

WHY VOLUNTEER?

There are many reasons to volunteer. We are tremendously grateful that you do. It means that you care.

Seniors from the Community Center like to socialize and be active at a slow pace. Runners applying for the New York Marathon are required to volunteer at locations within New York City and don't mind sweating, so are often assigned more strenuous tasks. High school students often have to fulfill community service credits and prefer to do it outdoors. Plant lovers tend to have a soulful connection with the earth when volunteering here. Lastly, and most importantly, many of our volunteers just love the park and want to give back to the community by pitching in to work.

Marine Park has small nonprofit groups dedicated to specific areas such as the **Salt Marsh Alliance** and **Gerritsen Beach Cares**. Additional help comes from **Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy**, **Millennium Development**, and **NYC Audubon**.

WE ARE ALSO GRATEFUL TO OUR BUSINESS PARTNERS:



NYC Parks



MARINE PARK VOLUNTEER menu



For every serving of volunteerism, please bring your own mask, gloves, water bottle and sunscreen. If you have tools, bring them as well.

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BEAUTIFICATION BAR

HUM & PACK

Find your inner Zen while calmly bagging litter left in the park. Some people plug in their ear buds and come back hours later, fulfilled and smiling.

PICK UP STICKS

During a storm, our mature old trees always drop twigs and limbs. This natural litter has to be picked up and gathered into piles so they don't become tripping hazards.

PAINTING STROKES

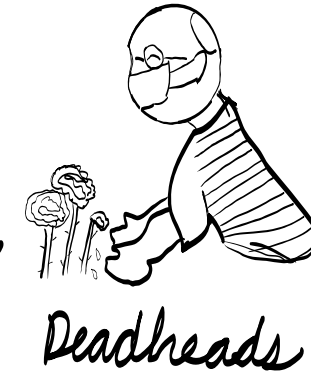
Park "furniture" often needs a fresh coat of paint after months out in the elements. We don't tolerate graffiti, so that needs to be painted over right away.

LEAF PILES

Those grand old oak trees in Marine Park provide essential shade in the summer, architecture in the winter, and huge leaf piles to jump into in the fall. You just have to rake them into the piles!

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Sometimes out of the ordinary tasks come up such as laying stone boundaries, mulching fence lines, or mounting banners.



GARDENERS CORPS

WEED CITY

Any plant growing where it's not supposed to is considered a weed. Our highest priority for weeding is the playgrounds first, then the garden beds.

OVAL TRIANGLES

Assist with the care of the renovated garden beds at all the entrance triangles to the main oval path. Planting, watering, weeding and fence repairs are critical tasks we tackle.

UNDER THE OVERGROWTH

Summertime plants grow so fast our nature trails are almost completely covered. The overgrowth needs to be cut back for the trails to be reasonably passable.

DEADHEADS

Our rose gardens throughout the park need the wilted and dead flowers cut off in a special way to promote the next round of flowering. This task is very low exertion.

MUGWORT MISSION

The most insidious weed is the fragrant, invasive mugwort. This strenuous task involves pitchforking the roots to eradicate the problem.

TREE CARE

Urban trees need continuous care. They don't manage themselves. Sucker growth at their bases needs trimming, dead growth trimmed, low branches pruned up and mulch ringed to protect their roots.