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OCTOBER 2016 COMMUNITY BOARD & COMMITTEE CALENDARS

PUBLIC HEARING FY 2018 Budget Priorities and BOARD MEETING

WHEN: Thursday, October 13, 2016 **(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)**

Public Hearing: 7:00PM Board Meeting: 7:30PM

WHERE: Riverdale YM/YWHA, 5625 Arlington Avenue, Multi-Purpose Room, 2nd Floor

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, Thursday, October 20 **(Please note change of date & time)**, Location to be determined
- **Economic Development:** No Meeting
- **Education:** No Meeting
- **Environment & Sanitation:** No Meeting
- **Executive Committee:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, October 5, Riverdale Mental Health Association, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, 2nd Floor Conference Room
- **Health, Hospitals & Social Services:** 7:30PM, **Public Hearing**, Monday, October 31, **(Please note change of date)**, Location to be determined
- **Housing:** No Meeting
- **Land Use:** 7:30PM, Thursday, October 27, Location to be determined
- **Law, Rules & Ethics:** No Meeting
- **Libraries & Cultural Affairs:** 5:00PM, Thursday, October 6 **(Please note change of date)**, Location to be determined
- **Parks & Recreation:** 7:00PM, Wednesday, October 26, Location to be determined
- **Public Safety:** 7:00PM, Thursday, October 20, 50th Police Precinct, 3450 Kingsbridge Avenue
- **Traffic & Transportation:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, October 19 **(Please note change of date)**, Riverdale YM/YWHA, 5625 Arlington Avenue, Youth Lounge
- **Youth:** 1:00PM, Wednesday, October 26, Wave Hill, 675 West 252 Street



The Board Office will be closed on Monday, October 10 in observance of Columbus Day
The next Bronx Community Board No. 8 meeting will be held November 9, 2016, 7:30PM, Location to be determined.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Remembering a Local Hero



Battalion Chief Michael J. Fahy became a New York City firefighter in 1999. He followed in his father's footsteps who was a Battalion Chief and retired from the Fire Department after 19 years. Chief Fahy graduated from Law School, passed the bar exams in New York and New Jersey. He earned his Master's Degree in Homeland Security from the Naval Postgraduate School. He was dedicated to public service and considered a "rising star" by his colleagues.

On the morning of September 27, 2016, Chief Fahy was the Incident Commander of the fire units responding to a call of a gas odor emanating from a resident at 300 West 234th Street in the Kingsbridge section of the Bronx. The house exploded and Chief Fahy was struck by debris and he was killed. Chief Fahy became the 1,145 member of the New York City Fire Department to die in the line of duty in its 150 year history.

Chief Fahy is survived by wife, and his three children. Our hearts go out to his family, friends, and colleagues.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

o **The Tour De Bronx**

The Bronx Borough President and the Bronx Tourism Council will be hosting the Tour De Bronx on Sunday, October 23, 2016. The tour is the largest free cycling event in New York. It consists of two routes. The 25-mile route takes riders through Mott Haven, Clason Point along the East River and Pelham Bay Park. The 40-mile route takes riders through the historic Fort Schuyler in Throggs Neck, City Island, Woodlawn and Riverdale.

The starting point for the Tour De Bronx is Harris Field located at Bedford Park Boulevard West between Paul Avenue and Goulden Avenue.

Anyone interested in joining can [click here](#) to register.



o **Street Naming for former District Manager, Grace Belkin**

Grace Belkin, Bronx Community Board 8's first District Manager will have a street named in her honor. The corner of West 246th Street and Henry Hudson Parkway West will be co-named "Grace Belkin Way". All are invited to attend the on-site naming ceremony on Saturday, October 15, 2016, at 11:00 AM.

Grace served as District Manager from 1977 to 2006. She passed away in 2013. This community was fortunate to have her at the forefront for many causes, working tirelessly to bring valued services and resources to the district. Amongst her many contributions, she is especially remembered for her advocacy in acquiring funding for the 197-a plan which was vital in shaping policy to protect the district's unique character and natural assets.

BXCB8 is grateful to the Mayor and New York City Council for their support of this deserving recognition.

o **Canoemobile at Van Cortlandt Park**

Join the Friends of Van Cortlandt Park for free canoe rides in 24-foot voyageur canoes with Wilderness Inquiry on Van Cortlandt Lake. The event also features wetland tours and children activities. Children 17 years of age or younger must have a parent or guardian present to sign a consent form. The event will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 12:00PM to 4:00PM. To attend the event, visit the Van Cortlandt Golf House by entering the Park at Van Cortlandt Park South and Bailey Avenue and meet at the Van Cortlandt Lake near the Golf House. For more information, [click here](#) or call 718-430-1890.



o **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 on Tuesday and Thursdays at 10:00AM. To attend and for more information, please call 212-360-8172 or [click here](#).

