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## StewCorps Summer

## News 2011



*Welcome to the Summer issue of StewCorps News. Because you have taken a stewardship workshop or shown interest in tree care we want to keep you informed on the latest news from MillionTreesNYC.*

### Register your adopted trees!

Registering trees you care for online at [www.milliontreesnyc.org/stewards](http://www.milliontreesnyc.org/stewards) helps others know which trees are available to adopt and helps us track how well we are doing and what areas we need to focus on.

### TreeLC Tips: Water, water everywhere...



With summer quickly approaching, MillionTreesNYC is focusing its efforts on tree stewardship. Watering trees during warm weather is critical for the healthy establishment of young trees. In order to water and care for over 35,000 street trees, MillionTreesNYC kicked off its strategic maintenance plan on June 1. New York City Department of Parks & Recreation contractors will be watering trees that they planted, with at least 20 gallons of water every two weeks, throughout all five boroughs. Central Forestry will closely monitor watering productivity to ensure that young street trees receive the care they need. If you

have any comments, questions or concerns for our contractors please let us know at

[stewards@milliontreesnyc.org](mailto:stewards@milliontreesnyc.org). Look for our water truck throughout the summer especially in the following neighborhoods: Hunts Point, Morrisania, East New York, East Harlem, Far Rockaways and Stapleton.

You can help your thirsty street trees during the warm summer months using these [watering tips](#). Also, throughout the season, we will be sponsoring watering blitzes and bucket brigades in which volunteers can join together to help water street trees. Let us know if your block would like to host a blitz by emailing [stewards@milliontreesnyc.org](mailto:stewards@milliontreesnyc.org).

## Upcoming Events

There are plenty of tree related volunteer events this Summer:

### **How to Build a Forest**

*Weekends of June 17 and June 24, 2pm-10pm –  
The Kitchen – 512 West 19th Street, NYC*

Part visual art installation, part theater performance, [How to Build a Forest](#) will unfold over eight hours, from 2pm-10pm each day. Beginning on an empty stage each performance day, the forest will come together in ways that range from surprisingly intimate to large-scale and spectacular; ultimately, it will fill the Kitchen's black box from wall to wall and floor to ceiling. As part of the performance, we are seeking volunteers to care for trees around the performance space (approximately 19th to 22nd St between 8th and 10th Ave) from 3-6p.m. Please email [stewards@milliontreesnyc.org](mailto:stewards@milliontreesnyc.org) if you would like to sign up for one of the shifts.



### **Parks Summer Camp!**

This summer we will be offering workshops to our Parks Summer Camp held at Recreation Centers citywide. If you are interested in leading groups of 20 children between the ages of 6 and 12 in watering, weeding, mulching and planting throughout the

summer (beginning July 7) please contact us at [stewards@milliontreesnyc.org](mailto:stewards@milliontreesnyc.org) for more details.

### **Upcoming workshops**

If you haven't already taken a workshop, please check out our community calendar.

Upcoming workshops include:

*Saturday, June 18, 10a.m-12p.m.* 837 Washington Ave, Bronx

*Saturday, July 9, 10a.m-12p.m.* Brookville Park Playground, Rosedale

*Saturday, June 25, 11a.m.-2:15p.m.* Las Casitas Community Garden, 1126 Woodycrest Ave, Bronx

*Saturday, July 30, 11a.m-2:15p.m.* Green Oasis Community Garden, 372-382 East 8th St, Manhattan

Call 212-360-3435 for more information or [register online](#). If you would like to host your own workshop for 20 or more people contact us at [stewards@milliontreesnyc.org](mailto:stewards@milliontreesnyc.org).

### **Save the Date!**

We will be holding our Stewardship Corps party on July 26! Look for official invitations to celebrate your wonderful tree care work.

### **Funding Opportunities**

**Home Depot Foundation 2011 Community Impact Grants** (Deadline: October 31, 2011)

The Home Depot Foundation is accepting applications for its Community Impact Grants Program from nonprofit organizations, public schools, and public service agencies in the United States that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their communities.

Grants must support community improvement activities completed by community volunteers in the U.S. such as planting trees or community gardens and/or landscaping community facilities. Visit the [Home Depot Foundation](#) for complete program guidelines and application procedures.

### **Patagonia Grassroots Environmental Grants**

Outdoor clothing and gear company Patagonia provides support for environmental work through grants to nonprofit organizations that have provocative direct-action agendas and

are working on multi-pronged campaigns to preserve and protect the environment. Most grants are in the range of \$3,000 to \$8,000 each. See the [Patagonia Web site](#) for guidelines and retail store locator.

### **New York City Environmental Fund**

The fund supports projects that foster restoration, care, and public enjoyment of and education about the natural resources of New York City. It funds general environmental education programs and encourages community involvement. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000, with average awards of \$15,000. For application deadlines and more information, call (212) 483-7667.

### **ioby.org**

If you have an environmental project that is discrete, site-specific in a NYC neighborhood, with a small budget that needs funding or volunteers, apply to post your project on ioby.org. ioby stands for “in our backyards” and through a web platform connects donors and volunteers to environmental projects in their neighborhoods. To post a project, just go to [ioby.org/projects/submit](http://ioby.org/projects/submit), create a username and password and fill out the online application.

*[MillionTreesNYC Stewardship Corps](#) is a citizen-based program channeling the power of volunteerism to urban tree care. Under this umbrella, [Brooklyn Botanic Garden](#), [Greenbelt Conservancy](#), [GreenThumb](#), [Partnerships for Parks](#), [Queens Botanical Garden](#), [New York Botanical Garden](#) and [Trees New York](#) engage everyday New Yorkers in greening their streets by providing accessible, no-cost tree care and community organizing training.*

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