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FEBRUARY 2017 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 2018. To view the Community Board priorities and the City agency responses, visit the Community Board Office at 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 14, 2017, 7:30PM

WHERE: Ft. Independence Community Center, 3350 Bailey Avenue

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](#).

- **Aging:** 2:30PM (**Please note earlier time**), Tuesday, February 21, Riverdale Senior Services, 2600 Netherland Avenue, (Century Building)
- **Economic Development:** No Meeting
- **Education:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, February 28, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- **Environment & Sanitation:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, February 15, Riverdale Neighborhood House 5521 Mosholu Avenue, Teen Building
- **Executive Committee:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, February 1, Riverdale Mental Health Association, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, 2nd Floor Conference Room
- **Health, Hospitals & Social Services:** No Meeting
- **Housing:** 7:30PM, Monday, February 27, Location to be determined
- **Land Use:** Time, Date & Location to be determined
- **Law, Rules & Ethics:** 7:00PM, Monday, February 13, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- **Libraries & Cultural Affairs:** 5:30PM (**Please note earlier time**), Thursday, February 9, Derfner Judaica Museum, 5901 Palisade Avenue
- **Parks & Recreation:** 7:00PM, Wednesday, February 22, Location to be determined
- **Public Safety:** 7:00PM, Thursday, February 16, 50th Police Precinct, 3450 Kingsbridge Avenue
- **Traffic & Transportation:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, February 21, Location to be determined
- **Youth:** 1:00PM, Wednesday, February 22, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100



***The Board Office will be closed on Monday, February 20 in observance of Presidents Day

The next Bronx Community Board No. 8 meeting will be held March 14, 2017, 7:30PM, Location to be determined.

NEWS:

- Remember to Renew Your Senior Citizen Homeowners' Exemption (SCHE) and Disabled Homeowners' Exemption (DHE)

If you currently receive the Senior Citizen Homeowner Exemption (SCHE) or Disability Homeowner Exemption (DHE), you may need to file your renewal application by March 15, 2017. SCHE participants renew every two (2) years. DHE participants renew annually. In October, the NYC Department of Finance mailed renewal applications to current participants. The Department of Finance sent the application early to allow participants ample time to prepare the renewal application and to gather all of the required documents. If you misplaced the SCHE/DHE renewal application, please email recertify@finance.nyc.gov, or you can call 311 to request another application. If the application is mailed, please allow 7-10 business days for the copy to arrive. For more information visit the NYC Department of Finance website by [clicking here](#).



o **Department of Sanitation “Night Plow” Operations**

Every year, the Department of Sanitation (DSNY) engages in seasonal “Night Plow” operations, which run through mid-April, to ensure each Sanitation District is properly staffed 24/7 in case of a snow/winter storm emergency. The seasonal winter operation schedule assures that DSNY will have a sufficient number of employees assigned and available around the clock to operate essential snow fighting equipment in each of the city’s 59 Sanitation Districts. During Night Plow, some resident’s normal trash and recycling collection times may change temporarily, as workers in each district are assigned to the 4:00PM to midnight and midnight to 8:00AM shifts, in addition to the regular daytime shift. To ensure pickup, put items out for collection between 4:00PM and midnight the evening before your scheduled collection day. For more information, [click here](#).



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.

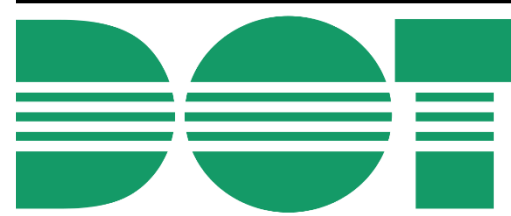
In addition, Borough President Diaz is encouraging young people ages 16 and 17 to apply for community board membership. Last year, the borough president appointed five young people to the community boards, and is working to insure that there is a least one youth member per community board.

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 TODAY, Friday, February 3, 2017

NEW YORK CITY o **NYC Needs Emergency Snow Laborers**



The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) and The Department of Transportation (DOT) are accepting registrations for emergency snow laborers for this 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. Individuals interested in registering with DOT please visit the Bronx Yard at Mosholu Avenue and Broadway (Van Cortlandt Park) and bring with them two small photos (1 ½ Square), original and copy of two forms of identification and social security card.

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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

○ Wave Hill House is hosting several events on Owls and Coyotes:

1. Family Art Project: Coyote and Owl Fixtures and Tricksters

If you like folklore, you would love the stories surrounding two wonderfully mysterious and enchanting creatures, the owl and the coyote. You can learn all about their habits and special attributes. This event is taking place on Saturday, February 4 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM.

2. Owl Pellet Dissection

Join us for this exploratory workshop, and discover the origins of the owl's diet. Owls swallow their prey whole. During digestion, parts of the prey, such as bones, feathers, and fur, are bound up into a tight pellet, which the owl regurgitates. Children ages eight and older are welcomed accompanied by an adult. This event is taking place on Saturday, February 4 from 11:00AM to 1:00PM.

3. Nature Talk: Coyotes in the Big Apple

Coyotes have become residents of the wilder areas of New York City. Join Dr. Mark Weckel of the American Museum of Natural History and his team of high school student-scientists who have been gathering information about coyotes as part of the Gotham Coyote Project. Find out where our local coyotes live, what they eat, and how they coexist with humans in one of the most densely-populated areas of the country. Children ages 12 and older welcome with an adult. This event is taking place on Saturday, February 4 from 11:00AM to 12:00PM.

4. Coyote Info Station

Coyotes have lived with New Yorkers for longer than you may think. Environmental Educators explain the history of coyotes in New York City and suggest tips for living peacefully with these wild neighbors. This event is taking place on Saturday, February 4 from 11:00AM to 2:00PM.



○ Natural Plant Cordage

Join the Rangers and learn the value of cordage's role in history. You'll learn what plants were used and be shown techniques on how to extract and twist fibers into your very own piece of natural cordage. This event will be held on Sunday, February 19 from 1:00PM to 2:30PM at the Van Cortlandt Park Nature Center. For more information, call the Urban Park Rangers at 718-319-7258 or [click here](#).



○ Kids Week Bronx: Nature Exploration

If your children love the outdoors, the natural world is the best playground in New York City. Join the Urban Park Rangers on Tuesday, February 21 from 1:00PM to 2:30PM for a hike through the wonders of Van Cortlandt Park. For more information, call the Urban Park Rangers at 718-319-7258 or [click here](#).

○ Fire Making Skills

Fire is mankind's greatest discovery. The Urban Park Rangers will teach participants the primitive and modern methods for making fire safely and responsibly while exploring the great outdoors. This event is being held on Saturday, February 25 from 1:00PM to 2:30PM. Meet the Rangers at the Van Cortlandt Nature Center. For more information, call the Urban Park Rangers at 718-319-7258 or [click here](#).

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

It's My Park season is here. Volunteer with the Stewards of Henry Hudson Park to help amplify its beauty and sustain community with general cleanups and gardening.

Rain or shine, there will be something for everyone to do at this unique park! Please register for the project by emailing dp.reynolds@verizon.net.

Please note: Volunteers under 18 years-old are required to present a signed guardian's consent to participate or have a chaperone present. Walk-ons are welcome!

This event will be held on Saturday February 4 from 8:00AM to 12:00PM. Volunteers should meet at the Henry Hudson Monument. For more information, [click here](#).



COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT
Where the Harlem River meets the Hudson River

Whenever you are taking a ride on the Metro North from the Spuyten Duyvil Station, observe the beauties that are the Hudson and Harlem Rivers and their bridges.



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