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SEPTEMBER 2017 COMMUNITY BOARD & COMMITTEE CALENDARS

BOARD MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 **(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)**

TIME: 7:30PM

WHERE: Manhattan College School of Engineering, 3825 Corlear Avenue, Fischbach Room, 4th 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, September 19, River Walk Senior Apartments, 5961 Palisade Avenue (Photo ID required at entrance gate)
- **Economic Development:** No Meeting
- **Education:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, September 26, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- **Environment & Sanitation:** 7:30PM, Thursday, September 7 **(Please note change of date)**, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- **Executive Committee:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, September 6, Riverdale Mental Health Association, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, 2nd Floor Conference Room
- **Health, Hospitals & Social Services:** 7:30PM, Monday, September 18, Riverdale YM/YWHA, 5625 Arlington Avenue, Teen Lounge
- **Housing:** 7:30PM, Monday, September 25, Ft. Independence Community Center, 3350 Bailey Avenue
- **Land Use:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, September 5, William E. Irwin, Jr. American Legion Post 774, 3035-37 Corlear Avenue (between West 230th/231st Streets)
- **Law, Rules & Ethics:** 7:00PM, Monday, September 11, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- **Libraries & Cultural Affairs:** No Meeting
- **Parks & Recreation:** 7:00PM, Wednesday, September 27, Van Cortlandt Green (Self-Help Building), 6469 Broadway
- **Public Safety:** 7:00PM, Thursday, September 28 **(Please note change of date)**, 50th Police Precinct, 3450 Kingsbridge Avenue
- **Traffic & Transportation:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, September 19, Citadel Nursing & Rehab Center, 3400 -26 Cannon Place
- **Youth:** 1:00PM, Wednesday, September 27, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100

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

The following Bronx Community Board No. 8 meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10, Riverdale YM/YWHA, 5625 Arlington Avenue, Multi-purpose Room

***The Board Office will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day

NEWS:

○ **District Manager, Michael Heller Retires**

Michael Heller has decided to retire and leave his position as District Manager in November. "At this stage of my life, with one child now in college and the other in early adulthood, living in DC, I now have the flexibility to engage in various activities that are personally fulfilling. I've enjoyed working with board members over the years on various committees and I plan to remain involved in local community affairs."

Mr. Heller conveys his best wishes to all those who work and reside in Bronx Community Board 8. We wish him the very best in his retirement.

○ **Update on the Families with Children Shelter - 5731 Broadway**

Subsequent to the Land Use Committee meeting of Thursday, July 27 at the Riverdale YM/YWHA, the Mayor's Office of Contract Services (MOCS), held a public hearing. Representatives of the Community Board offered testimony indicating general local opposition to the lack of openness by the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) and the Stagg group, and to the decision to use the building as transitional, rather than permanent housing. Based on a vote taken at the July 27 meeting, the community board referred Stagg Group's actions to the Department of Investigation to examine possible "material misrepresentation of fact made to a city agency." A number of actions will need to be taken by DHS, Stagg and Praxis Homeless Initiatives, Inc. before the Department of Homeless Services would be able to move residents into the building.

○ **Bronx Community Board No. 8 Attends Marble Hill Day**

Bronx Community Board No. 8 joined with the Marble Hill Houses Tenants Association to celebrate Marble Hill Day 2017 on Saturday, August 19. The Marble Hill community came together to enjoy good food, to play games, and join with each other as "family" from a diverse community that is rich in its history. Volunteers from the community board staffed an information table and took the opportunity to meet their neighbors and talk about many issues affecting the community, including transportation, housing, social services and elder-care.

○ **National Night Out Celebrated by the 50th Police Precinct**

National Night Out is an annual event that has blossomed into a major occasion at cities, counties and towns all across the country. It promotes police-community partnerships to make neighborhoods safer, better places to live, providing an opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. This year's local event took place on the nationally-designated day, Tuesday, August 1, with the 50th Police Precinct holding our event at West 234 Street between Broadway and Bailey Avenue. Volunteers from the CB staffed a table that handed out hundreds of giveaways that promoted public information, education and safety. Folks who stopped by the table learned about the functions of the community board, how it is integrated within city government and ways that they may become involved.



