Bronx Community Board #2



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YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2021 LARRY ROBINSON, CHAIRPERSON

Membershp:, Sandra DeJesus, Kevin Ellison, Maggie Ortiz, Larry Robinson, Marylean Wrotten

EDUCATION COMMITTEE YVONNE GUILLEN, CHAIRPERSON

Membership: Carrie Agapito, Love Betancourt, Johanna DeJesus, Yvonne Guillen, Jesse C Harris, Cedric McClester, Rev Moses Oladosu, Richard Sherman

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Join by meeting number

1-646-992-2010

Meeting number (access code): 2332 193 9617

Meeting password: 11082021

- Peter Serrano of South Bronx Concerned Citizens will be informing the committee of their programs and focus on the Domestic Violence in the community.
- 2. Old Business
- New Business
- 4. Announcements
- 5. Adjournment



Working To Improve The Hunt's Point - Longwood Community



Saturday Night Lights

Join NYC Parks and NYPD as we extend the hours of the recreation center on Saturday nights! Youth between the ages of 11 to 18 years old are welcome to take part in basketball clinics, use of the fitness room, join a fitness class and more.

Beginning September 18, 2021 | Saturdays, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Hunts Point Recreation Center | 765 Manida Street, Bronx, N.Y. (718) 860-5544

- Covid vaccination required, for those who are eligible, to enter recreation center to participate in activities.
- Please wear a mask regardless of vaccination status.
- All individuals should maintain social distancing of six feet during programming, regardless of vaccination status.
- · Wash your hands before attending a program.
- Stay home if you are sick.

Contact accessibility@parks.nyc.gov or (212) 360-1430 for more information regarding accessibility.







Welcome Back!

NYC Parks Recreation Centers are reopening—and membership is free!

From now until Dec. 31, 2021, you can sign up for an annual recreation center membership for FREE! Bring this flyer to any center to receive a gift with your membership while supplies last.

Covid vaccination required for all eligible members.





VIRTUAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT CLASS Introduction to Residential Property Management Tuesday, Nov 16, 2021, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Learn the basics of managing residential property in New York City, including the roles of key City agencies and what they require. Participants will the learn the advantages of owning rental property and assessing one's own management skills, including navigating the roles and responsibilities of the following key New York City agencies:

- Department of Housing Preservation and Development Department of Finance
- Department of Buildings
- Department of Health
- Department of Environmental Protection

Register for the Zoom Meeting: bit.ly/3tEWD4W

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting



Get Money for Your Family!

Claim Advance Child Tax Credit payments by November 15, 2021



Due to a change to the Child Tax Credit, families can get half of the fully refundable credit—worth up to \$3,600 per child—as advance monthly payments in 2021 and the other half as a refund in 2022.

If you did *not* receive advance payments and you were *not* required to file, you must sign up by **November 15, 2021** to receive payment in 2021. However, the sooner you submit information, the sooner you may receive payment.

Age of Child in 2021	2021 Advance Payment(s)			2022 Tax Refund
	Two Payments (November, December) if IRS processes information by 11/1/21	OR	One Payment (December) if IRS processes information by 11/29/21	Lump-Sum Payment
0–5	Up to \$900 per child		Up to \$1,800 per child	Up to \$1,800 per child
6-17	Up to \$750 per child		Up to \$1,500 per child	Up to \$1,500 per child

Important:

- Child must have a Social Security number (SSN). You can have SSN or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).
- You will get maximum payment amounts if you had no income or Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) up to \$75,000 (single filer) or \$150,000 (joint filers).
- Did you have a baby in 2020 but last filed taxes in 2019? Any advance payments you may have received are based on your 2019 return. Act by November 15, 2021 so the IRS can update your payment amount!

Are you receiving advance payments in 2021 but want to unenroll? To unenroll, use the <u>IRS Child Tax</u> <u>Credit Update Portal</u> at irs.gov.

To get payments, **you need to file a tax return even if you do not owe money**. You are eligible for payments even if you are incarcerated, experiencing homelessness, or have no income. The fastest way to get payment is by direct deposit to a bank account.

Next steps:

You filed a 2019 or 2020 tax return or used the IRS Non-Filer Tool

No action needed.

You are required to file a return but did not file a 2019 or 2020 tax return

File your taxes using NYC Free Tax Prep. See below.

You are not required to file a return because your AGI is under \$12,400 (single filer) or \$24,800 (joint filers)

Option 1: Use <u>GetCTC.org/nyc</u> to sign up to receive payments. *Tool is available through November 15, 2021.*

Option 2: File your taxes using NYC Free Tax Prep. See below.



We are here to support you. Here's how:



Free financial counseling

Before you file your taxes...

An NYC Financial Empowerment
Center counselor can help you open a
safe and affordable bank account if you
don't have one.



Free tax preparation

An IRS certified VITA/TCE volunteer preparer with NYC Free Tax Prep can guide you on how to make sure you get your payments. Services are available year-round.

