visitor center, education building and the Staten Island office of the NYC Urban Park Rangers. Guided tours are given for school classes by advance reservation only.

Ocean Breeze Fishing Pier

Father Capodanno Blvd & Seaview Ave.

It is 835 feet long and 30 feet wide, making it the largest steel and concrete recreational pier built in the past 100 years in the New York region. The Ocean Breeze Fishing Pier opens up added opportunity for deep water angling where local fisherman can catch a variety of fish. The pier is also available for general public enjoyment of the beach area and observation of the shoreline.

St. George Fishing Pier

Just steps away from the Staten Island Ferry, Pier 1 in St. George offers ample opportunity to catch striped bass, bluefish, and blackfish from the shoreline that feeds into upper New York Bay . The 845-foot-long pier is a component of a larger renaissance of St. George that includes Richmond County Ball Park and the Staten Island 9/11 Memorial as well as the Staten Island Ferry terminal.

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Blue Heron Pond Park 48 Poillon Avenue, Annadale

718-390-8000

This 147-acre park is home to the blue heron bird, for which the park is named. The park includes a new visitors center, hiking trails, picnic areas, and much more.



Conference House Park 7455 Hylan Boulevard

718-984-6046

The Conference House is now part of a public waterfront park that overlooks Raritan Bay and the New Jersey coast. First built in 1680, it is the only pre-Revolutionary manor house still surviving in New York City and is both a New York City and National Landmark.

Lemon Creek Park

Hylan Blvd. from Sharrott Ave. to Seguine Ave.

A 105-acre park, Lemon Creek Preserve contains the largest and most pristine salt marsh on Staten Island's south shore. The parkland is home to swans, mallard ducks and black ducks, and it serves as a resting point for numerous migratory birds and, in early October, monarch butterflies. Lemon Creek Fishing Pier is also located at the park. These gregarious birds nest in apartment house-style structures maintained by volunteers. Lemon Creek Park's waterfront area provides a spawning ground for many species of fish and shellfish.

Wolfe's Pond Park Hylan Blvd. & Cornelia Ave., Huguenot

718-984-8266

20 developed acres and 170 acres of wooded park land. People come for sunbathing, picnicking, comfort, fresh water fishing all year-round (must have a license - daylight hours only) and salt water fishing from October through May.

Bloomingdale Park

Richmond Pkwy., West Shore Expw., Lenevar Ave., Ramona Ave.

Most of the 138-acre park was left natural and passive for wildlife. Walking trails have been included for hiking enthusiasts, as well as scenic waterways. A portion of the park has been reshaped to offer a baseball field, softball field, soccer field, basketball courts and a playground.

Mt Loretto Preserve 6450 Hylan Boulevard

Mt Loretto is a spectacular waterfront property featuring important wildlife habitats and stunning vistas from the highest natural bluffs in New York City. The bay is home to dozens of species of finfish and shellfish, including striped bass, winter flounder, bluefish, and hard clam. It also is a major migratory pathway and overwintering area for numerous waterfowl, many of which can be observed in large numbers at Mt. Loretto. The wetland habitat serves as a nursery area for fish and crabs, and provides foraging opportunities for fish and wading birds, such as herons, egrets and ibis. Today, nature enthusiasts can take in the natural wonders of Mt. Loretto and observe wildlife in its natural state.

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Clay Pit Ponds State Park

83 Nielsen Avenue

718-967-1976

The 260-plus-acre park holds a mixture of swamps, bogs, ponds, sand barrens, mature woodlands and spring fed streams. The abundant water supply supports a plethora of wildlife including many species of birds, reptiles, amphibians, and mammals. Facilities include hiking paths, horse trails and an administration building. Free environmental education programs are offered on Saturdays. The park is open year-round.

Golf Courses

<u>LaTourette Golf Course</u> 1001 Richmond Hill Road, Greenbelt

718-351-1889

www.latourette.americangolf.com/
There are 455 acres of wooded park land,
an 18 hole golf course, driving range, clubhouse
with pro shop, restaurant, ski and sleigh hills
and lockers. Free parking available.

South Shore Golf Course 200 Huguenot Avenue, Huguenot

718-984-0101

www.americangolf.com/south-shore-golf-course A beautiful 18-hole public golf course equipped with driving range, lockers, restaurant and lounge.

Silver Lake Golf Course 915 Victory Blvd

718-447-5686

www.silverlakegolf.com
A well manicured 18 hole golf course
located within a tight wooded area that
includes several sloping, tight fairways
and two water hazards that come into play.

