



**MARCH 19, 2026**

**GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

**AGENDA AND SUMMARIES**



Chairman: Mohammad Mujumder - District Manager: William Rivera

## **GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**March 19, 2026 – 6:30PM**

**Location: ShopRite  
1994 Bruckner Blvd, 2nd Floor  
Bronx, NY 10473**



- **MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. And to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

- **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

- **PUBLIC SESSION**

James Deas, BronxWorks  
Marco Luna, Office of CM Farias  
Kristine Rivera, Excellence Community Schools

*Public speakers are limited to 2 minutes to address the Board or otherwise instructed by the Chairperson. Public speakers can sign up for the public session until the end of the meeting business day (2PM). During this segment only Board Members can ask questions and combined are allowed three questions for each public Speaker, unless otherwise instructed by the Chairman. Additional questions or comments by the public or board can be done outside of the meeting room. NOTE: If there are multiple speakers for same topic Chairperson can limit to three speakers.*

- **MOTION TO GO INTO BUSINESS SESSION**

*During this segment of our meeting only Board Members can speak on General Business.*

- **ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT**

*Representatives are limited to 2 minutes to address the Board. During this segment only Board Members can ask questions and combined are allowed three questions for each Report, unless otherwise instructed by the Chairman. Additional questions or comments by the board can be done outside of the meeting room.*

- **CHAIRMAN/DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT**

- **EXECUTIVE/OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Chair: Mohammad Mujumder

Vice Chair: Angel Martinez

**Treasurer Vote**

- **YOUTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Chair: Ram Halder

Vice Chair: Julio Quinones Jr.

- **LAND, ZONING, PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Mitchell Halpern

Vice Chair: Twywana Bush

**1160 Pugsley Ave ULURP**

- **PARKS & RECREATION**

Chair: Sadie Marie Davis

Vice Chair: Vacant

- **PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION**

Chair: Shante Chamblee

Vice Chair: Brent Woodie

**Det. Islam Street Co-naming**

- **SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Chair: Nellie Santiago Rivera

Vice Chair: Linda Soto

- **HOMES & HOUSING COMMITTEE**

Chair: Antoinette Vereen

Vice Chair: Anne Johnson

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION TO END MEETING**

**Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 16, 2026**

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**1994 Bruckner Blvd, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

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# Executive Committee Summary

March 17, 2026 – 7:00 PM

**Board Members Present:** Mitchell Halpern, Twywana Bush, Nellie Santiago Rivera, Helen Foreman-Hines, Andrea McLeod

## I. Introduction & Roll Call

- A. Committee Description: The Executive & Operations Committee consists of the Chairperson of the Board, the First Chair, the Second Chair, the Secretary, Treasurer and District Manager. This committee creates policy and recommendations in regards to the operation of the Board.

## II. Old Business

- A. By Laws Committee  
Next Meeting: April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm
- B. Vote for treasure will happen at 3.19.26 General Board  
There will be a ballot for 2 candidates at the meeting and their bios will be shared with all Board Members in advance of the meeting. Candidates Nellie Santiago Rivera will not be present at GB Meeting but she is in attendance at the Executive Committee Meeting to excuse her absence at GB due to a family emergency.

## III. New Business

- A. BM Carmen Almonte removal due to no attendance  
A vote for removal will take place at this Thursday's GB Meeting
- B. BM Shereese Trumpet may be removed due to unsatisfactory attendance unless she decides to resign before the meeting as she's been put on notice.
- C. 1160 Pugsley Ave ULURP will be up for a vote at this Thursday's GB Meeting
- D. BM Julio has been appointed Vice Chair of Youth & Education Committee

## IV. DM Report

- A. CPR Compression, Stop the Bleeding, and Fire Prevention Course at FDNY/EMS Station on Lacombe and Randall on April 11<sup>th</sup> from 11am-12pm. All Board Members and Elected Officials and Community Leaders are invited.
- B. Notary class are underway, all must finish and take the exam by deadline. Office to check in with participants on their progress in April.
- C. 1160 Pugsley Ave is usual ULURP process, not eligible for ELURP. Feedback from City Planning shared with committee regarding FRESH program for this location. L&Z Chair Mitch Halpern shared some feedback and concerns regarding this application. ULURP vote to be tallied at this Thursday's General Board Meeting. DM Rivera and L&Z Committee to share their thoughts and concerns for the record at meeting before vote.

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*Chairman Mohammed Mujumder - District Manager William Rivera*

## **By-Laws Committee Meeting Summary**

**March 10, 2026**

**Committee Members Present:** Twywana Bush, Richard Owusu, Shantel Castro, Ram Halder, Helen Foreman-Hines, Julio Quinones Jr., Nellie Santiago-Rivera

### **1. Old Business**

#### **A. Review of Past By-Laws Edit Suggestions:**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Nh1HVxCYFpgAvJ1YeScdB\\_2XJyC3fmIWR3Eg8Ya0tHs/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Nh1HVxCYFpgAvJ1YeScdB_2XJyC3fmIWR3Eg8Ya0tHs/edit?usp=sharing)

### **2. New Business**

- A. The plan is to complete the process by June in time for the Executive committee and then bring to the full board in June.
- B. DM would like to do a meeting in April, May, and June.
- C. Add in Extraordinary Circumstances to Article VI Section 9
  - Defining Extraordinary Circumstances for committee meetings remote log-in as "Sick, Grievance, Severe Weather, or Unforeseen Circumstances Approved by Chairperson"
  - This is not for quorum it is only for attendance.
  - This will not be for General Board. It is only for committee meetings.
  - BM Bush asked if there is a limit for the number of times BMs can join remotely
- D. In Article III Section 1, the committee suggested taking out public members or replacing it with working groups/special committees that public members can join. This would go through the respective standing committee and possibly Executive Committee for approval. It is important to highlight that the subcommittees will not intertwine responsibilities with standing committees.
- E. DM will follow-up with the BP's office if we need Article III Section 5, and if so, is the current information we have is up to date.
- F. DM will also follow-up about what are the grounds for removal in addition to attendance and disciplinary action. In the case that this happens, it would go through Executive Committee.
- G. The committee will follow-up about how to enforce punctuality. This could be left to the discretion of chairperson. BM Santiago-Rivera suggested that all committee chairs are unified in how the record attendance. She shared that for social services she does a roll call at the beginning of the meetings/recording, so BMs who arrive later will be marked present on the Sign-In Sheet but are not there during the roll call.
- H. CB9 Office Staff will share By-Laws from other community boards to compare.
- I. **Next Meeting: Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7PM**

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## **District Service Cabinet Summary**

***Match 17, 2026 - 1:00 PM***

**Description:** *The City Charter establishes a District Service Cabinet (DSC) in each community district, to be composed of agency officials responsible for local service delivery. The District Manager of the Community Board chairs the District Service Cabinet, whose members include representatives of the agencies that deliver local services to the Community District. The District Service Cabinet is the primary mechanism through which local service delivery issues can be raised, discussed and resolved. If used effectively, the Cabinet can provide the basis for a comprehensive approach to service delivery within the community district.*

### **I. Call to Order**

### **II. Service Requests**

- A. Six streetlights are out on Lafayette Ave between Boynton and Colgate (DOT-734166-D1P5 / DOT-734169-L6F2 & DOT-734171-D3X1)
  - a. Mr. Luciano shared that these cases have 2215497/2215498/2215499. Two were repaired and one does not have any power, so CB9 will contact ConEdison about this matter.
- B. Soundview in need of a Crossing Light (DOT-722770-M4P0 & DOT-722771-Z5W8)
  - a. Mr. Luciano shared that this will be opened until the end of the month.

### **III. Old Business**

- A. Food Vendors on Westchester Ave. Ongoing: DSNY shared with their Enforcement Unit.
  - a. Illegal food truck blocking sidewalk in front of Morrison Avenue Train Station
  - b. Food Vendor blocking sidewalk on Westchester Ave between Manor and Stratford Ave
  - c. Store front on Westchester Avenue between Boynton Avenue and Elder blocks sidewalk
  - d. Food truck illegal parked and blocking a fire hydrant on Westchester and Stratford
  - e. Food truck on Westchester and Manor Avenue parked and operating overnight
- B. Concerns about trash at 2230 Chatterton Ave. Resolution: Trash was picked up and this location will be monitored.
- C. There is a lamp post outage at Bronx River Ave between Elder Ave and Wheeler Ave (#221484 and #2215137). Ongoing: Con Ed shared that there is a 90-day threshold and this is still ongoing.

