



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

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

**DATE:** February 10, 2026

**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**

Jeffrey Geary

**Staff**

Stacey Wertheim, *District Manager*

Susan LaForgia, *Community Coordinator*

**Guests**

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

Area Residents

**Public Contact** - None

**Agenda** No Agenda

**Parks Announcements**

**February 14 [Valentine's Day Love in Nature Hike](#)** - Blue Heron Nature Center (in Blue Heron Park), Staten Island, 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Join the Urban Park Rangers in learning about the courtship habits of our local wildlife while taking a scenic stroll on the nature trails of Blue Heron Park.

**February 15 [For the Love of Birds](#)** - Greenbelt Nature Center (in Blood Root Valley), Staten Island, 10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Learn about the most common birds you might find in the Greenbelt- or in your own backyard.

**February 16 Kids Week: Kindness Rocks!!** Blue Heron Nature Center (in Blue Heron Park), Staten Island, 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Join the Urban Park Rangers as we learn more about local geology while we participate in the Kindness Rocks Project.

**February 18 Nature Walk and Quill Writing for Kids & Families at Conference House Park** - H.H. Biddle House (in Conference House Park), Staten Island 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Join NYC Parks, the Urban Park Rangers, and the Friends of the Biddle House for a nature walk along our trails and beach, followed by a quill writing art activity!

**February 19 Adult Hike - Long Pond Park**, Long Pond Park, Staten Island 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Come join us as we hike the trails of Long Pond Park.

**February 22 Birding: Owls**, Blue Heron Nature Center (in Blue Heron Park), Staten Island, 5:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Discover how owls have adapted to thriving in the nocturnal environment. This program is sure to be a hoot!

**February 28 Metaverse Scavenger Hunt**, Playground (in Bloomingdale Park), Staten Island, 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Join the Urban Park Rangers for a nature scavenger hunt inspired by the popular mobile game application "Pokémon Go". See how many of these can be found where the metaverse meets nature.

**March 7 Empowerment and Safety Hike** Arden Woods Parking Lot, Staten Island 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Join the Urban Park Rangers on this inspiring and empowering hike. Learn ways on how to be confident, safe, and healthy in our Parks and nature. All are welcome.

**March 28 Quill Making**, Blue Heron Nature Center (in Blue Heron Park), Staten Island 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Join the Urban Park Rangers in taking a step back in time and learn how to make your own ink and write with quills.

**Lifeguard Qualifying Exams** – February 12<sup>th</sup> at Curtis High School, February 18<sup>th</sup> at South Shore YMCA.

#### **Old Business**

- The Manee-Seguine Homestead is private property.
- The Seguine Mansion is not under Parks supervision yet. Only the grounds.

#### **New Business**

None

Respectfully submitted,

*Michael Ciacciarelli*  
Michael Ciacciarelli, Chairman