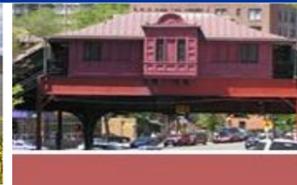




# Community Board No. 8

BRONX, NEW YORK CITY



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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**



## DECEMBER 2015 COMMUNITY BOARD & COMMITTEE CALENDARS

### BOARD MEETING

**WHEN:** Tuesday December 8, 2015, 7:30 PM

**WHERE:** Riverdale YM/YWHA, 5625 Arlington Avenue, Multi-Purpose Room

### BOARD COMMITTEE CALENDARS

For updates on schedule and locations, visit us on the web at: [www.nyc.gov/bronxcb8](http://www.nyc.gov/bronxcb8)

- o **Aging:** 2:30PM (**please note earlier time**), Tuesday, December 15, Methodist Home for Nursing & Rehabilitation, 4499 Manhattan College Parkway
- o **Economic Development:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, December 1, Yo Burger, 3726 Riverdale Avenue
- o **Education:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, December 22, Location to be determined
- o **Environment & Sanitation:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, December 16, Location to be determined
- o **Executive Committee:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, December 2, Riverdale Mental Health Association, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room
- o **Health, Hospitals & Social Services:** No meeting
- o **Housing:** 7:00PM, Wednesday, December 9 (**please note day and earlier time**), William E. Irwin, Jr. American Legion Post 774, 3035-37 Corlear Avenue (between 230<sup>th</sup>/231<sup>st</sup> Streets)
- o **Land Use:** 7:30PM, Monday, December 21 (**please note day**), Location to be determined
- o **Law, Rules & Ethics:** No meeting
- o **Libraries & Cultural Affairs:** 6:30PM, Thursday, December 10, Riverdale Library Branch, 5540 Mosholu Avenue
- o **Parks & Recreation:** 7:00PM, Wednesday, December 23, Riverdale Mental Health Association, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room
- o **Public Safety:** 7:00PM, Thursday, December 3, 2015 (**please note day**), 50th Precinct, 3450 Kingsbridge Avenue
- o **Traffic & Transportation:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, December 15, Location to be determined
- o **Youth:** No meeting

The next Bronx Community Board No. 8 meeting will be held Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 7:30 PM, at a location to be determined.

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### The Bronx Borough Board Votes to Oppose Two Major Zoning Text Amendments

On November 19 the Borough Board voted unanimously 0-19-1 to disapprove the Mayor's proposals known as Zoning for Quality and Affordability (ZQA) and Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH). All twelve Bronx Community Boards, six Council Members and the Borough President voted in the negative. Next, the New York City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing. The date and time have not yet been determined. After the Commission's vote the City Council will hold a public hearing and vote on the Zoning Amendments.

[Click here to see the Bronx Borough Board's public announcement.](#)

#### Storm Water Runoff Survey

The impact of storm water runoff can have an adverse effect on your property and neighborhood. If you are experiencing flooding in your home, yard, or street, please consider completing our new Storm Water Runoff Sites Survey. The Environment & Sanitation Committee of CB #8 has developed this survey in collaboration with the Bronx Council for Environmental Quality to quantify the need for Green Infrastructure and other storm water best management practices. We hope you will participate and share this survey with others.

[Click here to complete the survey.](#)

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- o **Lighting of the Chanukah Menorah**

Join the community on Sunday, December 6, 4 pm at the Bell Tower Monument, West 239 Street and Henry Hudson Parkway, for the Lighting of the Largest Menorah in the Bronx! The celebration will feature live music, hot latkes, donuts, dreidels, and balloons.

The Menorah Lighting will continue on:

Monday-Thursday, December 7-10, at 4:00 pm, Friday, December 11 at 3:00 pm  
Saturday night, December 12 at 6:30 pm, Sunday, December 13 at 4:00 pm.





○ **Take Care New York 2020**

Take Care New York 2020 (TCNY 2020) is the New York City Health Department's blueprint for giving everyone the chance to live a healthier life. Its goal is to make greater strides with groups that have the worst health outcomes. Join Health Department leaders talk about TCNY 2020 on February 18, 2016 at the Riverdale Library, 5540 Mosholu Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471 from 6pm-8pm. For more information you can go to: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/about/tcny.shtml>

○ **Housing Committee Public Forum on Affordable Housing**

The Housing Committee will hold a public forum on Affordable Housing on Wednesday, December 9 at The American Legion Post 774, 3035-37 Corlear Avenue (between West 230/231 Streets) from 7:00 - 9:00 PM.

