



# Community Board No. 8

BRONX, NEW YORK CITY



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## JUNE 2018 COMMUNITY BOARD & COMMITTEE CALENDARS

**WHEN:** Monday, June 18, 2018

**TIME:** 7:30PM

**WHERE:** William E. Irwin, Jr. American Legion Post 774, 3035-37 Corlear Avenue  
(Between West 230 Street & West 231 Street)

**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](#).

- o **Aging:** No Meeting
- o **Economic Development:** 7:30PM, Thursday, June 14 (**Please note change of date**), location to be determined
- o **Education:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, June 26, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- o **Environment & Sanitation:** No Meeting
- o **Executive Committee:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, June 6, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- o **Health, Hospitals & Social Services:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, June 13 (**Please note change of date**), Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- o **Housing:** 7:30PM, Monday, June 25, St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 146 West 228 Street
- o **Land Use:** 6:30PM, Thursday (**Please note earlier time**), June 7 (**Please note change of date**), Riverdale Temple, 4545 Independence Avenue
- o **Land Use:** 7:30PM, Monday, June 11, Conservative Synagogue, 475 West 250 Street (**Please note this is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Land Use Committee meeting**)
- o **Law, Rules & Ethics:** 7:00PM, Wednesday, June 20 (**Please note change of date**), Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- o **Libraries & Cultural Affairs:** 5:30PM, Thursday, June 14, Wave Hill, 675 West 252 Street
- o **Parks & Recreation:** 7:00PM, Wednesday, June 27, location to be determined
- o **Public Safety:** 7:00PM, Tuesday, June 19, 50<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct, 3450 Kingsbridge Avenue
- o **Traffic & Transportation:** 7:30PM, Thursday, June 21, Location to be determined
- o **Youth:** 7:30PM, Thursday, June 28 (**Please note change of time and date**), Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, 3101 Kingsbridge Terrace

Please go to [www.nyc.gov/bronxcb8](http://www.nyc.gov/bronxcb8) for an update of our calendar.

The next Bronx Community Board No. 8 meeting will be held in September, date and location to be determined.

### Public Hearing for Hebrew Home for the Aged ULURP Application

Thursday, June 7 at 7:00PM at the Riverdale Temple, 4545 Independence Avenue

The Department of City Planning Rules governing Uniform Land Use Review Procedure ("ULURP") hearings require that the Community Board hold a public hearing that affords all members of the community the opportunity to speak on the proposal.

The Land Use Committee of Community Board No. 8 will conduct the required public hearing on the Hebrew Home ULURP application to build a Continuing Care Retirement Community. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, June 7 allowing representatives of the Hebrew Home to make a presentation followed by a public hearing. It will be held at 7:00PM at the Riverdale Temple, 4545 Independence Avenue.

Following the June 7 Land Use Committee public hearing, there will be an additional Land Use Committee meeting on Monday, June 11 at 7:30PM at the Conservative Synagogue, 475 West 250 Street, devoted to community board member discussion and consideration prior to a committee vote.

### ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK CAN SIGN UP

By calling the Board Office at 718-884-3959 or emailing [bx08@cb.ny.gov](mailto:bx08@cb.ny.gov).

or

A SIGN-UP SHEET WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED AT THE MEETING PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING



## NEWS:

### o **Community Board No. 8 Announced New District Manager**

The Community Board is pleased to announce the selection of Ms. Ciara Gannon as the Board's District Manager. Her selection was made by the vote of the Board at its May meeting. Ms. Gannon will begin work as District Manager on June 11.

Ms. Gannon, a life-long Bronx resident, has been Assistant to the Town Administrator for the Town of Newcastle for 2 years where, among her many duties, she was responsible for administrative services, support for personnel, liaising with county and state agencies, and working with the Town Board and Administrator on agenda materials, budget preparation, RFP and bid document reviews, grant applications and communication efforts. Previously, Ms. Gannon was the Bronx Outreach Coordinator at the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation and Director of Constituent Services and District Representative for a NYS Senator.



Ms. Gannon has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Siena College in Political Science & Environmental Studies and a Masters of Public Administration in Government from Pace University.

We welcome Ciara Gannon to Community Board No. 8 as our District Manager. We are excited to have her on board and wish her well in her new position.

### o **Bronx Community Board No. 8 Announced the Community Service Award Winners**

The Community Service Award was established to acknowledge the many volunteer efforts of groups and individuals within our community. It is the Board's belief that by recognizing our committed community volunteers, we can in some small way reward those most deserving and inspire others to follow their example.

We are pleased to announce this year's recipients of the CB8 Community Service Awards (CSA). The CSA Committee presented certificates at the May 8 Board meeting to five individuals and groups who volunteer their free time to make a better life for all in our community.

The Awards were presented to:

- Music Vs. (SAR – 15 teenagers) – for lifting the spirits of nursing home residents through music and youthful companionship.
- 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

We congratulate and extend our thanks to the CSA recipients (all pictured below) and to all who give of themselves to uplift their neighbors and neighborhood.



- **Bronx Community Board No. 8 Announced the Winners of the 2018 Comeback Kid Award**

At the May 8 Board meeting, Bronx Community Board No. 8 announced the winners of this year's Comeback Kid Award. This award was created to acknowledge students who have overcome challenges and demonstrated improvement over a period of time. It is our belief that by recognizing our student participants in committed community centers, we can in some small way reward those youths who are working hard to improve their future and inspire others to follow their example.

This year's award recipients are Lizbeth Batista, Michelle Grant and Robert Arriaga pictured here with Lamont Parker, Chair, Youth Committee.



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

About a dozen volunteers turned out for "It's My Park" day on Saturday, May 12, despite morning rain. Volunteers removed weeds from bushes and trees along the perimeter of the Jerome Park Reservoir from the entrance to Fort Independence Park south along Sedgwick Avenue. The event was sponsored by Community Board 8 in conjunction with Jerome Park Friends and Neighbors.



Four-legged visitors stopped by for It's My Park Day



- **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.



- **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.



#### 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](#).

#### o 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:

#### o Riverdale Riverfest

The Annual Riverdale Riverfest will be held on Saturday, June 9 and Sunday, June 10 from 12:00PM to 6:00PM on both dates. The event is held on the grounds of the College of Mount St. Vincent located at 6301 Riverdale Avenue. Admission is free. There will be boat rides, music, food, activities for children and more. You can visit <http://www.riverfestbx.org> for more information.



#### o Annual FDNY Open House

Want to meet the Firefighters, Paramedics and EMTs who help keep your community Safe, visit your neighborhood Firehouse or EMS Station and join them for their Citywide Open House. You can visit the Firehouse located at 3025 Bailey Avenue on Saturday, June 16 between 11:00AM and 1:00PM or the Firehouse located at 4550 Riverdale Avenue on Sunday, June 17 between 1:00PM and 3:00PM. You'll be able to take a tour, view demonstrations and learn fire and life safety tips.



#### 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 Community Board No. 8's Annual Youth Poetry Slam**

Bronx Community Board No. 8 will hold its Annual Youth Poetry Slam on Friday, June 15 from 4:00PM to 6:00PM at Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, 3101 Kingsbridge Terrace. Youth between the ages of 13 and 20 are encouraged to participate. Please sign up by sending an email to [bx08@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:bx08@cb.nyc.gov). Prizes & gifts will be awarded to the contestants.

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

The Bronx Borough President's Office will be holding an event on Wednesday, 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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