

# **About Holding Pattern**

To create Holding Pattern, we asked MoMA PS1's neighbors the following question: Is there something you need that we could design, use in the courtyard during the summer, and then donate to you when <u>Holding Pattern</u> is deinstalled in the fall?

We talked to taxi management companies, libraries, high schools, senior and daycare centers, community gardens, a post office, and dozens of other Long Island City-based institutions, trying to make matches between things the neighborhood needed and things MoMA PS1's courtyard needed. The result is an eclectic collection of objects—including mirrors, ping-pong tables, a lifeguard chair, a rock-climbing wall, and eighty-four treesthat we might not have thought to include in our design but that enhance the experience of the courtyard and strengthen connections between MoMA PS1 and its surroundings.

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### PS1

22-25 Jackson Ave. at the intersection of 46th Ave. Long Island City, NY 11101

Open 12-6 pm, Thursday through Monday, closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Holding Pattern is Interboro's winning submission to MoMA PS1's 2011 Young Architects Program. It is a project for MoMA PS1's courtyard that opened to the public on June 19th, 2011.

Interboro is a New York Citybased office of architects, urban designers, and planners who work together to improve the urban environment with innovative, experimental design ideas.

www.interboropartners.com

### About the **Young Architects Program**

Established in 2000, the Young Architects Program was designed to solidify the affiliation between The Museum of Modern Art and MoMA PS1. YAP is an annual competition that gives emerging architects the opportunity to build projects conceived for MoMA PS1's facility in Long Island City, Queens.

The objective of the project is to provide visitors with an outdoor recreational area for the summer—a much-needed refuge in an urban environment making the best use of the pre-existing space and available materials. The project, in addition to the site in which it is located, is an integral part of the museum's popular music concert series, Warm Up, which features experimental music, live bands, and DJs.

Recently, YAP has expanded internationally by partnering with MAXXI in Rome.

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#### SPRING 2011

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#### SUMMER 2011

We selected seventy-nine items that we thought would enhance the experience of the MoMA PS1 courtyard and then designed and built (or in a few cases bought) them. Summer fun!



FALL 2011

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### **✓LONG ISLAND CITY SCHOOL OF BALLET**

Eric Ragan, the director and founder of Long Island City School of Ballet (LICSB), is amazed by how much the area has transformed in the 14 years he has lived there. "It is a dream come true to build a home for dance here," says Ragan, who is also a dancer and choreographer. While Manhattan is just a couple of subway stops away, Ragan feels that as far as dance is concerned, Long Island City "is a giant leap." In 2005, he founded LICSB to bring professional dance education and provide a performance space to residents of Queens. The school offers dance classes to children and adults.

When asked what Holding Pattern could do for LICSB, Ragan didn't have to think twice: "Mirrors!" After the project is deinstalled, LICSB will receive its mirrors. An essential part of any dance studio, the mirrors will be placed in the school's new 1,000-square-foot studio, which includes state-of-the-art floating dance floors and can accommodate classes and rehearsals at the same time. These features will undoubtedly attract more dancers to the area and encourage artistic growth in the Long Island City dance community. As Ragan continues to improve and expand his dance studio, he hopes that some of his students "will make the jump to stay and perform in theaters that have not yet been built."

As part of Holding Pattern's programming, Ragan will lead a ballet workshop for children in the MoMA PS1 courtyard this summer.



### ጎSALAH M. HASSANEIN **VARIETY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF** QUEENS

When asked about a typical day at Variety Boys & Girls Club (VBGC), Executive Director Terrence Hughes summed up the after-school program succinctly: "Kids come here after school and they have fun." Hughes was a member of a Boys Club chapter in his youth and describes it as "a place where I learned to grow up." VBGC fulfills both roles, providing a space where children between the ages of 6 and 18 can learn, play, and grow. For \$25 a year, members receive access to a pool, two gymnasiums, a theater, a computer lab and library, homework assistance, a meal and snack every school day, and many dedicated staff members and educators.

VBGC stands in the very same building constructed for its founding in 1955. It has seen many renovations and changes since then, but the mission has remained the same: "to provide children of all backgrounds with the skills and abilities that will develop in them the qualities of self-esteem and self-confidence, which are needed to become responsible citizens and leaders." One of the most recent renovations has been to the club's pool, which will receive a lifeguard chair when Holding Pattern is deinstalled. VBGC will also receive ten oak trees, which will provide much-needed shade on the playground and create a buffer between the club and the traffic and noise of 21st Street.



### **<b>へRAVENSWOOD** NORC

Located in Long Island City's Ravenswood Houses, HANAC's Ravenswood NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community) program is committed to creating an environment that embraces positive aging. Through free services such as case assistance, case management, advocacy, social services, health services, education and home visits, recreation, and transportation for older adults, Ravenswood NORC strives to meet the changing needs of Ravenswood Houses' maturing population, most of which has aged in place. Living in Ravenswood for much of their lives, these seniors are attached to the place. As Kryss Shane, the program director at Ravenswood NORC, attests, "These seniors have lived here for decades. They know the area better than anyone!"

