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PRESS RELEASE

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Free Family Event!

10th Annual Halloween Festival in Fort Greene Park

On Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 12 noon – 3:00 pm, the Fort Greene Park Conservancy presents the 10th annual *all free* Halloween Festival in Brooklyn's historic Fort Greene Park. Hundreds of children will be treated to hay rides, games, sack races, face painting, stilt-walkers, entertainers and free pumpkins to decorate – and it's all FREE. Plus there will be a costume parade and spooky cemetery with such luminaries in residence as “Will B. Back” and “R U Next”.

The festival kicks off at 12 noon with a wild costume contest for dogs and their owners, “The Great PUPkin,” sponsored by Fort Greene PUPS, the local dog-owners organization.

The Halloween festival is organized and produced by volunteer-members of the Fort Greene Park Conservancy, a not-for-profit community based organization dedicated to the restoration and upkeep of historic Fort Greene Park, with support from Partnerships for Parks --- a joint project of the City of New York Parks Dept and City Parks Foundation *and...* from many local businesses and generous individuals.

For more information, visit fortgreenepark.org, e-mail: info@fortgreenepark.org, or call 718-398-4024.

About Fort Greene Park

Fort Greene Park is located in Brooklyn, New York, on a hill overlooking Wallabout Bay and downtown Brooklyn. Bounded by Myrtle Avenue, St. Edwards Street, DeKalb Avenue, and Washington Park (the continuation of Cumberland Avenue as it fronts the

park), it is both a popular neighborhood park and a site of national importance. The thirty-acre park is home to tennis courts and playgrounds, and is host to events such as concerts, poetry readings, and other civic gatherings. It is also the site of a Revolutionary War fort and a monument to Revolutionary War prisoners, who were held by the British aboard prison ships in Wallabout Bay. The park, which opened in 1847, was originally named Washington Park, after our first president. It was later rechristened Fort Greene Park, after General Greene who was George Washington's top general in the Revolutionary War and his hand-picked successor.

About The Fort Greene Park Conservancy

The Fort Greene Park Conservancy is an organization of activist citizens and volunteers leading the effort for a full renewal of our magnificent Olmsted and Vaux-designed Fort Greene Park.

WHO: Fort Greene Park Conservancy

WHAT: Tenth Annual **all free** Halloween Festival

WHEN: Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. (RAIN DATE: Sunday, November 1, 2009)

WHERE: The Great Lawn of Brooklyn's Fort Greene Park, (DeKalb Avenue at Washington Park)

DESCRIPTION: An all-free fun-filled Halloween event for children featuring a pumpkin patch, hay rides, games, face-painting, prizes, and a costume contest and parade – for both dogs and children!

SUBWAYS: 2, 3, 4, 5 to Nevins St.; A, C to Lafayette Ave.; G to Fulton; M, N, Q, R, W to DeKalb Ave. LIRR to Atlantic Ave

<http://www.fortgreenepark.org>

PARKING: Street parking.

ADMISSION: Free

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