Explore Staten Island

New at the zoo: Amur leopards

Plus: music, food, summer fun and more inside
Grand opening of revamped Staten Island Museum

Staten Island’s newest museum is ready to be unveiled. After four years of construction, the $35.8 million city-funded renovation of Building A at Snug Harbor for the Staten Island Museum is now complete. The building is now a state-of-the-art facility with climate-controlled galleries. As New York City's only general interest museum, the Staten Island Museum explores the dynamic connections between natural science, art and history. Admission will be free to the public on opening day, Saturday, September 19, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a full-day celebration of Staten Island’s history and culture. Festivities will include lawn games for all ages, food, live music, crafts for children, and some special surprises. The museum will continue on Sunday, Sept. 20, with a members-only preview from 10 a.m. to noon, followed by free admission for all from noon to 5 p.m., museum-led tours, music, food, and special guests.

The museum’s inaugural exhibits will include Remember the Mastodon, which discusses the importance of biodiversity, exposes the harsh realities of extinction, and features a full-size replica of a Mastodon; Opening the Treasure Box: Bringing the World Home, which presents art objects from five continents; Staten Island Seen, which traces the borough’s unique history and landscape from the 17th century to the present; and From Farm to City, which strives to re-unite Islanders with their past and share the evolving story of New York City’s Borough of Parks with visitors by focusing on the people and themes that have defined the island throughout history. Plan your visit! Call (718) 727-1135 or www.statenislandmuseum.org.

LYME DISEASE PROTECTION: 10 TIPS

1. WALK IN THE MIDDLE OF TRAILS
2. DO TICK CHECKS IMMEDIATELY and 3 days after adventuring outside
3. WEAR A HAT
4. WEAR LIGHT-COLORED LINING TO MAKE IT EASIER TO SEE TICKS
5. CONSERVE DEET WHEN PUMPING A MIST
6. USE YOUR NAPS AND AVOID TICKS
7. ASK YOUR VETERINARIAN ABOUT PROTECTION FOR YOUR PETS
8. STAY IN THE SHADOWS
9. RECOGNIZE THE SYMPTOMS
10. CONTACT YOUR DOCTOR OR VETERINARIAN
Get immersed in art at Snug Harbor

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Events: June through November

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