# Williamsburg and Greenpoint, Brooklyn, NY

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#### McCarren Park:



A park equally valued and cherished in Greenpoint and Williamsburg, McCarren Park. It is 35 acres of bustling activity, shared by families born into the neighborhood, recent immigrants, and young renters. McCarren Park is home to the McCarren Park Pool and Play Center, completed in 2012 to be respite on hot days and a year-round center of community life. The park's facilities include baseball fields, basketball courts,

bathrooms, bocce courts, dog-friendly areas, eateries, fitness equipment, football fields, handball courts, ice Skating Rinks, outdoor pools, playgrounds, recreation centers, running tracks, skate parks, soccer fields, spray showers, tennis courts, and Wi-Fi hotspots.

# Father Popieluszko Square:

This square is named for the late Father Jerzy Popieluszko (1947-1984), a Roman Catholic priest who lived in Poland. He is best remembered for his ardent support of the Polish Solidarity Movement. During the Soviet occupation of Poland, which lasted from the end of World War II until 1989, the Solidarity Movement fought for the personal rights of the Polish people and for Polish independence. This park is a part of McCarren

Park; although located outside of the park, near Automotive High School, is a little get away with benches, the perfect place to sit back, relax, enjoy the scenery but avoid the chaos in the main McCarren Park.



### **Bushwick Inlet Park**:

Bushwick Inlet Park is the centerpiece of the Greenpoint-Williamsburg Waterfront. This park incorporates natural and urban structures, bringing Greenpoint's waterfront and natural areas into the community around it. Visitors can admire the views or use the park's facilities for active recreation. The park includes a multipurpose field for soccer, football, lacrosse,

field hockey, rugby, and ultimate frisbee, a green building with a green roof, a viewing platform, playground and public accesss to the waterfront.



# Umami Burger:

After many months of delay, Los Angeles import Umami Burger opened its third New York outpost on Williamsburg's Bedford Avenue on March 12, 2015. This new location encompasses a massive 3,000 square feet space that seats 80, which doesn't even account for the large outdoor patio that is set to open this summer. This concept stems from the Japanese word Umami, which is a taste for savory foods. Their house made sauces have ingredients such as bacon curds and buttermilk and all buns are delivered daily from a nearby bakery.Bring your little ones, there's food for them too!



#### Mini Mall:

Located at 218 Bedford Ave, between N 5th and N 4th Streets, this mini mall is an essential stop to make when in Williamsburg. With little boutiques inside, this mini mall is truly the essence of Williamsburg. With shops for clothes, sweets, soaps, one of a kind accessories and even an internet garage, this mini mall is easy to pass by, but if you stop in, you won't regret it.



## Williamsburg Bridge:

Opened in 1903, this bridge was once known as the largest suspension bridge in the world. It carried a span of 1600 feet and the length of 7308 feet. It was the first of its kind to have all steel towers. Each 310 foot steel tower supports four cables, measuring 180 inches in diameter, and weighing

4,344 tons, with almost 17,500 miles of wire are within the cables. It carries approximately 140,000 motorist, 92,000 transit riders; by way of the J line, 600 bikers and over 500 pedestrians between the boroughs of Lower Manhattan and Williamsburg Brooklyn. Beautiful photo ops can be viewed from the middle of the bridge, overlooking the East River and the Brooklyn Bridge. So if you're ever in the neighborhood, come take a walk with us.