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MAY 2016 COMMUNITY BOARD & COMMITTEE CALENDARS

BOARD MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 7:30PM

WHERE: Riverdale YM/YWHA, 5625 Arlington Avenue, Multi-purpose Room

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, who are allotted 3 minutes each.

BOARD COMMITTEE CALENDARS

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

- **Aging:** No Meeting
- **Economic Development:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, May 11 (**Please note Date**), Bronx BBQ Pit, 170 West 233rd Street
- **Education:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, May 3, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- **Education:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, May 31, Location to be determined
- **Environment & Sanitation:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, May 18, Location to be determined
- **Executive Committee:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, May 4, Riverdale Mental Health Association, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, 2nd Floor Conference Room
- **Health, Hospitals & Social Services:** 7:30PM, Monday, May 16, Citadel Rehabilitation & Nursing Center (formerly Kingsbridge Heights Rehab. & Care Center), 3400 Cannon Place near Giles Place
- **Housing:** 7:30PM, Monday, May 23, Location to be determined
- **Land Use:** Time, Date and Location to be determined
- **Law, Rules & Ethics:** 7:00PM, Thursday, May 26, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- **Libraries & Cultural Affairs:** 6:30PM, Thursday, May 12, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- **Parks & Recreation:** 7:00PM, Wednesday, May 25, Location to be determined
- **Public Safety:** 7:00PM, Thursday, May 19, 50th Police Precinct, 3450 Kingsbridge Avenue
- **Traffic & Transportation:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, May 17, Location to be determined
- **Youth:** 1:00PM, Wednesday, May 25, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100

The next Bronx Community Board No. 8 meeting will be held Tuesday, June 14, 2016, 7:30PM, Location to be determined.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Remembering Our Own, Long-Term Board Member Joyce Pilsner (1925-2016)



Joyce Pilsner – September 1997

Community Board No. 8 is deeply saddened by the loss of one of its most esteemed members, Joyce Pilsner. She was appointed to the Board in 1976 and served for 40 years. In the early years she was chair of Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee; and the Youth Services Committee. She then served as Board Chair from 1993 to 1995, Vice Chair from 1996 to 2006, and Secretary from 2007 to 2015.

Joyce was very dedicated and valued. She was strong in her efforts to protect the well-being of the community and worked hard on the Board's development of the 197-a rezoning plan. She was invested in areas of mental health issues, youth and the aged.

She will be remembered as a stellar member of the community. Her contributions to CB8 were immeasurable. Her influence and intellect will be greatly missed by all.

UPCOMING EVENTS:



- **Department of Sanitation Bronx SAFE Disposal Event – Spring 2016**

The Department of Sanitation will be having its annual SAFE (Solvents, Automotive, Flammables, and Electronics) Disposal event. The event allows for residents to dispose of harmful household products safely. Products as pesticides, cleaners, mercury-containing devices, paints, automotive fluids, medications and electronics can be drop-off for disposal. The event will be held at Orchard Beach on Saturday, May 14 from 10:00AM to 4:00PM. For more information, [click here](#).

- **4th Annual Youth Poetry Slam**

The Poetry Slam is a competitive event where poets, age 11-18 perform their work within a 3 minute time frame and are scored by judges. This year's Slam is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, from 6:30PM to 8:30PM at the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, 3103 Kingsbridge Terrace.

- **Bronx Week – May 5-15**

Bronx week is a celebration that spans throughout 11 days of festivities taking place throughout the entire borough The Bronx. It includes: a star-studded black-tie gala honoring the Bronx Walk of Fame inductees, a parade, a food & arts street festival and an outdoor concert. For more information, [click here](#).

- **Birding: Spring Migration**

Van Cortlandt Park is a home for 230 different species of birds. Over 60 of the species breed in the park. Join the Park Rangers as they guide visitors to the best bird viewing spots throughout the park on Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 9:00AM to 10:30AM. This event is free and open to everyone. You can bring binoculars or ask a Ranger to borrow a pair. You can enter the park at West 242nd Street to journey through the park's lake area and freshwater wetlands on one of the park's most popular birding trails. For more information, [click here](#).



- **It's My Park Day at Van Cortlandt Park**

Volunteers are needed to join Friends of Van Cortlandt in planting for the 2016 season on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 10:00AM. Volunteers will help with the preparation of plant beds, sifting compost bins and planting seedlings. All are welcomed. To volunteer, just meet at the Compost Site which you can get to by entering the park at Broadway and Mosholu Avenue. For more information, [click here](#).

- **Kids Salamander Exploration at Van Cortlandt Park**

This program is designed for young children and families. When children connect with nature, it encourages active exploration. Children who spend time outdoors develop strong imaginations and learn to socialize better with others. All supplies are provided. This event is on Sunday, May 15, 2016 from 11:00AM to 12:30PM.

- **Family Camping at the Park**

The Urban Park Rangers look forward to welcoming families to laugh and play at the Family Camping day at the park on Saturday, May 28, 2016 from 6:00PM to 7:00AM. Camping helps us spend time with our families by freeing us from the everyday distractions.

To participate in the camping day, families interested should visit nyc.gov/parks/rangers/register on Wednesday, May 18, 2016. The families are selected by lottery. Only the families chosen will be notified of the meeting locations and all the details needed pertaining to the event.