When we asked Shane what Holding Pattern could do for Ravenswood NORC, she pointed outside to the barren concrete slab that serves as the organization's courtyard. While this unassuming outdoor area is sometimes used as a manifestation space where rallies are held to protest budget cuts, Shane suggested that it is underutilized. After Holding Pattern is deinstalled in the fall, Ravenswood's courtyard will be improved with benches, pools, a chess table, and oak trees. Shane looks forward to the "availability of more activities once the items are donated" and says the objects "will truly create a new space for [Ravenswood NORC], an area where people may relax, socialize, and enjoy the weather." The courtyard, she hopes, will ultimately become "an outdoor space they can feel ownership with and where they may enjoy their community in a new way."

As part of <u>Holding Pattern</u>'s programming, Ravenswood NORC will host a senior dance party in the MoMA PS1 courtyard this summer.



### **✓ VERNON BOULEVARD DOG RUN**

When the design for Gantry Plaza was implemented by Queens West Development Corporation in 1998 and completed in 2009, it not only failed to allocate space for a dog run, but it also explicitly designated most of the park a "dog-free zone." This might have been less problematic had Queens West not promoted itself as "dog friendly" to prospective tenants of its high-rise apartments. Tenants felt wronged by the policy, and in 2000, a dusty, MTAowned parcel at the corner of Vernon Boulevard and 48th Avenue became Vernon Boulevard Dog Run.

Since the closing of the dog run at 2nd Street and 50th Avenue in April 2011 for construction of the Hunters Point South development, Vernon Boulevard Dog Run has become all the more important as a resource for the dog community. When <u>Holding Pattern</u> is deinstalled in the fall, the run will receive benches and mulch from the installation's Tree Room. The benches will provide seating for dog owners, and the mulch will provide a soft ground cover for the dogs.



**ASTORIA PARK** 

What's under Hell's Gate? A butterfly garden, of course!

Bridge, also known as New York Connecting Railroad Bridge or East River Arch Bridge, lies Astoria Park Butterfly Garden. It is tended lovingly by the Astoria Park Alliance, an offshoot of Green Shores NYC, "a

coalition of individuals, community groups, and local businesses who have joined together to improve and promote the waterfront parks and shoreline in Astoria

Established in the summer of 2008, today visitors will find thousands of butterflies in hundreds of shapes

and sizes. Asked what challenges face the garden, Jules Corkery, co-chair of the Astoria Park Alliance, says,

"We thought our biggest problem would be vandalism but instead everybody loves the garden and helps take care of it." This fall, there will be even more love in the

air: the garden will receive park benches from Holding

Pattern. Corkery is optimistic about the additions: "The benches will work tirelessly helping park patrons enjoy

the greenery, the river view, and the garden. A little paint

here and there will keep a bench working for a long time,

and a little trim of the grass around the bench's legs will

keep it looking good all year round!"

Beneath the colossal masonry piers of Hell's Gate

**BUTTERFLY** 

GARDEN

and Long Island City."

### **SCULPTURE PARK**

When visiting Socrates Sculpture Park, it's difficult to believe that it was once an abandoned landfill and illegal dumpsite. There is little indication of this past, save maybe the decrepit dock along the water's edge. But this expansive exhibition space and public park was the result of years of dedicated work by artists and Astoria residents. Efforts to renovate the park, led by sculptor Mark di Suvero, began in 1985 and were successfully completed in 1990. The park initially paid the city \$1 a year to lease the land and became part of the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation in 1993.

The park's name references the Astoria community, with its predominantly Greek population, and the philosopher, whose teachings influence many of the park's principles. In addition to hosting exhibitions with work from around the world and residency programs for emerging artists, Socrates Sculpture Park hosts events, public programs, and workshops for the Long Island City community, including the annual LIC Bike Parade, which partners with Recycle-A-Bicycle and other local organizations.

When we asked Executive Director Alyson Baker and Director of Public Programs and Community Relations Shaun Leonardo what Holding Pattern could do for the park, they pointed to the dearth of seating. This fall, Socrates Sculpture Park will receive three benches and three stools, from which visitors can take in both the artwork on display and the legacy of a community committed to improving and expanding its public space.



### **<b><b>▲LES ENFANTS MONTESSORI SCHOOL**

Ester Riveros opened Les Enfants Montessori School in 1980, motivated by the desire to provide the kind of hands-on, progressive education that she wanted for her own children to the Astoria community. Through preparing an educational setting in which children can move and act freely, Les Enfants cultivates an inherent desire in its students to learn about and engage with their environment.

Les Enfants began in a rented two-family house in Astoria with ten students. Since then it has expanded to its current four-floor building and served thousands of students with both academic and extracurricular programming. Additionally, recognizing that the needs of families in the Astoria community vary widely, the school offers a variety of enrollment plans and transportation to and from the school. The trees that Les Enfants will receive from Holding Pattern will provide shade to its patio.

