

★ GETTING TO CONEY ISLAND IS A BREEZE ★

Via Subway

Take the **D F N** or **Q** toward Coney Island - Stillwell Avenue Terminal or the **F** or **Q** to West 8th St - NY Aquarium Station.



Via Brooklyn Buses

B36, B68, B74, B82, X28, and X38

Via Car

Travel west on I-278 W/BQE accessible from the Brooklyn, Williamsburg, or RFK/Triborough bridges. Merge onto Belt Pkwy E via Exit 22 on the left. Take Exit 6 toward Cropsy Ave/Coney Is. Merge onto Shore Pkwy S. Take the ramp to Cropsy Ave. Turn right at Cropsy Ave. Continue straight to Surf Ave. Parking areas are indicated on this map.

Via Bike

Take Ocean Pkwy greenway bike path (accessible from Prospect Park in Brooklyn) south (becomes Surf Ave) to Coney Island. More info: www.nycbikemaps.com



2010 Mermaid Parade - Photo by Naomi Donabedian

★ 2010 CONEY ISLAND EVENTS ★

MAY

- 29 Grand Opening of Luna Park
- 29 Opening of Coney Island History Project

JUNE

- 5 First "Fish Tales Extravaganza" at NY Aquarium
- 17 Opening Night of Ringling Brothers Circus
- 18 First Friday Night Fireworks of the Season
- 19 The Mermaid Parade
- 19 Mermaid Ball at the NY Aquarium
- 19 Opening Game of the Brooklyn Cyclones
- 26 Cyclone Roller Coaster's 83rd Birthday
- 26 Meet & Greet Event for "Looking for Mr. Cyclone"
- 26 Further Concert 1 @ MCU Park
- 27 15th Cosme's Coney Island 5K
- 27 Further Concert 2 @ MCU Park

JULY FIREWORKS EVERY FRIDAY

- 4 Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest
- 17 Siren Music Festival
- 23 Cyclone T-Shirt Design Contest & Fashion Show
- 24 Sand Sculpting Contest
- 31 Coney Island Talent Show on the Boardwalk

AUGUST FIREWORKS EVERY FRIDAY

- 3 National Night Out Against Crime
- 5 John Legend at Asser Levy Park
- 7 Coney Island 5K & NY Aquarium One Mile Open Water Swims
- 7 Mr. Cyclone contest
- 12 Aretha Franklin at Asser Levy Park
- 13 7:30 pm Free Movie Night in Kaiser Park
- 19 The B-52s at Asser Levy Park
- 24 Full Moon Rides on the Cyclone
- 27 Free Movie Night in Kaiser Park
- 28 USAF Thunderbirds Air Show
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The Beach at Coney Island - Photo by Doug Ross



SAVE CONEY ISLAND is a non-profit, all-volunteer group dedicated to restoring Coney Island as a world-class amusement destination: the Playground of the World.

The group was founded in 2008 with the goal of preserving the amount of land devoted to outdoor amusements and safeguarding its unique heritage to ensure Coney Island's future as an affordable amusement area for all to enjoy.

Save Coney Island works to encourage the reuse of Coney Island's historic structures, promote more events and activities, and develop a positive long-term vision for Coney Island built around its outdoor amusement parks.

Save Coney Island is an all-volunteer organization that depends on the generosity of volunteers and donors to continue its efforts.

TO FIND OUT MORE VISIT WWW.SAVECONEYISLAND.NET



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THIS IS A CRITICAL SUMMER for Coney Island. A new Luna Park, Coney's first new amusement park in decades, has opened and is thriving. Ringling Brothers has returned for a second season. Deno's Wonder Wheel Park, Coney Island USA's Sideshow by the Sea, the Aquarium and other spots continue to be popular attractions.