To book an appointment:

- Call 311 and say "financial counseling"
- Visit nyc.gov/TalkMoney

For information or to book an appointment:

- Call 311 and say "tax preparation"
- Visit nyc.gov/taxprep

Beware of scams. The IRS will NOT call or email to demand payment or personal information for you to get your advance payments. Most people won't need to take any action in order to receive payments.



Consumer and Worker Protection





NYC Public School Families Can Get a \$50 Monthly Internet Credit, Apply Now

Previously, we sent an email that did not have working hyperlinks. This email has corrected links you can use.

New York City public school families can <u>receive a \$50 monthly discount on</u>
<u>internet</u> broadband service and equipment. Families must <u>apply</u> and <u>find a broadband</u>
<u>provider</u> in their area participating in the federal <u>Emergency Broadband Benefit Program.</u>

Families can also check to see if their current internet providers are participating in the program. The broadband service then offers eligible families a discounted rate and is reimbursed by the federal government. Household can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 on a laptop tablet or desktop computer.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program began in May as part of the temporary federal COVID-19 relief response and will last until "the funds run out of money" or six months after the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declares an end to the pandemic, whichever comes first, according to the program's <u>website</u>.

Families that earned less than \$99,000 for single tax filers or \$198,000 for joint tax filers in 2020 qualify, as do families receiving benefits such as SNAP, or those who lost work last year.

How to apply: NYC families can find out more <u>here</u> on how to apply for the internet or device credit.

Important Reminder:

If you are a DC 37 member, you should be receiving DC 37 Action Alerts & News at your non-work email address, definitely NOT your work email address as this can be a violation of workplace rules. If you signed up using a work email address, please change it to a non-work email.





Vegetables

Giveaway!





When? November 18th, 2021

from 2:00pm- 5:00pm

Where?

1231 Lafayette Avenue Bronx, New York 10474 in the parking lot!

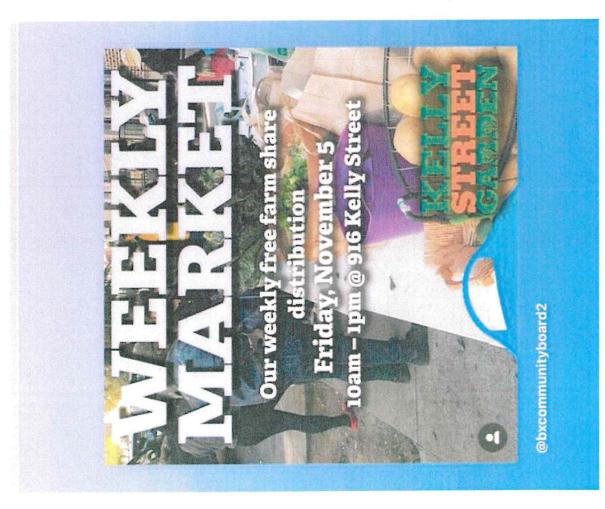
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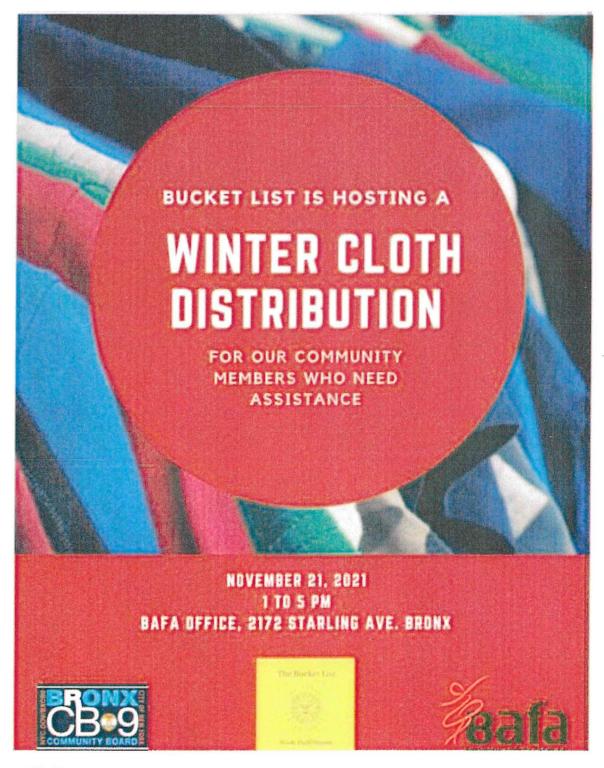








Bangladesh Academy of Fine Arts













COMMUNITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION DAY!





Sotomayor Community Center will distribute fresh produce and dry goods (rice, beans, canned vegetables and oats) to community residents and families.

Please bring a shopping cart.

SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED—FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2021

12:00-2:00pm (Rain-or-Shine)



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RESIDENTS IN DISTRICT 13 MUST RSVP TO OUR OFFICE IN ADVANCE TO RECEIVE A TURKEY!

LIMITED SUPPLY! FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!

Once you RSVP, our office will schedule a date & time for turkey pickup.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO RSVP, CONTACT COUNCILMAN MARK GJONAJ'S OFFICE AT (718) 931-1721 OR MGJONAJ@COUNCIL.NYC.GOV

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