# COVE





### **STEAMSTERS LOCAL 808**

Teamsters Local 808 has a legacy of firsts. In 1948, their members were among the nation's first workers in the railroad industry to achieve a forty-hour work week. The Effects Bargaining Agreement they developed with Swingline workers when the factory moved operations to Mexico in 1993 became a model for other unions affected by NAFTA. Ozzie LoVerme, president and business manager of the Local 808, became involved with the union in 1983 when he was a maintenance worker for Metro-North Railroad. The union gave him and his coworkers a greater voice in negotiations for improved wages and benefits. For LoVerme, the role of the Local 808 is to ask employees how they are treated at work and to empower them to respond by fighting to improve their working conditions.

Recently LoVerme has been concerned with "improving the looks" of the offices for the Local 808, which are adjacent to the entrance to MoMA PS1's courtyard. The building does not announce itself particularly loudly. If anything, you might be surprised to find out that it has been occupied since 1994: the wind recently blew down the awning sign, and the parking lot has been gated off to the public. The lot and its small patch of greenery and picnic table have been used as a space for Local 808 social gatherings in the past, including an annual barbecue for its members.

Continuing its tradition of firsts, the Local 808 will be (probably) the first Teamsters headquarters to have a tiny oasis in their parking lot, replete with trees, benches, and (of course) a chaise lounge donated by Holding Pattern.



### **<b>▲LIC COMMUNITY BOATHOUSE**

For seven years, LIC Community Boathouse (LICCB) has been dedicated to bringing the public to the water, providing education about estuary ecology through free kayaking and rowing trips. Ted Gruber, director of trips, told us that the boathouse has led trips to almost every conceivable area along the East River: "Anywhere there's water, we'll go there," he proclaimed.

The trips depart from Anable Basin, which lies at the northern terminus of 5th Street directly behind the last of the Queens West housing developments. Participants in the trips range from newcomers to die-hard enthusiasts, and Gruber notes that "no one ever comes back from a paddle and says they had a lousy time."

When Holding Pattern is deinstalled, LICCB will receive a picnic table, which will provide a resting spot by the dock, and two kiddie pools, which will be used by returning kayakers to rinse their feet.

# HALLET'S

Blink and you'll miss Hallet's Cove. The cove's small curve of beach, just past Socrates Sculpture Park, behind a guard rail on Vernon Boulevard, is a popular site for departing and arriving kayak and boat trips. (The LICCB hosts weekly paddles to the cove every Sunday in the summer.)

There is speculation that Hallet's Cove's beach may have been the site of religious ceremonies hundreds of years ago and that such ceremonies continue to this day. In a 2002 Village Voice article, LICCB founder Eric Baard wrote that "offerings of open jars of honey and molasses, coconuts, apples, melons, bananas, and pastries can be found at the base of a tree or by small stone platforms and spent fires."

Although Hallet's Cove boasts a rich natural diversity and (possibly) sacrificial fruit, it lacks any form of seating or table, which will make a picnic table from Holding Pattern a welcome addition to the site.



# What's Good for Long Island City is Good for MoMA PS1





### **<b>▲LONG ISLAND CITY KIDS**

Step inside the doors of Long Island City Kids, located on a tranquil corner 500 feet from the East River, and you'll likely encounter a rapid-fire dose of excitement. When we visited one afternoon, the Fighting Sea Monkeys were taking on the Speedies in an obstacle course race that included geometric foam blocks, a balance beam, and a trampoline.

Long Island City Kids offers after-school and preschool alternative programs, a summer camp with swimming lessons, classes such as gymnastics, chess, martial arts, dance, yoga, and theater, and "open play" hours when parents can bring in their kids for unstructured play. In addition to facilitating all of these creative activities for children, says Director Irina Rokhberg, "it's a good meet-up place where parents can meet other parents."

In the fall, when Holding Pattern is deinstalled, Long Island City Kids' obstacle course race may gain a new terrain: a custom rock-climbing wall will be installed in the center's gymnasium.



### **RECYCLE-A-**BICYCLE

Dedicated to promoting healthy and sustainable living through the everyday use of salvaged and refurbished bicycles, Recycle-A-Bicycle (RAB) is a community-based bicycle shop and nonprofit organization that offers educational and job training services to New York City youth. Through such programs as Earn-A-Bike, Ride Club, Cycle Craft, and Summer Youth Employment Program, the organization works with more than a thousand young people every year. RAB has two bike shop locations in the East Village and DUMBO and a space in Long Island City that is used for storing and building bicycles to distribute through its shops and partner school programs. The Long Island City space is also home to the youth Ride Club and summer job training programs.

RAB runs bicycle programs in three New York City public schools, where, it says, "students can enroll in a bicycle mechanics elective course, or drop in after school to volunteer and earn a bike with volunteer hours." When Holding Pattern is deinstalled, RAB will receive two bike stands for the organization's Long Island City space.