#### **IV. Agency Reports / Announcements**

- A. Ms. Febus is the new Community Liaison at Senator Nathalia Fernandez's office and she shared that the OMNY Bus will be in Bruckner Commons (T-Mobile Parking Lot) on 4.29.26 from 10AM-2PM.
- B. Ms. Ardizzone from DEP shared that they have been recently dealing with water main breaks, and they have been in contact with those who have been affected by this.
- C. Mr. Johnson from DOHMH shared that they are doing a new vaccine awareness campaign encouraging families to source reliable information about their child vaccine schedule. Mayor Mamdani announced a \$20 million dollar investment in Strong Foundations Initiative to expand perinatal and early childhood mental health programs for families
- D. Mr. Melendez from NYC Aging shared that Dr. Lisa Scott McKenzie is the new commissioner. He will let us know if she visits any Senior Centers in our district. Their Caregiver Campaign started 3.12.26 to promote their support services for caregivers.
- E. Ms. Suazo from AM Torres will be a Women's History Month Event on 3.20.26 from 6-7:30PM at Sonia Sotomayor Community Center and Eid Al-Fitr Toy & Food Distribution on 3.19.26 at 3:30PM at the Bronx Islamic Society.

#### **V. District Manager Report / Announcements**

- A. BXC9 General Board Meeting 3.19.26 at the ShopRite Community Room at 1994 Bruckner Blvd, 2 Fl at 6:30PM
- B. BXC9 Seniors Connected Meeting 3.20.26 at the ShopRite Community Room at 1994 Bruckner Blvd, 2 Fl at 10AM

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## **Youth & Education Committee Meeting Summary**

### **March 12, 2026**

**Committee Members Present:** Ram Halder, Julio Quinones Jr, Wajied Hakim, Richard Owusu

**Committee Description:** The youth & education committee represents the community's interests with regards to education and programs that target the youth and acts as a liaison between community members and the NYC Department of Education including Parent Advocates, PTA's, Educators and Principals, School Safety, the Administration for Children Services, the District Attorney's Office, NYC department of Youth & Development and local organizations and nonprofits.

#### **1. Introduction**

##### **A. Members Roll Call**

#### **2. Speakers**

##### **A. Alexander Betancourt, NYC Dept of Youth & Community Development**

- Mr. Betancourt shared information about DYCD programs in our district.
- He also shared the attached documents for more information regarding city-wide programming.

##### **B. Marco Luna, Office of CM Farias**

- Mr. Luna shared information about Participatory Budgeting. They are in the last stage of choosing projects for the ballot. Voting week will be April 11-19. See attachment for more information.

#### **3. New Business**

##### **A. Yankee Youth Leadership Application candidates selected.**

##### **B. Bronx District Attorney's Youth Summit**

- March 25th at 10AM at the Co-op Community Center.
- For more information contact: [CEU@bronxda.nyc.gov](mailto:CEU@bronxda.nyc.gov) or 718-590-2272

##### **C. Brenida Parsons from NYC Panel for Education Policy introduced herself and shared information about what she does in her role, and she shared her contact information: [BParsons5@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:BParsons5@schools.nyc.gov)**

##### **D. Next Meeting: April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

#### **4. DM Report**

- ##### **A. There will be two votes at General Board meeting, so all Board Members are encouraged to attend.**

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Community District	Program Area	Program Type	Provider	Program Site Name	Program Site Address
Bronx CD 009	Beacon	Beacon	Childrens Arts & Science Workshops, Inc.	The Metropolitan Soundview High School	1300 Boynton Avenue Bronx, 10472
		Saturday Night Lights	Team First, Inc.	The Dr. Emmett W. Bassett School	1075 Pugsley Avenue Bronx, 10472
			Childrens Arts & Science Workshops, Inc.	The Metropolitan Soundview High School (12X521)	1300 Boynton Avenue Bronx, 10472
		COMPASS Elementary	Team First, Inc.	The Dr. Emmett W. Bassett School (08X119)	1075 Pugsley Avenue Bronx, 10472
	Compass		YMCA of Greater New York/Corporate	Castle Hill YMCA	2 Castle Hill Avenue Bronx, 10473
			Aspira of New York, Inc.	P.S. 107	1695 Seward Avenue Bronx, 10473
			Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club Inc	P.S. 107	1695 Seward Avenue Bronx, 10473
			New York Edge, Inc.	P.S. 138 Samuel Randall	2060 Lafayette Avenue Bronx, 10473
			New York Junior Tennis League Inc	P.S. 138 Samuel Randall	2060 Lafayette Avenue Bronx, 10473
			Police Athletic League Inc	PS 36 Unionport	1070 Castle Hill Avenue Bronx, 10472
			The Children's Village	PS 196	1250 Ward Avenue Bronx, 10472
			Westhab, Inc.	PS 152 Evergreen	1007 Evergreen Avenue Bronx, 10472
			YMCA of Greater New York/Corporate	P.S. 100 Isaac Clason	800 Taylor Avenue Bronx, 10473
			Good Shepherd Services	P.S. 100 Isaac Clason	800 Taylor Avenue Bronx, 10473
			Aspira of New York, Inc.	P.S. 047 John Randolph	1794 East 172 Street Bronx, 10472
			City Year, Inc.	P.S. 047 John Randolph	1794 East 172 Street Bronx, 10472
			Directions For Our Youth Inc	PS 536	1827 Archer Street Bronx, 10460
			East Side House Inc	P.S. 093 Albert G. Oliver	1535 Story Avenue Bronx, 10473
			Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club Inc	P.S. 093 Albert G. Oliver	1535 Story Avenue Bronx, 10473
			New York Edge, Inc.	P.S. 106 Parkchester	2120 St Raymond Avenue Bronx, 10462
			Westhab, Inc.	P.S. 106 Parkchester	2120 St Raymond Avenue Bronx, 10462
		COMPASS High School	Good Shepherd Services	BRONX BRIDGES HIGH SCHOOL	1980 Lafayette Avenue Bronx, 10473
		COMPASS Middle School	Aspira of New York, Inc.	Pugsley Preparatory Academy	1111 Pugsley Avenue Bronx, 10472
			City Year, Inc.	St. Helena School	2050 Benedict Avenue Bronx, 10462
			Directions For Our Youth Inc	J.H.S. 123 James M. Kieran	1025 Morrison Avenue Bronx, 10472
			East Side House Inc	Archimedes Academy for Math, Science and Technology Applications (08X367)	456 White Plains Road Bronx, 10473
			Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club Inc	The School for Inquiry and Social Justice	1025 Morrison Avenue Bronx, 10472
			New York Edge, Inc.	J.H.S. 131 Albert Einstein	1025 Morrison Avenue Bronx, 10472
			Westhab, Inc.	J.H.S. 131 Albert Einstein	1025 Morrison Avenue Bronx, 10472
			Westhab, Inc.	Palmaro Clubhouse	1930 Randall Avenue Bronx, 10473
			Westhab, Inc.	J.H.S. 127 The Castle Hill	1560 Purdy Street Bronx, 10462
			Westhab, Inc.	J.H.S. 127 The Castle Hill	1560 Purdy Street Bronx, 10462
			Westhab, Inc.	Mott Hall V	1551 East 172 Street Bronx, 10472
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			Westhab, Inc.	The Bronx Mathematics Preparatory School	456 White Plains Road Bronx, 10473
			Westhab, Inc.	Soundview Academy for Culture and Scholarship (08X448)	1025 Morrison Avenue Bronx, 10472

