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DECEMBER 2016 COMMUNITY BOARD & COMMITTEE CALENDARS

BOARD MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday, December 13, 2016, 7:30PM

WHERE: Riverdale Presbyterian Church, 4765 Henry Hudson Parkway

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, each one being allotted 3 minutes to address the Board.

BOARD COMMITTEE CALENDARS

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

- o **Aging:** 2:30PM (**Please note earlier time**), Tuesday, December 20, Fort Independence Senior Center, 3350 Bailey Avenue
- o **Economic Development:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, December 6, Parilla Latina, 5523 Broadway
- o **Education:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, December 27, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- o **Environment & Sanitation:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, December 21, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- o **Executive Committee:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, December 7, Riverdale Mental Health Association, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, 2nd Floor Conference Room
- o **Health, Hospitals & Social Services:** 7:30PM, Monday, December 19, Citadel Nursing & Rehab Center, 3400-26 Cannon Place
- o **Housing:** 7:30PM, Thursday, December 22, Riverdale Mental Health Association, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, 2nd Floor Conference Room
- o **Land Use:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, December 14, Location to be determined
- o **Law, Rules & Ethics:** 7:00PM, Monday, December 12, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- o **Libraries & Cultural Affairs:** 6:00PM, Thursday, December 8, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- o **Parks & Recreation:** 7:00PM, Wednesday, December 28, Location to be determined
- o **Public Safety:** 7:00PM, Thursday, December 15, 50th Police Precinct, 3450 Kingsbridge Avenue
- o **Traffic & Transportation:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, December 20, William E. Irwin, Jr. American Legion Post 774, 3035-37 Corlear Avenue (between West 230 & 231 Streets)
- o **Youth:** 1:00PM, Wednesday, December 28, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100

***The Board Office will be closed on Monday, December 26 in observance of Christmas

The next Bronx Community Board No. 8 meeting will be held January 10, 2016, 7:30PM, Location to be determined.

NEWS:

- o **Community Board 8 Elects New Treasurer**

At the November 9 Board Meeting, CB8 elected a new Treasurer. Meet Amy Joy Robateau, who has been a board member since 2015. Amy has served on the Housing, Aging and Parks & Recreation Committees. She is a long time resident of Kingsbridge Heights and we wish her well.





○ Jerome Park Reservoir Open Access Weekend

On Saturday, November 19 and Sunday, November 20, Community Board 8 attended the Open Access Weekend at the Jerome Park Reservoir held by The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

The gates at the Reservoir were opened to the public who were able to walk around on the inside of the two-mile perimeter of the Reservoir. Approximately 200 people attended the event and tours were given by the Jerome Park Reservoir Conservancy.

The event was the result of a collaborative effort by the Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee. Special thanks go to the NYC DEP for hosting this event and their continual community outreach.



○ 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 visit their website at bronxboropres.nyc.gov

The deadline for submission of applications is: Friday, February 3, 2017

○ Emergency Snow Laborers Needed

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. The list of garage locations can be found at www.nyc.gov/sanitation. 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](#).



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

○ **Astronomy: Long Nights Moon**

Like the stars? Join the Park Rangers as they guide you through the solar system. Learn the history and the folklore of the universe. The Park Rangers will teach you how to use telescopes and binoculars to observe astronomical events. In this event, you can learn all about the 6 Apollo missions and where they landed on the moon.

This event will take place on Saturday, December 10 from 7:00PM to 8:30PM at Van Cortlandt Park. Meet the Urban Park Rangers at the Van Cortlandt Nature Center. For more information, [click here](#).



