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JANUARY 2019 COMMUNITY BOARD & COMMITTEE CALENDARS

BOARD MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday, January 8, Manhattan College (Fishbach Room) 3825 Corlear Ave.

TIME: 7:30PM

WHERE: Manhattan College (Fishbach Room) 3825 Corlear Ave.

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 MEETINGS
JANUARY 2019**

PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR UPDATES (www.nyc.gov/bronxcb8)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 NEWS YEARS DAY OFFICE CLOSED Economic Development No meeting	2 Executive Committee Board Office 5676 Riverdale Avenue Suite 100 7:30 PM	3	4
7 Land Use William E. Irwin, Jr. American Legion Post 774 3035-37 7:30PM	8 Board Meeting Manhattan College, 3825 Corlear Avenue, 4 th floor, Fishbach Room 7:30 PM	9 Health, Hospitals & Social Services No meeting	10	11
14 Law, Rules & Ethics Board Office 5676 Riverdale Avenue Suite 100 7:00 PM	15 Aging To be determined ----- Public Safety 50 th Precinct 3450 Kingsbridge Avenue 7:00 PM	16 Environment & Sanitation Location to be determined 7:30 PM	17 Traffic & Transportation Riverdale YM/YWHA 5265 Arlington Avenue 7:00 PM	18
21 MLK DAY OFFICE CLOSED	22 Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Board Office 5676 Riverdale Avenue Suite 100 7:30 PM	23 Parks & Recreation The W Assisted Living at Riverdale 6355 Broadway 7:00 PM	24 Youth Board Office 5676 Riverdale Avenue Suite 100 7:30	25
28 Housing Board Office 5676 Riverdale Avenue Suite 100 7:30 PM	29	30	31	

*Dates & locations are subject to change. If you do not receive a meeting notice, please verify with the Board Office: 718-884-3959

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

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, February 12, Riverdale Y, Multipurpose Room

The Community Board Office will be closed:

Tuesday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day
Monday, January 21 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day



NEWS:

o **A Warm Welcome to New Committee Chairs**



Environment & Sanitation Committee:

Robert Fanuzzi, Ph. D., served as Chair of Bronx Community Board 8 from 2011-14, Vice Chair from 2010-11, and Chair of its Economic Development Committee from 2007-10. This is his second stint as Chair of the Environment and Sanitation Committee, having lead the committee from 2014-15. Currently, he is President of the Bronx Council for Environmental Quality and Chair of the Board of Directors of the Bronx Arts Ensemble. Robert is Associate Provost and Director of Civic Engagement for St. John's University's Staten Island campus.

Housing Committee:

Daris B. Jackson is the Principal Attorney at The Law Office of Daris B. Jackson, where he specializes in Special Education Litigation, Family and Criminal Law, and Landlord/Tenant Law. Mr. Jackson further serves as an Administrative Law Judge for the City of New York, Department of Finance where he adjudicates Vehicle, Traffic, and Parking violations



o **Apply for Membership on Your Local Community Board**



The Office of The Bronx Borough President will be accepting applications for all 12 Community Boards from city residents who reside, work or have professional or other significant interests in The Bronx.

"Participation on local Community Boards can provide Bronx residents with a forum to share with their community their expertise and talents," stated Borough President Diaz. "There are great things happening in The Bronx that involve the participation of community boards. It is important that community residents participate in the decisions that are building and revitalizing our borough, and our community boards are a great place to do so," said Borough President Diaz.

In addition, Borough President Diaz is encouraging young people ages 16 and 17 to apply for community board membership.

Applicants are now required to attend at least one Community Board meeting and have a form signed by the District Manager or the Chair of the Board confirming their attendance.

For applications click link: [Community Board Applications](#)

For more information please call the Bronx Borough President's Community Boards Office at: 718-590-3914 or visit their website at bronxboropres.nyc.gov

o **Winter Safety Tips**

There are several precautionary steps to take for the holiday season:



- Make sure you have a working smoke detector on every level of your home.
- Space heaters should be on a flat surface at least three feet from anything that can burn and should always be turned off when leaving a room or going to sleep.
- Never use the kitchen oven or gas range to heat your home or apartment. This could lead to an accumulation of dangerous levels for carbon monoxide, which can lead to serious illness, or even death.
- The use of kerosene heaters is illegal in New York City.

•Use electric blankets only if they have the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) Mark and are less than 10 years old. Blankets that are 10 years or older account for 99% of all electric blanket fires.