As part of Holding Pattern's programming, RAB will host bike-repair workshops in the MoMA PS1 courtyard this summer.

Today the Long Island City Rock is used primarily as a parking lot, but a number of community members are mobilizing to transform it into a park. Holding Pattern hopes its donation of a tree and some seating will support this cause.

### **√**5POINTZ **AEROSOL ART CENTER, INC.**

As you're exiting the courtyard of MoMA PS1 on Jackson Avenue, look across the street. You can't miss 5Pointz Aerosol Art Center, the fivestory, block-long industrial building covered with graffiti murals. You might even see some artists at work.

5Pointz is the brainchild of graffiti veteran Jonathan Cohen, best known by his tag, "Meres One." Since 2001, Meres has worked to convert the Davis Street building, formerly the Phun Phactory, into a 200,000-square-foot publicly accessible outdoor graffiti art museum. As a result, 5Pointz has gained international recognition as a "graffiti mecca." Meres, who is also the gallery's curator, sees 5Pointz as a place where street artists can come together to display and admire each other's work without having to worry about the law. The industrial space is a hub for graffiti culture, bringing together graffiti artists, emcees, DJs, and b-boys on any given day.

When Holding Pattern is deinstalled in the fall, 5Pointz will receive a modular stage that will be used for breakdancing workshops and other activities. With this stage, 5Pointz can continue to expand its reach. Meres hopes that eventually he can "open a school for aspiring aerosol artists, complete with a formalized curriculum that imparts lessons in teamwork, art history, and entrepreneurship in addition to technique."

As part of Holding Pattern's programming, 5Pointz will host a breakdancing workshop in the MoMA PS1 courtyard this summer.





### **ヘJACOB A. RIIS NEIGHBORHOOD** SETTLEMENT HOUSE

While it has changed names and locations since its founding more than a century ago, Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement House has stayed committed to its founder's mission to serve impoverished and vulnerable communities in the city. An important social reformer and journalist, Riis was a Danish immigrant who moved to New York City in 1870. He is best known as the author of How the Other Half Lives, a book that revealed the poor living conditions of people residing in New York City slums in the late 19th century. Originally called The King's Daughters Settlement House, Riis Settlement started in the Lower East Side in 1888 and moved to the Queensbridge Houses in Long Island City in 1950.

Today, Riis Settlement is a community-based nonprofit organization that offers comprehensive services to the thousands of residents of the Queensbridge and Ravenswood Houses and all residents of western Queens. When asked what Holding Pattern could do for the Riis Settlement, Program Coordinator Veronica Franklin suggested that its new recreation room might be a good place to start. The organization will receive a foosball table when Holding Pattern is deinstalled.



## **CITY ROCK**

The New York City grid rarely must concede to Mother Nature, but travel far enough south on 12th Street in Long Island City and you'll encounter the Long Island City Rock, a natural remnant of glacial activity and an inconvenient protrusion between 44th Avenue and 43rd Road. The Long Island City Rock is part of a larger band of rock debris that formed when the Wisconsin Ice Shelf settled in the region 20,500 years ago and that accounts for the hilly terrain in the city's five boroughs. The bedrock is impossible to move and expensive to demolish, posing a perplexing development challenge that Frederick Law Olmsted incorporated into his design of Central Park. In Queens, areas where rock outcroppings disrupted urban expansion include Highland Park, Forest Park, and many of the cemeteries.





### **℃CHECKER MANAGEMENT CORPORATION**

While you are waiting in line to get into Warm Up, look across Jackson Avenue towards the big "Drivers Wanted" sign. Checker Management, founded in 1993, is a taxicab management company where drivers lease coveted cab medallions, fill up and service their cabs, and, most significantly, await the start of their marathon 12-hour shifts. Each day more than 300 drivers pass through Checker Management, mostly between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., when they wait patiently for their partners to return from their shifts. (Typically two cab drivers share one cab, with each driver using the cab for 12 hours.)

To keep the drivers happy while they await the start of their shift, owner Mike Karipidis built a small, impromptu plaza with plastic chairs and tables, a shade awning, and a few planters. Here drivers share stories, drink coffee, or do "anything to keep occupied," as Karipidis puts it. In the fall, when <u>Holding Pattern</u> is deinstalled, the plaza will receive several items to help drivers pass the time during the shift change, including a chess table, a ping-pong table, a picnic table, and a chaise lounge. Karipidis is especially excited about the ping-pong table. "I was a champion ping-pong player in college," he proudly exclaims. Maybe this fall you can challenge him to a quick game.

### **✓ ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH**

When Denise Ballard, director of outreach at St. Margaret Mary, lists the church's many programs and services, it's easy to lose count. The church, among other things, assists in tax preparation, works to help resolve landlord and tenant disputes, maintains a small youth group, hosts a preschool (St. Margaret Mary Head Start/Universal Pre-Kindergarten), and runs a food pantry that serves approximately 2,500 people a month.

