

Parkie Profile: Ramesh Ramkaran

Our new “Parkie Profile Series” is highlighting staff who have been coming in to work during the COVID-19 crisis.

This week’s featured Parkie is **Ramesh Ramkaran**, Supervisor of Mechanics (Mechanical Equipment) for the Flushing Meadows-Corona Park Garage, who has worked for Parks for about 20 years. According to Deputy Chief of Operations Brian Aucoin, “Ramesh assumed the responsibilities of the SOME recently. In a short period of time he managed to adapt to his new role. Despite the tremendous challenges that he had to face during this transition (COVID-19, Garage reconstruction, Storehouse relocation etc.) he has very successfully managed to keep our Queens Fleet going.”



What is your favorite part of this job?

My favorite part of the job is being able to use my knowledge about vehicles to help with the NYC Parks fleet.

What is your favorite park and why?

My favorite park is Cunningham Park. I enjoy walking around the park in the mornings to get exercise before I start my day at work.

Why do you love parks?

I love the parks because I enjoy being outdoors and exploring nature.

How does your job impact New Yorkers' everyday lives?

The mechanical equipment that we fix helps make parks better places for New Yorkers to enjoy.

How do you feel you make an impact on New York City?

My work as a Supervisor of Mechanics is one of the many things that help make New York City a great place.

What makes your job important?

My job is important because it requires me to work as a team and guide other mechanics in order to keep the Agency's Fleet safe and operational.

How has your job changed during the COVID-19 crisis?

For the safety of our team as well as of all Parkies we now have to follow the Agency's guidelines as far as it concerns social distancing and the use of PPE.

Tell us a few fun facts about yourself.

I enjoy hunting and fixing cars. I am married to my wife Sumintra, and I have two kids, Wantee and Vickesh.