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NOVEMBER 2017 COMMUNITY BOARD & COMMITTEE CALENDARS

BOARD MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday, November 14, 2017

TIME: 7:30PM

WHERE: Amalgamated Houses, Vladeck Hall, 74 Van Cortlandt Park South

PUBLIC GALLERY SESSION: Each month the General Board meeting begins with a Public Gallery Session. If you wish to address the Board, contact the office at 718-884-3959. Please note there is a limit of five speakers, who are allotted 3 minutes each.

BOARD COMMITTEE CALENDARS

For updates on schedule and locations, [click here](#).

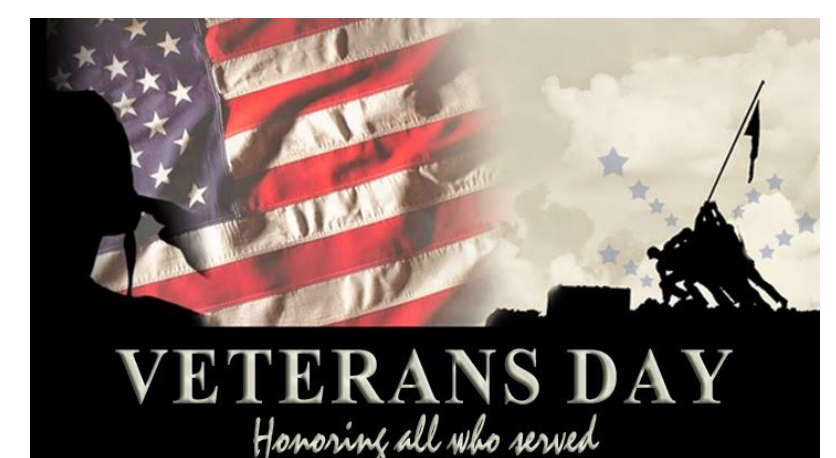
- o **Aging:** 3:00PM (**Please note change of time**), Tuesday, November 21, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue Suite 100
- o **Economic Development:** No Meeting (Election Day)
- o **Education:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, November 28, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- o **Environment & Sanitation:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, November 15, Mosaic Mental Health, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 202
- o **Executive Committee:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, November 1, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- o **Health, Hospitals & Social Services:** 7:30PM, Monday, November 20, Riverdale Neighborhood House 5521 Mosholu Avenue
- o **Housing:** 7:30PM, Monday, November 27, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- o **Land Use:** No meeting
- o **Law, Rules & Ethics:** Monday, November 13, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- o **Libraries & Cultural Affairs:** 3:30PM (**Please note change of time**), Thursday, November 9, Glyndor House of Wave Hill Mansion, 675 West 252 Street
- o **Parks & Recreation Forum:** 7:00PM, Wednesday, November 29, Manhattan College Leo Engineering Building, 3825 Corlear Avenue, Scala Room, 2nd Floor, Room 215
- o **Public Safety:** 7:00PM, Thursday, November 16, 50th Police Precinct, 3450 Kingsbridge Avenue
- o **Traffic & Transportation:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, November 21, Location to be determined
- o **Veterans' Committee:** 5:00PM, Thursday, November 30, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- o **Youth:** 1:00PM, Wednesday, November 22, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100

Please go to www.nyc.gov/bronxcb8 for an update of our calendar.

The next Bronx Community Board No. 8 meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12, Presbyterian Church, 4765 Henry Hudson Parkway West

The Community Board Office will be closed:

- Tuesday, November 7 for Election Day
- Friday, November 10 in observance of Veterans Day
- Thursday & Friday, November 23 & November 24 in observance of Thanksgiving



SPECIAL EVENT

- o **Learn how to start a “Friends of” for your local park at the Parks & Recreation Committee Forum – November 29**



NYC Parks

The Parks & Recreation Committee will hold a public forum on how to start and sustain a "friends of" local parks group. Keynote speakers will include Councilman Andrew Cohen and Bronx Parks Commissioner Iris Rodriguez-Rosa. Participants will include three people who have started or sustained a parks group. The forum is intended for anyone who wants to help improve his or her park. The Forum will be held at the Manhattan College Leo Engineering Building, 3825 Corlear Avenue, Scala Room, 2nd Floor, Room 215 on Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00PM. We are fortunate that BronxNet will broadcast the forum so others may benefit from the discussion.

NEWS:

- o **Bronx Community Board #8 and Community Leaders Applaud CSX's Clean-Up of Putnam South Property**

Bronx Community Board #8 held an event on October 26th to mark the completion of a massive clean-up effort of CSX's ¼-mile-long Putnam South property, adjacent to the Major Deegan Expressway from Van Cortlandt Park South to West 230th Street. This project was done by CSX Transportation at the request of the Community Board and involved months of intense garbage and debris clean up, path-clearing and graffiti removal for the length of the property.

