



## Prospect Park Tree Care and Litter Campaign 2010

The New York City Department of Parks & Recreation, in conjunction with the Prospect Park Alliance, has launched a public education campaign about how to safely dispose of barbecue coals, and also the proper disposal of garbage during the busy summer months

New signs printed in seven languages – warning that “Charcoal Kills Trees” – will be posted all around the Park. White ribbons printed with the same message will be tied around trees in prime barbecue areas. Park staff and volunteers will be out in the Park weekends this spring and summer distributing information flyers and barbecue rule cards to park patrons, and pointing out the locations of the nearest bins for disposing of hot coals. In addition, Parks Enforcement Patrol officers will be in the Park ensuring that Park users are disposing of trash and hot coals in an appropriate manner.

With the help of regular park users like the dog owners group FIDO, and business partners such as Goldman Sachs, the Alliance has ordered 10 new garbage dumpsters which will be strategically placed around the Park by the start of the summer to help deal with the anticipated large amounts of trash. With a capacity of two cubic yards each, these dumpsters can hold a much greater volume of trash than the existing trash cans found throughout the Park.

Due to proposed cuts to the Parks Department budget, we are anticipating a smaller seasonal workforce to help with regular garbage collection and cleaning of the Park. While Prospect Park has always been fortunate to have a large corps of volunteers, we will be even more dependent on volunteers this year to help us maintain the Park. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities every week: for more information, please contact the Volunteer Office at (718) 965-8960.

With everyone’s help and cooperation, we can ensure a summer in Prospect Park that is fun and well- maintained for everyone.

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