



HRPK Advisory Group

HRPK Friends Advocacy Update

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

1. Last week was #GivingTuesday. As 2020 comes to a close, we are asking for continued support for the Park, which has been an oasis for everyone during these stressful times. HRPK has been a living room, gym, education center and a place to relax during the pandemic. Help [support](#) green open space on the West Side and all the diverse ways the Park and its programs enrich the lives of New Yorkers by making a donation towards **#GivingTuesday**. HRPK is **NOT** a City-run park and depends on donations from Park lovers like you to ensure that **its** four+ miles remain green, active and thriving. And this year, [donations](#) received by December 31 will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$50,000, thanks to a generous match from two Friends Board members.
2. Pier 76/Tow Pound: Community Board #4 Waterfront, Parks & Environment Committee, held a public meeting on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Several board members spoke and emphasized that they hoped any temporary open space uses wouldn't be so adored by the public that they couldn't be removed to make way for a new pier in the future, once the tow pound is moved. Board members hope that whatever interim uses are built are temporary, and benefit the local community first and that they don't create just a tourist destination.
3. As we move into December, the HRPK Friends volunteer program is wrapping up for the season.  
Two horticulture volunteer projects per week are scheduled for December; Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Compost volunteering will continue at certain timeslots in the winter months, email [volunteer@hudsonriverpark.org](mailto:volunteer@hudsonriverpark.org) for more.

Hudson River Park Friends is open to Virtual Volunteer Opportunities for corporate groups throughout the off-season. Potential Projects include translations, focus groups, data entry and more. Please reach out to [corporate@hudsonriverpark.org](mailto:corporate@hudsonriverpark.org) for inquiries and more info.