Ballard began working at St. Margaret Mary 17 years ago, at a time when the pantry had extremely limited resources and was capable of serving only three families a day, two days a week—approximately 80 to 90 people a month. After becoming part of the Food Bank for New York network and receiving grant funding, it grew to the vital community resource it is today. Ballard describes the trajectory of the program spatially: "It was a closet. And then it moved to a bigger closet. And now the closet's about 12 by 60 feet."

St. Margaret Mary Head Start/Universal Pre-Kindergarten has similarly benefited from a hybrid of community engagement and city assistance, as it is a venture partially organized by the Catholic Charities of Brooklyn and Queens and, as its name indicates, participates in both the Head Start and Universal Pre-Kindergarten programs run by New York City schools. The students of the school will receive a sandbox from Holding Pattern this fall, which will go in the large yard on the church's property. For many years this space received shade (and hawk sightings) from overgrown trees on neighboring land. However, at the height of the real estate boom, developers obtained the property and began clearing the entire lot—including the trees. Ballard is thrilled to hear that trees will also be planted in the yard through Holding Pattern. Living in an environment of mostly concrete and construction, she says, "the kids need to see a tree!"



## Directory

#### **5POINTZ AEROSOL ART** CENTER, INC. 45-46 Davis Stree Long Island City, NY 11101

(317) 219-2685 5ptz.com 5Pointz Aerosol Art Center is an outdoor art exhibition space in Long Island City, considered to be the world's premier "graffiti mecca," where aerosol artists from around the globe paint colorful pieces on the walls of a 200,000-square-foot factory buildina.

#### ASTORIA PARK ALLIANCE 20-00 Hoyt Avenue North

Astoria, NY 11106 (718) 626-8621 myspace.com/astoriaparkalliance Astoria Park Alliance, a member of Green Shores NYC, is a community group whose mission is to beautify, enhance, and encourage promote the waterfront parks involvement in the park.

#### ASTORIA PARK

**BUTTERFLY GARDEN** 20-00 Hoyt Avenue North Astoria, NY 11106 myspace.com/astoriaparkalliance Astoria Park Butterfly Garden is a haven for butterflies underneath Hell's Gate Bridge in Astoria Park. It is cared for by the Astoria Park Alliance.

#### **BUILD IT GREEN! NYC**

3-17 26th Avenue Astoria, NY 11102 (718) 777-0132 bignyc.org Build It Green! NYC is New

York City's only nonprofit retail outlet for salvaged and surplus building materials. Its mission is to keep these materials out of the landfill while offering deep discounts on their resale.

#### CHECKER MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

22-10 Jackson Avenue Long Island City, NY 11101 (718) 361-6300 Checker Management Corporation is a taxicab company located across from MoMA PS1. Checker leases 150 cabs to 300 drivers, who flood the company's lot every day between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to swap cabs.

FLUX FACTORY

39-31 29th Street Long Island City, NY 11101 (718) 707-3362 fluxfactory.org Flux Factory is a nonprofit art organization that supports and promotes emerging artists through exhibitions, commissions, residencies, and collaborative opportunities. It functions as an incubation and laboratory space for the creation of artworks that are in dialogue with the physical, social, and cultural spheres of New York City.

#### **GREATER ASTORIA** HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Quinn Building 35-20 Broadway, 4th floor Long Island City, NY 11106 (718) 278-0700 astorialic.org Chartered in 1985. Greater Astoria Historical Society is a nonprofit organization supported by the community committed to preserving Long Island City's past and using it to promote its future. The society hosts field

trips, walking tours, slide pre-

sentations, and guest lectures

for schools and the public.

### **GREEN SHORES NYC**

greenshoresnyc.org Green Shores NYC is a coalition of individuals, community groups, and local businesses who have united to improve and and shoreline in Astoria and Long Island City. The group sponsors events to beautify and maintain neighborhood parks and organizes activities for adults and children

#### HALLET'S COVE Vernon Boulevard and 31st

Avenue Long Island City, NY 11102 Hallet's Cove is a hotbed of marine wildlife located just north of Socrates Sculpture Park. It is a popular docking point for kayakers and is often used by the LIC Community Boathouse.

#### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**HIGH SCHOOL** 21-16 44th Road Long Island City, NY 11101 (718) 937-4270 ithsnyc.org Information Technology High School offers a full academic curriculum with a focus on computer science and information technologies.

#### **IS 10 HORACE GREELEY** 45-11 31st Avenue

Astoria. NY 11103 (718) 278-7054 is10q.org The mission of IS 10 is to provide every student with the skills, academic knowledge, and emotional support needed to compete and succeed in the 21st century.

#### **IS 126 ALBERT SHANKER** SCHOOL FOR VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS 31-51 21st Street Long Island City, NY 11106 (718) 274-8316 is126.org IS 126 provides students with a rigorous curriculum, instruction, and assessment aligned with the

New York State Learning Standards while being immersed in the arts.

