



Community Board No. 8

BRONX, NEW YORK CITY



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MAY 2018 COMMUNITY BOARD & COMMITTEE CALENDARS

WHEN: Tuesday, May 8, 2018

TIME: 7:15PM (Please note earlier time)

WHERE: Riverdale Neighborhood House, Teen & Community Center, 5521 Mosholu Avenue (gate at right of address, straight back to center).

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, May 15, Schervier Nursing Care & Rehabilitation Center, 2975 Independence Avenue, Community Hall, Ground Floor
- **Economic Development:** To be determined
- **Education:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, May 22, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- **Environment & Sanitation:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, May 16, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- **Executive Committee:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, May 2, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- **Health, Hospitals & Social Services:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, May 9, (Please note change of date), Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- **Housing:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, May 30 (Please note change of date), Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- **Land Use:** 7:30PM, Monday, May 7, Riverdale YM/YWHA, 5625 Arlington Avenue, Multi-purpose Room
- **Law, Rules & Ethics:** 7:00PM, Monday, May 14, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- **Libraries & Cultural Affairs:** 5:30PM, Thursday, May 10, Riverdale YM/YWHA, 5625 Arlington Avenue, Board Room
- **Parks & Recreation:** 7:00PM, Wednesday, May 23, Riverdale YM/YWHA, 5625 Arlington Avenue, Board Room
- **Public Safety:** 7:00PM, Tuesday, May 15, 50th Police Precinct, 3450 Kingsbridge Avenue
- **Traffic & Transportation:** 7:30PM, Thursday, May 17, Location to be determined
- **Youth:** 7:00PM, Thursday, May 24 (Please note change of time and date), 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 Monday, June 18 at William E. Irwin Jr., American Legion Post 774, 3035-37 Corlear Avenue

The Board Office will be closed on Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.

[NEWS:](#)

o [Hebrew Home for the Aged Development Proposal](#)

The Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (“ULURP”) application was certified by the City Planning Commission to the Community Board on April 23, 2018. The ULURP materials are available for community inspection at the Community Board Office (5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100) between the hours of 9:00AM and 5:00PM.

The associated Environmental Assessment Statement (“EAS”), an additional document certified by the City Planning Commission on April 23 is a study of important environmental information regarding the development proposal. The EAS, a 186 page document, is currently available on the City Planning Commission website at: <http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/planning/download/pdf/applicants/env-review/eas/18dcp134x-eas.pdf>.

Under ULURP, a fixed timeline is provided for review of the application once certified. Community Board 8 will be permitted 60 days to review and comment on the application, which will then go to the Borough President for a 30-day review period. Thereafter the application will go to the City Planning Commission for a 60-day review period and finally to the City Council for whatever action it deems appropriate.

The first Land Use Committee hearing on the ULURP application will take place on May 7, 2018, 7:30 pm at The Riverdale YM/YWCA, 5625 Arlington Avenue, Multi-Purpose Room. A second hearing will take place on June 7, at a location to be determined. The final Community Board vote on the ULURP application will be on June 18, 2018.

o [Parks & Recreation Resource Guide](#)

The Community Board 8 Parks Resource Guide brings together information and resources that will help residents of Community Board 8 enjoy and support their local parks. You can download a copy of the Parks & Recreation Resource Guide by [clicking here](#). You can also pick one up at the Board Office located at 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100.



o [The New York Yankees Youth Leadership Award Winners 2018](#)



The NY Yankees Youth Leadership Award is an annual event. It was created to acknowledge young people who are providing a positive service to their community.

These young people make up the New York Yankees Community Council Leadership Corp. They are provided with a \$750 stipend to assist them in continuing their work in the community. These awardees perform 50 hours of leadership, volunteer work as a tutor, mentor, community unity developer, and/or a youth leader against violence and substance abuse in the community.

The 2018 winners of the NY Yankees Youth Leadership Awards were honored at a pre-game ceremony at Yankee Stadium on April 24. They are Jerry Condezo, Chamia Elzey, Marco Perez, Solmarie Rosa, Kiara Sanchez and they were accompanied with the Community Board Chair, Rosemary Ginty and Youth Committee Chair Lamont Parker.

By the way the Yankees beat the Twins 8-3.

Thank you New York Yankees for acknowledging our Youth.



o [Community Board No. 8 Rain Barrel Giveaway](#)

The April 28 Rain Barrel Giveaway was an outstanding success. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) supplied 100 free rain barrels for the event and all were distributed. Using a rain barrel is a green way for homeowners to save on their water bills.