Unfortunately, a private developer, Thor Equities, has announced plans to demolish several of Coney's few remaining historic structures. These include the Grashorn



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ONGOING EVENTS

- Coney Island Circus Sideshow ★ www.coneyisland.com
- Coney Island Dancers ★ www.coneyislanddancers.com
- Coney Island Film Society ★ www.coneyisland.com/films.shtml
- Coney Island History Project ★ www.coneyislandhistory.org
- Coney Island Museum ★ www.coneyisland.com/museum.shtml
- Coney Island Polar Bear Club ★ www.polarbearclub.org
- Cyclones Baseball ★ www.brooklyncyclones.com
- Karaoke Thursdays at Cha-Cha's ★ www.chachasofconeyisland.com
- Luna Park Entertainment ★ www.lunaparknyc.com
- New York Aquarium ★ www.nyaquarium.com
- Ringling Brothers Circus – Illucination ★ www.ringling.com
- Seaside Summer Concerts Series Thursdays at Asser Levy/
Seaside Park ★ www.brooklynconcerts.com/seaside.html

Building, built in the 1880s and Coney's oldest surviving building; Henderson's Music Hall, built in 1899, where Al Jolson and the Marx Brothers performed; the Shore Hotel, built in 1903; and the Bank of Coney Island, built in 1923.

Thor Equities intends to replace these historic assets with a low-rise strip mall. If you think these structures should be renovated and reused, visit saveconeyisland.net to find out what you can do to help.

CONEY ISLAND WAS ONCE the most spectacular amusement destination in the world. It was known as the Playground of the World. Here's a brief history:

1860s -70s The railroad companies open a terminus in Coney Island, allowing it to develop into a seaside resort that featured several major hotels and attractions, as well as the area's first amusements.

1890s-1900s Three incredible amusement parks open:

- ★ Steeplechase Park (1897), which gives Coney Island the iconic Funny Face and the famous Pavilion of Fun.
- ★ Luna Park (1903), which dazzles the world with over 200,000 incandescent lights.
- ★ Dreamland Park (1904), which includes a midget village modeled after fifteenth-century Nuremberg and the country's first infant incubator.

1920s Coney Island becomes the "Nickel Empire" when subway service reaches Stilwell Avenue, making the area accessible to all of the city's residents for the price of a nickel. The Wonder Wheel, Cyclone, Nathan's Famous, the Shore Theater and Henderson's Music Hall all thrive during this period.

1950s-1970s Coney Island is decimated by urban renewal, fires, disinvestment, crime waves, and land speculation. By the 1970s, only a fraction of its amusements remain.

1980s-2000s Coney Island begins an improbable recovery. Arts organization Coney Island USA begins the annual Mermaid Parade, Astroland Amusement Park and Deno's Wonder Wheel Park survive and continue to attract visitors, and a new minor league baseball park is constructed on the site of the former Steeplechase Park. Unfortunately, a subsequent wave of land speculation and a flawed rezoning plan threaten to undermine the amusement area's vitality. But a land purchase by the City leads to the opening of Coney's first new amusement park in 30 years – also named Luna Park – signaling the start of a fragile revival.

Photos: Crowds at Coney Island Beach 1917, Luna Park Electric Lights, Steeplechase Park, iconic Funny Face – care of Library of Congress; Grashorn building – Charles Denson Archive; Historic Nathan's Hotdogs, Deno's Wonder Wheel, the Cyclone at Night, Beach – Doug Ross; the new Luna Park and crowds – Jim McDonnell

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Amusements

- 1 12th St Amusements / Bowery & W 12th St
- 2 Abe Stark Rink / 1902 Surf Ave
- 3 Coney Island Arcade / Bowery & Jones Walk
- 4 The Cyclone / 834 Surf Ave & W 8th St
- 5 Deno's Wonder Wheel / 3059 W 12th St & Bwlk
- 6 Eldorado Bumper Cars / Surf Ave & W 12th St
- 7 Fabers Arcade / 1230 Surf Ave
- 8 McCullough's Kiddie Park / Bowery & W 12th St
- 9 MCU Park / 1904 Surf Ave
- 10 New York Aquarium / 602 Surf Ave
- 11 Polar Express / Bowery & W 12th St
- 12 Polar Bear Site / Park Dpt Pavilion by Aquarium
- 13 Ringling Brothers Circus / 21st St at Surf Ave
- 14 Shoot the Freak / Bwlk & Henderson Walk
- 15 Sideshowes By the Seashore / 1208 Surf Av
- 16 Sea Breeze/Asser Levy Park / Surf Ave & W 5th St
- 17 Zamperla's Luna Park / 1000 Surf Ave
- 18 Zamperla's Scream Zone in 2011 / Stillwell & Bowery

