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OCTOBER 2017 COMMUNITY BOARD & COMMITTEE CALENDARS

PUBLIC HEARING FY 2019 Budget Priorities and BOARD MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday, October 10, 2017

TIME: 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, who are allotted 3 minutes each.

BOARD COMMITTEE CALENDARS

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

- **Aging:** 3:30PM, Tuesday, October 17, Methodist Home for Nursing & Rehabilitation, 4499 Manhattan College Parkway
- **Economic Development:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, October 24 **(Please note change of date)**, Barcelona Bites, 240 West 242 Street
- **Education:** No Meeting
- **Environment & Sanitation:** 7:30PM, Thursday, October 18, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- **Executive Committee:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, October 3, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- **Health, Hospitals & Social Services:** 7:30PM, Monday, October 16, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- **Housing:** 7:30PM, Monday, October 23, Riverdale Mental Health Association, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, 2nd Floor Conference Room
- **Land Use:** 7:30PM, Thursday, October 26, Christ Church Riverdale, 5030 Henry Hudson Parkway East
- **Law, Rules & Ethics:** No Meeting
- **Libraries & Cultural Affairs:** 6:30PM, Monday, October 2 **(Please note change of date)**, Kingsbridge Branch Library, 291 West 231 Street
- **Parks & Recreation:** 7:00PM, Wednesday, October 25, Location to be determined
- **Public Safety:** 7:00PM, Thursday, October 19, 50th Police Precinct, 3450 Kingsbridge Avenue
- **Traffic & Transportation:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, October 17, St. Margaret's of Cortona, 452 West 260 Street, Gym
- **Youth:** 1:00PM, Wednesday, October 25, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100

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

The next Bronx Community Board No. 8 meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14, Amalgamated Houses, Vladeck Hall, 74 Van Cortlandt Park South

PUBLIC HEARING FY 2019 Budget Priorities

Community Boards assess the needs of their own neighborhoods, and are given the opportunity to meet with the leadership of City agencies to address those needs in next fiscal year's budget. At those meetings, we make recommendations in the City's FY 2019 capital and expense budget process, to address them on your behalf. At our October meeting, you will have an opportunity to advocate for what priorities you support. Preliminarily, the CB8 committees have identified 28 such capital and 26 expense budget priorities. Please visit the CB8 website at www.nyc.gov/bronxcb8 or [click here](#) for more details.

The Community Board Office will be closed on Monday, October 9 in observance of Columbus Day.



NEWS:

o **The Tour de Bronx**

The Bronx Borough President and the Bronx Tourism Council will be hosting the Tour De Bronx on Sunday, October 22, 2017. The tour is the largest free cycling event in New York. It consists of two routes. The 25-mile route takes riders through Bronx parks, such as Crotona, Pelham Bay and St. Mary's. The 40-mile route takes riders through Woodlawn, City Island, Riverdale and Orchard Beach.

Check-in at East 164 Street between Walton Avenue and Grand Concourse, beginning at 9:00AM.

Anyone interested in joining can [click here](#) to register. Children 17 years old or younger MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian and a waiver must be signed. There will be no unicycles allowed.



o **Freeze Your Rent SCRIE Application Forms Available at Bronx Community Board No. 8**

The Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) program offers eligible tenants an exemption from rent increases. To be eligible for SCRIE, you must be 62 or older, have a household income of \$50,000 or less after allowable deductions and lease a rent controlled apartment, rent stabilized apartment or rent regulated hotel/SRO that costs at least one third of your monthly household income.

If eligible and approved, NYC freezes your rent either at your prior rent amount or 1/3 of your monthly household income, whichever is greater. The City of New York compensates the owner of the building by providing a corresponding credit against their real estate taxes.

The application form contains additional eligibility and process information. You can obtain an application by: picking one up at the CB8 office located at 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100, dialing 311 or by [clicking here](#).



o **DRIE Announcement from the NYC Department of Finance (DOF)**

Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) recipients whose benefits have been expired for at least six months might be entitled to have their benefits restored if they have remained eligible to participate in the program. DOF mailed applications to eligible households and authorized third-party tenant representatives. Eligible DRIE recipients should submit a renewal application and all required supporting documentation by January 19, 2018. The application is also available online or at any of the Department of Finance's five Business Centers. [Click here](#) for further information.

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.