Public and private sector specialists will be discussing: How affordability is defined in relationship to Area Median Income (AMI); the overall process for how affordable housing is conceived, planned, financed, approved and constructed/preserved; what is the role of the community in that process; what financing is available for construction and preservation of affordable housing; who are the players in the process – such as developers, city, state and federal agencies and advocacy groups – and how they interact.

**NEWS:**

○ **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.

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 on-line at [bronxboropres.nyc.gov](http://bronxboropres.nyc.gov)

**The deadline for submission of applications is: Friday, February 5, 2016**

○ **Important News for Senior Citizens**

**Freeze Your Rent & Keep it Frozen**

If you are at least 62 years old, rent an apartment that is rent stabilized or controlled, have a total household income of \$50,000 or less and pay more than one-third of your household’s total monthly income for rent, you may be eligible for the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) Program. If you are eligible for SCRIE [or the Disability Rent Increase Exemption program, DRIE], your rent can be frozen and be exempt from future rent increases.

To keep your rent frozen, remember to renew the SCRIE benefit on time and before your lease ends! The Department of Finance will mail a renewal application to you before your benefit expires, but if you don’t receive it or act on it by the “end date” noted on your Approval Order, your rent may increase. Naming a trusted “tenant representative” on your application who will receive a copy of SCRIE correspondence may help you to keep your rent frozen in case you are unable to take timely action.

For more information and applications forms, you can download "**A GUIDE FOR TENANTS - Senior Citizens (62 and over) and People with Disabilities**" by [clicking here](#) or you can call 311 to request one.

o **Long-awaited Traffic Signal Approved by the City**

Community Board 8, P.S. 24, M.S. /H.S. 141 parents, school officials and elected officials have fought for a traffic signal at the intersection of Independence Avenue and West 235<sup>th</sup> Street for years. On October 28, the New York City Department of Transportation informed the community board that the installation of a traffic signal has been approved for this important intersection. It is expected that the project will be completed by February 29, 2016.

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o **BJ's Job Opportunities**

BJ's Wholesale Club is Hiring for their New Store in Stella/Bronx, 184 West 237th Street, Bronx, NY 10463.

Applications are being accepted now. To see available jobs and instructions on how to submit your application and resume visit their website at [www.careersatbjs.com/](http://www.careersatbjs.com/)

**NEW CLUB OPENING IN: BRONX, NY**  
Now accepting applications for all positions!

- Asset Protection Team Members	- Maintenance	- Forklift Drivers
- Food Court	- Produce Clerks	- Receiving Clerical/Receivers
- Overnight Stock Clerk	- Member Service Team Members	- Outside Sales Reps
- Bakery Clerks	- Managers	- Gas Station Attendants
- Supervisors	- Cashiers	- Tire Bay Team Members
- Deli Clerks	- Cash Office Team Members	
- Cart Retrievers	- Meat Cutters/Wrappers	

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o **Department of Environment Protection New Customer Service Programs**

Two new customer service programs will make it easier for customers to manage their bills, including an option to pay monthly online, and a more flexible way to schedule an appointment with a DEP inspector. For further information please click on the following link [DEP ANNOUNCES ENHANCED CUSTOMER SERVICE PROGRAMS](#)

o **Emergency Snow Laborers Needed**

Early 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 7AM and 3PM. The list of garage locations can be found at [www.nyc.gov/sanitation](http://www.nyc.gov/sanitation). Laborers will be paid \$13.50 per hour, and \$20.25 per hour after 40 hours are worked in a week.

o **Voter Registration**

A Voter Registration Form from the New York City Board of Elections may be obtained in the Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100 or by clicking on the following link: <http://vote.nyc.ny.us/html/home/home.shtml>.

o **Notify NYC**

Notify NYC delivers important information about emergency events and City services. Registration is free. Sign up at <https://a858-nycnotify.nyc.gov>

o **ID NYC**



IDNYC is the new, *free* identification card for all New York City residents. It is a government-issued photo identification card that secures the peace of mind and access to City services that come from having recognized identification. Due to high demand, an appointment is necessary to get your ID card. The NYPL Library Center at 310 East Kingsbridge Road is a location closest to our community. For more information and to book an appointment click on the following link: <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/idnyc/index.page>

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