NEWS:

o **NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Report on the Zika Virus**

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) has been actively informing the entire City on the Zika Virus since February 2016.

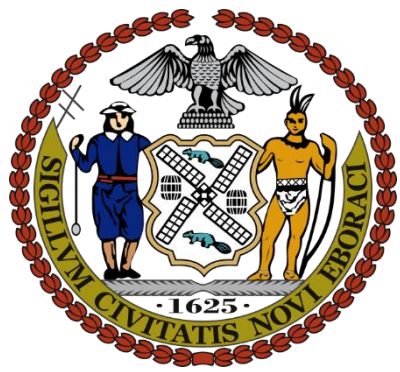
DOHMH communicated the following at CB8's April 2016 Board Meeting:

- Pregnant women should consult with their OBGYN if they plan to travel or if your partner spent time in a Zika affected area
- use insect repellants approved by the EPA, apply sunscreen first, then repellant;
- Insect repellant is safe for pregnant women
- wear long sleeves and pants and wear clothing treated with permethrin (a chemical that repels insects)

For more information on the Zika virus, [click here](#).



o **Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. Releases The Bronx Veterans' and Military Resource Guide**



The Veteran Resource Guide, published by the Office of the Bronx Borough President Diaz, Jr., is the first of its kind. The Borough President hosted a special meeting on March 28 to educate & update community boards and elected officials on veterans' resources in The Bronx and across the city. He stated "It is my hope that this guide will serve as a key resource for both veterans and service providers across the borough, and I encourage our servicemen and servicewomen to take advantage of the 'Bronx Veteran & Military Resource Guide.'" The complete guide can be viewed at <http://on.nyc.gov/1XY8nI>.

o **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.



o **Lloyd's Carrot Cake Celebrated its 30 Year Anniversary**

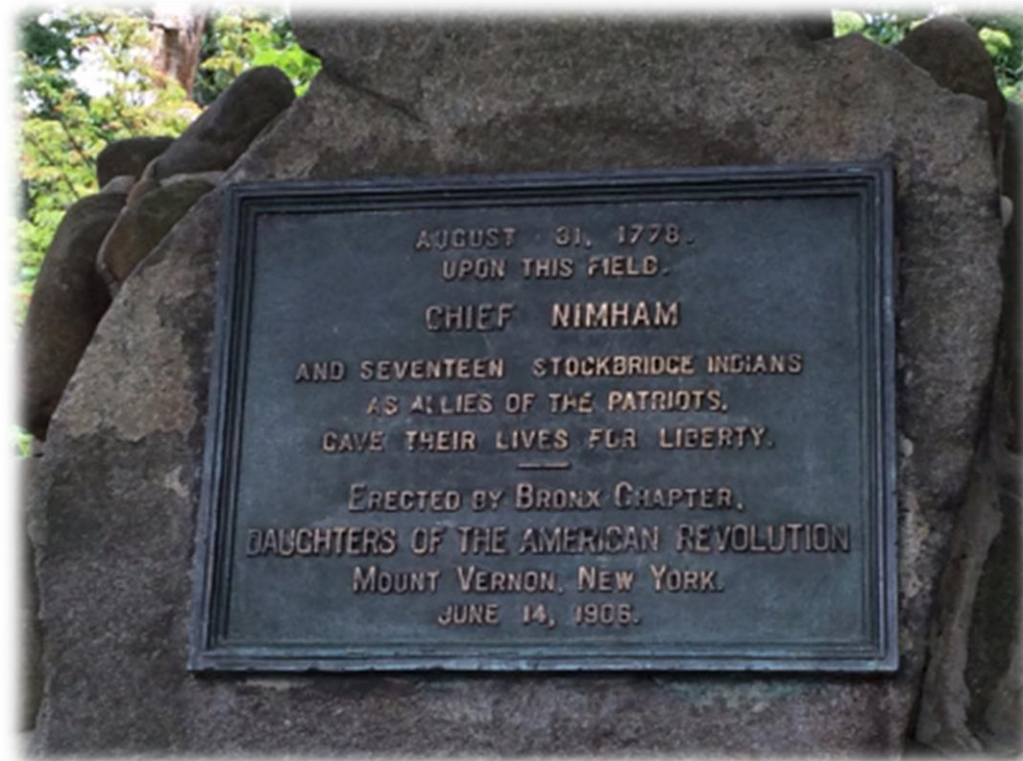
Saturday, April 9 marked the 30 year anniversary for Lloyd's Carrot Cake. The establishment held a ribbon-cutting event, to which Community Board No. 8 members attended as well as elected officials.



From left to right: Sergio Villaverde, Chair, Economic Development Committee; Betty Campbell-Adams, Owner Lloyd's Carrot Cake; Daniel Padernacht, Chair, CB8

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

Remembering our fallen. Memorial Day is not just a day for celebration, but it is also a day to remember those who have served us and gave their lives for a better America. This month we share with you the "Memorial Grove". It was built in honor of the Bronx men who served in combat during World War II and Korea. It is located in Van Cortlandt Park, near West 246 Street between Broadway and the Van Cortlandt Park Mansion.



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