New and improved TKTS Booth

The TKTS Discount Booth, which sells discounted tickets to Broadway and off-Broadway productions, has been popular with locals and tourists alike for ages. The good news is that the booth has been completely renovated.

The lighted displays are much easier to read now and there are additional sales windows, making the line move much faster than it used to. There is even a lightning quick “play only” window.

Available shows change daily or even several times each day, and there is no guarantee that tickets for any particular show will be available. But there are usually dozens of productions to choose from, so chances are good that you will be quite pleased.

The tickets, which are for day-of-performance showings only, are discounted up to 50 percent plus a $4 per ticket service charge. They may take credit cards in addition to cash and travelers checks.

For more information, visit www.tdf.org or better yet, just show up. Tickets go on sale for evening performances every day at 5 p.m. (except Tuesdays, when they go on sale at 2 p.m.) For matinee performances (Wednesdays and Saturdays only) tickets are on sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

While you are in the area, walk directly behind the booth to the giant red staircase. That’s new — and it is certainly worth a look. Climb to the top, and you might just feel like you are in the center of the universe.

Because it’s in the very heart of the Theater District, you might even be tempted to face all of New York City as you hold your arms out like Carol Channing and sing a few lines from “Hello, Dolly!” while descending.

The new Yankee Stadium

Up in the Bronx, the New York Yankees — who, as this issue went to press, were playing the Philadelphia Phillies in the World Series — have a brand new, state-of-the-art stadium that opened this year.

To get there, hop any B, D or 4 subway train to the Bronx and go off at the Yankee Stadium stop. While you are in the neighborhood, you can also visit the adjacent Monument Park.

The Monument Park also commemorates the retired uniform numbers of 16 players and managers who have made outstanding contributions to the Yankees’ illustrious history.

The cost for the tour is $20 per person. To buy tickets, call Ticketmaster at 877/469-9849 or visit nyyankees.mlb.com.

Citi Field

If you are not a Yankees fan, don’t fret. The New York Mets also have a brand new stadium that opened this year — Citi Field, which was built adjacent to the old Shea Stadium in Flushing Meadows, Queens.

You might not be able to get inside, but it’s worth a look nonetheless. To get there, take the 7 subway train to Mets/Willets Point Station.

While you are in the neighborhood, you can also visit the adjacent flushing Meadows Tennis Center — site of the 1964/1965 New York World’s Fair and current home to the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center.

Also nearby is the Queens Museum of Art, which houses the magnificently accurate panorama of the city of New York of every building, bridge, park and street in all five boroughs of New York City.

(Yes, it’s been updated this year with the new Citi Field.)