



**BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND
COMMUNITY BOARD #3**

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**Parks & Recreation and Environmental Committee
Public Hearing Report**

DATE: October 14, 2025

TIME: 6:30 PM

Committee Members Present

Diane Peruggia, *Chairman of the Board*

Michael Ciacciarelli, *Chair, Parks*

Robert Bozza

Joseph Carlo

Melissa D'Elia

John Kiernan

Megi Rama

Committee Members Absent

Joseph O'Toole

Board Members Present

John Galarza

Jeff Geary

Staff

Stacey Wertheim, *District Manager*

Susan LaForgia, *Community Coordinator*

Guests

Jennifer Miller, New York City (NYC) Parks Department, SI Office

Anthony Riccardelli, Former Board Member

Public Contact Session

None

Agenda

None

Parks Announcements

October 16th - Trees Count at Wolfe's Pond Park, 12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. Volunteer with NYC Parks for Trees Count 2025! At each event, you will receive a tote bag with all the materials needed to count trees. Next, we'll provide a 20-minute training session that includes the basics of tree identification and how to measure and assess each tree. Using our Tree Census app, you'll split up into different zones within the park to start counting trees! After completing your first training event, you are welcome to continue counting trees on your own in smaller parks across the city.

October 18th - Open House New York (OHNY): Conference House Park, Pittsville St. (in Conference House Park) 12:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. On OHNY Weekend, in addition to the park's namesake, the circa-1680 Conference House (Christopher Billop House), two other historic house interiors will be open to visitors. This includes the NYC landmark-designated Henry Hogg-Biddle House (circa 1840) with its front and rear two-story portico and the William H. Rutan House (aka The Rutan-Becket House) with its intact 1950s era kitchen, not usually open to the public. The maritime past of Staten Island's south shore is highlighted by these wonderful historic buildings. Access to the historic house interiors require stairs. Trails, pathways, and sidewalks connect houses and may be uneven.

Open House New York Weekend is an annual festival that unlocks 300 destinations across the five boroughs for behind-the-scenes tours and special activities.

October 19th - Open House New York: Conference House Park Pittsville St.,(in Conference House Park), Staten Island, 12:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

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October 23rd - Adult Hike - Paulo's Peak at Greenbelt Nature Center (in Blood Root Valley), 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Enjoy this Autumn Hike as we make our way through Seaview Meadow amongst the aster flowers and creeks.

October 25th - Movies Under the Stars: Scooby Doo (2002) at Great Lawn (in Conference House Park) 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

As Scooby and gang investigate a series of paranormal incidents at Spooky Island, a spring-break hot spot owned by before the supernatural secrets scare away the crowd.

November 8th - Basic Canoeing at Holten Ave. and Purdy Place (in Wolfe's Pond Park), 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Our trained Urban Park Rangers will lead you on canoe adventures that range from the gentle waters of protected lakes to the challenging open waters of rivers and bays. Ages 8 and up Few experiences compare with being on the open water in New York City. The rhythm of the waves, the sun on your face, and the exhilaration of slicing through the water all add up to an experience you'll never forget. Our trained Urban Park Rangers will lead you on canoe adventures that range from the gentle waters of protected lakes to the challenging open waters of rivers and bays. All canoe programs are for ages 8 years and older. First come, first served.

November 8th - Long Pond Park 25th Anniversary Hike at Long Pond Park, 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Long Pond Park celebrates 25 years as a NYC Park. Take a guided hike with park naturalists, arborists and historians to hear about the many wonderful aspects of this 'hiding in plain site' gem.

Capital Projects Updates

- Greencroft Playground – Construction complete by summer 2026
- Lemon Creek Tot Lot – Construction complete by end of 2025
- Tottenville Shoreline Protection Project – no updates

Old Business

- Prince's Bay Boatsmen Association area needs dredging
- Sand at the end of Yetman has drifted/floated to Prince's Bay
- Tree stump removal – process needs to be improved
- Horseshoe Crabs – Urban Park Rangers have reported seeing them and are not concerned about the numbers

New Business

None

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Ciacciarelli

Michael Ciacciarelli, Chairman