JACOB A. RIIS NEIGHBORHOOD SETTLEMENT HOUSE 10-25 41st Avenue Long Island City, NY 11101 (718) 784-7447 riissettlement.org

Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement House is a communitybased nonprofit organization that offers comprehensive services to the youth, adults, seniors, and families of western Queens

#### JOHN MURRAY PLAYGROUND

45th Road between 11th and 21st Streets Long Island City, NY 11101 nycgovparks.org/parks/Q141 John Murray Playground is a 2.5-acre NYC Department of Parks & Recreation playground with a dog run and handball courts

#### LA FAMILIA RESTAURANT 2159 44th Drive

Long Island City, NY 11101 (718) 937-4904 La Familia Restaurant is an economical American-style restaurant.

#### LES ENFANTS **MONTESSORI SCHOOL**

29-21 Newtown Avenue Astoria, NY 11102 (718) 626-9549 lesenfantsschool.com Les Enfants Montessori School has been providing education to 6- to 12-year-olds since 1980.

### LIC COMMUNITY

BOATHOUSE 4-40 44th Drive Long Island City, NY 11101 licboathouse.org

The all-volunteer LIC Community Boathouse, part of Green Shores NYC, aims to provide western Queens with education and recreational paddling programs on the East River. These programs raise awareness about estuary ecology with the goal of restoring the natural beauty and health of New York Harbor.

#### LONG ISLAND CITY

**COMMUNITY GARDEN** 49th Avenue between Vernon Boulevard and 5th Street Long Island City, NY 11101 Long Island City Community Garden advocates for local open space initiatives and promotes neighborhood beautification efforts in the Hunters Point neighborhood

#### LONG ISLAND CITY KIDS 5-02 50th Avenue

Long Island City, NY 11101 (718) 392-5437 lickids.com Long Island City Kids provides classes for babies, toddlers, and children, including gymnastics, music, and chess. It also offers preschool and after-school programs, as well as "open play" on the weekends

#### LONG ISLAND CITY **ROCK GROUP**

12th Street and 43rd Road Long Island City, NY 11101 licrockgroup@gmail.com Long Island City Rock Group, part of Green Shores NYC, is a coalition of Long Island City residents intent on preserving a sizable natural rock formation at the intersection of 12th Street and 43rd Road.

LONG ISLAND CITY SCHOOL OF BALLET 44-02 23rd Street Long Island City, NY 11101 (718) 781-1169 licsb.com Long Island City School of Ballet offers ballet classes to children and adults. as well as fitness classes.

### MOUNT OLIVET CEMETERY 65-40 Grand Avenue Maspeth, NY 11378

(718) 326-1777 mountolivetcemeterynyc.com Mount Olivet Cemetery, designed as a garden cemetery, has been serving the community for more than 159 years. It is nonsectarian, offering lots, graves, crypts, and niches to all faiths

#### **NEW YORK CENTER** FOR REHABILITATION CARE 26-13 21st Street Astoria, NY 11102 (718) 626-4800 New York Center for

Rehabilitation Care is a nursing facility offering comprehensive care, from intensive physical and occupational therapies to skilled nursing care.

**NEW YORK IRISH CENTER** 10-40 Jackson Avenue Long Island City, NY 11101 (718) 482-0909 newyorkirishcenter.org New York Irish Center is a nonprofit organization serving the larger Irish community in the Tri-State area. Among other services, the center hosts luncheons and dances, provides a community helpline, and has an Internet cafe.

#### NEW YORK

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 43-23 37th Avenue Long Island City, NY 11101 (718) 706-0100 nypc.net New York Presbyterian Church, part of the Korean American Presbyterian Church denomination within the New York West Presbytery, aims to be a multi-generational ministry. Its

codesigned by architect Greg Lynn.

#### NEW YORK

**RESTORATION PROJECT** 254 W. 31st Street. 10th floor New York, NY 10001 (212) 967-6166 nyrp.org

New York Restoration Project, founded in 1995, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to reclaiming and restoring underresourced parks, community gardens, and open spaces in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods throughout New York City's five boroughs.

#### PS 17 HENRY DAVID THOREAU 28-37 29th Street Long Island City, NY 11102

(718) 278-1220 schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/30/Q017 The staff of PS 17, in collaboration with the home and community, strives to educate

the school's rich ethnic mix of students towards the achievement of academic excellence and personal growth.

#### PS 76 WILLIAM HALLETT

36-36 10th Street Long Island City, NY 11106 (718) 361-7464 schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/30/Q076 PS 76 is housed in a large, well-maintained, and welcoming allowing them to age in place building, a model of good school design. Constructed in 1967 to integrate children from the country's largest low-income housing project, Queensbridge Houses, with middle-income students from Ravenswood Houses and North Queensview Cooperative, it provides what one staff member has called "an cation and outreach programs. oasis" to the community.