			Soundview Academy for Culture and Scholarship	885 Bolton Avenue Bronx, 10473
	YMCA of Greater New York/Corporate		Antonia Pantoja Preparatory Academy: A College Board School	1980 Lafayette Avenue Bronx, 10473
Cornerstone	Childrens Arts & Science Workshops, Inc.		Antonia Pantoja Preparatory Academy: A College Board School	1980 Lafayette Avenue Bronx, 10473
	Phipps Neighborhoods, Inc.	Cornerstone	Bronx River Community Center	1619 East 174 Street Bronx, 10472
	Childrens Arts & Science Workshops, Inc.	Saturday Night Lights	Sotomayor Community Center	1000 Rosedale Avenue Bronx, 10472
	Phipps Neighborhoods, Inc.		Soundview Community Center	1680 Seward Avenue Bronx, 10473
CSBG	BronxWorks Inc	High School	Adlai Stevenson Campus YABC	1980 Lafayette Avenue Bronx, 10473
	BronxWorks Inc	NDA Healthy Families	Bronxworks inc. - NDA BX009	1340 Stratford Avenue Bronx, 10472
	BronxWorks Inc	Seniors	BronxWorks, Inc.	1340 Stratford Avenue Bronx, 10472
Discretionary	Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club Inc	Over Threshold	Lucile Palmaro Clubhouse-07/01/2023-07/01/2024	1930 Randall Avenue Bronx, 10473
Literacy and Immigrant Services	BronxWorks Inc	Adult Literacy - ABE/HSE	NTA BX0901 @ 1619 E 174 St - Soundview-Bruckner-Bronx River	1619 East 174 Street Bronx, 10472
Office of Neighborhood Safety	LSNY BRONX CORPORATION Rising Ground Inc	Services for Immigrants CMS Community Healing and Wellness	Soundview-Bruckner-Bronx River - NTA BX0901	1340 Stratford Avenue Bronx, 10472
	NYC Health and Hospitals- Jacobi	CMS Youth Enrichment Services	Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice Bronx - 43rd Precinct	1384 Stratford Avenue Bronx, 10472 2212 Lacombe Avenue Bronx, 10473
Strategic Partnerships	Castle Hill Little League, Inc	Youth Neighborhood Team Sports	Bronx Compass High School (08X561)	1980 Lafayette Avenue Bronx, 10473
	Proscholars Athletics		Castle Hill Little League Castle Hill Little League Ballfield The Metropolitan Soundview High School (12X521)	1166 Zerega Avenue Bronx, 10462 1166 Zerega Avenue Bronx, 10462 1300 Boynton Avenue Bronx, 10472
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>57</b>

# VOTE WEEK POP-UP DATES

## SATURDAY APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup> - SUNDAY APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>

SATURDAY

4/11

SÁBADO

7:00AM- 8:30AM St Anthony's Church Food Pantry

MONDAY

4/13

LUNES

8:00AM- 10:00AM Parkchester Train Station

10:30AM- 11:30AM Mechlar Hall

2:30PM- 4:30PM Westchester Square Library

TUESDAY

4/14

MARTES

8:00AM- 9:00AM Parkchester Train Station

12:00PM- 2:00PM Parkchester Baptist Church

5:30PM- 6:30PM Lucille Clubhouse Kips Bay

WEDNESDAY

4/15

MIÉRCOLES

7:00AM- 9:00AM Clason Point Ferry

9:00AM-11:30AM Fellowship Covenant Church

11:00AM-12:30PM Soundview Library

12:00PM-1:00PM St Helena's Church Food Pantry

1:00PM-3:00PM James Monroe Senior Center

2:00PM-3:30PM Sonia Sotomayor Community Center

3:00PM-5:00PM Harding Park HOA

# VOTE WEEK POP-UP DATES

## SATURDAY APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup> - SUNDAY APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>

THURSDAY

4/16

JUEVES

8:00AM- 9:00AM Morrison-Soundview Train Station

8:30AM-10:00AM Life Together Church

9:00AM-10:00AM Family Enrichment Center

2:00PM-3:00PM Soundview Phipps Corner Stone Center

3:00PM-5:00PM Parkchester Library

FRIDAY

4/17

VIERNES

8:00AM-10:00AM St Paul's Lutheran Church

8:00AM-10:00AM Westchester Square Train Station

1:30PM-3:00PM Disciples of Galilee Food Pantry

SATURDAY

4/18

SÁBADO

7:00AM-8:30AM St Anthony's Church Food Pantry

9:00AM-10:00AM Westchester Square Train Station

# Summer Rising 2026



## A free summer program and adventure in learning for New York City students!

All NYC residents in grades K–8 during the 2025–26 school year are eligible to apply, including multilingual learners, immigrant students, and students with disabilities.

### Summer Rising runs from:

- **July 1 through August 14** for students in grades K–5
- **July 1 through August 6 or 7** for students in grades 6–8

These dates are subject to change.

Any changes will be announced directly to families.

### Important Dates

- **March 3, 2026:** Application Opens
- **March 27, 2026:** Application Closes
- **April 21, 2026:** Offer Release
- **July 1, 2026:** Summer Rising Starts

For more information, visit:  
[schools.nyc.gov/SummerRising](https://schools.nyc.gov/SummerRising)

New York City Public Schools (NYCPS) and the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) have partnered on Summer Rising 2026, supporting students in their academic learning and offering enriching experiences. In addition to field trips, art activities, outdoor recreation and more, free and nutritious breakfast and lunch options will be provided for all students.

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The Department of Youth & Community Development

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# BRONX CEDS PUBLIC FEEDBACK SESSION

Come give your feedback on the draft Bronx Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Help shape the economic future of the Bronx!

**MARCH 28, 3PM**

ANDREW FREEDMAN HOME  
1125 GRAND CONCOURSE

**RSVP**

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FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT [CAESAR@OURBRONX.ORG](mailto:CAESAR@OURBRONX.ORG)

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# Our Schools. Our Future: Conversations with the Chancellor



Join Chancellor Kamar H. Samuels for in-person community conversations across New York City about the future of our public schools.

Grounded in the Chancellor's vision, these conversations will focus on safety, academic rigor, and true integration, while uplifting family empowerment and community voice.

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**Ten stops.  
One city.  
Our future.**

Date/Time	Location
<b>2/10/26</b> 6:30-8:00pm	<b>Staten Island</b> New Dorp High School 465 New Dorp Lane, Staten Island, NY 10306
<b>2/24/26</b> 6:30-8:00pm	<b>Manhattan</b> Manhattan Center for Science and Mathematics 260 Pleasant Avenue, New York, NY 10029
<b>2/28/26</b> 10:30am-12:00pm	<b>Brooklyn</b> Thomas Jefferson High School 400 Granville Payne Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207
<b>3/7/26</b> 10:30am-12:00pm	<b>Queens</b> Channel View School for Research 100-00 Beach Channel Drive, Rockaway Park, NY 11694
<b>3/10/26</b> 6:30-8:00pm	<b>Bronx</b> Bronxwood Prep Academy 921 East 228th Street, Bronx, NY 10466
<b>3/14/26</b> 10:30am-12:00pm	<b>Manhattan</b> Martin Luther King, Jr. Educational Campus 122 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, NY 10023
<b>3/17/26</b> 6:30-8:00pm	<b>Queens</b> Queens Innovation Center 53-16 Northern Boulevard, Queens, NY 11377
<b>3/24/26</b> 6:30-8:00pm	<b>Brooklyn</b> John Dewey High School 2471 Stillwell Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11223
<b>3/28/26</b> 10:30am-12:00pm	<b>Bronx</b> Roosevelt Educational Campus 500 East Fordham Road, Bronx, NY 10458
<b>4/11/26</b> 10:30am-12:00pm	<b>Staten Island</b> Curtis High School 105 Hamilton Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10301

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- ✓ Reading & Writing
- ✓ Immigrant Initiatives
- ✓ Family Support
- ✓ Jobs & Internships
- ✓ Community Development
- ✓ Runaway and Homeless Youth



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The New York City Department of Youth and Community Development supports local organizations and programs to help reduce poverty and create opportunities for people and communities in the city to thrive.

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*Chairman Mohammed Mujumder - District Manager: William Rivera*

## **Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Summary**

### **March 11, 2026**

**Committee Members Present:** Sadie Marie Davis, Abunoman Rahman, Lena Johnson, Savannah Lilly

**Committee Description:** The Parks and Recreation Committee represents the community's interests with regard to parks, park services and all park related matters and acts as a liaison between parks users and the New York City Parks Department.

