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FEBRUARY 2016 COMMUNITY BOARD & COMMITTEE CALENDARS

PUBLIC HEARING & BOARD MEETING

PUBLIC HEARING: 7:00PM for report and comments on responses from City Agencies on the Capital/Expense Budget Priorities for FY 2017. To view the Community Board priorities and the City agency responses, [click here](#).

WHEN: Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 7:00PM

WHERE: Conservative Synagogue, 475 West 250 Street (Henry Hudson Parkway East)

PUBLIC GALLERY SESSION: Each month the General Board meeting begins with a Public Gallery Session. If you wish to address the Board, please 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:** 2:30PM (**please note earlier time**), Tuesday, February 16, Riverdale Senior Services, 2600 Netherland Avenue
- o **Economic Development:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, February 2, McDonalds, 5765 Broadway
- o **Education:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, February 23, Location to be determined
- o **Environment & Sanitation:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, February 17, Location to be determined
- o **Executive Committee:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, February 3, Riverdale Mental Health, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, 2nd Floor Conference Room
- o **Health, Hospitals & Social Services:** 7:30PM, Monday, February 1, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- o **Housing:** 7:30PM, Monday, February 22, Location to be determined
- o **Land Use:** 7:30PM, Thursday, February 4, 2016, Horace Mann School, 231 West 246 Street, Gross Theater (Enter at West 246 Street & Tibbett Avenue)
- o **Law, Rules & Ethics:** 7:00PM, Thursday, February 25, Riverdale Mental Health Association, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, 2nd Floor Conference Room
- o **Libraries & Cultural Affairs:** 5:00PM (**please note earlier time**), Thursday, February 11, Kingsbridge Library Branch, 291 West 231 Street
- o **Parks & Recreation:** 7:00PM, Wednesday, February 24, Location to be determined
- o **Public Safety:** 7:00PM, Thursday, February 18, 50 Police Precinct, 3450 Kingsbridge Avenue
- o **Traffic & Transportation:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, February 16, Location to be determined
- o **Youth:** 1:00PM (**please note earlier time**), Wednesday, February 24, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Special Notice about ZQA and MIH

We have just learned that the City Council has scheduled public hearings for February 9 and February 10 regarding Zoning for Quality and Affordability ("ZQA") and Mandatory Inclusionary Housing ("MIH") text changes. The City Planning Commission has not yet voted on its reports on the zoning text changes. Amendments are expected. We anticipate adoption on February 3.

Community Board 8 unanimously rejected both zoning text changes on November 10. The Board Office will provide the CPC reports on ZQA and MIH, once received, via email to any member of the public who requests a copy.

Because both of these are important actions with significant impacts for our community, the Land Use Committee of the Community Board will hold a public hearing on February 4 at the Horace Mann School, 231 West 246 Street at 7:30PM. The hearing will focus on any changes made by the City Planning Commission. The City Council hearings for February 9 and February 10 will be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall at 9:30AM.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- o **22nd Annual Bronx Parks Speak Up**



NYC Parks

Please join the Bronx Coalition for Parks and Green Spaces (BCPGS), at its 22nd Annual Bronx Parks Speak Up event. The event allows you to learn about resources, both government and non-government and hold discussions with both local elected and appointed officials. This event is being held at Lehman College on Saturday, February 20, 2016 from 11:00AM -5:00PM. For more information on this event, please [click here](#).

- **Scoping Meeting for New Spray Showers Proposed for Spuyten Duyvil Playground**

The Parks Department is holding a required Scoping Meeting concerning the design of a new spray shower at Spuyten Duyvil Playground on Wednesday February 17, 2016 at 5:30PM. The meeting is designed to elicit public comments concerning their initial concept. It will take place at the New York Public Library, Spuyten Duyvil Branch, 650 West 235 Street.

- **Nature's Workshop: Taste of Nature**

Urban Park Rangers are hosting a Nature's Workshop on Taste of Nature. This workshop explores the tastes formed by common plants. The workshop allows you to participate in hand-on projects and learn the origins of daily foods. This event is being held at Van Cortlandt's Nature Center in Van Cortlandt Park, accessed from Broadway and 246 Street on Sunday, February 21, 2016 from 1:00PM – 2:30PM. For more information, [click here](#).



NEWS:



- **New Traffic Signal Approved by the City**

The Department of Transportation recently completed a study regarding the need for additional traffic controls at the intersection of West 197 Street and Reservoir Avenue and concluded that a traffic signal is needed. The installation of the traffic signal is scheduled to be completed by May 31, 2016.

- **Newly Passed NYC's Commuter's Benefits Law**

On January 1, 2016, the New York City's Commuter Benefits Law took effect. This law requires employers, both for-profit and nonprofit, with 20 or more full-time employees to allow for their employees to use pre-tax income to buy eligible transportation fringe benefits. For more information, [click here](#).



- **Apply for Membership on Your Local Community Board**

The deadline for submitting an application for membership to your local community board is rapidly approaching. **The deadline for submission of applications is: Friday, February 5, 2016.** Applications are being accepted by the Office of The Bronx Borough President for all 12 Community Boards from city residents who reside, work or have professional or other significant interests in The Bronx.