#### **PS 111 JACOB BLACKWELL**

37-15 13th Street Long Island City, NY 11101 (718) 786-2073 schools.nyc.gov/ SchoolPortals/30/Q111 PS 111, "where learning has no limits," is a diverse, collaborative school community dedicated EPISCOPAL CHURCH to raising the standards of academic achievements for all of Astoria, NY 11102 their students. Through rigorous (718) 721-5154 standards-driven instruction, differentiated learning, and high expectations, they strive to create a community of socially conscious, lifelong learners who are prepared to make their mark ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH on the world

#### **PS 166 HENRY GRADSTEIN**

33-09 35th Avenue Astoria, NY 11106 (718) 786-6703 schools.nyc.gov/ SchoolPortals/30/Q166 The mission of PS 166 is for all children to reach their full potential and develop a lifelong love of learning.

#### PS 171 PETER G. VAN ALST

14-14 29th Avenue Astoria, NY 11102 (718) 932-0909 schools.nyc.gov/ SchoolPortals/30/0171 building, completed in 1999, was The mission of PS 171 is to provide students with a quality education and rich academic experiences in cooperation with parents and the community so that they can move forward with knowledge, self-confidence, and stritalic.org joy to take their rightful places in St. Rita's Roman Catholic

#### QUEENS LIBRARY

queenslibrary.org With more than sixty branch locations, Queens Library serves SALAH M. HASSANEIN communities throughout the borough through lending library materials, child and adult education classes, clubs, exhibitions, and events.

#### QUEENSBRIDGE/RIIS

SENIOR CENTER 10-25 41st Avenue Long Island City, NY 11101 (718) 784-7447, ext. 135 Queensbridge/Riis Senior Center, sponsored by Jacob A. Riis Settlement House, provides wide-ranging services to more

than 380 registered members in the areas of health. nutrition. and social services

#### RAVENSWOOD NORC

21-10 35th Avenue Astoria. NY 11106 (718) 729-5621 Ravenswood NORC, in cooperation with Ravenswood Houses, provides social and health services to senior residents, instead of moving to a purposebuilt senior facility.

#### RECYCLE-A-BICYCLE

5th Street and 46th Avenue Long Island City, NY 11101 recycleabicycle.org Recycle-A-Bicycle promotes everyday bike use through edu-Their space in Long Island City is used for storing and building bikes to distribute to Recycle-A-Bicycle shops and partner school programs. The Long Island City space also houses the youth Ride Club and summer job training programs.

ST. GEORGE'S 14-22 27th Avenue historic-stgeorge-astoria.org St. George's Episcopal Church, founded in 1827, is the oldest church in Long Island City.

9-18 27th Avenue Astoria, NY 11102 St. Margaret Mary Church pro-

vides services to the community that include a food pantry and a Head Start/Universal Pre-Kindergarten program.

#### ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

10-08 49th Avenue Long Island City, NY 11101 (718) 786-0705 stmaryrcchurchlic.blogspot.com St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, established in 1868, is a Parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn. It also hosts a cultural arts series

#### ST. RITA'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

36-25 11th Street Long Island City, NY 11106 (718) 361-1884 the world in the new millennium. Church was founded in 1900. Its current church, on the corner of 12th Street and 36th Avenue, was built in 1966.

#### VARIETY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF QUEENS 21-12 30th Road Astoria, NY 11102 (718) 728-0946 vbgcq.org The Variety Boys & Girls Club is the largest after-school

program in western Queens. With more than 1,000 members paying a nominal fee, the club cares for nearly 200 children. Its after-school program, running from 2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily, offers activities including acting



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and dance classes, intramural sports, and tutoring.

#### SOCRATES SCULPTURE PARK 32-01 Vernon Boulevard Long Island City, NY 11106 (718) 956-1819 socratessculpturepark.org Socrates Sculpture Park was transformed from an abandoned riverside landfill and illegal dumpsite into an open studio and exhibition space and a neighborhood park in 1986. Today it is a renowned outdoor museum and artist residency program that offers a variety of free public programs, including

SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY GARDEN

arts, crafts, and gardening.

48-21 39th Avenue Sunnyside, NY 11104 (718) 672-1555 sunnysidegardenspark.org Sunnyside Community Garden is located in the three-acre Sunnyside Garden Park, one of only two membership parks in New York City. In addition to the community garden, the park boasts a picnic grove and basketball courts and hosts a variety of events throughout the year.

#### SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES

43-31 39th Street Sunnyside, NY 11104 (718) 784-6173 scsny.org The mission of Sunnyside Community Services is to strengthen the community by providing a continuum of vital services and activities that enrich the lives of individuals of all ages. It is the largest community-based social service agency in western Queens, reaching more than 15,000 residents.

#### **TEAMSTERS LOCAL 808**

22-43 Jackson Avenue Long Island City, NY 11101 (718) 389-1900 Đ teamsterslocal808.org Teamsters Local 808 has been dedicated to the labor conditions of railroad workers since it was first chartered in 1922. It won the struggle for the 40-hour work week in 1947, dramatically raised track- and bridge-building workers' wages in the 1960s, and continues to fight for better pay for rail workers today.

