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JUNE 2017 COMMUNITY BOARD & COMMITTEE CALENDARS

BOARD MEETING

WHEN: Monday, June 12, 2017 **(Please note change of date)**

TIME: 7:30PM

WHERE: William E. Irwin, Jr., American Legion Post 774, 3035-37 Corlear Avenue (between West 230 & 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, each one being allotted 3 minutes to address the Board.

BOARD COMMITTEE CALENDARS

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

- o **Aging:** 3:30PM, Monday, June 12 **(Please note change of date)**, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- o **Economic Development:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, June 6, Land & Sea Restaurant, 5535 Broadway
- o **Education:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, June 27, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- o **Environment & Sanitation:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, June 21, Location to be determined
- o **Executive Committee:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, June 7, Riverdale Mental Health Association, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, 2nd Floor Conference Room
- o **Health, Hospitals & Social Services:** 7:30PM, Monday, June 19, Location to be determined
- o **Housing:** 7:30PM, Monday, June 26, Location to be determined
- o **Land Use:** 7:30PM, Monday, June 5, Manhattan College School of Engineering, Leo Building, 3825 Corlear Avenue, 4th Floor
- o **Law, Rules & Ethics:** 7:00PM, Wednesday, June 14 **(Please note change of date)**, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- o **Libraries & Cultural Affairs:** Date, Time & location to be determined
- o **Parks & Recreation:** No Meeting
- o **Public Safety:** 7:00PM, Thursday, June 15, 50th Police Precinct, 3450 Kingsbridge Avenue
- o **Traffic & Transportation:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, June 20, Location to be determined
- o **Youth:** 1:00PM, Wednesday, June 28, Kingsbridge Social Club, 3625 Kingsbridge Avenue

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

NEWS:

- o **New Community Board No. 8 District Manager**

Bronx Community Board No. 8 voted to hire Michael Heller as its new District Manager at its April 19 regular board meeting. After the retirement of Patricia Manning, the community board convened a search committee to screen candidates for the position and make recommendation to the board. The job description and application procedure was advertised in a number of print and online publications. The search committee received over 50 resumes and decided to call in eight individuals to be interviewed. Under the direction of the Board, The District Manager directs the day to day operations of the board office, assists the community board in monitoring and evaluating municipal services, responds to local residents concerns, and works with committee chairs to assure that desired programs and policies are followed. Mr. Heller most recently served as community liaison on for Sam Schwartz Engineering. Mr. Heller, a lifelong Riverdale resident, previously served as a member of Bronx Community Board No. 8 where he acted as the Traffic and Transportation Committee Chair. He is also a member of the boards of BronxNet Television and the Association of Riverdale Coops. We all wish him well in his new position!!



o **A Farewell to Retiring Board Members**

Community Board No. 8 wishes to recognize those board members who upon expiration of their terms this year, decided not to apply for reappointment or resigned. Service on a community board is strictly voluntary and time-consuming, requiring considerable dedication and personal effort to perform effectively. Those members not reapplying or resigning are Philip Friedman, appointed 2004; Anthony Creaney, appointed 2005; Sergio Marquez, appointed 2009; David Kornbluh, appointed 2012; Noah Friedman, appointed 2015; and Arturo Guzman appointed 2015. We thank them for their service and wish them good health and the best of luck in their endeavors.

o **Bronx Community Board No. 8 Announced the Winners of the 2017 Comeback Kid Award**

At the April 19 meeting of Bronx Community Board No. 8, the winners of this year's Comeback Kid Award were announced. 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 our community and their future and inspire others to follow their example.

This year's award recipients are Lewins Rosa and Mallely Reyes.



From left to right: Dan Padernacht, Chair CB8; Lamont Parker, Chair, Youth Committee; Lewins Rosa, Comeback Kid Award Winner; Rita Pochter Lowe, Youth Committee member; James Santiago, Youth Committee member.



From left to right: Dan Padernacht, Chair CB8; Lamont Parker, Chair, Youth Committee; Mallely Reyes, Comeback Kid Award Winner; Rita Pochter Lowe, Youth Committee member; James Santiago, Youth Committee member.

o **Community Board No. 8 Rain Barrel Giveaway**

The May 6 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 that holds 55 gallons of water, is a green way for homeowners to save on their water bills. The collected water can be used to water the lawn and flowerbeds, clean off your siding and hose down the driveway. It's great for washing the car, too.

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.



From left to right: Effie Ardizzzone, DEP; Councilman Andrew Cohen; Christina Taylor, Friends of Van Cortlandt Park; Laura Spalter, Chair, Environment & Sanitation Committee; Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz; Dan Padernacht, Chair CB8; Rosemary Ginty, Vice-Chair, CB8

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o **The New York Yankees Youth Leadership Award Winners 2017**

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." The New York Yankees work in conjunction with the 12 community boards of the Bronx on an annual basis to identify five area youth in each district that are making a difference.

These children 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 2017 winners of the NY Yankees Youth Leadership Awards were honored at a pre-game ceremony at Yankee Stadium on May 28.



Meet the winners: Taiz V. Luciano, Edgardo Marrero, Eriselis Pizarro, Vallery Rosario and Samantha Vargas pictured here with Dan Padernacht, Chair, CB8 and Lamont Parker, Chair, Youth Committee



Dan Padernacht, Chair, CB8; Lamont Parker, Chair, Youth Committee; Michael F. Heller, District Manager

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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 program will include music by Dvořák, Bernstein and Gershwin. The conductor will be famed music director, Alan Gilbert. This event is free to the public and will be held on Tuesday, June 13 at 8:00PM at Van Cortlandt Park. Enter the park from Broadway entrances, concert site is north of the baseball fields.



o **Riverdale Riverfest**

The 8th Annual Riverdale Riverfest will be held on Sunday, June 11 from 12:00PM to 6:00PM 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 www.riverdaleriverfest.org for more information.



