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NOVEMBER 2016 COMMUNITY BOARD & COMMITTEE CALENDARS

BOARD MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday, November 9, 2016, 7:30PM **(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)**

WHERE: Horace Mann School, 231 West 246 Street, Recital Hall

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, Tuesday, November 15, Methodist Home for Nursing & Rehab, 4499 Manhattan College Parkway
- **Economic Development:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, November 1, KRVC, 505 West 236 Street
- **Education:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, November 22, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- **Environment & Sanitation:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, November 16, Manhattan College, Engineer Building, 3825 Corlear Avenue, Scala Room, 2nd Floor, Room 215
- **Executive Committee:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, November 2, Riverdale Mental Health Association, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, 2nd Floor Conference Room
- **Health, Hospitals & Social Services:** 7:30PM, Monday, November 21, Location to be determined
- **Housing Committee Public Discussion (see upcoming events):** 7:00PM, Thursday, November 3, St. Stephen's Methodist Church, 146 West 228 Street **(Note: This accounts for the October meeting that was postponed due to the holidays)**
- **Housing:** 7:30PM, Monday, November 28, Kingsbridge Library, 280 West 231 Street
- **Land Use:** 7:30PM, Date & Location to be determined
- **Law, Rules & Ethics:** 7:00PM, Monday, November 14, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- **Libraries & Cultural Affairs:** 6:00PM, Thursday, November 10, Jerome Park Library Branch, 118 Eames Place
- **Parks & Recreation:** 7:00PM, Wednesday, November 30 **(Note Change of Date)**, Location to be determined
- **Public Safety:** 7:00PM, Thursday, November 17, 50th Police Precinct, 3450 Kingsbridge Avenue
- **Traffic & Transportation:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, November 15, Location to be determined
- **Youth:** 1:00PM, Wednesday, November 16 **(Note change of Date)**, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100

The Board Office will be closed on the following days:
Tuesday, November 8 for Election Day
Friday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day
Thursday, November 24 in observance of Thanksgiving



The next Bronx Community Board No. 8 meeting will be held December 13, 2016, 7:30PM, Location to be determined.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

○ **CB8's Housing Committee Public Discussion**

The Housing Committee of Bronx Community Board No. 8 will be hosting a public discussion on New York City Housing Authority's (NYCHA) plan to maintain "Heat and Hot Water service for this winter season at "Fort Independence, Bailey and Marble Hill Houses." This will be held on Thursday, November 3, 7:00PM at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 146 West 228 Street (corner of Marble Hill Avenue and West 228 Street).

NYCHA representatives will include: Robert Knapp, Director of Heating Services; Nate Parris, Regional Asset Manager; Jennifer Montalvo, Deputy Director Intergovernmental Relations.



○ **Van Cortlandt Park Wins Funding for Major Improvements**

Van Cortlandt Park was chosen to receive a part of the \$40M awarded through the Parks Without Borders Program for improvements. Come share your ideas to redesign the entrances, edges and underused spaces near Broadway and 242 Street. The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2016, from 6:30PM to 8:30PM at Horace Mann School, Middle/Upper Division, Fisher Hall, 231 West 246 Street. Please enter at West 246 Street and Post Road. Children are welcome and there will be a Spanish translator available.

For more information on Parks Without Borders, please [click here](#).

○ **Jerome Park Reservoir Tours**

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will be opening the Jerome Park Reservoir to the public on Saturday, November 19 and Sunday, November 20 from 10:00AM until 2:00PM.

The two-mile perimeter along the Reservoir will be open to the public. Entrance to the Reservoir will be through the Gate House located at the west side of Goulden Avenue, just south of West 205 Street, across the street from Bronx High School of Science. There will be a security check, and no bags, cameras, or cell phones will be allowed inside. DEP will give visitors the opportunity to check cell phones, but should not bring any bags.



○ **Bird Walks at Van Cortlandt Park**

Join the NYC Audubon experts Bird Walks at Van Cortlandt Park which is a designated "Important Bird Area" (IBA). The walks will be every Saturday through November 26, 2016 from 8:00AM to 9:30AM. To join the walk, visit the Van Cortlandt Nature Center by entering the park at Broadway and West 246 Street. For more information, [click here](#) or call 718-430-1890.