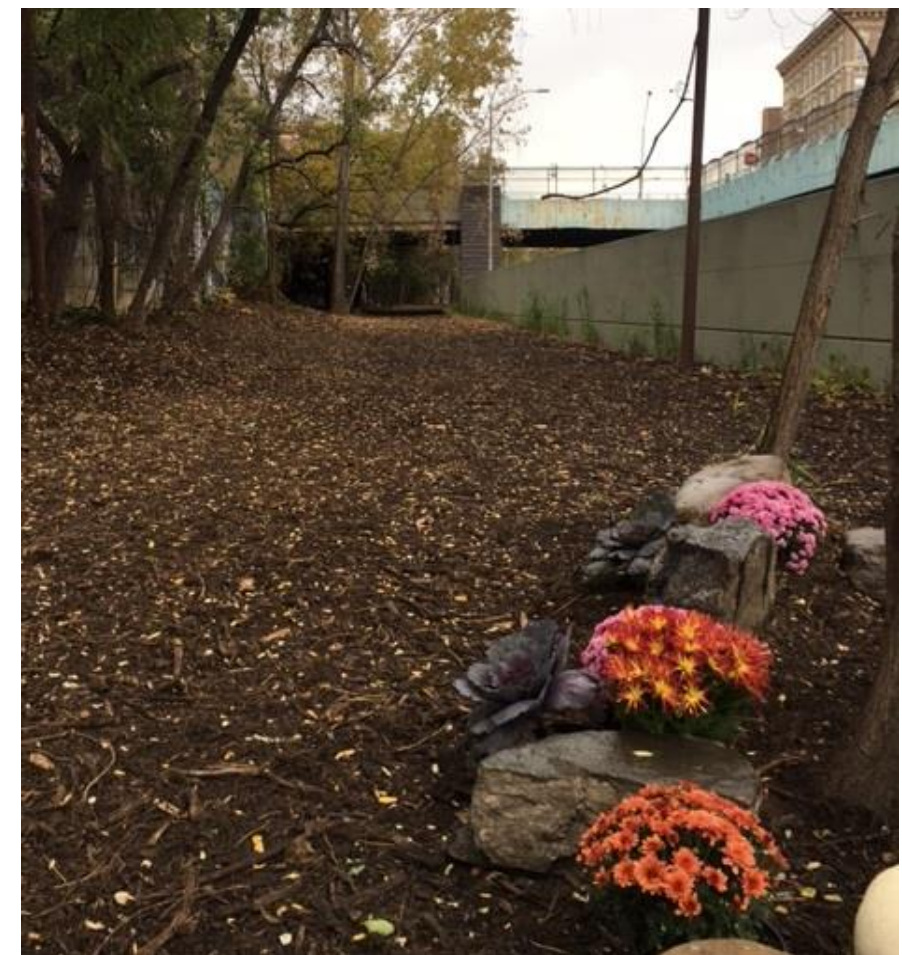
The City is currently negotiating with CSX to acquire an easement to convert the CSX right of way into a rail-to-trail greenway leading to Van Cortlandt Park from West 230th Street. Rodney Oglesby, resident vice president for state government affairs for CSX, said, "CSX would be pleased to see this property re-purposed for recreational uses by residents of the Van Cortlandt and Kingsbridge community. We look forward to continuing our dialog with the city in hopes of identifying a path forward in that process."

Senator Jeffrey Klein, Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, and Bronx Parks Commissioner Iris Rodriguez-Rosa, government representatives, community board members, involved community organizations and CSX attended the recognition event.

To read the full press release and see before and after pictures of the property, please [click here](#).



From left to right: Laura Spalter, Chair, Environment & Sanitation Committee, CB8; Iris Rodriguez-Rosa, Bronx Parks Commissioner; Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz and Rodney Oglesby, CSX Vice President



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Henry Hudson Bridge Project

The Henry Hudson Bridge project to install lightpoles and to perform electrical and roadway work commenced on October 20. The northbound (to Bronx) lane on the Henry Hudson Parkway from Dyckman Street entrance to the former toll plaza area on the bridge's upper level will be closed for about 5 months. The long-term single-lane southbound closure on the lower level will start in January 2018.



- **Daylight Savings Time Ends November 5**

Please remember that Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 5. You should set your clock back 1 hour at 2:00AM.



- **DSNY Leaf Collection**

Help DSNY clean up leaves to turn into compost for gardens and NYC trees. DSNY will be distributing leaf bags throughout the City. Leafs are to be placed in the leaf bags or in an unlined, open container and be put out to be collected on the designated organics collection day for your neighborhood. Bronx Community Board No. 8 will have leaf bags which you can pick up at the Board Office at 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100. For more information about the Leaf Collection, please [click here](#).



- **DSNY Collection Request for Large Items**

DSNY is now asking anyone that has non-recyclable objects larger than 4 x 3 feet to please schedule an appointment for the items to be picked up. To schedule an appointment for collection, you may call 311 or visit nyc.gov/bulk. DSNY urges that you please make sure that the items can be picked up by two people and that it will fit in the garbage truck. For more information on how to properly set out the items and for other instructions, please [click here](#).