○ **1 Train Update: Repairs at 168th Street Station**

Starting on January 5th, 2019, the MTA will be replacing the elevators at the 168th Street Station. The repairs will take one year. The MTA is asking anyone who typically would transfer from the 1 train to the A train (or visa versa) to instead transfer at 59th Street, walk between 207 or 215 Streets on the 1 train to 207 Street on the A train with a free transfer, or take the M3/M4/M5 bus between 157th Street and 168th Street also with a free transfer. For more information, [click here](#).



○ **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 house

○ **Henry Hudson Bridge Rehabilitation**

The Henry Hudson Bridge Pedestrian Walkway is closed for construction. Free shuttle service is offered seven days a week on thirty minute intervals from 7:00am – 5:00pm. For more information on this shuttle, please call (212) 304-5001. Sign up for MTA e-mail or text alerts at www.mta.info and check the Bridges and Tunnels homepage or Facebook page for the latest information.

○ **Christmas Tree Pick-Up by the Department of Sanitation**



Beginning Tuesday, January 2 through Saturday, January 12, the Department of Sanitation (DSNY) will collect and turn to compost any Christmas trees left out on the curb. Before putting out your Christmas tree, remove all lights, stands and ornaments. The tree will then be turned into mulch to be used in New York City Parks and gardens.

Fake Christmas trees can also be recycled with your other recyclables. Remove ornaments and lights before putting the trees out on your regular recycling day.

○ **NYC Foam Ban**

Starting January 1, 2019, New York City stores and food-service businesses can no longer offer, sell or possess single-use foam food containers such as foam takeout clamshells, cups, plates, bowls and trays. Additionally, manufacturers and stores may no longer sell or offer for sale loose fill packaging ("packing peanuts") in the city. This law was enacted because single-use foam items were found to be not recyclable. These items are collected as trash in the city. There are many recyclable alternative packaging options including paper, plastic, aluminum and compostable products.

For more information on the City-wide Foam Ban, [click here](#).



○ **NYC DOT Updates**

For an interactive map of DOT permits throughout our community [click here](#).

o **Reconstruction of Water Mains & Replacement of Combined Sewers: Waldo Ave. Project #HED573 (November 2018- Spring 2020)**

The New York City Department of Design and Construction (DDC) is reconstructing Water Mains and replacing Combined Sewers along Waldo Ave and segments in surrounding area. This project also includes installation of Fire Hydrants, Catch Basins, Chute connections, sidewalks and curbs as needed, pruning of street trees, and restoration of roadway affected by the construction work within the project area.



Office of Community Outreach & Notification

WEEKLY CONSTRUCTION BULLETIN

01/07/19 - 01/11/19

RECONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAINS & SEWER REPLACEMENTS IN WALDO AVENUE PROJECT #HED573 BOROUGH: The Bronx DATE ISSUED:01/04/19
The following is an anticipated work schedule for the upcoming week. However, due to unforeseen field and weather conditions, it may become necessary to change some scheduled work locations, operations and dates. Please note, "No Parking" Restrictions are in effect within the project area.

DATE	WORK HOURS	LOCATION	OPERATION
01/07/19 - 01/11/19	7:00 am - 3:30 pm	On W. 238 St b/w Waldo Avenue and Riverdale Avenue	Continue Installation of new Water Main
01/09/19 - 01/11/19	7:00 am - 3:30 pm	On W. 238 St b/w Johnson Avenue and Riverdale Avenue	Installation of new Water Main
01/10/19 - 01/11/19	7:00 am - 3:30 pm	On W. 236 St b/w Greystone Avenue and Riverdale Avenue and Riverdale Avenue intersection	Installation of new Water Main

WATER SHUT-OFF NOTIFICATIONS: In addition to a 72-hour Advisory from DDC, a prior 24-hour notification by the contractor will be distributed / posted to any / all affected location(s) as and when required.
NO PARKING SIGNS: Will be posted by the contractor 72 hours before imposing temporary restriction of street parking in construction area. Please observe posted parking regulations in construction area(s).
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Manzur Alam, the Community Construction Liaison at (718) 543 2601 # or waldoavenueccl@gmail.com.

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DDC has assigned Manzur Alam, as the Community Construction Liaison (CCL) for this project. Please contact Mr. Alam for any project related inquiries/concerns you may have or, to be added to the project's email distribution list.

Phone: 718-543-2601 Fax: 718-543-2656
Email: waldoavenueccl@gmail.com
Field Office: 11 Dash Place, 2 fl.
The Bronx, NY 10463

o **DSNY is now hiring Emergency Snow Laborers**



The Department of Sanitation is hiring snow laborers. Snow laborers are Per-diem workers who are called upon to remove snow and ice citywide from bus stops, crosswalks, fire hydrants and step streets in the City after heavy snowfalls.