o **Bird Walks at Van Cortlandt Park**

Join the NYC Audobon 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.



o **Hike and Draw at Van Cortlandt Park**

Join The Art Students League and venture out to beautiful sites within Van Cortlandt Park with artist Pedro Ramirez. The hikes will take place every Sunday through October 30, 2016 from 2:00PM to 3:00PM. To join the hike, 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.

o **Fall Wetland Volunteer Day**

Join the Friends of Van Cortlandt for a day of volunteering on Saturday, October 8th 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 **Amalgamated Youthmarket**

The Amalgamated Youthmarket will be open on Wednesdays from 2:00PM-7:00PM through October 26 at the Train Park at Orloff Avenue and Gale Place. Cash, EBT/Debit/Credit and WIC & FMP Checks are accepted at this farmers market.

o **Riverdale Youthmarket**

The Riverdale Youthmarket will be open on Thursdays from 1:00PM to 7:00PM through October 27 at Mosholu Avenue and West 256 Street. Cash, EBT/Debit/Credit and WIC & FMP Checks are accepted at this farmers market.



o **Voter Registration**

A Voter Registration form may be obtained in the Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100 or by clicking on the following link: <http://vote.nyc.ny.us/html/home/home.shtml>.

For a list of Primary and General Election Dates to remember, please [click here](#).

- October 14 is the last day to:
 1. Postmark Mail Registration for general election and last day it must be received by board of elections is October 19
 2. Submit In-person registration
 3. Change party enrollment
- Address changes must be received by the Board of Elections by October 19

For more information please visit the Board of Elections in the City of New York website at <http://www.vote.nyc.ny.us/html/home/home.shtml> or call 866-868-3692



o ID NYC



IDNYC is the new, *free* identification card for all New York City residents. It is a government-issued photo identification card that secures the peace of mind and access to City services that come from having recognized identification. Due to high demand, an appointment is necessary to get your ID card. The NYPL Library Center at 310 East Kingsbridge Road is a location closest to our community. For more information and to book an appointment click on the following link: <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/idnyc/index.page>.

NEWS:

o Halloween Safety Tips

- Children should wear flame resistant costumes that allow them to move freely. Masks should not prevent a child from seeing or hearing and makeup used in face painting should be non-toxic.
- Children should carry a flashlight and wear reflective Costumes. Using reflective tape is also an option.
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times; be familiar with the neighborhood you plan on visiting. Avoid poorly-lit areas and homes of people you do not know.
- Travel in groups. Remember there is safety in numbers (At least 1 adult).
- Avoid displaying your valuables or electronic devices.
- Place emergency identification information discreetly inside clothing of small children, in case of accidental separation.
- Halloween treats should only be consumed if in their original, unopened packages. Avoid homemade or unpackaged treats.



o **CB8 Senior Resource Guide now available in Spanish**
“El Guia de Recursos para Ancianos”

El Guia ofrece información a partir de diferentes fuentes, con el propósito de servir como una manera conveniente para que los residentes de mayor edad aprendan acerca de una amplia variedad de servicios y cómo tener acceso a los mismos. **Precione aquí** para acceso al Guia, visite nuestra oficina localizada en el 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100 o llame al 718-884-3959 para mas informacion.



From left to right: Eric Bell, CB8 Board Member; Rosemary Ginty, Vice-Chair, CB8; Dan Padernacht, Chair, CB8; Lisa Daub, Chair, Aging Committee, CB8

o **CB8 attends the Johnson Avenue Festival, Sunday, September 18**

Community Board 8 attended the Annual Johnson Avenue Festival on Sunday, September 18. They joined the community in a fun day of live music, children activities, great food, and shopping at the community’s local business.

o **New Rent Freeze Program Applications**

The New York City Department of Finance announced that it released new and improved Rent Freeze Program Applications. Such improvements include, the eligibility list, a larger font, the income eligibility worksheet and answers to frequently asked questions. For additional information on the different programs, such as the Rent Freeze Program, the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) and the Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) programs, [click here](#).



COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

ENDOR COMMUNITY GARDEN

Endor Garden is a community garden located at West 254th Street and Fieldston Road.

The garden was once a dumping ground overlooking the Henry Hudson Parkway. Former Riverdalian Hilary Kitasei organized her neighbors to clean out the trash, prune the trees, plant perennials and create pine bark paths.

After Sept. 11, 2001, the garden was dedicated to the memory of Riverdale and Kingsbridge victims of that terror attack. The honorees are: John J. Burnside, Firefighter FDNY; Stephen Driscoll, Police Officer NYPD; James J. McAlary, Jr., CARR Futures Inc.; William E. McGinn, Captain FDNY; and Thomas G. O'Hagan, Lieutenant FDNY.



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