#### **1. Introduction**

##### **A. Members Roll Call**

#### **2. Speakers**

##### **A. Hayley Elszasz, Mayor's Office of Climate and Environmental Justice (Virtual)**

- Ms. Elszasz shared that there will be a three-year plan for neighborhoods across the city to be educated on how they can take action to make their neighborhood introduce sustainable action into communities to foster a better, greener New York.
- Soundview has been named in the plans for Year One of "Climate Strong Communities"

#### **3. Notifications**

##### **A. Bronx Security Camera Installations**

Project Location: Ranaqua, Bronx Park; Bronx River House, Starlight Park; Mill Pond Park; Tennis House and Nature Center, Crotona Park

#### **4. New Business**

- A. There were concerns regarding a proposed restaurant in Clason Point. DM Rivera recommended that the restaurant hosts a meeting with the Parks Department and Shorehaven Residents.
- B. Ms. Barnes from YMPJ gave an update about the fire at the Park House in Soundview Park. DM Rivera will also email to find out more.
- C. Next Meeting: April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7PM**

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## **Land & Zoning, Economic Development & Planning Committee Meeting Summary March 9, 2026**

**Committee Members Present:** Mitchell Halpern, Twywana Bush Andrea McLeod, Badr Alsaidi, Chandra Moore, Md Alaudin

**Committee Description:** The Land & Zoning, Economic Development & Planning Committee represents the community's interests with regard to the use of land, zoning, landmark, building, etc. and acts as a liaison between community members and Department of City Planning, Department of Buildings & the New York City Economic Development Corporation.

### **1. Introduction**

#### **A. Members Roll Call**

### **2. Speakers**

#### **A. Steven M. Sinacori and Mr. Jesús, 1160 Pugsley Avenue ULURP (Akerman)**

- Mr. Sinacori shared the following:
- Laundromat either placeholder, or extra commercial space (like the fresh food store)
- 1160-1170 Pugsley Ave, which is currently an empty lot
- Apartments are fully accessible (ex: two elevators in building, pull bars in bathroom, special doorknobs)
- Apartments will be set aside for senior citizens, who will need to apply online through a lottery system.
- It will be ~1-2 years until this project is financed.
- There will be parking lot, which may be an extra charge for residents or possibly included in rent. There will also be electric car chargers, but the amount is yet to be determined.
- There will be virtual security and cameras in building. The super will be on site all the time. There is no security personnel planned to be on site at this time.
  - Mr. Jesús is not opposed to adding security personnel in building
- Mixed income option
- Community space has not been confirmed as of right now
  - Recreation area on roof will have planted space (green roof) maintained by maintenance company
- General contractor will be involved in building supermarket

The following outlines questions and concerns from the committee and the community:

- There is currently a CTown a few blocks away. This CTown has been in the community since 1984 and is currently planning a 14K sq ft expansion)

- There are also 9 supermarkets in the area (excluding BJ's there is 8), and there's the farmers market program in the Spring-Fall, how will this new supermarket differ from these existing resources.
- DM Rivera shared that there is a lot of violence in the area.
- There are also concerns that if this project does not go through, there will be a Smoke Shop in it's place.

### 3. Notifications

- 1431 Croes Ave Demolition Notice (scheduled to begin March 2nd)
- 1248 White Plains Rd Construction Notice
- Mamdani Administration Begins First-Ever Expedited Review of Affordable Housing and Resiliency Projects
  - <https://www.nyc.gov/mayors-office/news/2026/02/mamdani-administration-begins-first-ever-expedited-review-of-aff>
- HPD Cracks Down on 7,500 False Certifications Through Second Annual Certification Watchlist
  - <https://www.nyc.gov/site/hpd/news/008-26/hpd-cracks-down-7-500-false-certifications-second-annual-certification-watchlist>
- Bally's scores the Bronx parkland needed for its new casino in \$157M deal
  - <https://www.crainsnewyork.com/real-estate/ballys-buys-about-20-acres-bronx-parkland-its-planned-casino-157m>
- 1499 Bruckner's Façade Takes Shape In Soundview, The Bronx
  - <https://newyorkyimby.com/2026/03/1499-bruckners-facade-takes-shape-in-soundview-the-bronx.html>

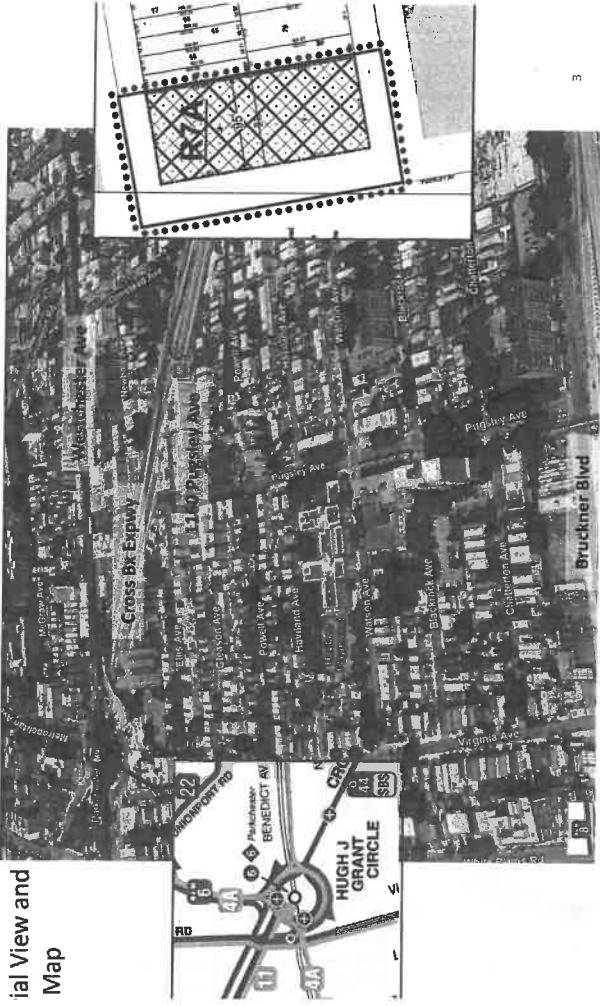
### 4. New Business

- Next Month's Agenda Items
- Next Meeting: April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7PM

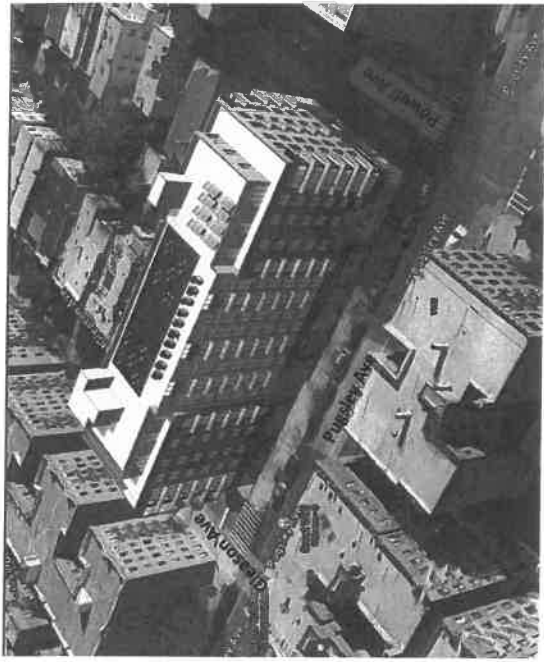
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**erial View and  
Map**