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○ **DSNY Collection Request for Large Items**

DSNY is now asking anyone that has non-recyclable objects larger than 4 x 3 feet to please schedule an appointment for the items to be picked up. To schedule an appointment for collection, you may call 311 or visit nyc.gov/bulk. DSNY urges that you please make sure that the items can be picked up by two people and that it will fit in the garbage truck. For more information on how to properly set out the items and for other instructions, please [click here](#).



○ **Voter Registration**

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

- General Election date is Tuesday, November 7
(Postmarked no later than October 18, 2017)

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

○ **It's My Park Season is here**

Come volunteer with the Jerome Park Friends and Neighbors as they clean up and beautify the Fort Independence Playground. There will be mulching and horticulture work done. This event will take place on Sunday, October 1 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM. For more information, [click here](#).

○ **DSNY: 2017 SAFE Disposal Event Dates**

The New York City Department of Sanitation announced its 2017 annual SAFE Disposal Event. The event provides City residents with a one-stop drop-off to safely dispose of potentially harmful household products. Household products such as pesticides, strong cleaners, mercury-containing devices, paints, automotive fluids, and medications may be brought to the drop-off events. Residents can also bring electronics, which may no longer be left for curbside collection due to a New York state law. For Bronx residents the drop off location is the Orchard Beach Parking Lot on Saturday, October 7 from 10:00AM to 4:00PM. For more information, [click here](#).



○ **Bird Walks at Van Cortlandt Park**

Join the NYC Audobon experts Bird Walks at Van Cortlandt Park every Saturday in October 7 through November 25, 2017 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.

○ **Jobs Networking Event**

KRVC will be hosting a Job Networking Event on Tuesday, October 17 from 7:00PM to 9:00PM at 5625 Arlington Avenue. You will be able to share your resume with participating local businesses and nonprofits. There will also be resume writing and job search tips available for those interested.



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o [Fall Wetland Volunteer Day](#)

Join the Friends of Van Cortlandt Park for a day of volunteering on Saturday, October 21 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 [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 October from 11:00AM to 12:00PM. This event will held at Wave Hill located at West 249 Street and Independence Avenue. The event is free and admission to the grounds is free until noon.

o [New York Public Library Events](#)

The Kingsbridge Branch Library, located at 291 West 231 Street, offers a variety of programs for everyone. The highlight events for the month of October are:

- Creative Carnival – This event is on Tuesdays – October 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 4:00PM to 5:30PM. The event is for children ages 12-18, where they will learn how to build popular rides and games out of Lego bricks and bring them to life with Lego Power Functions.
- Lego Robotics: WeDo – In this event children will be introduced to robotics by using Lego. This event is on Thursday, October 19 at 4:00PM and is best for children in the first through third grades. It is limited to 12 children.
- Lego Pre-Robotics – This event will help children learn about gears, motors and energy by using Lego. It is best for children in Kindergarten through second graders. This event is being held on Tuesday, October 24 at 4:00PM. For more information you can visit their website by [clicking here](#).



o [Riverdale Y Sunday Farmer's Market](#)

The Riverdale Y Sunday Farmer's Market is located at RKA-Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy, located at Independence Avenue and West 237 Street. It is open every Sunday until December 3 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM.

o [Friends of Van Cortlandt Park Youth Run Farmstand](#)

This will take place every Wednesday, until 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.

o [Riverdale Youthmarket](#)

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

o [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.

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COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

Phyllis Post Goodman Park

If ever out for a stroll, visit the Phyllis Post Goodman Park located at Henry Hudson Parkway East and Kappock Street. The park is named after Riverdale Community leader Phyllis Post Goodman. Mrs. Goodman was known for her steadfast commitment to education. She was President of P.S. 24 Parents' Association, and served as vice president for the David A. Stein Riverdale Junior School and Bronx High School of Science Parents' Association. Phyllis was appointed to Bronx Community Board No. 8 and served for 25 years on numerous committees: Education, Library and Cultural Affairs, Parks, and Traffic and Safety.

The Phyllis Post Goodman Park is known for its variety of trees, which include Northern Red Oaks, Black Locusts and Norway maples that shade a small sitting area. It encompasses a beautiful wildflower garden that includes winged euonymus, azaleas, balloon flowers, roses, hostas and a few others. The park is a beautiful gem in our community.



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