- **DSNY is now hiring Emergency Snow Laborers**

Registration has begun for emergency snow laborers for the upcoming snow season. Snow laborers are Per-diem workers who are called upon to remove snow and ice citywide from bus stops, crosswalks, fire hydrants and step streets in the City after heavy snowfalls.

Individuals interested in registering with the DSNY can do so at their local district garage weekdays between 7:00AM and 3:00PM. To see a list of garage locations, [click here](#). Laborers will be paid \$15.00 per hour, and \$22.50 per hour after 40 hours are worked in a week. Snow laborers must be at least 18 years of age, be eligible to work in the United States, and able to perform heavy physical labor. For more information on how to become a snow laborer, [click here](#).

- **Freeze Your Rent SCRIE Application Forms Available at Bronx Community Board No. 8**

The Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) program offers eligible tenants an exemption from rent increases. To be eligible for SCRIE, you must be 62 or older, have a household income of \$50,000 or less after allowable deductions and lease a rent controlled apartment, rent stabilized apartment or rent regulated hotel/SRO that costs at least one third of your monthly household income.

If eligible and approved, NYC freezes your rent either at your prior rent amount or 1/3 of your monthly household income, whichever is greater. The City of New York compensates the owner of the building by providing a corresponding credit against their real estate taxes.

The application form contains additional eligibility and process information. You can obtain an application by: picking one up at the CB8 office located at 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100, dialing 311 or by [clicking here](#).



- **DRIE Announcement from the NYC Department of Finance (DOF)**

Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) recipients whose benefits have been expired for at least six months might be entitled to have their benefits restored if they have remained eligible to participate in the program. DOF mailed applications to eligible households and authorized third-party tenant representatives. Eligible DRIE recipients should submit a renewal application and all required supporting documentation by January 19, 2018. The application is also available online or at any of the Department of Finance's five Business Centers. [Click here](#) for further information.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:



○ **FDNY SMART**

FDNY will be holding its annual event "Change your Clocks, Change your Batteries". This event is to remind New Yorkers to change the batteries on their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. At this event, FDNY will be distributing batteries.

If you are interested in attending an event, the event in the Bronx will be on the following dates and locations:

- November 3 – East 149 Street & Grand Concourse Station; Hugh J. Grant circle and Metropolitan Avenue at the Parkchester Station.
- November 4 – Target located at 40 West 225 Street

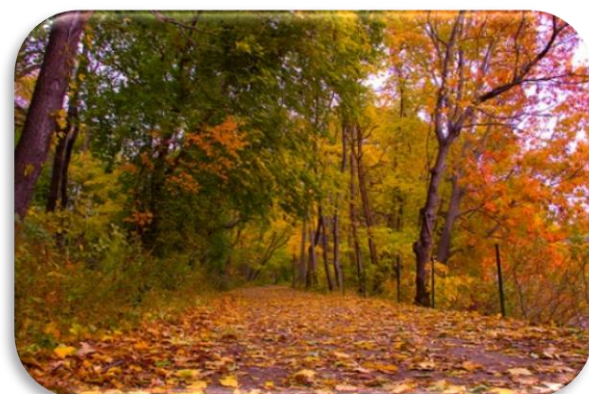
○ **Bird Walks at Van Cortlandt Park**

Join the NYC Audubon experts Bird Walks at Van Cortlandt Park every Saturday from November 4 through November 25, 2017 from 8:00AM to 9:30AM. To join the walk, visit the Van Cortlandt Nature Center by entering the park at Broadway and West 246 Street. For more information, [click here](#) or call 718-430-1890.



○ **It's My Park at Henry Hudson Park**

It's My Park season is here. Come volunteer with the Stewards of Henry Hudson Park to clean up and sustain the beauty of Henry Hudson Park. This event will occur rain or shine. Volunteers should meet at the Henry Hudson Monument located at the northern end of the park. This event will take place every Saturday in November from 8:00AM to 12:00PM. For more information, [click here](#).



○ **Fall Foliage Hike: Northeast Forest**

If you like colors, come join the Urban Park Rangers on a walk through Van Cortlandt Park as they explain why leaves change colors. They will also introduce you to the various types of trees found in the park. If you're interested, meet the Park Rangers at West 242 Street and Van Cortlandt Park East on Saturday, November 11. The walk will go from 11:00AM to 12:30PM. For more information, [click here](#).

○ **Family Art Project: Dances with Leaves**

Like the outdoors? Join us for a day of playing with leaves at Wave Hill. You can also use the leaves to make your very own art. This event will be held at Wave Hill located at West 249 Street and Independence Avenue on Saturday, November 11 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. The event is free and admission to the grounds is free until noon. For more information, [click here](#).

○ **Election 2017**

The General Election day is November 7, 2017. All Polls will open at 6:00AM and close at 9:00PM. For more information, visit the New York State Board of Elections by [clicking here](#).



COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

The Riverdale Stables are housed in Van Cortlandt Park and are accessible via mass transit. If you like horses, you can either come ride the various beautiful ones found here or just visit for a tour.



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