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JULY 2017 COMMUNITY BOARD & COMMITTEE CALENDARS

BOARD COMMITTEE CALENDARS

The New York City Charter mandates that except during the months of July and August, each committee shall meet at least once each month. However, at the General Board meeting in the month of June, the Board voted to authorize the Land Use Committee to act on behalf of the Board in the event that time sensitive matters arise during summer recess.

In the event of necessity, a committee or board meeting may be scheduled.

Please go to www.nyc.gov/bronxcb8 for an update of our calendar.

The next Bronx Community Board No. 8 meeting will be held in September, date & location to be determined.

- **Bronx Community Board No. 8 would like to thank the following institutions for their generosity in hosting Board meetings of the Board and its Committee's throughout the year.**

Amalgamated Houses, Buffalo Wild Wings, Christ Church, Conservative Synagogue, Derfner Museum at the Hebrew Home, 50th Precinct, Five Star Premiere Residence, Ft. Independence Community Center, Hudson House, Hudson Pointe at Riverdale, In-Tech Academy (MS/HS 368), Jericho Project, Jerome Park Library, Kelly Ryan's, Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, Kingsbridge Library, Land & Sea Restaurant, Manhattan College and Manhattan College Student Commons, Marble Hill Community Center, Methodist Home for Nursing & Rehabilitation, Montezuma Restaurant, Park Gardens Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Riverdale Library, Riverdale Housing for the Elderly, Riverdale Jewish Center, Riverdale Mental Health Association, Riverdale Neighborhood House, Riverdale Presbyterian Church, Riverdale Senior Services, Riverdale Temple, Riverdale YM/YWHA, Schervier Apartments and Schervier Nursing Care Center, Silhouette Lounge, Spuyten Duyvil Library, St. Patrick's Nursing Home, St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, Wave Hill, Yo Burger

NEWS:

- **Community Board No. 8 Elects New Chair**

Rosemary Ginty has become the new Chair of Bronx Community Board No. 8. At the June 12, 2017 Board meeting, the Board unanimously voted for Ms. Ginty to succeed outgoing Chair Dan Padernacht.

Ms. Ginty is an attorney and urban planner who brings forth extensive experience in city government. While working in the New York City Department of City Planning, she wrote the Special Natural Area District, a zoning text to protect natural features in much of Riverdale and Fieldston. Working for Mayor Koch, she was the city's chief lobbyist representing the city in Washington D.C., Albany, the City Council and the Board of Estimate.

After government, she practiced law for 14 years before joining the New York Botanical Garden as Associate Vice President for Government and Community Relations. Ms. Ginty became the first executive director of the Catholic Community Relations Council in 2008, retiring from that role in 2012.

Ms. Ginty is a lifelong Bronx resident and was first appointed to Community Board 8 in 2009, chairing the Law, Rules and Ethics and Environment & Sanitation Committees before becoming vice chair in 2014.

- **Community Board No. 8 Officers and Committee Chairs**

The following is a list of Officers and Committee Chairs commencing July 1, 2017:

OFFICERS

Chairperson	Rosemary Ginty
Vice-Chair	Paul Ellis
Treasurer	Amy Joy Robateau
Secretary	Karen Pesce

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Aging	Lisa Daub
Budget	David Gellman
Economic Development	Sergio Villaverde
Education	Sylvia Alexander
Environment & Sanitation	Laura Spalter
Health, Hospitals & Social Services	Omar Murray
Housing	Steve Sarao
Land Use	Charles Moerdler
Law, Rules & Ethics	Martin Wolpoff
Libraries & Cultural Affairs	Marvin Goodman
Parks & Recreation	Bob Bender
Public Safety	Mary Yamagata
Traffic & Transportation	Joseph O'Brien
Youth	Lamont Parker

- **New Community Board No. 8 Members**

Seven new community board members were appointed to Community Board No. 8: Eric Dinowitz, Martin Gluck, Julia Gomez, Daris Jackson, Myra Joyce, Jyll Townes and Rosalind Zavras. Four new members are from Kingsbridge Heights, one member is from Spuyten Duyvil and two members are from Riverdale. We welcome all our newly appointed board members.

