



Joyce Kilmer Park, Luis Heinz

PHOTO: LENORE SCHULTZ

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A portrait of Heine appears at the base of the sculpture. Aquatic plants and animals along with three mermaids adorn the base of the sculpture as well. The monument was purchased by a group of German-Americans in 1893 and offered to New York City after it was rejected by Dusseldorf, the German city in which Heine was born. Dusseldorf rejected the statue because they held anti-Semitic sentiments against him and did not agree with his controversial style of writing.

"It's funny, I walk through this park everyday to get to the train station, yet the historical importance of this park and its statues have never crossed my mind," says Jason Montero, a 33-year-old construction worker. Perhaps, neighbors may begin to pay more attention to Joyce Kilmer Park after its 18-month, \$2.6 million makeover, which began on October 13, 1998. The project to restore the fountain and the park was jointly funded by the funded by the former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, former Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer, the City Council, and a donation from the Anna-Maria and Stephen Kellen Foundation.

Negligence on the part of the neighbors as well as the New York City Parks Department may account for the prior con-

dition of the park. After its reopening on July 8, 1999, residents have shown greater concern for the upkeep and safety of Joyce Kilmer Park. Ferrer asked Assistant Police Chief Patrick Timlin, the Senior Bronx Commander, for more officers to enter the park routinely everyday to ensure safety and prevent future vandalism.

Besides being a place for dog walking, enjoying the day, or a shortcut to the 161st Street subway station, Joyce Kilmer Park is the host to various social and cultural activities held in the Bronx during the summer.

According to the 2000 census, this section of the Bronx, once heavily populated by people of German descent in the early 1900s is now 48% Hispanic and 35% African-American. "The park was named after a Black person," states Lisa Bradshaw, "I probably would have already known about it or done my research, but who cares about a German poet?"

Obviously, times have changed, and the neighborhood has changed. The people who dedicated the park to Joyce Kilmer cared, yet the people enjoying it today don't. The park and its World War I monuments must still be of great importance to many people since so much money was put into its restoration.

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