Tennis Courts Silver Lake Park

Victory Hwy & Silver Lake Park Rd

718-816-9723

Walker Park 50 Bard Ave., West Brighton 718-442-9696

Willowbrook Park Richmond Ave. & Eaton Pl. 718-698-2186

Wolfe's Pond Park Cornelia Ave. off Hylan Blvd. 718-984-8266



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Staten Island Beaches and Pools:

Public Beaches in Staten Island:

1) South Beach

Father Cappadanno Blvd. and Sand Lane

2) Midland Beach

Father Cappadanno Blvd.

3)Wolfe's Pond Beach

Hylan Blvd. and Cornelia Ave.

4) Cedar Grove Beach

Cedar Grove Ave, 10306

Outdoor Pool in Staten Island: Faber Pool

Faber Street and Richmond Terrace (718) 816-5259

Lyons

Pier 6 and Victory Boulevard (718) 816-9571

Tottenville

Hylan Boulevard and Joline Avenue (718) 356-8242

West Brighton

Henderson Avenue between Broadway and Chappel Street, (718) 816-5019

Sprinklers and Spray Showers in Staten Island:

Seaside Wildlife Nature Park

Nelson Avenue at Tennyson Drive

As they catch a breeze off the ocean, kids explore the nautical themed playground's shipwreck, shark and lighthouse features.



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Located on Greencroft Ave. between Ainsworth Ave. and Redgrave Ave.

Wading Pools in Staten Island:

Lyons

Pier 6 and Victory Boulevard

(718) 816-9571

Tottenville

Hylan Boulevard and Joline Avenue

(718) 356-8242

West Brighton

Henderson Avenue between Broadway and Chappel Streets (718) 816-5019

Mini Pools in Staten Island:

General Douglas Macarthur Park

Jefferson Street and Seaver Avenue

(718) 987-9800

Mariner's Harbor Playground

Grandview Avenue and Continental Place

(718) 982-6521

PS 14 Playground

Tompkins Avenue between Hill and Broad Streets

(718) 448-5969

PS 46 Playground

Parkinson Avenue and Kramer Street

(718) 448-8694

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Diving Pools in Staten Island:

Lyons

Pier 6 and Victory Boulevard

(718) 816-9571

$\frac{\textbf{Designated Barbecuing Areas in Staten Island}}{\textbf{Parks}}$

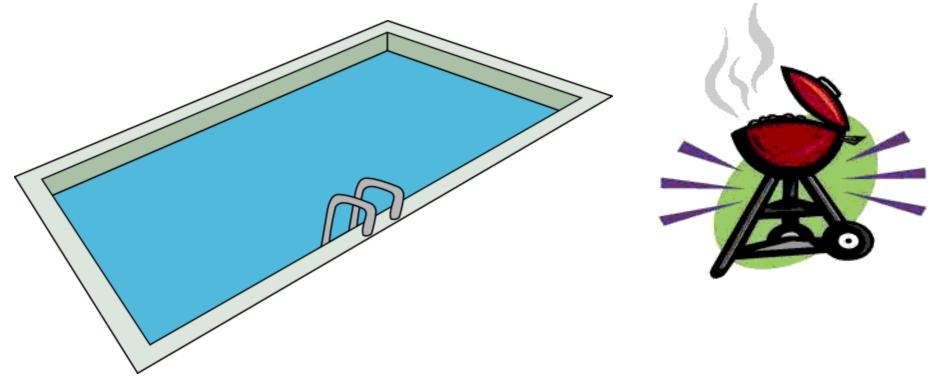
- Barbecuing is allowed in designated areas only
- No barbecuing allowed under trees
- A permit may be required
- All coals & litter must be disposed in trash receptacles

<u>Clove Lakes Park</u> - Clove Road and Victory Boulevard

Willowbrook Park - Eaton Place Entrance

Wolfs Pond Park - Cornelia Avenue and Luten Avenue

Franklin D. Roosevelt - Boardwalk and Beach



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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Summer Reading Guide:

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), with help from the American Library Association, presents its 25th annual Summer Booklist for grade K-3, 4-6, and 7-8. All of the books meet the standard of having "lasting value."

The booklist for grades K-3 can be found here: http://www.neh.gov/news/summertime-favorites#k-3

The booklist for grades 4-6 can be found here: http://www.neh.gov/news/summertime-favorites#grade4-6

The booklist for grades 7-8 can be found here: http://www.neh.gov/news/summertime-favorites#grade7-8

The college-bound booklist can be found here: http://edsitement.neh.gov/edsitements-reading-list-college-bound-students

*Bonus hint for grown-ups: The books in the 7-8 list make pretty good beach reads, and they're easy to find at your local public library.