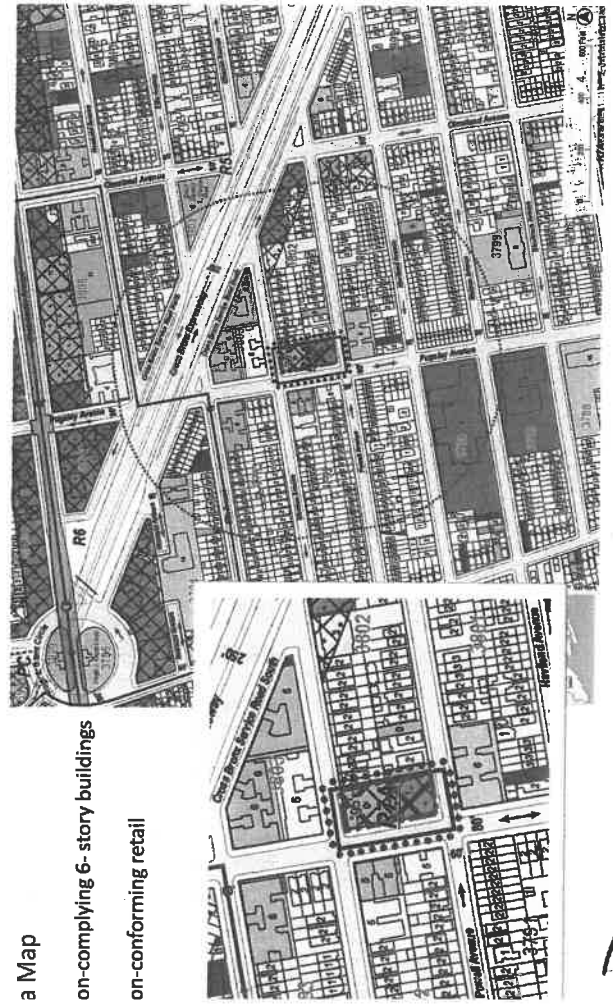


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March 9, 2026  
 Presentation to Bronx CB 9  
 and Use/Zoning & Planning  
 Committee  
**L160 Pugsley Avenue Rezoning**  
 Zoning Map Amendment  
 Zoning Text Amendment  
 FRESH Food Store Certification

a Map  
 on-complying 6- story buildings  
 on-conforming retail



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**Applicant**

- 1160-1178 Pugsley Ave LLC**
- Galaxy G.C. Group LLC
- Urban Impact Capital Partners
- Jena Foods LLC d/b/a Key Food Supermarket will operate the FRESH food store



Proposed Development

- 10-story (85') building
- 5,609 sf floor area
- 91,938 sf residential
  - 100% affordable
  - 104 dwelling units (incl super's unit)
  - 19 0-BR, 45 1-BR, 33 2-BR & 6 3-BR (+1 super's 2-BR)
- 13,671 sf commercial
  - 2,646 sf local retail/service
  - 11,025 sf FRESH Food Store
- 2,763 sf recreation space
- 32 accessory parking spaces
- 1 loading berth



Room Mix, Qualifying Incomes and Monthly Rents

100% Affordable Mixed-Use Building  
 D's New Construction Finance Program - Mixed Income Option: Target average of 60% AMI.

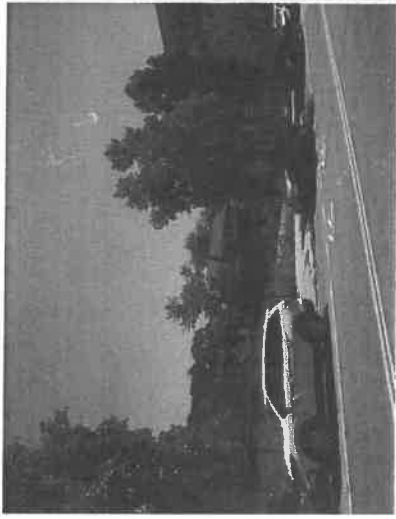
Unit type	Number of Units
Studio	19
1-Bedroom	45
2-Bedroom	34 including super's unit
3-Bedroom	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>

AMI	Maximum Income (1-6 Family Size)	Maximum Rent (Studio to 3-Bedroom)
40%	\$45,360 - 75,200	\$1,134 - 1,685
50%	\$56,700 - 94,000	\$1,417 - 2,106
60%	\$68,040 - 112,800	\$1,701 - 2,527
80%	\$90,720 - 150,400	\$2,268 - 3,370
100%	\$113,400 - 188,000	\$2,835 - 4,212

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Development Site - Block 2780, Lots 1 & 6

- Existing 1-story retail building (two restaurants and vacant storefronts) and open lot
- Development lot area comprises 18,894 sf
- Pugsley Avenue is 80 feet wide



1. View of the Development Site facing southeast from Pugsley Avenue.



3. View of the Development Site facing northeast from Pugsley Avenue.

Zoning Change Map - Block 2780, Lots 1, 6, p/o 13 and p/o 80

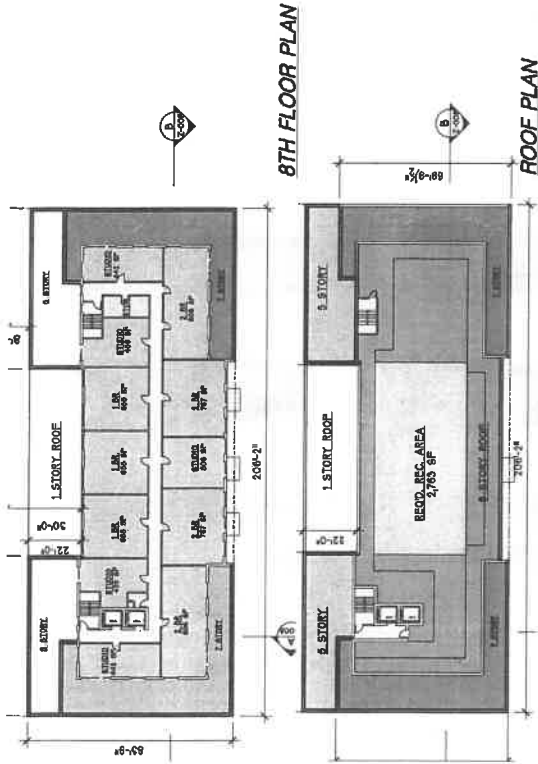


Current Zoning Map (4b)



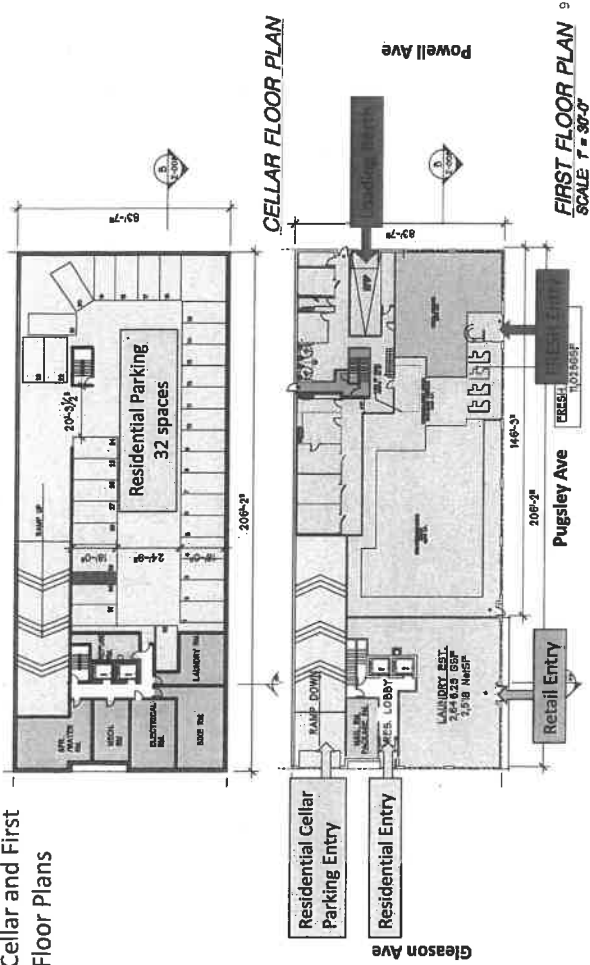
Proposed Zoning Map (4b) - Area being rezoned is outlined with dotted lines

Floor and Roof Plans



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Cellar and First Floor Plans