#### TWO COVES COMMUNITY GARDEN

11-01 30th Avenue Astoria, NY 11102 (718) 512-8649 twocovescommunitygarden.org Two Coves Community Garden grew out of a Goodwill Industries project to develop a vacant property in Astoria. Today, Two Coves has more than 200 members and a community plot tended by members and nonmembers alike.

U.S. POST OFFICE, LONG ISLAND CITY 46-02 21st Street Long Island City, NY 11101 (718) 349-4633 usps.com

The U.S. Post Office, Long Island City is one of the four main post offices in Queens. Built in 1928 under the direction of James A. Wetmore, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

VERNON BOULEVARD DOG RUN Vernon Boulevard at 48th Avenue Long Island City, NY 11101 Vernon Boulevard Dog Run provides much-needed space for canines to exercise.

#### WESTERN QUEENS COMPOST INITIATIVE 11-01 30th Avenue Astoria, NY 11102 wgnscompost@gmail.com facebook.com/wqnscompost Since 2008, Western Queens Compost Initiative has salvaged food from soup kitchens,

community-supported agriculture, bike tours, and hundreds of households to recycle into nutrient-rich compost for the gardens and parks of western Queens.

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### SPECIAL THANKS TO NEW YORK RESTORATION PROJECT!

The sixty red oak trees that are being temporarily held in the courtyard's Tree Room were donated by the New York Restoration Project. As part of MillionTreesNYC, New York Restoration Project will plant the trees on the properties of the neighbors who asked for them. Thank you NYRP, especially Barrett Robinson, Amy Gavaris, and Michael Yoken!



<b>HOLDING PATTERN PROGRAMS</b> Since Holding Pattern is about strengthening connections between MoMA PS1 and Long Island City, we have invited organizations in the neighborhood to use MoMA PS1's courtyard for programs of their own making. All events are open to the public! Visit moma.org/yap for more information.			
<b>Bike</b> Workshops with Recycle-A-Bicycle	Senior Summer Juizer with Queensbridge/Riis Senior Center/ Ravenswood NORC/ Ravenswood Senior Center	<b>B-Boy</b> <b>Workshop</b> with 5Pointz Aerosol Art Center, Inc.	QUEENS WATERFRONT WORKSHOPS with Green Shores NYC
TREE WORKSHOPS with New York Restoration Project	Traditional Trish Music & Dance Workshops with New York Irish Center	Ballet Workshop With Long Island City School of Ballet	Composting & Rain Bazzel Uozkshops with Western Queens Compost Initiative
Beyond the Plug with Center for Urban Pedagogy (CUP) and Aviation High School	CHECKER MANAGEMENT & MoMA PSL PING-PONG TOURNAMENT with PS1	Family Summer Reading Celebration with Queens Library	



Dig deep. Plant or donate a tree. We need your help to grow 1 Million new ones citywide.

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#### **NYC: A MILLION TIMES GREENER**

One million trees. Five boroughs. Ten years. It all adds up to one of the nation's largest urban tree planting and stewardship initiatives-MillionTreesNYC.

MillionTreesNYC (MTNYC) is a public-private partnership between New York Restoration Project (NYRP) and the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation through which one million new trees are being planted and cared for across NYC's five boroughs by 2017.

It's time to get your hands dirty, New Yorkers! We need you to plant trees in order for us to reach a million. MTNYC is giving away thousands of free trees to NYC homeowners to encourage tree planting on private property across the five boroughs. Through citywide tree giveaways and tree workshops, New Yorkers will be presented with the opportunity to plant new trees on their front and back yard, in parks and community gardens, surrounding schoolyards and playgrounds and more. New Yorkers are urged to plant a tree or support the planting of a tree by making a donation at www.milliontreesnyc.org.

#### TREE STEWARDSHIP

Almost half a million trees have WATERING TIPS been planted across New York Street trees need 15 to 20 gallons water from air conditioners and City's five boroughs since MillionTreesNYC was first launched during the hot summer months. annoy you, but trees can use them. in 2007. Our ambitious citywide Help thirsty street trees during Capture this water into a container tree planting programs and stewardship initiatives are critical these watering tips: components of our city's long-term —Be sure to remove weeds health and sustainability.

that they can grow strong and the soil. healthy for future generations. —Don't let that leaking shower, More summer watering guidelines With summer quickly approach- bathtub, or sink water go to can be found on ing, we need the help of every waste! Capture it into a container www.milliontreesnyc.org New Yorker to water and protect or bucket and use it for watering our city's urban forest.

the warm summer months using for watering small trees.

from your tree pits! Weeds not from your local tree removal New Yorkers need trees, but only compete with the tree for company) around the base of the more importantly, our city's trees precious water, but they can also tree to conserve water and to keep need us to take care of them so block rain water from getting into the soil cool and wet.

trees.

-Capture spontaneous drips of of water per week, especially dehumidifiers! These droplets may

> —Trees helping trees! Spread fallen leaves or wood chips (free