○ **CB 8 Housing Guide**

The CB8 Housing Committee developed a Resource Guide. The guide is a directory for residents with all types of housing needs. It includes information on market rate, affordable housing, and resolution of housing-related complaints. It also includes resources to turn to if you are facing foreclosure or eviction, homelessness resources, sources of legal representation and resources available for small landlords. To download a copy of the Housing Resource Guide, please [click here](#).



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o **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>.

- Primary Election date is Tuesday, September 12 (Registration closed)
- 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:

o **Celebrate Organics Collection in Bronx Community Board No. 8**

Come join DSNY and the NYC Compost Project hosted by The New York Botanical Garden for a street tree care event where you can learn how NYC food scraps and yard waste are recycled into compost. This event will be held on Tuesday, September 12 from 9:00AM to 11:00AM at the Church of the Mediator, located on the corner of Kingsbridge Avenue and West 231 Street. There will be free 1-pound bag of DSNY compost made from NYC food scraps, available while supplies last. For more information, [click here](#).



o **Free Community Rowing at Van Cortlandt Park Lake**

Like the water and the outdoors? Then join Village Community Boathouse's rowing program at the south end of the Van Cortlandt Park Lake. This program is free and open for everyone. In the program, you will be taught the basics in rowing and how to use a sculling boat. This event is held on the following dates: Friday, September 1 from 4:30PM to 7:30PM. For more information, [click here](#).

o **Movie Night at Seton Park**

Come enjoy a night of movies at Seton Park. There will be candy, popcorn, Legos, lawn art and a bouncy house for children to enjoy. There will also be giveaways and promotions. The event will take place on Saturday, September 9 at 7:00PM. Seton Park is located at Independence Avenue and West 232 Street. For more information, [click here](#).



o **Raptor Fest**

Like birds of prey? Join the Urban Park Rangers as they host Raptor Fest event for the public which will include demonstrations, a raptor viewing area, and education/activity tables for the whole family. This event is free. It is a great way for kids to learn about birds of prey. You will be able to get up close and personal with them and watch them perform amazing aerial feats. There will be different birds on display: falcons, hawks, and owls. This event will take place on Saturday, September 16 from 12:00PM to 3:00PM at the Stadium Ball Fields in Van Cortlandt Park. For more information, you can call 718-548-0912 or [click here](#).



o **South Riverdale Block Festival**

Join the community for its annual South Riverdale Block Festival on Sunday, September 17 from 1:00PM to 5:00PM. The festival will be held at Riverdale Avenue, between West 236 Street and West 238 Street. There will be live music, miniature golf, face painting and other fun games for the entire family. For more information, [click here](#).



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

1. Family Art Project: Painting Outdoors

Join Hudson River School painters Elizabeth Gilbert Jerome, Susie M. Barstow, and Harriet Cany Peale for the annual outdoor painting project, using watercolor paint and pencils to transform what you see into paintings. This event is free and being held on Saturday, September 2 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM.



2. Family Art Project: Dotted Ladybug Backpacks Parade

Come celebrate that beloved beetle: the Ladybug. Learn if the spots tell the age of the beetle, or are they simply good luck? You'll have the opportunity to make your own little ladybug backpack that you can wear to be part of the slow-beetle parade. This event is free and admission to the grounds is free until noon on Saturday, September 16 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM.

3. Family Art Project: Wave Hill Ecology in a Bowl

If you like sculptures, you'll like creating your own Wave Hill landscape. You can use rocks, moss, sticks and any other small items found on the grounds to create your sculpture with air-dry clay. To make it more interesting you can also add water to create pools and create your own ecological landscape system. This event is free and admission to the grounds is free until noon on Saturday, September 23 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM.

4. 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 September from 11:00AM to 12:00PM. This event is free and admission to the grounds is free until noon.