SH Food Store

63-30 Certification for FRESH Food Store

Certification by CPC Chairperson

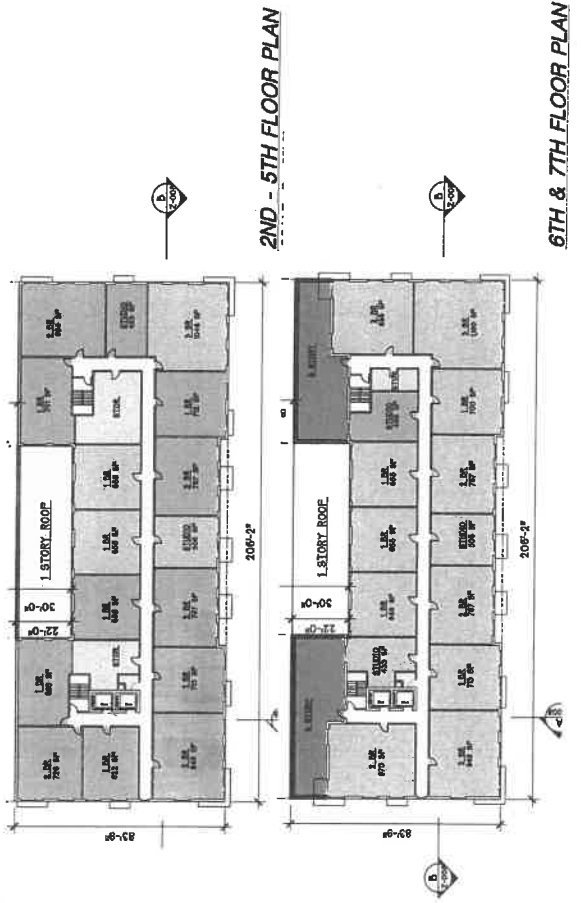
Allows an increase in residential floor area by one square foot of FRESH Food Store floor area up to 20,000 sf

Must provide at least:

- 6,000 sf floor area or cellar space for retailing a general line of grocery products
- 25% of retail space allocated to perishable goods (including 500 sf fresh produce)
- 35% of retail space allocated to non-perishable food; and
- 6,000 sf of retail space located on one story

Requires a Restrictive Declaration and periodic compliance reports

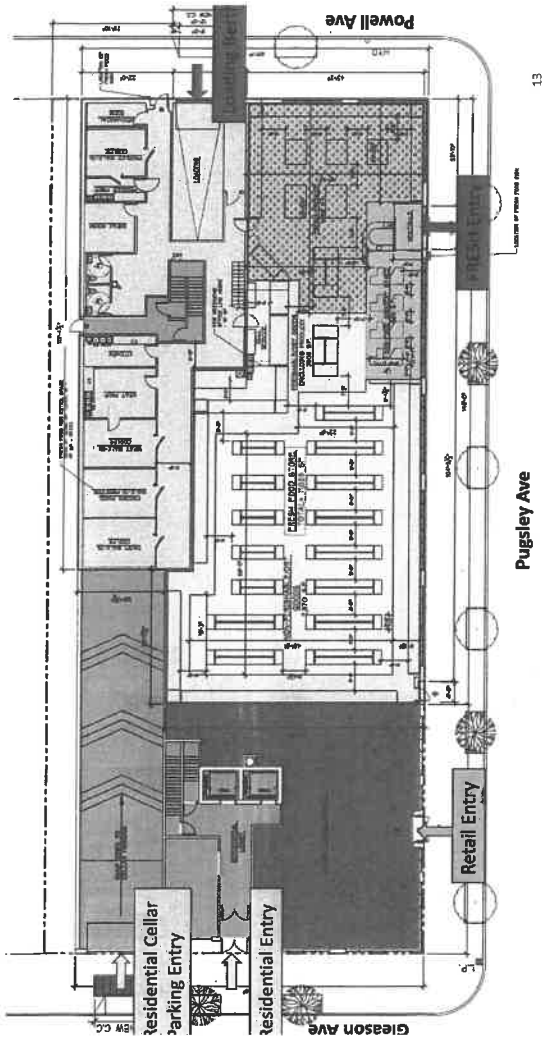
2nd through 7th Floor Plans



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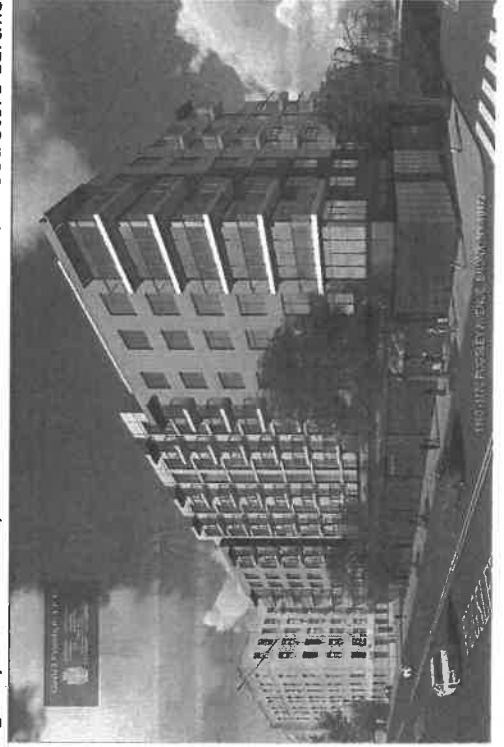
6TH & 7TH FLOOR PLAN

FRESH Food Store Layout



1160 Pugsley Avenue Rezoning

Zoning Map Amendment, Text Amendment and FRESH Food Store Certification





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## **Public Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting Summary**

### **March 5, 2026**

**Board Members Present:** Shante Chamblee, Brent Woodie, Juan Torres, Robbin Kelly, Sarwar Jahan, Andrea McLeod, Helen Foreman-Hines, Lena Johnson, Julio Quinones

#### **I. Introduction**

- A. Committee Description:** The public safety & transportation committee represents the community's interests with regards to sanitation, crime, fire-ems, quality of life, NYS liquor license application recommendations, street activity permit applications, street re-naming application, transportation and acts as a liaison between community members and the New York Police Department & Fire Departments, NYC Department of Environmental Protection, NYC Department of Sanitation, NYC Department of Transportation, & NYS Liquor Authority.

#### **II. Speakers**

**A. Deputy Inspector Tawee Theanthong, 43<sup>rd</sup> Pct Update and New Bronx North and Bronx South NYPD Split**

Deputy Inspector Theanthong introduced the leadership team and discussed how they will work together to tackle quality of life issues such as illegal vendors with open flames and double parked cars/derelect vehicles.

Deputy Inspector Theanthong explained that the Bronx will be split into Bronx North and Bronx South, with the 43<sup>rd</sup> Pct falling into Bronx South along with the 40th, 41st, 42nd, 44th and 45<sup>th</sup> precincts. In terms of jurisdictional lines, nothing will change and all current areas of responsibility and coverage will remain the same, however, additional resources will be allocated to each sub-boro as each boro (north and south) will have their own units and resources to deploy.

**B. Emily Pagan, 43<sup>rd</sup> PCT Council President**

Emily Pagan introduced herself as the new 43<sup>rd</sup> Pct Council President and handed out flyers with dates for upcoming 43<sup>rd</sup> Pct Council Meetings: First Wednesday of every month at 7pm at the ShopRite Community Room located at 1994 Bruckner Blvd.

#### **III. Notifications**

**A. 43 Police Action in Lic/Unlic Reports**

For locations 1490 Westchester Ave and 1186 Evergreen Ave

**B. 1431 Croes Ave Demolition Notice (scheduled to begin March 2<sup>nd</sup>)**

**C. 1248 White Plains Rd Construction Notice**

#### **IV. New Business**

**A. Street Co-Naming for Detective Didarul Islam**

Deputy Inspector Muhammad J. Ashraf presented a letter of support for this street renaming request and spoke on behalf of the family. The committee unanimously voted in favor of the street renaming.

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# BINGO NIGHT!