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

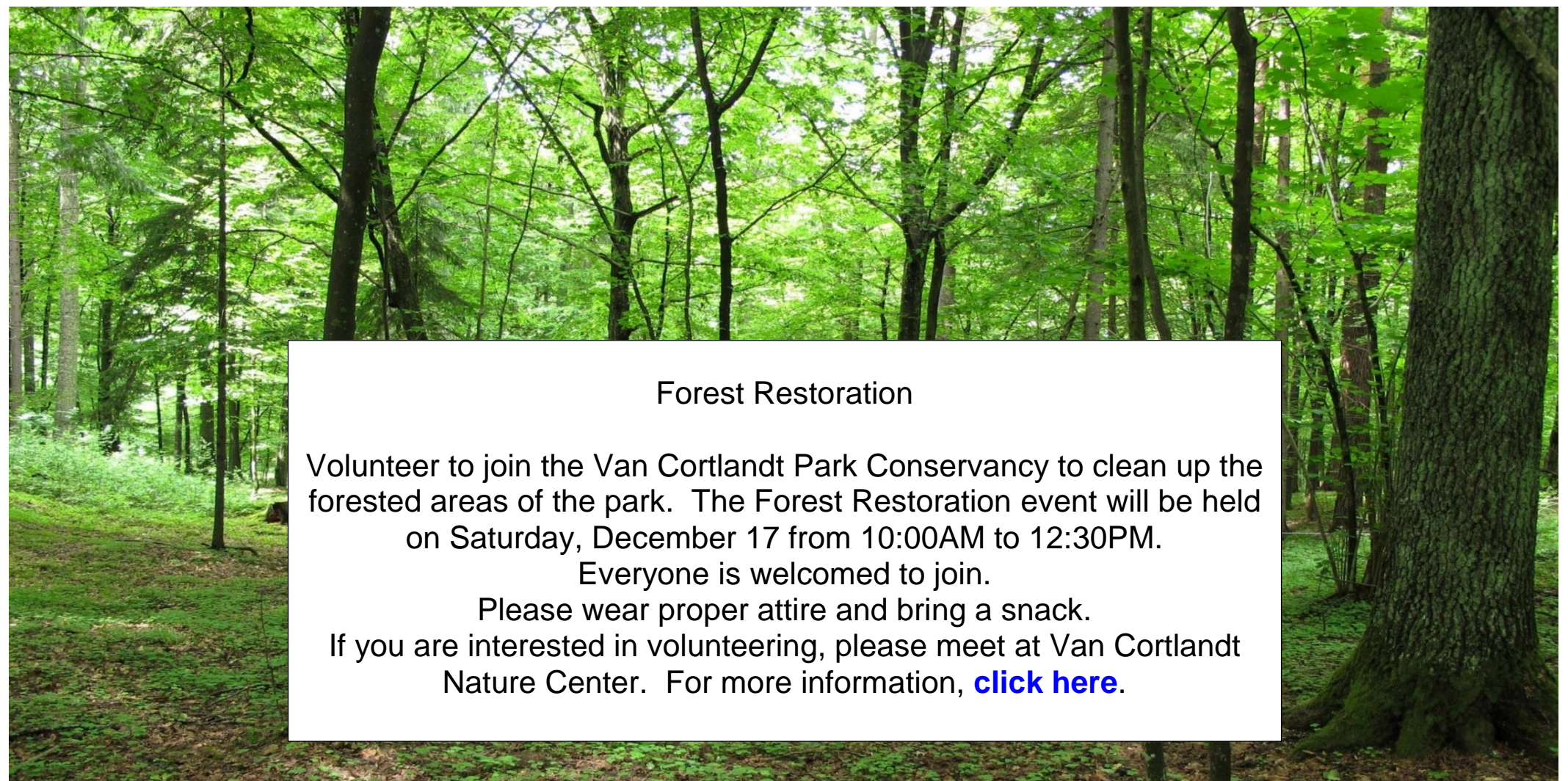
The NYPD is teaming up with City Harvest for their annual Canned Food Drive. The drive begins the first week of December and concludes the first week of January. During this time you may drop off canned goods at your local precinct. The 50th Police Precinct is located at 3450 Kingsbridge Avenue or you can call 718-543-5700 for more information.



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

Have a coat you don't need, why not donate it to the needy. The New York Cares 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 until the first week of January. The 50th Police Precinct is located at 3450 Kingsbridge Avenue or you can call 718-543-5700 for more information.

○ **Van Cortlandt Park Forest Restoration**



Forest Restoration

Volunteer to join the Van Cortlandt Park Conservancy to clean up the forested areas of the park. The Forest Restoration event will be held on Saturday, December 17 from 10:00AM to 12:30PM.

Everyone is welcomed to join.

