



**BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND
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**Parks & Recreation and Environmental Committee
Public Hearing Report**

DATE: March 10, 2026

TIME: 6:30 PM

Committee Members Present

Michael Ciacciarelli, *Chair, Parks*
John Kiernan

Committee Members Absent

Diane Peruggia
Robert Bozza
Melissa D'Elia
Joseph O'Toole
Megi Rama

Staff

Stacey Wertheim, *District Manager*

Guests –

Jennifer Miller, Project Development Coordinator, NYC Parks Department, Staten Island

Public Contact - None

Agenda - None

Parks Announcements

March 19

Adult Hike - Paulo's Peak

at Greenbelt Nature Center - Hike Start Point (in Blood Root Valley), Staten Island

11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Join us in celebration of our annual hike to Paulo's Peak

March 20

Bloomingdale Trail Marker Installation

at Bloomingdale Park, Staten Island

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Volunteers will contribute to ongoing restoration work and learn the importance of species diversity to ecosystem health.

March 28

Quill Making

at 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.

March 29

Family Science: Sounds of Science

at Greenbelt Nature Center (in Blood Root Valley), Staten Island

11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Discover more about sound through a series of experiments, demonstrations, and STEAM activities that families can do together.

April 8

Kids Week: Spring Nature Scavenger Hunt

at Arthur Kill Road and Brookfield Avenue (in Brookfield Park), Staten Island

11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Search for signs of spring on this nature scavenger hunt. Follow the trail of urban wildlife and unique plants and trees, discover something new while having a blast!

April 10

Kids Week: Metaverse Scavenger Hunt

at Entrance - Cornelia Avenue and Chester Avenue (in Wolfe's Pond 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 "Pokemon Go". See how many of these can be found where the metaverse meets nature

April 11

Nature Sketching

at Lawn Area (in Seaside Wildlife Nature Park), Staten Island

11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Join Rangers as they hike and sketch the beautiful scenery of Seaside Park, sketching scenes of nature using charcoal and pencils. All supplies will be provided.

April 12

Creatures of the Night: Bats

at Nevada Avenue Parking Lot (in High Rock Park), Staten Island

7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

As the night falls, our fuzzy bat companion rises. Let the Urban Park Rangers be your guide as we learn more about these precious winged friends.

April 18

Earth Month Intro to Composting

at Blue Heron Nature Center (in Blue Heron Park), Staten Island

11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Join the Urban Park Rangers and learn the basics of composting. You will learn how to start and maintain a compost bin as well as the different ways you can keep one in an urban setting.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Ciacciarelli

Michael Ciacciarelli, Chairman