43rd PCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
**6:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**LOCATION:**  
**1994 BRUCKNER BLVD**  
**BRONX, NY 10473**  
 (Inside Supermarket – 2nd Floor  
 Community Room)

**SNACKS & REFRESHMENTS**

- ✓ **Bingo Games!**
- ✓ **Fun & Fellowship!**
- ✓ **Great Prizes!**
- ✓ **Community Gathering!**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
**BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS!**

**\$5.00 Admission Fee**  
**Funds Raised Will Be**  
**Reinvested into**  
**Future Community**  
**Events**

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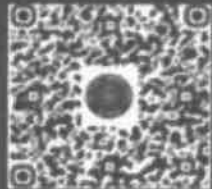


# COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BUREAU



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# UPCOMING

# MONTHLY MEETINGS

LOCATION: 1994 BRUCKNER BLVD  
(Inside ShopRite 2nd Floor)

<b>JAN</b>	<b>07</b> In Person 7:00PM	<b>43RD PCT. COMMUNITY MEETING</b> This is a community meeting with a platform to provide information regarding: Crime Statistics, Quality of Life Issues, Crime Prevention Tips and Neighborhood Events.
<b>FEB</b>	<b>04</b> In Person 7:00PM	<b>43RD PCT. COMMUNITY MEETING</b> This is a community meeting with a platform to provide information regarding: Crime Statistics, Quality of Life Issues, Crime Prevention Tips and Neighborhood Events.
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>04</b> In Person 7:00PM	<b>43RD PCT. COMMUNITY MEETING</b> This is a community meeting with a platform to provide information regarding: Crime Statistics, Quality of Life Issues, Crime Prevention Tips and Neighborhood Events.
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>01</b> In Person 7:00PM	<b>43RD PCT. COMMUNITY MEETING</b> This is a community meeting with a platform to provide information regarding: Crime Statistics, Quality of Life Issues, Crime Prevention Tips and Neighborhood Events.
<b>MAY</b>	<b>06</b> In Person 7:00PM	<b>43RD PCT. COMMUNITY MEETING</b> This is a community meeting with a platform to provide information regarding: Crime Statistics, Quality of Life Issues, Crime Prevention Tips and Neighborhood Events.
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>03</b> In Person 7:00PM	<b>43RD PCT. COMMUNITY MEETING</b> This is a community meeting with a platform to provide information regarding: Crime Statistics, Quality of Life Issues, Crime Prevention Tips and Neighborhood Events.

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## **Social Services Committee Meeting Summary**

**March 3, 2026**

**Board Members Present:** Nellie Santiago-Rivera, Daniel Porro, Niya Goita, Sharyn Brown

### **I. Introduction**

- A. Committee Description:** The social services committee represents the community's interests with regards to social services including senior services, disability, and veterans concerns and acts as a liaison between community members and the NYC Human Resources Administration, Department of Homeless Services, Department of Aging, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Seniors Connected Sub-Committee is under this committee.

### **II. Speakers**

#### **A. Tamika Phillips, Do What You Love to End ALZ**

- Ms. Phillips represents the Alzheimer's Association - NYC Chapter and presented on Do What You Love to End ALZ.
- Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia, accounting for 60% to 80% of all cases. In the Bronx 16.6% of people over the age of 65 have Alzheimer's.
- The Do What You Love to End ALZ initiative allows residents to help fundraise for a future without Alzheimer's and all other dementia through various local activities.
- Paint the Bronx Purple, is a community-driven initiative by the Alzheimer's Association New York City Chapter to raise awareness, honor caregivers, and fundraise for dementia research.
- In addition, there are events and partnership opportunities in June centered on Brain Awareness Month.
- CB9 invited Ms. Phillips to also present at a BXC9 Seniors Connected Meeting this spring as well as participate in the 43<sup>rd</sup> Pct's National Night Out in August for awareness and additional exposure.
- Spanish speaking volunteers needed.
- <https://events.alz.org/event/dowhatyoulove/home>

#### **B. Yoselin Brice, VFW Department of New York**

- Ms. Brice is a Veteran Service Officer (VSO), professionally trained to advocate on behalf of veterans and accredited by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
- She assist veterans and their families in obtaining the benefits they have earned through their service. This includes support with disability claims, VA healthcare enrollment, dependent and survivor benefits, and education benefits.
- Services are provided free of charge and include: Legal representation of veterans and their families before the VA, Expertise in navigating complex VA benefits programs, Access to VA records to provide timely and accurate guidance, Filing original and reopened claims for compensation and/or pension, Monitoring claim status, reviewing rating decisions for accuracy, and addressing discrepancies, and Assisting with the preparation and submission of appeals before the Board of Veterans' Appeals
- Ms. Brice can be reached at Office: 212-807-3046.

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## **Homes & Housing Committee Meeting Summary March 2, 2026**

**Board Members Present:** Antoinette Vereen, Anne Johnson, Helen Foreman-Hines, Wayne Cole Jr., Andrea McLeod, Lena Johnson

### **I. Introduction**

- A. Committee Description:** The Homes & Housing Committee represents the community's interests with regards to housing related matters and concerns, namely in relation to NYCHA, and acts as a liaison between community members and the New York City Housing Authority as well as local property owners and management teams.

### **II. Speakers**

**A. Simone Zito, New Hope Bruckner Blvd Presentation by DHS**

- Bruckner Family Residence will be a Families with Children Shelter (no singles) for approximately 400 individuals (majority of residents will be children, most pre-school or school-aged) anticipated to open this Fall 2026.
- There will be a total of 135 units. Each unit will accommodate one family and will have a kitchen, a private bathroom, and an individually controlled heating and cooling unit.
- The facility will have a full program/office space for social services, recreation and security.
- Staffing will include a Program Director, Asst Program Director, Director of Social Services, Clinical Director and a Director of Operations.
- Onsite Services will include: School Coordination, Childcare Linkages, Medical Linkages, Licensed Social Workers, Workforce/Job Development, Mental Health Screenings and Referrals, Client Holiday Events, Emergency Food Pantry, Transportation Services, Laundry and Linen Services, Kitchen/Household Supplies for each family, Adult and Youth Recreation Programming, and Access to Social Care Networks
- Programming & Social Services will include: Case Management, Housing Placement, Benefits Enrollment, Independent Living Plans, Individual and Group Counseling, Dept of Education Assistance, Employment Assistance and Job Readiness, Financial Literacy, Permanent Planning, Afterschool and Youth Programming, Independent Living and Life Skills Workshops, Referrals to Medical ND Mental Health Services

**B. Q&A with committee in reference to resident concerns of new development**

**C. Bronx Defenders to be invited to speak at April Homes & Housing Meeting**

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# BX17 BOARD REPORT

## A Message from Council Member Sanchez

As your Council Member, my top priority is improving quality of life for the hardworking families and businesses of District 17. My team has been hard at work from day one. In our first few weeks in office we have introduced legislation, advocated for much needed changes, and begun to deliver high quality services to the South Bronx. I'm honored to represent you in City Council and look forward to partnering together to build a stronger community.



## New Trash Cans in the South Bronx!

Earlier this January, our office marked an important milestone in our effort to improve street cleanliness across the South Bronx with the installation of 62 new trash cans throughout District 17. Joined by sanitation crew members and community residents, we celebrated this strong first step toward reducing litter and keeping our neighborhoods clean.

This is just the beginning. As Chair of the City Council's Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management, I look forward to bringing additional services and resources like this to our neighborhoods and continuing the work to deliver cleaner, more welcoming streets for every family in District 17.

## Legislative Update My Committees

**CHAIR**  
**Sanitation and  
Solid Waste Management**

**SITTING MEMBER**

- Environmental Protection and Waterfronts
- Finance
- Land Use
- Public Safety
- Transportation and Infrastructure
- Zoning and Franchises

## New Introduction: Int. 416

This bill would require that anyone in charge of certain structures pursuant to a franchise or concession agreement with New York City keep the area around their structures clean from litter, debris, or other refuse. It would also impose penalties for violations, which would range from \$500 to \$3,500, depending on whether it is a first offense or a subsequent offense.



## New Introduction: Res. 270

This resolution calls on the New York State Legislature and the Governor to move the 2028 presidential primary to the first Tuesday in March



# BX17 BOARD REPORT



## Contact My Office:

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Bronx NY 10451**

**(Intersection of E 146th and Walton Avenue)  
or call: 718-402-6130**

## Stepping Up to Lead

The early work of my office and potential has not gone unnoticed by my colleagues. I am honored and grateful to have been named Co-Chair of the Bronx Delegation and Co-Chair of the City Council's LGBTQIA+ Caucus.

The Bronx Delegation brings together Council Members representing neighborhoods across our borough to coordinate legislation, secure funding, and advocate for policies that strengthen Bronx communities. The LGBTQIA+ Caucus advances policies that protect rights, promote visibility, and ensure equity for LGBTQIA + New Yorkers in every corner of our city.