- **Update for SCHE/DHE Participants**

The NY State Legislature passed a bill on June 21, 2017 that increases the maximum qualifying income for the Senior Citizen Homeowner Exemption or Disabled Homeowner Exemption (SCHE/DHE) from \$37,399 to \$58,400. When this bill is signed into law, it will enable more seniors and disabled individuals to stay in their homes.



If you did not respond to the Department of Finance (DOF) mailings to renew your exemption, or did not renew because your income was too high, you should still send in your renewal application. Download the form at nyc.gov/finance under "Property Owner Benefit Forms". Call 311 and ask them to mail one to you, or stop by any of the DOF Business Centers and ask for a renewal application. If you qualify, your exemption will apply to this entire tax year (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018). For more information, [click here](#).

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o **Bronx Community Board No. 8 Announced the Community Service Award Winners**

The Community Service Award was established to acknowledge the many volunteer efforts of groups and individuals within our community. It is the Board's belief that by recognizing our committed community volunteers, we can in some small way reward those most deserving and inspire others to follow their example.

This year's recipient of the award are Tyler Cambrelen from BronxWorks; Rosalande Cherubin from the Hebrew Home; Dan Reynolds and Mark Mason from the Stewards of Henry Hudson Park.



From left to right: Dan Padernacht, Chair, CB8; Diego Santiago, CB8 Board Member; Tyler Cambrelen, CSA Winner; David Gellman, Chair, CB8 Community Service Award Committee; Marvin Goodman, Chair, CB8 Libraries Committee; Lisa Daub, Chair, CB8 Aging Committee; Bill Stone, CB8 Board Member



From left to right: Dan Padernacht, Chair, CB8; Diego Santiago, CB8 Board Member; Josephine Catalano, Director of Volunteer Services, Hebrew Home; David Gellman, Chair, Community Service Award Committee; Rosalande Cherubin, CSA Winner; Marvin Goodman, Chair, CB8 Libraries Committee; Lisa Daub, Chair, CB8 Aging Committee; Bill Stone, CB8 Board Member



From left to right: Dan Padernacht, Chair, CB8; Diego Santiago, CB8 Board Member; David Gellman, Chair, Community Service Award Committee; Bob Bender, Chair, CB8 Parks & Recreation Committee; Dan Reynolds, CSA Winner; Mark Mason, CSA Winner; Marvin Goodman, Chair, CB8 Libraries Committee; Lisa Daub, Chair, CB8 Aging Committee; Bill Stone, CB8 Board Member

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Bronx Community Board No. 8's Youth Committee & Van Cortlandt Park's Golf Event

Join us for our Youth Golf Day at the Van Cortlandt Park Golf Course on July 19. If you are interested, sign-up at your local community center or send an email to bx08@cb.nyc.gov. The event is free. It includes a 1-hour lesson and equipment. There will be two sessions.

Morning Session: 10:00AM to 11:30AM or 11:30AM to 12:30PM
 Afternoon Session: 1:00PM to 2:00PM or 2:00PM to 4:00PM

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- **Riverdale Y Sunday Farmer's Market**

The Riverdale Y Sunday Farmer's Market is located at RKA-Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy at Independence Avenue and West 237 Street. It is open every Sunday from 9:00AM to 2:00PM.

- **Friends of Van Cortlandt Park Youth Run Farmstand**

Every Wednesday, beginning July 12 through October 25 from 2:00PM to 7:00PM at the Train Park at Gale Place & Orloff Avenue. Cash, EBT/Credit/Debit, Health Bucks, Fresh Connect Bucks, WIC and FMNP Checks accepted.

- **Riverdale Youthmarket**

The Riverdale Youthmarket runs at Riverdale Neighborhood House at West 256 Street and Mosholu Avenue every Thursday, beginning July 6 through October 26 from 1:00PM to 7:00PM. Cash, EBT/Credit/Debit, Health Bucks, Fresh Connect Bucks, WIC and FMNP Checks accepted.

