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### BRIARWOOD ACTION NETWORK HOSTS IT'S MY PARK DAY

Briarwood, N.Y. October 20, 2015 – On Saturday, October 17, 2015, the Briarwood Action Network (BAN) hosted It's My Park Day at Hoover Park, Manton and Main Streets, in Briarwood. BAN is a neighborhood civic group dedicated to improving the quality of life in the community.

During each It's My Park season thousands of New Yorkers come together to volunteer and celebrate their neighborhood parks and green spaces. The NYC Department of Parks and Partnership for Parks helped to make BAN's day successful.

The president of BAN, Aida Vernon officially opened the event. Ms. Vernon was greeted by an enthusiastic group of volunteers, both young and old. BAN and neighbors lent a hand as daffodil bulbs were planted. Volunteers raked leaves and cleaned up the park to prepare for the fall and winter seasons.

Arts and crafts and other activities were provided to children. Live music entertained all the volunteers and passing by residents. Pizza and pastries were provided by our local Alba Restaurant and Pizzeria, Pani Dolci Bakery and Flagship Diner.

Community groups who participated were Kiwanis of Queens Boulevard, Friends of Maple Grove Cemetery, Friends of Briarwood Library, Transportation Alternative and the NYC Fire Safety Education Division officer. Council Member Rory Lancman and his staff also came by to say hello and greet the Briarwood Action Network and its many volunteers.

Over 50 adults and 75 children were participants in BAN'S Park Day and reactions from residents and volunteers were numerous and positive.

Overhead was, "My daughter has learned so much from BAN about giving to the community and caring for others."

On October 17, the spirit of community and volunteerism had prevailed. "It was the best Park Day ever here in Briarwood."

[Click here](#) to see photos of the event on the Briarwood Action Network Facebook page.

The Briarwood Action Network (BAN) is a neighborhood civic group dedicated to improving the quality of life in Briarwood, Queens.

For additional information, or to schedule an interview with Sylvia Sherman, Park Day Project Manager and Vice President of the Briarwood Action Network, e-mail Sylvia Sherman at [ssherman.ban@gmail.com](mailto:ssherman.ban@gmail.com).

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