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o **It's My Park**

Volunteer with the Stewards of Henry Hudson Park. Start your Saturday mornings at Henry Hudson Park. You can help to enhance its beauty and sustain community with general cleanups and gardening. Rain or shine, there will be something for everyone to do at this unique park!

Please note: Volunteers under 18 years old are required to present a signed guardian's consent to participate or have a chaperone present. Walk-ons are welcome! Individuals and small groups are asked to register for the project by emailing dp.reynolds@verizon.net. Groups of 15+ volunteers must submit a Group Request to join the Stewards for their weekly cleanups a month prior to desired date. Be sure to indicate on the form that you would like to work alongside the Stewards of Henry Hudson Park.

This event is being held on the following dates:
Saturday, June 3; Saturday, June 10; Saturday, June 17 and Saturday, June 24
from 8:00AM to 12:00PM. For more information you can call (347) 203-9164.



o **Pony Rides**

The Riverdale Stables are offering free pony rides for children ages four to 10 on Father's Day, Sunday, June 18 from 2:00PM to 4:00PM. For more information, [click here](#).



o **Marble Hill Clean Up**

Community Board No. 8, Mosholu Montefiore Community Center and the Marble Hill Tenants Association will be co-sponsoring a "Marble Hill Clean Up" on June 24. All volunteers will meet in front of the Marble Hill Community Center at 10:00AM. You can sign-up to volunteer on June 21 at 7:00PM at the St. Stephen's United Methodist Church located at 146 West 228 Street.



o **Freshwater Fishing**

Like fishing? Join the park ranger in a catch-and-release fishing event. It is a great way to get outdoors and discover nature close to home. The park rangers will teach you the ethics of fishing and the ecology of our waterways.

All equipment is provided. This program is recommended for ages 8 years and older. Participation is on a first-come, first-served basis. This event is held on Sunday, June 25 from 12:00PM to 1:30PM. Please meet the rangers at the Van Cortlandt Nature Center.

For more information call (718) 548-0912 or [click here](#).



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○ **Barefoot Dancing**

Kick off your shoes and dance on the lush, green Van Cortlandt House Museum Lawn. This event is taking place every Thursday until August 3, 2017 from 6:30PM to 8:30PM. You can enter the park at Broadway and West 254 Street. For more information you can call (718) 430-1890 or [click here](#).

○ **Bird Walks**

Join the experts of New York City Audubon Society at Van Cortlandt Park every Saturday from 8:00AM to 9:30AM until July 29, 2017 on exciting bird walks throughout the park. Meet the NYC Audubon members at the Van Cortlandt Nature Center. You can call (718) 430-1890 for more information or [click here](#).



○ **Bronx Community Board No. 8's Youth Committee & Van Cortlandt Park's Golf Event**

Join us for our Youth Golf Day at the Van Cortlandt Park Golf Course on July 19. If you are interested, sign-up at your local community center or send an email to bx08@cb.nyc.gov. The event is free. It includes a 1-hour lesson and equipment. There will be two sessions.

Morning Session: 10:00AM to 11:30AM or 11:30AM to 12:30PM
Afternoon Session: 1:00PM to 2:00PM or 2:00PM to 4:00PM



○ **Visit Wave Hill for events throughout the month of June. Wave Hill is located at West 249 Street and Independence Avenue:**

1. Garden Highlights Walk

Join us for an hour-long tour of seasonal garden highlights. Meet at the Perkins Visitor Center on Tuesday, June 6; Saturday, June 10; Tuesday, June 13; Saturday, June 17; Tuesday, June 20; Saturday, June 24 and Tuesday, June 27 at 11:00AM. This event is free and admission to the grounds is free until noon.

2. Family Art Project: Lotus Paper Lanterns

Visit the Aquatic Garden to sketch and observe for inspiration. Using bright tissue paper, cut nature shapes inspired by the floating flowers and inhabitants of that watery garden. Then use a simple papier-mâché method to transform their shapes into globe-like lanterns. This event is free and admission to the grounds is free until noon on Saturday, June 10 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM.

3. Family Art Project: Big Hand, Little Hand

Using Plaster of Paris, create an exact replica of your hand and the hand of one of your family members—maybe Dad's! Then, build onto your plaster hands with metallic and natural materials like leaves, sticks and stems. This event is being held on Saturday, June 17 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM and is free and admission to the grounds is free until noon.

4. Family Art Project: Butterfly Habitat Hats

See them and sketch them flying and sipping the nectar of their favorite flowering shrub or bush. Then learn about local butterfly species and make a butterfly-habitat hat filled with flowers and insects in an active landscape. The event will be held on Saturday, June 24 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM and is free and admission to the grounds is free until noon.

5. Butterfly Block Party

Calling all swallowtails, fritillaries, skippers and hairstreaks! Everyone's invited to the Butterfly Block Party in the Flower Garden. Mingle with guest naturalists and meet your local Lepidoptera. Free and admission to the grounds is free until noon. This event will take place on Saturday, June 24 from 12:00PM to 3:00PM.

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Skyview

Overlooking the majestic Hudson River, Skyview serves as an indelible landmark for North Riverdale. Three twenty story towers, and surrounding grounds are bordered by a quiet street that is a good location to walk or jog. From there visitors can walk down to Riverdale Avenue and enjoy one of the thriving eateries, the Skyview Shopping Center, and the small stores that populate the community.



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