Borough President Diaz is especially 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 more information please call the Bronx Borough President's Community Boards Office at: 718-590-3914 or on-line at bronxboropres.nyc.gov. For applications click on [Community Board Applications](#).

- **NYC Parks Without Borders – Suggestions are welcome**



NYC Parks "Parks Without Borders" is an initiative to make city parks more open, friendly, and attractive. You can help NYC Parks "Parks Without Borders" choose their projects by simply letting the Parks Department know of a park you think can profit from the Parks Without Borders approach. NYC Parks will select and fund eight parks in which to showcase the program. NYC Parks will be accepting comments until the end of February 2016. The eight parks chosen for the project will be announced this coming spring. To find out more on how the plan will work and on how to submit your selection and comments, [click here](#).

- **BJ's Reception for the Store's Opening**

BJ's held a welcoming reception on January 7 to introduce its store manager and team of employees to Community Board Members and other invited guests. The new BJ's center located at Broadway and 237 Street opened its doors to customers on January 16.



Community Board 8 Members in attendance (from left): David Gellman, Sylvia Alexander, Robert Press, Michael Heller, Patricia Manning, Paul Ellis, Sergio Villaverde, Anthony Creaney, Marvin Goodman, Robert Fanuzzi, I. W. Stone

- **Emergency Snow Laborers Needed**

The Department of Sanitation is hiring snow laborers for the snow season. Snow laborers are Per-diem workers who are called upon to remove snow and ice throughout the city; from bus stops, crosswalks, fire hydrants and step streets in the 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 \$13.50 per hour, and \$20.25 per hour after 40 hours are worked in a week.

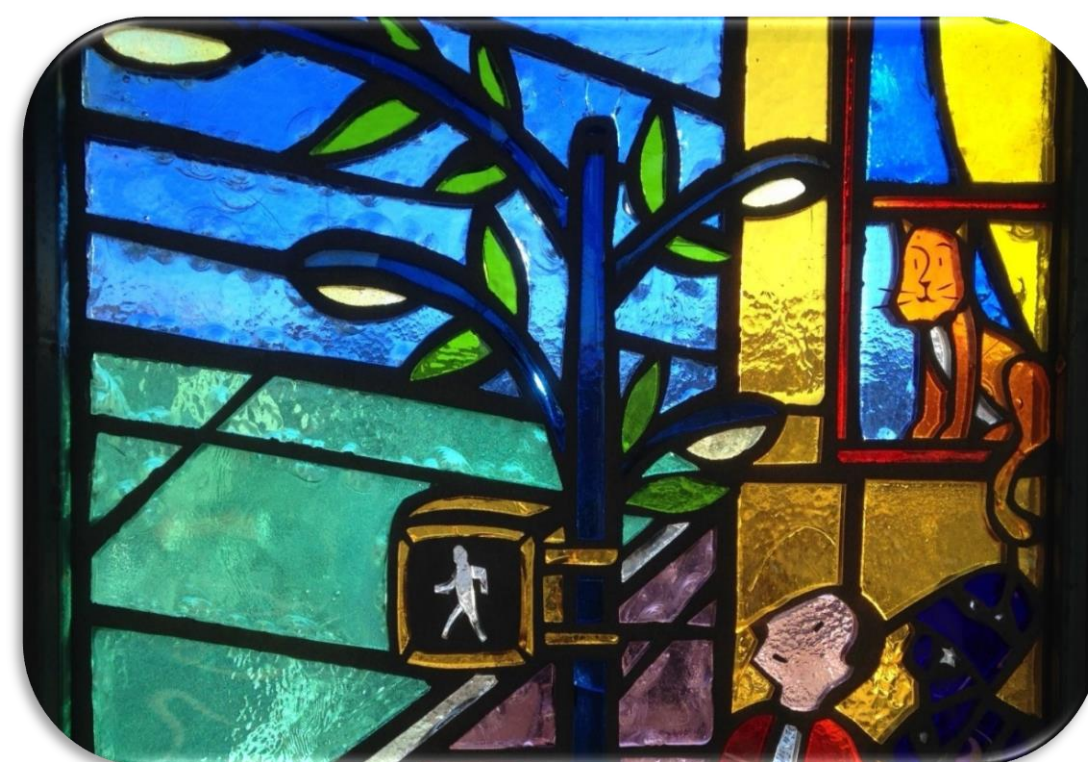


COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

This month we share with you selections from lovely art pieces that can be found on the 231 Street #1 subway platforms, both northbound and southbound. They are part of the MTA's "Percent for Art" program that has placed art throughout the subway system. The artist here, Felipe Galindo, created "Magic Realism in Kingsbridge" in 2008. Two of the four triptychs are shown here.



Felipe Galindo created these pieces from studying the neighborhood and its residents. He encourages us to see the beauty in our neighborhood that we may take for granted. His work adds imagination and magic to his art. See the fire escape leading to the sky, the skateboarder taking on a crescent moon, a winged horse and carriage racing the subway, the young girl flying the sun as a kite and the street light representing a palm tree. Here are few panels to illustrate.



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Mr. Galindo asks viewers to "experience something intriguing or surprising each time they pass through the 231 Street subway station." So put down your cell phone or newspaper next time you are waiting for the #1 train and enjoy Felipe's art.

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