- **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 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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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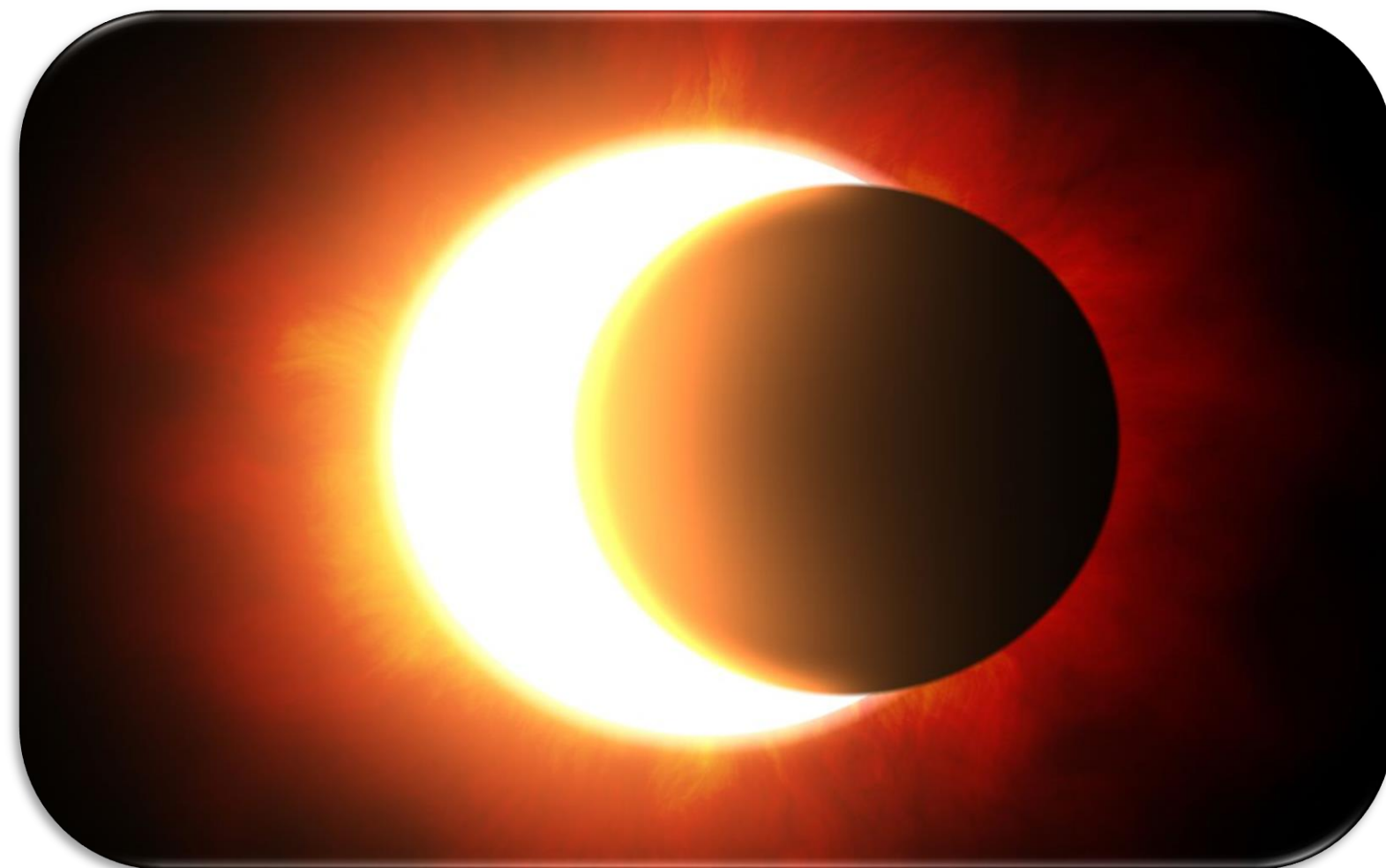
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COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

Solar Eclipse 2017 Viewing at Seton Park

On August 21, local Bronx residents were treated to a partial solar eclipse of the Moon, Sun and Earth. Unlike parts of the earth that were located within the band of the full eclipse, our area witnessed a partial eclipse, where the Moon casts only the outer part of its shadow (the penumbra) on Earth. This looks like the Moon has taken a bite out of the Sun, and the Earth is only partially darkened.

Staff of the Spuyten Duyvil Library gathered with viewers at Seton Park. They showed kids and adults how to build camera obscuras on boxes to safely view the eclipse, as darkening glasses became very hard to obtain. The camera obscura is a device invented before photography was created in the 1830's, where a pinhole in a box permits an image to be reflected on the other side of the box. Kids enjoyed the group experience, although the darkening did not match the total darkness some had expected to see.



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Marble Hill, Riverdale, Spuyten Duyvil, and Van Cortlandt Village*