Museums & Arts

- 29 Brooklyn Wall of Remembrance / 1904 Surf Ave
- 30 Coney Island History Project / 824 Surf Ave
- 35 Coney Island Museum / 1208 Surf Ave

Restaurants

- 31 Alex Deli / 1420 Mermaid Ave
- 32 Beer Island / 3070 Stillwell Ave
- 33 Cha-Cha's / 1229 Bwlk
- 34 Cheese Steak Factory / 1317 Surf Ave
- 35 Coney Island Buffet / 1409 Mermaid Ave
- 36 Coney Island Juice / 1301 Bwlk
- 37 Coney Island Soup Shop / 1415 Neptune Ave
- 38 Coney Island Surf & Turf Grill / 1315 Surf Ave
- 39 Denny's Ice Cream / 1212 Surf Ave
- 40 Dunkin' Donuts / 1243 Surf Ave
- 41 Famiglia Pizza / Bwlk & W 12th St
- 42 Footprints Café / 1521 Surf Ave
- 15 The Freak Bar / 1208 Surf Ave
- 43 Gargiolo's / 2911 W. 15th St
- 44 Gyro Corner Clam Bar / W 12th St & Bwlk
- 45 Island Grocery / 2120 Mermaid Ave
- 46 Luna Grill / 1315 Surf Ave
- 47 McDonald's / Mermaid Ave & Stillwell Ave
- 48 Mixteco Deli / 1609 Mermaid Ave
- 24 Nathan's Famous / 1310 Surf Ave

- 49 Nathan's Famous outpost / Bwlk & Stillwell Ave
- 50 Paul's Daughter / W10th St & Bwlk
- 51 Pearl Lounge / 1201 Surf Ave
- 52 Pete's Clam Stop / 1320 Surf Ave
- 53 Pio Pio Riko / 1023 Bwlk
- 54 Pizza On The Run / 2932 Stillwell Ave
- 55 Ragazzi Pizza / 1904 Surf Ave
- 56 Rocco's Famous Pizzeria / 522 Neptune Ave
- 57 Ruby's Bar / Bwlk & Stillwell Ave
- 58 Steve's Grill House / Bwlk & W 19th St
- 59 Subway / Stillwell Ave Subway Terminal
- 60 Totonno's / 1524 Neptune Ave
- 61 William's Candy / 1318 Surf Ave

Shops

- 62 Coney Island Beach Shop / 3018 Stillwell Ave
- 63 Coney Island Souvenirs & Gifts / Boardwalk
- 15 Gift Shop at CIUSA / 1208 Surf Ave
- 64 Lola Star Souvenir Boutique / Bwlk at W12th St
- 65 Lola Star Souvenir Boutique / Stillwell Ave Trml
- 9 MCU Stadium Gift Shop / 1904 Surf Ave

- 10 NY Aquarium Gift Shop / 602 Surf Ave
- 66 NY Balloon & Basket / 2906 W 15th St
- 67 Walgreens / 532 Neptune Ave
- 17 Zamperla Luna Park Gift Shop / 1000 Surf Ave

Services

- 68 ATM / Stillwell Ave Subway Terminal
- 69 Fire Dept Engine 245 / 2951 W 8th St
- 70 First Aid Station / Bwlk & Kensington Walk
- 71 Friscia Pharmacy / 1505 Mermaid Ave
- 72 Luna Park Pharmacy / 2875 W 8th St
- 73 Pavilion - Parks Dpt / Near Aquarium
- 74 Police Station - 60th Precinct / 2951 W 8th St
- 75 Police Station / Stillwell Ave Subway Terminal
- 76 Subway - Coney Island - Stillwell Ave D, F, Q & N / Stillwell Ave & Surf Ave
- 77 Subway - W 8th St - NY Aquarium F & Q / W 8th St & Surf Ave



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Photos: Siren Festival, Gyro Corner, the Parachute Jump, and Relaxing on the Beach by Sam Horine.