Please wear proper attire and bring a snack.

If you are interested in volunteering, please meet at Van Cortlandt Nature Center. For more information, [click here](#).

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- **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 10 on 225 Street and Broadway from 1:00PM to 4:00PM.

- **Family Art Project: Season's Greetings!**

This Family Art Project is great for kids. Join guest artist Jeff Hopkins to participate in an interactive story mural about winter. Learn how to draft flip-open frames and pop-out nature images to reflect the signs of winter. The Family Art Project is being held at Wave Hill House at West 249 Street and Independence Avenue on Saturday, December 3 and Sunday, December 4, from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. For more information, [click here](#).



- **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 10 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. For more information, [click here](#).

- **Nature Exploration Hike: John Muir Trail**

Join the Urban Park Rangers on a vigorous hike on the John Muir Trail at Van Cortlandt Park. The hike will take place on Sunday, December 4 from 11:00AM to 1:00PM. If you would like to go on the hike, meet the Urban Park Rangers at Mosholu Avenue and Broadway. For more information, please call 718-548-0912 or [click here](#).



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- **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 17 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](#).

o **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 18 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.



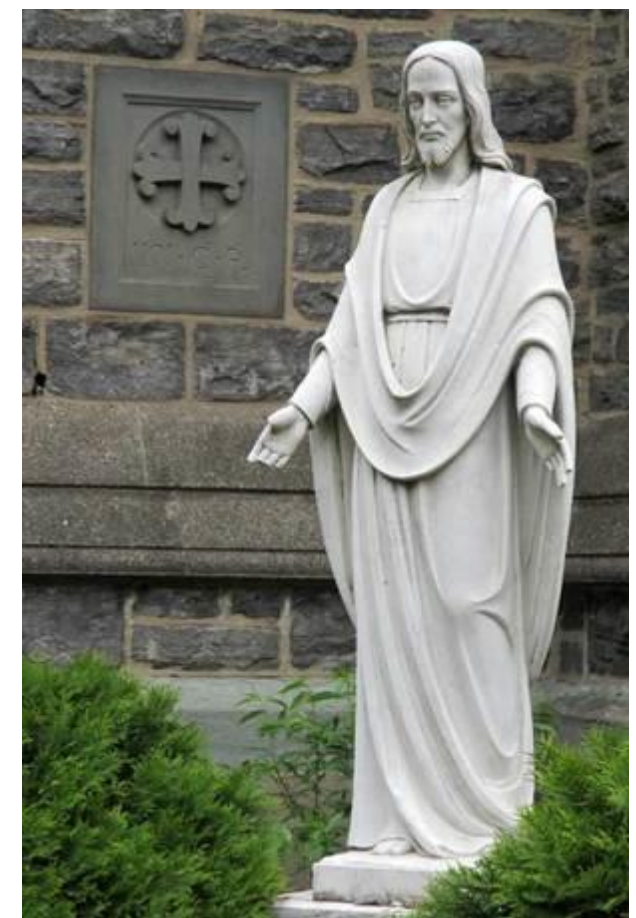
COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

Episcopal Church of the Mediator

The Episcopal Church of the Mediator is an Episcopal parish church in the Kingsbridge section of Bronx Community Board No. 8. The church is located at 260 West 231 Street. The parish was formed on August 15, 1855, as The Church of the Mediator, Yonkers. Two years later, the first church for the parish was constructed at the cost of \$5,000. The church was consecrated by Bishop Horatio Potter on November 6, 1864.

In 1913, the parish opted to create a new church. Henry Vaughan, the architect who designed the Washington National Cathedral, designed the church in a neo-Gothic style. This church was consecrated in 1927 by Bishop William Thomas Manning. The Episcopal Church of the Mediator is home to a Bronx landmark, the Corlear Sycamore, also known as the Sister Tree, which is considered to be among the oldest and largest trees in The Bronx. The Church is also home to a Skinner Organ that was built in 1923 and was installed in a chamber on one side of the cancel that is fronted by an oak case.

As of July 1, 2016, the Church is under a new administration. Mother Loida Morales is the new priest to the congregation. Mother Morales was ordained in 2005 and has been a long-time member of the church.



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