Individuals interested in registering with the DSNY can do so at their local district garage weekdays between 7:00AM and 3:00PM. Laborers will be paid \$15.00 per hour, and \$22.50 per hour after 40 hours are worked in a week. Snow laborers must be at least 18 years of age, be eligible to work in the United States, and able to perform heavy physical labor. For more information on how to become a snow laborer, [click here](#).

o **NYC Culture Pass**

NYC's three library systems launched **Culture Pass**, a program that will enable cardholding library patrons to check out free day passes to over 30 cultural institutions across the City, including MOMA, Wave Hill, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, the Children's Museum of the Arts and many more!



o **Voter Registration**

Register to vote. You can obtain a Voter Registration Form from the New York City Board of Elections by visiting the Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100 or by [clicking here](#).

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- **ID NYC**

Get your IDNYC identification card. This is a free resource for all New York City residents. This is a government-issued photo identification card that secures the peace of mind and access to City services that come from having recognized identification. For more information and to book an appointment [click here](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Read Aloud with The Rotary Club of Riverdale**

Kingsbridge Library – 291 W. 231 Street Bronx, NY
 Saturday, January 5, 2019
 1:00 pm

Read Aloud for child and parent/caregiver for children 5 to 12 yrs. Old. For more information call the Kingsbridge Library at (718) 548-5656.



- **Bilingual Storytime**

Riverdale Library – 5540 Mosholu Ave, Bronx, NY
 Mondays: January 7th, January 14th & January 28
 1:00 pm- 1:30 pm

Toddlers and their parents/caregivers can enjoy great books, gentle songs, and rhymes in French. There will be a focus on bonding, easy concepts and rhythm. Parent/Caregiver participation is required and expected for the program. Ages 18-36 months.



- **50th Police Precinct Community Town hall**

Meet and share concerns with your Neighborhood Police Officers at the Jerome Park Library (118 Eames Place) On Wednesday, January 16th at 6pm.

- **Van Cortlandt Park Explorers Club**



Van Cortlandt Nature Center
 Saturday, January 19, 2019
 1:00 pm- 2:30 pm

To be an explorer, you need navigation skills, a sense of curiosity, survival skills, and environmental responsibility. Collect one stamp at each Explorer's Club program to earn a prize. Learn the basics of fire building with the Rangers to earn your survival skills stamp. For more information on this event please call the Urban Park Rangers at (718) 548-0912.

- **Van Cortlandt Park: Astronomy- The Winter Sky**

Van Cortlandt Nature Center
 Saturday, January 26, 2019
 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm

Astronomy programs feature the use of telescopes and binoculars to observe specific astronomical events. The winter sky features highlights such as the Winter Hexagon, Orion and the planets Mercury, Venus, Saturn, Mars, and Jupiter. For more information on this event please call the Urban Park Rangers at (718) 548-0912.



- **It's My Park: Henry Hudson Park**

Date/Time: Saturdays, rain or shine, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 Location: Palisade Avenue, Kappock Street, Independence Avenue
 Contact: For more information, contact dp.reynolds@verizon.net

- **Jerome Park Neighbors and Friends: Clean Up Days**

Date/Time: Sundays , rain or shine, 9:00am- Noon
 Location: Fort Independence Park
 Contact: For more information, contact jeromeparkfans@gmail.com

Community Snapshot

If you happen to be near Van Cortlandt Park, stop in and see the beautiful holiday decorations at the Van Cortlandt Mansion. At The Bronx's oldest house, You can visualize how Colonial New Yorkers like the Van Cortlandt's would have celebrated Saint Nicholas Day to honor their Dutch heritage, as well as more English holidays such as Christmas, New Year's, and Twelfth Night.

\$5.00 Adults, \$3.00 Senior Citizens (60+), \$3.00 Students (i.d. required), Children 12 and under FREE, Wednesday FREE/By Donation

Hurry Up, this exhibit lasts until January 6th. Don't worry if you miss the decorations, the house is open all year long. For more information, please call (718) 543-3344 or email Laura.Carpenter@vchm.org.

The Friends of Van Cortlandt Park (FVCP) and the Van Cortlandt House Museum (VCHM) recently released the "[Van Cortlandt House Museum Landscape Plan](#)". In the spring of 2018, the Friends of Van Cortlandt Park received funding from the Paul and Klara Porzelt Foundation to partner with the Van Cortlandt House Museum to complete a Van Cortlandt House Museum Landscaping Project. Their goal is to restore landscaping around Van Cortlandt House Museum to reflect the appearance of the grounds between 1897 when the museum opened to the public through 1917 and the advent of World War I; develop a survey to reflect those improvements; and carry out some initial projects with the highest potential to improve the profile of the location.



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