Museums

Alice Austen House Museum & Garden

Tue - Sun, 11:00 am-5:00 pm

Two Hylan Boulevard

(718) 816-4506

www.aliceausten.org

The Alice Austen House Museum on Staten Island recalls the world of an exceptional woman, photographer Alice Austen. Austen's quaint, Victorian cottage-style home, with

a magnificent view of New York Harbor, displays prints from the large glass negative collection of her work that depict turnof-the-century American life. Adults \$2, children under 12 free.

Garibaldi-Meucci Museum

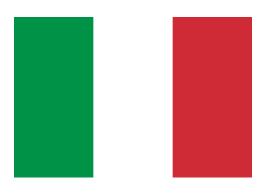
<u>Tuesday - Sunday: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Last Tour is at 4:30 pm</u>

420 Tompkins Avenue

(718) 442-1608

www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.org

The Garibaldi-Meucci Museum is owned by the National Order Sons of Italy Foundation and administered by the New York Grand Lodge Order Sons of Italy in America. This National Landmark is preserved as a memorial to the lives of Antonio Meucci and Giuseppe Garibaldi, a legendary hero who championed the unification of the Italy. Today the museum offers historical tours, Italian language programs for all levels, school programs for K-12, permanent and temporary exhibitions, lectures and concerts. Admission \$5 (Members are free).



Historic Richmond Town

<u>Wednesday - Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, Sun 1:00 pm-5:00 pm.</u>

441 Clarke Avenue, 10306

(718)-351-1611

www.historicrichmondtown.org

Open village & outdoor demonstrations; self-guided tour. Historic Richmond Town is New York City's living history village and museum complex. Visitors can explore the diversity of the American experience, through the lives of ordinary people, who struggled, survived and thrived from the colonial period to the present. Three additional sites include one of the oldest homes in the country. Admission \$8. Adults, \$6 Seniors, \$5, Children ages 5-17, Members and Children under 5 are free.

<u>Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art</u> <u>Wednesday through Sunday, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm</u> 338 Lighthouse Avenue

718.987.3500

www.tibetanmuseum.org

Built into the hillside, the Museum resembles a Himalayan mountain monastery and houses the vast collection of Tibetan artifacts that Jacques Marchais (1887-1948) amassed in her lifetime. Today, the Tibetan Museum features exhibits, a library, workshops, and peaceful gardens that provide visitors with the opportunity to learn, reflect, and relax.



The Noble Maritime Collection

Thursday - Sunday, 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

1000 Richmond Terrace (on the Grounds of Snug Harbor)

718-447-6490

www.noblemaritime.org

The Noble Maritime Collection is a museum and archive located on the grounds of Snug Harbor Cultural Center. The museum celebrates the site's history as a retirement home for sailors with period rooms, including a typical mariners' dormitory room from 1900. The museum is also dedicated to celebrating the life and work of John A. Noble (1913-83), one of the country's premier maritime artists.

Sandy Ground Historical Society Historical Museum -

<u>Tuesday - Sunday, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm</u>

1538 Woodrow Road

718-317-5796

As the oldest continuously inhabited free Black settlement in the United States, Sandy Ground is a place of great historical significance. Founded in the early 19th Century, the community arose from a settlement of free Blacks from New York, Maryland, and Delaware. Today, Sandy Ground is home to ten families that are descendents of original settlers.

Snug Harbor Cultural Center

Tuesday - Sunday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm,

1000 Richmond Terrace

718-448-2500

www.snug-harbor.org

Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden, a distinguished Smithsonian Affiliate, is Staten Island's premier destination for culture and entertainment. Snug Harbor presents

a unique blend of gardens, museums, theaters, educational opportunities, and seasonal festivals.

Admission: Adults \$3, Students/Seniors \$2, Children under 12 free.

<u>The Staten Island Children's Museum</u> <u>Tuesday - Sunday 10:00 am - until 5:00 p.m</u> 1000 Richmond Terrace, 10301,

(718)-273-2060

www.StatenIslandKids.org

The Staten Island Children's Museum appeals to the intrepid explorer in every child. Interactive exhibitions and creative workshops offer plenty of opportunities for hands-on, first hand experiences that nurture children's natural curiosity and creativity. Admission:\$6 for people one year of age and older. Members are admitted free. Grandparents are free on Wednesdays!