The event was sponsored by Bronx Community Board No. 8, Friends of Van Cortlandt Park, Senator Jeffrey Klein, Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, Councilman Andrew Cohen and DEP.



Pictured: Laura Spalter, Community Board 8; Effie Ardizzone, DEP; Assemblyman Jeff Dinowitz; Jodie Colon, Botanical Gardens; Christina Taylor, FVCP; and volunteers.

- **Andrew Sandler Street Naming**

On April 28th there was an unveiling of “Andrew Sandler Way”, a street co-naming ceremony to honor the life and work of Andrew Sandler, who passed away in August at the age of 31. He worked in the offices of former Councilmember Koppell and Councilmember Cohen. Most recently he was the District Manager of Bronx Community Board 7.

The Councilmember named a street corner at West 238 Street and Waldo Avenue for Mr. Sandler.



Andrew's mother and sister are in the center of the picture. From left to right are CB member Eric Dinowitz, Assemblywoman Fernandez, State Senator Rivera, Assemblyman Dinowitz and Councilmember Cohen.



- **New York City Transit to Replace the Staircase at the Broadway 1 Train Station**

New York City Transit will begin replacement of the three staircases at the Broadway 1 Train Station located at West 238 Street and Broadway. The replacement of the staircase will began April 4 and will take approximately 3 months, during which time the staircase will remain closed. The replacement includes the stairs, canopies, handrails and guardrails. The first staircase being replaced will be the Northwest staircase.



- **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](#).

- **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:

- **2018 Community Service Awards**

We are pleased to announce this year's recipients of the CB8 Community Service Awards (CSA). The CSA Committee will present certificates at the May 8th Board meeting to five individuals and groups who volunteer their free time to make a better life for all in our community. The Awards will be presented to: Ms. Theresa Cincione – for bringing joy to nursing home residents through the beauty of song and companionship Mr. Earl Ikeda – for his sacred acts of kindness, compassion and care for people nearing the end of life Ms. Debra Travis – for founding Jerome Park Friends and Neighbors and bringing people together to beautify the community Social Action Committee (RSS – 9 adults) – for advocacy and actions to help people remain active and safe in the community Music Vs. (SAR – 15 teenagers) – for lifting the spirits of nursing home residents through music and youthful companionship We congratulate and extend our thanks to the CSA recipients and to all who give of themselves to uplift their neighbors and neighborhood.



- **DSNY: 2017 SAFE Disposal Event**

The New York City Department of Sanitation announced 2018 dates for the Department's annual SAFE (Solvents, Automotive, Flammables, and Electronics) Disposal events. The events provide 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, May 5 from 10:00AM to 4:00PM. For more information, [click here](#).



- **It's My Park at Fort Independence Park**

Volunteer along with Community Board 8's Parks & Recreation Committee and the Neighbors in cleaning up Fort Independence Park. The event will take place on Saturday, May 13 between the hours of 10:00AM and 2:30PM. Any time you can spare is appreciated. If you're interested, you can meet them at the Fort Independence Playground. Please email us at bx08@cb.nyc.gov, if you have any questions.



o **New York Philharmonic's Concerts in the Park**



The New York Philharmonic's Concerts in the Parks, a popular New York tradition is back. The conductor will be James Gaffigan. This event is free to the public and will be held on Tuesday, June 12 at 8:00PM at Van Cortlandt Park. Enter the park from Broadway entrances, concert site is north of the baseball fields.

Note: The Community Board meeting has been moved from June 12 to June 18 to accommodate the NY Philharmonic Concert.

o **Bronx Housing Enrollment Event at The Bronx Borough President's Office**

The Bronx Borough President's Office will be holding an event on the following Wednesdays in 2018 – May 23 and June 20 - to assist tenants who need help applying for the Senior Citizen Increase Exemption (SCRIE) Program and homeowners who need help applying for the STAR, E-Star, SCHE/DHE, Veterans and Clergy tax credits.

Should you need help applying for any of the mentioned programs, call 718-590-6248 to RSVP and visit the Bronx Borough President's Office located at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 915 between the hours of 10:00AM and 1:00PM.

- For the SCRIE Program please bring the following documents with you: Picture ID; 2017 tax returns, W2, or 1099 Statements; Income documents for all household members; Copies of your two most recent leases; and Social Security disability award letter(if applicable). NYCHA and Section 8 recipients are not eligible for this program.
- For the Homeowners tax credit applications bring the following documents with you: Picture ID; 2016/2017 Tax Returns and Income Document for all owners; DD-214 or discharge papers – for veterans; Trust documents (if applicable); Clergy verification letter on official letterhead – for clergy

Note: SCRIE application forms are also available at the Community Board Office.



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