- **Marble Hill Youthmarket**

Every Thursday from 2:00PM to 6:00PM at West 225 Street between Broadway and Exterior Street. Cash, EBT/Credit/Debit, Health Bucks, Fresh Connect Bucks, WIC and FMNP Checks accepted.

- **Bronx Arts Ensemble Concert**

Join the Bronx Ensemble for a concert at Van Cortlandt Park on Sunday, July 9 from 2:00PM to 3:00PM. The concert will be held at the Rockwood Drive Circle. For more information, [click here](#).



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NYC Parks



- **Paddling 101**

Lear to paddle with the Rangers in the waters of New York City at Van Cortlandt Park Lake. This event is taking place on Saturday, July 8 from 11:00AM to 12:30PM. This program is for beginners age 8 and up. Pre-registration is required. For registration, call (718) 548-0912 or [click here](#).

- **Bird Walks**

Join the experts of New York City Audubon Society at Van Cortlandt Park every Saturday from 8:00AM to 9:30AM until July 29, 2017, on exciting bird walks throughout the park. Meet the NYC Audubon members at the Van Cortlandt Nature Center. You can call (718) 430-1890 for more information or [click here](#).



- **Family Camping at Van Cortlandt Park**

Like the outdoors? Then join the Urban Park Rangers on a night out of camping on Sunday, July 16 from 6:00PM to 7:00AM. Participants for this event are chosen by lottery. Anyone wishing to participate should [click here](#). Registration opens on July 5. For more information, you can call (718) 548-0912 or [click here](#).

- **Barefoot Dancing**

Kick off your shoes and dance on the lush, green Van Cortlandt House Museum Lawn. This event is taking place every Thursday until August 3, 2017 from 6:30PM to 8:30PM. You can enter the park at Broadway and West 254 Street. For more information call (718) 430-1890 or [click here](#).



- **Free Summer Meals**

Breakfast and lunch continues beyond the scheduled school year for all children beginning June 29 through September 1. The Summer Meals Program is available at schools, libraries, parks, pools, NYCHA, and trucks throughout the city. There is no registration, documentation or ID required to receive a free breakfast and/or lunch meal for children up to the age of 18. For more information and to find a location near you, [click here](#).

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- **Visit Wave Hill for events throughout the month of June. Wave Hill is located at West 249 Street and Independence Avenue:**

1. Family Art Project: Wet Felting Florals

Join artist Crystal Gregory as she takes you through the steps of wet felting to create a floral fabric landscape. This event is free and being held on Saturday, July 8 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM.

2. Family Art Project: Handmade River Rafts

Come make a raft using colorful foam, reeds and repurposed foam. You can see if it floats or just keep it as a sculpture. This event is free and admission to the grounds is free until noon on Saturday, July 15 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM.

3. Family Art Project: Spray a Watercolor Garden

Paint the colors of Summer into a garden. You will create your own blooming painting using a mists of watercolors. This event is free and admission to the grounds is free until noon on Saturday, July 20 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM.

4. Family Art Project: Sundials and Sunprints

For this project, you will make a handmade sundial. You will learn about the sun's shadows and discover a simple and fun way to tell time. This event is being held on Saturday, July 29 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM and is free and admission to the grounds is free until noon.

5. Garden Highlights Walk

Join us for an hour-long tour of seasonal garden highlights. Meet at the Perkins Visitor Center. This tour is scheduled for every Saturday and Tuesday in July from 11:00AM to 12:00PM. This event is free and admission to the grounds is free until noon.

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COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

The Amalgamated Houses

Founded in 1927, the Amalgamated Houses is the oldest limited equity housing cooperative in the United States, providing affordable housing and a strong community for 1500 moderate-income families. It is the model by which moderate income cooperative housing was built throughout the country.

The north side of the housing complex is tucked into the leafy environs of Van Cortlandt Park. An extensive array of paths for walkers and bikers can be accessed from the street, as well as playground to entertain toddlers.



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Marble Hill, Riverdale, Spuyten Duyvil, and Van Cortlandt Village