Family Fun Day

Saturday—June 24, 2017
12 noon – 3 pm
Location: The Parade Grounds @ Fort Totten
Please join us for a fun afternoon of free activities including games, crafts, medical screening, pet adoption, demonstrations and more!

SPRING - IT’S HERE ! FINALLY !
(Sort of—maybe)
Yes, it was by all accounts a mild winter and we had the classic ‘In like a Lion—out like a Lamb’ spring so far , but LOOK! there are things blooming !

IT’S A DOG’S WORLD

On a pleasant Saturday this past October, friends and family gathered dressed to impress with their best Halloween costumes over in the Little Bay Dog run.

Oh, and they brought their human owners with to the dog costume event. This year saw a shift in costume styles as many owners dressed up to compliment their dogs. Judging was tight and lead by Senator Tony Avella , Sue Finney and Gary Forster. First place was won by Super dog and family, while third place was won by the Housewives of Bayside. (pictured right)

Co sponsored by Sean Jordan, owner of Modern Pet in the Bayside shopping center. Prizes were awarded to the top three winners.

Celebrity Shark “Mary Lee” has graced our Long Island waters with her presence for yet another summer. Since Mary Lee was first made known to us about five years ago, she has swum over forty thousand miles. Traveling down to the Bahamas and back numerous times, Mary Lee has never really come close to the shore along the Long Island coast, preferring to fish around five miles south of the south shore. She was last heard from on May 31 roughly 75 miles southeast of Montauk Point. You can check the Ocearch website for her most recent location.

http://www.ocearch.org/

4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS!

The 3rd Annual Fourth of July Fireworks will be held again this year on Wednesday, June 28, 2017.

There will be live Music from 6– 9 PM and Fireworks from 9:15 pm onwards.

Sponsored by City Council Member Paul Vallone, details of the event can be found on the Councilman’s website. See you there ! http://paulvallone.com/

Fort Totten Is Not Just Another Park — It’s “Our” Park !
Ghouls & Goblins came together for the annual Haunted Fort on the Hill event and as usual, had a spooky good time. The brave Rangers, with lanterns in hand, guided groups of willing victims (err, guests) through the fort to witness creepy monsters, ghost and plain silly things...If you didn't attend the last one, put it on your calendar. As nice as Spring now is, Fall is just around the corner. Till then—BOO!

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**You found WHAT ?**

On January 11, 2013, preservationists with the Central Park Conservancy in New York were removing rust from a cannon from HMS Hussar * when they discovered it still contained gunpowder, wadding, and a cannonball. Police were called and bomb disposal staff eventually removed about 1.8 pounds of active black gunpowder from the cannon, which was disposed of at a gun range. "We silenced British cannon fire in 1776 and we don’t want to hear it again in Central Park," said the New York Police Department in a statement.  

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**Helen Marshall 1929—2017**

Born to Guyanese immigrant parents in The Bronx, Helen Marshall graduated from CUNY Queens College with a BA in education. She left teaching after eight years to become the Director of the Langston Hughes Library in Queens. Eventually she became and served for eight years on the New York State Assembly and The New York City Council for ten years. She was elected as Borough President of Queens in November 2001, to succeed the term-limited Claire Shulman. As Borough President, Marshall made marketing Queens as a tourist destination one of her priorities. Helen was also a friend to The Friends of Fort Totten Parks.

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**GENERAL SIDEBURNS ?**

General Ambrose Everett Burnside was an American soldier and Civil War General. His unique facial hair style led to the term, "sideburns."

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**Friends of Fort Totten Parks & The New York City Dept.of Parks**

**Summer/ Fall 2017**

Date: Saturday, June 24, 2017  
Event: Friends of Fort Totten Parks FAMILY FUN DAY  
Time: 12 Noon—3 pm  
Location: The Parade Grounds in Fort Totten  
Description: A fun filled day of free family oriented events, games and playtime.

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Date: Saturday, October 28, 2017  
Event: Friends of Fort Totten Parks Halloween Festival  
Time: 12 noon – 3:00 pm  
Location: Fort Totten Park  
Description: Join us for a free day of spooky family fun. Games, rides, craft projects, costume contest, pumpkin patch and goodie bags.

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Date: Friday & Saturday, October 27 & 28, 2017  
Event: Haunted Lantern Tours  
Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Location: Fort Totten Park/ The Battery  
Description: Join the Friends of Fort Totten Parks & Urban Park Rangers as they mix history with Halloween on a lantern tour of the historic Water Battery at Fort Totten. You must be on line by 8:00 pm to be guaranteed admittance.

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Date: October (check fall issue for dates)  
Event: Dog Costume Contest  
Time: 10:00 AM – 12 noon  
Location: The Dog Run near Robbins Wood (Cross Island Pkwy & Utopia Pkwy. Approx .5 mile west of the New Fort Totten Parking lot.  
Description: Dress your dog in their best Halloween costume and meet at the dog run for a morning of dog fun and costumes. Prizes will be awarded for the best costume.

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