

Feeding the Green Cash Cow

The following was shared with Queens Civic Congress by “250+ Friends of Parks” (We added some links to their narrative for your convenience.)

ARE YOU ON THE LIST
of those chosen to cash in on the cash cow this administration sees in our city parks?

If so, you have already received this memo from the Parks Department.
If not, we are pleased to share it with you.

[Click](#) on the site,
and you will find one [button](#) to click to suggest a concession in a park, and a second button to access a database showing ex-act-ly how much precious green space [has been](#) -- or [will be](#) -- given away to vendors.

But is there a button to push to say,
"No. No. No. I do not want another one – or two or three – concessions in my park" ?

Nope. Quelle surprise.

Queens Civic Congress suggests a call to 3-1-1 or [email](#) the Mayor to complain.

From: *****@parks.nyc.gov
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2009 11:05 AM
To: Revenue
Subject: Concessions on the NYC Parks Dept. website

The New York City Department of Parks & Recreation is pleased to announce that it recently added a new section to its website dedicated specifically to concessions. You can check it out at <http://www.nyc.gov/parks/concessions>. The website now provides an in-depth description of our concession program and allows users to submit ideas for new concessions, join our opportunities mailing lists, and see all of the Requests for Proposals (RFPs) and Requests for Bids (RFBs) that are currently available for download. In addition, we've created an online searchable directory which lists every concession in our portfolio and provides key info on each.

Make sure to check out the site when you get a chance and please feel free to pass along the link to anyone you know who might be interested in our concessions, whether as a patron or as a potential concessionaire. We hope the site proves to be a handy resource for businesses and members of the public alike. In the future, you can look forward to the addition of more interactive features, such as maps, more detailed information, and pictures of our concessions.

If you have any questions about concessions, you can reach the Revenue Division of Parks at (212) 360-1397 or at revenue@parks.nyc.gov.