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DECEMBER 2017 COMMUNITY BOARD & COMMITTEE CALENDARS

BOARD MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday, December 12, 2017

TIME: 7:30PM

WHERE: Presbyterian Church, 4765 Hudson Parkway West

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, December 19, Van Cortlandt Green, 6469 Broadway
- o **Economic Development:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, December 5, Land and Sea Restaurant, 5535 Broadway
- o **Education:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, December 19, (**please note date change**) Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- o **Environment & Sanitation:** No Meeting
- o **Executive Committee:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, December 6, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- o **Health, Hospitals & Social Services:** 7:30PM, Monday, December 18, Christ Church, 5030 Henry Hudson Parkway East
- o **Housing:** CHRISTMAS DAY – No Meeting
- o **Land Use:** 7:30PM, Monday, December 4, Conservative Synagogue, 475 West 250 Street
- o **Law, Rules & Ethics:** Monday, December 11, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- o **Libraries & Cultural Affairs:** 5:00PM (**Please note change of time**), Thursday, December 14, Kingsbridge Library, 291 West 231 Street
- o **Parks & Recreation:** 7:00PM, Wednesday, December 27, **TENTATIVE**
- o **Public Safety:** No Meeting
- o **Traffic & Transportation:** 7:30PM, Thursday, December 21, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100 (**please note change of date**)
- o **Youth:** No meeting

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, January 9, William E. Irwin, Jr. American Legion Post 774 3035-37 Corlear Avenue (between West 230th and 231st Streets)

The Community Board Office will be closed:

Monday, December 25 in observance of Christmas



[NEWS:](#)

o [“How to Start – and Sustain – A ‘Friends of’ Park Group” Forum held by CB8’s Parks Committee](#)

On November 29, a successful and informative forum was held by the Parks Committee on how to start and sustain – a “Friends of” group for a local park. Four panelists who have started or sustained a local park’s group shared their experiences and gave advice for the community at large to consider and start such a group. The panelists included Leenda Bonilla from the Partnership for Parks; Daniel Reynolds from Stewards of Henry Hudson Park; Christina Taylor from Friends of Van Cortlandt Park; and, Debra Travis from Jerome Park Friends and Neighbors. Introductory remarks were given by Councilmember Andrew Cohen and Bronx Parks Commissioner Iris Rodriguez-Rosa.

In addition to the forum participants, the Community Board wishes to thank Manhattan College for providing the venue and BronxNet for filming the event discussion.



From left to right: Christina Taylor, Friends of Van Cortlandt Park
Leenda Bonilla, The Partnership for Parks, Debra Travis, Jerome
Park Friends and Neighbors and Daniel Reynolds, Stewards of Henry
Hudson Park

o [Apply for Membership on Your Local Community Board](#)

The Office of The Bronx Borough President will be accepting applications for all 12 Community Boards from city residents who reside, work or have professional or other significant interests in The Bronx.

“Participation on local Community Boards can provide Bronx residents with a forum to share with their community their expertise and talents,” stated Borough President Diaz. “There are great things happening in The Bronx that involve the participation of community boards. It is important that community residents participate in the decisions that are building and revitalizing our borough, and our community boards are a great place to do so,” said Borough President Diaz.



In addition, Borough President Diaz is encouraging young people ages 16 and 17 to apply for community board membership. Last year, the borough president appointed five young people to the community boards, and is working to insure that there is a least one youth member per community board.

Applicants are now required to attend at least one Community Board meeting and have a form signed by the District Manager or the Chair of the Board confirming their attendance.

In January board members who are up for reappointment will receive a letter and a reappointment application.

For applications click link: [Community Board Applications](#)

For more information please call the Bronx Borough President’s Community Boards Office at: 718-590-3914 or visit their website at bronxboropres.nyc.gov

The deadline for submission of applications is: Friday, February 9, 2018

- o **Henry Hudson Bridge Project**

The Henry Hudson Bridge project to install lightpoles and to perform electrical and roadway work commenced on October 20. One 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.



- o **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](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- o **Family Art Project: Snowflakes, Candles and Stars**

Put fire and ice together. Attend the crafts project at Wave Hill to take a simple candlestick and create a work of art. The Family Art Project is being held at Wave Hill House at West 249 Street and Independence Avenue on Saturday, December 2 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. For more information, [click here](#).



- o **Astronomy: Super Moon**

If you like the stars, come learn all about the 6 Apollo missions and where they landed. Let the Park Rangers guide you through the solar system and teach you how to use telescopes and binoculars to observe astronomical events. This event will take place on Sunday, December 3 from 5:00PM to 6:30PM at Van Cortlandt Park. Meet the Urban Park Rangers at the Van Cortlandt Nature Center. For more information, call 718-319-7258 or [click here](#).

- **Holiday Trolley Fun**

Enjoy the scenery of Marble Hill on a Holiday Trolley Ride. The rides are free and open to the public. The trolley rides will be on Saturday, December 9 starting at West 225 Street and Broadway from 1:00PM to 4:00PM.



- **NYPD and New York Cares Winter Coat Drive**

Have a coat you don't need, why not donate it? The New York Cares 91st annual holiday coat drive is going on now. You can donate a used coat at any of the 76 New York City Police Precincts or Housing Police Service Areas. The coat drive will continue through December 31. The 50th Police Precinct is located at 3450 Kingsbridge Avenue. For more information, you can call 718-543-5700 or [click here](#).



- **NYPD and City Harvest Annual Food Drive**

The NYPD is teaming up with City Harvest for their annual Canned Food Drive. The drive will run through January 19. During this time you may drop off canned goods at your local precinct. The 50th Police Precinct is located at 3450 Kingsbridge Avenue. For more information, you can call 718-543-5700 or [click here](#).

- **Cold Weather Survival**

Like the cold? The Urban Park Rangers can teach you tips and tricks to enhance your knowledge of nature and may save your life. This program is family friendly, but it is recommended for children ages 8 and older. This training is being held on Saturday, December 16 from 1:00PM to 2:30PM. Anyone interested in attending the training, should go to the Van Cortlandt Nature Center by entering Van Cortlandt Park at West 246 Street & Broadway. For more information, [click here](#).





- [Winter Solstice Candle Light Walk](#)

Join the Urban Park Rangers in celebrating the holidays, history, wildlife, and the cosmos. The Rangers will be having a candlelight walk on the Putnam Trail to welcome the Winter Solstice on Sunday, December 17 from 5:00PM to 6:30PM. All are welcomed to join. Just enter Van Cortlandt Park through Bailey Avenue and Van Cortlandt Park South and meet at the Golf House. [Click here](#) for more information.

- [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 December from 8:00AM to 12:00PM. For more information, [click here](#).



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