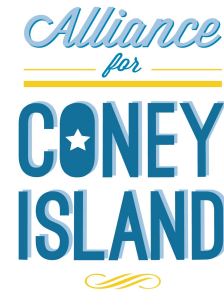


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The Fun is Back in Coney Island!

With summer on the horizon and the beach officially opening this Saturday, Coney Island promises to bring new attractions, new events and more fun for 2019!

CONEY ISLAND, May 22, 2019 – Starting Saturday, May 25th at 11 AM, Coney Island is ready to welcome guests back for the unofficial start of summer. With exciting events and new attractions, the “People’s Playground” is looking forward to another fun-filled season making Coney Island the top must-see destination for New Yorkers and tourists alike.

Currently underway with adding new rides, **Luna Park** is welcoming guests this weekend with roaming entertainment and stage shows that will last every weekend through Labor Day. Park visitors are welcome to stop by and meet Uncle Sam, Lady Liberty, and receive a free patriotic. Earlier in the year, Luna Park added several new food options for guests including the newly redesigned food court FlyWheel Eats, Half Moon food court and a new traditional pizzeria, Al Cavallino located next to the B&B Carousel.

On May 29th, **Deno’s Wonder Wheel** will be celebrating its 99th Birthday! Affectionately known as the most romantic ride in the world, the Wonder Wheel stands a towering 150ft high and offers riders a panoramic view of Brooklyn and the best views in Coney Island. On June 9th, the park will be hosting History Day with the **Coney Island History Project** where visitors can enjoy live music, entertainment and history, including performances by musicians and dancers representing the traditional culture of countries from which people have emigrated to Coney Island.

The Alliance for Coney Island is excited to announce the return of a weekly favorite like **Friday Night Fireworks** which will begin on Friday, June 21st. All summer long, guests can enjoy a lineup of events happening each month including the **Coney Island Music Festival** on Saturday, July 20th, the **Coney Island Talent Show** on July 27th, the **Coney Island Sand Sculpting Competition** on August 17th and more. Visitors can stay up-to-date on all Coney Island events through their social media channels @ConeyIslandFun and website ConeyIslandFunGuide.com.

On Saturday, June 9th, the **Ford Amphitheater** will start the season with the Heavy Metal band Coheed and Cambria. Their summer line-up already has tickets for sale at www.livenation.com for upcoming shows including Frankie Valli, Wu-Tang Clan, Boys II Men, Stone Temple Pilots and more.

Coney Island's favorite baseball team, the **Brooklyn Cyclones**, are preparing for their season opener against cross-town rivals the Staten Island Yankees as they battle for the bridge on June 14th. Fans can take advantage of the tickets on sale now at brooklyncyclones.com and enjoy a post game fireworks show on opening night.

The **New York Aquarium** debuted their newest addition, Ocean Wonders: Sharks! last summer, which features a brand new 57,000-square-foot exhibit that is home to a variety of sharks, but starting June 28th to August 31st guests can enjoy some after hours fun until 10PM on Fridays and Saturdays. With DJ performances, trivia, and sea lion shows, a visit to the New York Aquarium is definitely a must-see on anyone's summer list.

On Saturday, June 22nd, the streets of Coney Island will fill with thousands of parade goers for the **Coney Island USA** annual Mermaid Parade. Celebrating its 37th year, the Mermaid Parade is one of the nation's largest art parades and draws hundreds of thousands to the area to see this one-of-a-kind attraction. Those looking to enjoy Coney Island's more artistic flair can visit Coney Island USA and enjoy a weekend full of shows that include The Coney Island Circus Sideshow, Burlesque at the Beach, and magic shows every Sunday by Magic at Coney.

On Thursday, July 4th, visitors can watch as men and women chow down and compete in the annual **Nathan's Famous** International Hot Dog Eating Contest starting at 10 AM. For over 40 years the Hot Dog eating contest has been a staple to holiday fun in Coney Island. Rounding out the day, we will light up the skyline with the annual Fourth of July Fireworks spectacular at 9:50 PM, sponsored by the Alliance for Coney Island.

Boardwalk concessions and shops will be open all summer long and ready to serve visitors at familiar spots like **Brooklyn Beach Shop, Coney's Cones, Famiglia Pizzeria, Lola Star, Nathan's Famous, Paul's Daughter, Place to Beach, Kitchen 21, Ruby's Bar and Grill, Tom's Coney Island** and the newly added **Al Cavallino Pizzeria**.

Other Coney Island favorites, including **Applebee's Grill + Bar, Brooklyn Go Kart and Mini Golf, Coney Island Brewery, El Dorado Auto Skooter, Gargiulo's Restaurant, IHOP, Margarita Island, Pete's Clam Shop, Rita's Italian Ice, Surf & Stillwell, Williams Candy**, and more will all be open throughout the season.

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The not-for-profit Alliance for Coney Island, Inc. is a private-public partnership dedicated to continuing the year-round revitalization of Coney Island. The Alliance represents local businesses, nonprofits, and the community, with support from the New York City Council, the Brooklyn Borough President and New York City Economic Development Corporation. More info at www.AllianceforConeyIsland.org.

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