○ **Seniors Fitness in Van Cortlandt Park**

The Senior Fitness is offering free tennis lessons, yoga instruction and fitness walking for seniors at New York City Parks. The event is being held at Van Cortlandt Park every week on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays through November 4, 2016. All equipment and instruction is provided free of charge. Yoga is on Mondays & Wednesdays at 9:00AM and Walking is on Tuesday and Thursdays at 10:00AM. To attend and for more information, please call 212-360-8172 or [click here](#).





o **Fall Wetland Volunteer Day**

Join the Friends of Van Cortlandt for a day of volunteering on Saturday, November 5 to help with native species planting, removal of non-native invasive plants and trash clean up within Tibbetts Wetlands. The group will meet at 10:00AM inside the Van Cortlandt Park near the last stop of the 1 train at Broadway and West 242 Street. All are welcomed!

o **End of Season Celebration/ Leaf Crunch**

Saturday November 19th from 10am to 1pm
Help with our final harvest to prepare the garden and compost bins for the winter through adding collected leaves and food scraps. Call for details about food scrap and leaf donations. Projects suitable for all ages. Volunteers will get a final chance to taste some of the produce from our garden. Held in partnership with the Bronx Compost Project. Meet at FVCP's Compost Site- enter the Park at Broadway and Mosholu Ave.



o **Fall Leaf Collection**

DSNY will be collecting leaves for recycling. Certain neighborhoods will receive collection of fall leaves on specific Sundays in November and December.

Residents should set out their leaves on Saturday evening, the day before their scheduled collection, in either a paper lawn & leaf bag, or in an open, unlined container. DSNY turns the leaves into compost, a natural soil amendment.

The Fall Leaf Collection Schedule for Bronx Community Board No. 8 will be as follows:

Setout:

- Saturday, November 12, 2016
- Saturday, November 26, 2016

Collection starts:

- Sunday, November 13, 2016
- Sunday, November 27, 2016



o **Election 2016**

The General Election day is November 8, 2016. All Polls open at 6:00AM and close at 9:00PM. For more information, visit the New York State Board of Elections by [clicking here](#).

NEWS:

o **Grace Belkin Street Naming**

On Saturday, October 15, Bronx Community Board No. 8 attended the street renaming of the corner of West 246th Street and Henry Hudson Parkway West to the "Grace Belkin Way". Ms. Belkin's family and BXC8 are grateful to the Mayor and New York City Council for supporting this deserving recognition.



From left to right: Robert Fanuzzi, Board Member, CB8; Dan Padernacht, Chair CB8; June Eisland; John DeSio; Rupert Belkin, Husband of Grace Belkin; Councilman Andrew Cohen; William Abramson, Patricia Manning, District Manager CB8; Deputy Inspector Terrence O'Toole, 50th Precinct

CB8 PROFILES THE LIBRARIES, & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AS ITS NOVEMBER FEATURED COMMITTEE

Meet the members of the Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee – Marvin Goodman, Chair, Sylvia Alexander, Amy Joy Robateau, Phil Friedman and Martin Wolpoff, Vice Chair.

Community life is enriched through access to excellent libraries and through the efforts of a wide spectrum of local cultural organizations and programs. The mission of the Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee is to increase community awareness of these assets. The committee seeks opportunities to include the arts in community facilities and public spaces and to support and encourage city and state cultural programs that impact our area. Their focus on libraries is to work with the New York Public Library to deliver high quality services through local branches to meet the diverse needs of all segments of this community.

Be a part of the effort, come out to meeting. The committee meets regularly on the 2nd Thursday of each month.



Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee Members and guests – from left to right: Sylvia Alexander; Community Resident; David Nuggenbaum, Bronx Arts Ensemble; Nicola McDonald, Manager, Jerome Park Library; Rebecca Brown Barbier, Manager, Riverdale Branch Library; Marvin Goodman, Chair; Amy Joy Robateau; Martin Wolpoff, Vice Chair

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

WAVE HILL

Wave Hill is over a century old, and is one of New York City's most beautiful parks. The property was first developed by William Lewis Morris, who named the estate Wave Hill. The Morris family resided at Wave Hill from 1843 to 1852. In 1865, the famous publisher William H. Appleton purchased the estate and used it as a summer residence until 1903. During Appleton's time as proprietor, tenants included such figures as Mark Twain and Theodore Roosevelt. In 1903 Appleton sold the property to George W. Perkins (1862-1920) a wealthy conservationist who would become politically active in the expansion of area parks.

The Perkins-Freeman family deeded Wave Hill to the City of New York in 1960. Wave Hill, Inc., was formed in 1965 as a non-profit corporation. Today, as one of 33 City-owned cultural institutions, Wave Hill provides an oasis of serenity and offers programs in Horticulture, Environmental Education, Woodland Management and the Visual and Performing Arts. Through the arts and sciences, Wave Hill seeks to foster connections between people and nature.



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