<u>Staten Island Museum - Sunday - Friday, 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm. Saturday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.</u>

75 Stuyvesant Place

(718)-727-1135

www.statenislandmuseum.org

Fossils, paintings and curiosities in jars: These are just some of the marvels that can be found at the Staten Island Museum. This "mini-Smithsonian" is rich with arts, natural sciences and local history. The Museum's extensive art collection has pieces ranging from Ancient Egyptian to Modern works and its extensive Natural Science Collection includes minerals, a "Cabinet of Curiosities," and examples of native animals. Visitors can also experience the life of the Lenape, the first Staten Islanders. With artifacts dating back 12,000 years, this is

the most comprehensive exhibit about the region's Native Americans in New York City.

The Staten Island Zoo 614 Broadway 10310

718-442-3100

www.StatenIslandZoo.com

The Staten Island Zoo offers a delightful peek into the world of wildlife. Home to endangered Amur Leopards and frolicking fossas, the Zoo provides a safe habitat for some of your favorite animals. The Children's Zoo recreates a barnyard setting and the new Kids' Korral invites you to pet the animals. The Staten Island Zoo is also home to a headline making weatherman – Chuck the groundhog. With 85% accurate predictions, Chuck is the pride and joy of the Zoo. Be sure to visit the Staten Island Zoo's Fear Zone. One of the most modern reptile exhibits in the nation, the 16,000 square foot facility houses 120 species of amphibians, lizards, turtles, alligators and snakes and is home to one of the largest collections of rattlesnakes in the United States. The Fear Zone helps to dispel myths about reptiles, which are important to our environment, through educational and fun exhibits. Admission is \$8.00 for adults (15 and over), \$6.00 for Seniors (60 and over), \$5.00 for children (3-14) and free for children under 3 years of age and for all members. Free admission on Wednesday after 2:00 pm, donations welcome. Parking is free every day.



Museum Deals:

Tuesday Deals:

Staten Island Museum
Admission is free on Tuesdays from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm

Wednesday Deals:

Staten Island Zoo

Free Grandparents Wednesday from 2:00 - 4:45 pm

Museums on Us® Program

In addition, if you have a Photo ID and any valid Bank of America/Merrill Lynch credit or debit card, you are entitled to one free admission on the first full weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of the month to: Staten Island Children's Museum.



MISCELLANEOUS

THE ANNUAL FREE SUMMER MEALS FOR CHILDREN 18 AND YOUNGER

Meals will be served at **public pools, parks, and playgrounds** throughout the city from June 28 to August 31. Free breakfast and lunch are available to youngsters 18 and younger, regardless of New York City residency. The meals will be available at roughly 1,000 locations, including pools, schools, libraries, parks, public housing sites, and soup kitchens throughout the five boroughs. Breakfast is served from 8:00 am to 9:15 am and lunch is served from 11:00 am to 1:15 pm Weekend lunch hours at pools and parks vary according to individual sites. This year, parents have many ways to find a location close to them: They can call 311, log onto either the DOE at schools.nyc.gov, or the Mayor's Food Policy Coordinator's website. Parents also may text "nycmeals" to 877877, or visit the Parks Department website for locations in parks and pools.

www.nycgovparks.org/programs/summer-meals

\$1 Movies:

United Artists Theater on Forest Avenue in Mariners Harbor 2474 Forest Avenue

(718) 273-6098

The Staten Island Advance is partnering with the firm to sponsor the "Regal Summer Movie Express" which starts July 3. The program is a nine-week series of "G" and "PG" films shown for \$1 at local Regal theatres. The Movie Express is

shown every Tuesday and Wednesday at 10 am Two movies will be shown each day.

Lineup of movies on tap at the Island's UA theater:

Aug. 1: "Adventures of Tin Tin" (PG) and "Puss & Boots" (PG).

Aug. 7 and 8: "Kung Fu Panda 2" (PG) and "Rango" (PG).

Aug. 14 and 15: "Spy Kids: All the Time in the World" (PG) and "Rio" (G).

Aug. 21 and 22 "Hoodwinked Too" (PG) and "Chimpanzee" (G).

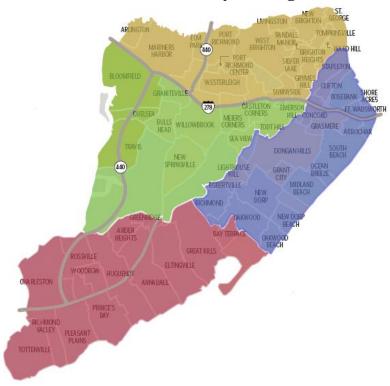
Aug. 28 and 29: "Arthur Christmas" (PG) and "Smurfs" (PG).





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- All information listed is subject to change. We encourage you to contact the organization before hand in order to confirm the event's status
- If you have any additional information on upcoming events you would like to see added to this list, please contact Richard Pallarino at: Pallarin@nysenate.gov



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