



# Community Board No. 8

BRONX, NEW YORK CITY



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## MARCH 2016 COMMUNITY BOARD & COMMITTEE CALENDARS

### BOARD MEETING

**WHEN:** Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 7:30PM

**WHERE:** Ethical Culture Fieldston School, 3901 Fieldston Road, Stu Commons

**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](#).

- **Aging:** 2:30PM (**please note earlier time**), Tuesday, March 15, Location to be determined
- **Economic Development:** No Meeting
- **Education:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, March 22, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- **Environment & Sanitation:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, March 16, Location to be determined
- **Executive Committee:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, March 2, Riverdale Mental Health, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, 2nd Floor Conference Room
- **Health, Hospitals & Social Services:** 7:30PM, Monday, March 21, Methodist Home for Nursing and Rehabilitation, 4499 Manhattan College Parkway
- **Housing:** 7:30PM, Monday, March 28, Location to be determined
- **Land Use:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, March 29, Location to be determined
- **Law, Rules & Ethics:** 7:00PM, Thursday, March 31, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- **Libraries & Cultural Affairs:** **3:30PM (please note earlier time)**, Thursday, March 10, Wave Hill, 675 West 252 Street
- **Parks & Recreation:** 7:00PM, Wednesday, March 30, Location to be determined
- **Public Safety:** 7:00PM, Thursday, March 3, 50<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct, 3450 Kingsbridge Avenue
- **Traffic & Transportation:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, March 15, Location to be determined
- **Youth:** 1:00PM (**please note earlier time**), Wednesday, March 23, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100

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

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

- **CB8 Senior Resource Guide**

The Guide provides direction on how to access basic necessities, supportive services, social and recreational opportunities of interest to our seniors and their families. [Click here](#) to access the Guide or pick up a copy at the Community Board located at 5676 Riverdale Avenue.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Community Service Award**

Community Board No. 8 Bronx is pleased to announce that it is seeking nominations for its Annual Community Service Award. Community Board No. 8 established the Community Service Award to acknowledge the many volunteer efforts of groups and individuals within our community. It is our 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.

**Nominations must be submitted by Friday, April 8, 2016 addressed to:** Marvin Goodman, Chairperson, Community Service Award Committee, Bronx Community Board No. 8, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100, Bronx, NY 10471 via mail or submitted by email to [bx08@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:bx08@cb.nyc.gov).



- **Health and Wellness Fair**

Please join our elected officials and Community Board 8's Health Committee in the Health and Wellness Fair being held Saturday, March 5, 2016 at the Amalgamated Houses, Vladeck Hall, 74 Van Cortlandt Park South from 11:00AM to 4:00PM. The Fair is being hosted by New York City Council Member Andrew Cohen, New York State Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz, New York State Senator Jeff Klein and Bronx Community Board 8. There will be health care agencies and organizations there to provide information and answer questions. [Click here](#) to see the flyer.

o **The New York State Comptroller's Office is conducting a Noise Survey in New York City**

The State Comptroller's office is interested in noise levels in your community. Research shows that noise levels can undesirably impact your health. They want the residents of New York City to share their experiences with noise in their communities and solicit the idea of residents for reducing the noise levels. The State Comptroller's Office is asking that residents interested in taking the survey, please do so by **March 15, 2016**.

The survey can be taken by visiting any of the links below:

English: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FGBMSFC>

Mandarin: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B5DC5TR>

Russian: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H8KRCDP>

Spanish: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XSLVF5X>



**NYPL's Riverdale Oral History Project**

The New York Public Library is seeking volunteers to help interview residents who are participating in the "Remembering Riverdale: Our Neighborhood Oral History Project." Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Alexandra Kelly at 212-621-1552 or email her at [AlexandraKelly@nypl.org](mailto:AlexandraKelly@nypl.org).

o **Living with Urban Coyotes**

Let the Urban Park Rangers guide you to the viewing spots for wildlife in New York City. The focus in this event will be the coyote, which now reside in the Bronx. This free event will take place in the Van Cortlandt Nature Center on Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 1:00PM to 2:30PM. [Click here](#) for more information.



**NEWS:**



o **The New York Yankees Youth Leadership Award Winners**

The NY Yankees Youth Leadership Award is an annual event. It was created "...to acknowledge young people who are providing a positive service to their community, the New York Yankees work in conjunction with the 12 community boards of the Bronx on an annual basis to identify five area youth in each district that are making a difference. These children make up the New York Yankees Community Council Leadership Corp. They are provided with a \$750 stipend to assist them in continuing their work in the community. These awardees perform 50 hours of leadership, volunteer work as a tutor, mentor, community unity developer, and/or a youth leader against violence and substance abuse in the community."

These students are all positive role models for their peers and the community. They are highly motivated teens and have a hard work ethic and demonstrate leadership skills, responsibility and dependability. These Youth Leaders will be recognized on-field during a pre-game ceremony at Yankee Stadium in 2016 on their respective Bronx Community Board's Day.

Meet the winners of the NY Yankees Youth Leadership Awards - Diamond Brown, Michelle Cobos, Vivien Llanes, Brittany Luisi and Shakira Marrero standing with Councilman Andrew Cohen, CB8 Chair - Daniel Padernacht, State Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz and Dr. Roscoe Brown



## COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

This month we share with you some of the history behind Bell Tower Park, a historic haven standing in the Bronx at Riverdale Avenue, Henry Hudson Parkway and West 239 Street. The Bell Tower is home to a Spanish Bell cast for a Mexican monastery back in 1762. The bell was captured during the Mexican War of 1846-1848 by General Winfield Scott.

When the bell first arrived in New York City, it was stored at a fire look-out in Greenwich Village. The bell was then moved to the Riverdale Firehouse. While at the Riverdale Firehouse, the bell rang daily at 8:00AM, Noon and 9:00PM. In 1936 the bell and the tower were moved to Henry Hudson Parkway. Later in 1999, Bell Tower Park was named a Greenstreets site as part of the Greenstreets joint project of the New York City Parks Department and Transportation Department.

For more history of Bell Tower Park, [click here](#).



Designer of the fieldstone and limestone tower: architect Dwight James



Bronze plaque affixed to the structure lists the names of Riverdale, Kingsbridge, and Spuyten Duyvil residents who served in World War I.

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