I am proud to be trusted with these responsibilities and look forward to working in close collaboration with my colleagues to lead the way and deliver meaningful results for the communities we serve.

## Standing Up To Hate and Division

After being elected Co-Chair of the City Council's LGBTQIA+ Caucus, I was proud to co-author a letter alongside Speaker Julie Menin and Co-Chair Chi Ossé responding to the removal of the Pride flag from Christopher Park.

Just days later, we joined elected officials, advocates, and members of our city's LGBTQIA+ community at the "Hands Off Our History" rally at Stonewall National Monument to make clear that our community will not be erased. From long-married couples in Hell's Kitchen to young people in the Bronx still finding their voice, LGBTQIA+ New Yorkers are part of the fabric of every neighborhood in this city.

For our community to thrive, we must remain visible and vocal, stand together in moments of challenge, and preserve our history to protect our future. Our flag will go back up, and our story will continue to be told.

## Free Tax Service in D17



## Compost Bin Giveaway

**416 Walton Avenue  
Bronx NY 10451**

**1 to 3 PM**



**WHO QUALIFIES:** PEOPLE OF ANY AGE WHO MADE LESS THAN \$68,000 IN 2025

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**Saturday, April 4, 2026**

**Seating**

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# New York State Senator

## José M. Serrano

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### March Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

I hope you are staying safe and warm during this unpredictable winter we have been experiencing. I want to extend my gratitude to all of our essential workers who continue to serve our community. Your efforts, especially during challenging conditions, do not go unnoticed. Thank you as well to everyone who stayed inside during the recent travel ban to ensure that our essential workers could perform their duties safely and effectively.

In Albany, we are currently in the process of putting together the New York State budget. We are working to craft a budget that not just sustains, but improves New York. My office and I welcome any and all feedback on issues that are a priority for you that should be addressed in this budget cycle. We want to hear from you all!

In this newsletter you will find information on events I have participated in throughout the district and in Albany, as well as information on how to manage the colder temperatures. We continue to share helpful resources to navigate the winter weather and stay prepared. This includes information regarding heating laws in New York City, locations of warming centers, and tips to prepare for winter weather events such as this most recent storm.

I will continue to be out in the community and look forward to connecting with you at events throughout the district. My office remains available to help with any issues you are having. You can call us at 212-828-5829, or visit us Monday through Friday, 9am until 5pm at 335 E 100th St. My office also offers weekly off-site constituent hours, making it easier to get help with casework and other issues closer to where you live. Dates and locations are listed in the newsletter below and are also shared monthly on social media (@senatorserrano). Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything my office or I can assist with.

Yours in Service,

#### CONTACT US

##### District Office

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#### UPCOMING CONSTITUENT SERVICE HOURS

**THURSDAY, MARCH 5** | 11am-2pm  
Gaylord White Older Adult Center  
2029 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, New York, NY 10029

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12** | 11am-2pm  
PSS Morrisania Air Rights Center  
3135 Park Ave, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bronx, NY 10451

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19** | 10am-1pm  
Carter Burden Network/ Leonard Covello OAC  
312 E 109<sup>th</sup> St, New York, NY 10029

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26** | 11am-2pm  
Mott Haven Library  
321 E 140<sup>th</sup> St, Bronx, NY 10454

**MONDAY, MARCH 30** | 11am-2pm  
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# EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS



## Lincoln Hospital Community Advisory Board Legislative Forum

Senator Serrano was pleased to attend the 2026 Community Advisory Board Legislative Forum at NYC Health + Hospitals/Lincoln, where he provided an update on his work in Albany and listened to the concerns of CAB members. Senator Serrano is grateful to the board members and hospital staff for their continued dedication to the health and wellness of residents in the South Bronx.



## Arts Day 2026 Panel and Press Conference

Senator Serrano was proud to host Arts Day 2026 in collaboration with Assemblyman Ron Kim. Arts Day 2026 brought together an incredible group of panelists from across the state to discuss the many ways arts and culture are vital to New York. Leaders in the arts community and State Legislators came together to collaborate and share valuable insights on how best to support and strengthen the arts and cultural community across New York.

Following the panel discussion, Senator Serrano was proud to participate in a press conference and rally highlighting the many social and economic benefits of the arts, and the continued need for strong investment in arts and culture across the state.



## The New York State Association of Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic, and Asian Legislators (NYSABPRHAL) Caucus Weekend

Senator Serrano was happy to participate in the 55th Annual Legislative Conference of the New York State Association of Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic, and Asian Legislators, held in Albany. This year's theme, "Legacy Forward: Transforming Tomorrow Together", was amplified by the attendees that have demonstrated excellence and integrity within their industries and communities.

This weekend was filled with workshops, panels, receptions, and events aimed at creating dialogue with members of marginalized communities on the issues and policies that impact them directly. Senator Serrano was thrilled to join fellow caucus members, colleagues in government, advocates, and constituents at events he participated in.



Senator Serrano participated in several events including Senator Cordell Cleare's "One Harlem" Senior Roundtable, Senator Jamaal Bailey's Youth Luncheon, Majority-Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins Reception, Food Bank for NYC's Food Security Event, and the Asian-American and Pacific-Islander (AAPI) Reception.



## NYC Health + Hospitals/ Gotham Health, Belvis and Morrisania Community Advisory Board Meeting

Senator Serrano was happy to meet with the Community Advisory Boards of NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health, Belvis and NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health, Morrisania to discuss ways to collaborate in addressing the healthcare needs of the community. The Belvis and Morrisania locations of Gotham Health have both worked tirelessly to address the many negative health disparities faced by communities in the South Bronx, and Senator Serrano is deeply grateful for their continued dedication and service.



## Henry J. Carter Specialty Hospital and Nursing Facility Legislative Breakfast

Senator Serrano was pleased to attend the Legislative Breakfast hosted by the Community Advisory Board at NYC Health + Hospitals/Harlem - Henry J. Carter Specialty Hospital and Nursing Facility in East Harlem to discuss the healthcare system's needs, long-term sustainability, and expanding access to care for the community. Senator Serrano remains grateful to everyone at Carter and to the CAB members for their continued dedication to supporting the health and wellness of residents in El Barrio.

## "HEAT SEASON"

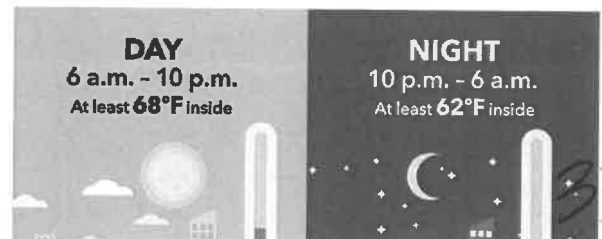
October 1 through May 31 is "Heat Season" in NYC. During this time, building owners are legally required to provide heat under the following conditions:

### Day

Between the hours of 6:00am and 10:00pm, if the outside temperature falls below 55 degrees, the inside temperature is required to be at least 68 degrees Fahrenheit.

### Night

Between the hours of 10:00pm and 6:00am, the inside temperature is required to be at least 62 degrees Fahrenheit.





EMÉRITA TORRES  
Assemblymember 85<sup>th</sup> District

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**85<sup>th</sup> Assembly District Report**

- We help constituents with a wide range of services — including SNAP, Cash Assistance, Section 8, Medicaid, Real ID, Fair Fares, and so much more. If you need help, recertifying, or renewing any of these benefits, our team is ready to assist you
- Our office is located at 1231 Lafayette Avenue, here in the Bronx, on the 4th floor. You can also reach us by phone at 718-893-0202.
- We are proud to announce that we still have our partnership with Neighborhood Initiatives to provide support with lease renewals, repair issues, and SCRIE and DRIE applications. A housing specialist is available in our office every Wednesday. If you or someone you know needs help, please don't hesitate to reach out.
- Hi, our mobile office hours for the month of February are:
  - **Mobile Office Hours @ Phipps Neighborhoods Community Centers @ Cornerstone at Soundview**
    - Tuesday, March 24th, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
    - 1680 Seward Ave, Bronx, NY 10473
- We are excited to announce that our office had a trip with Senator Serrano to the Studio Museum in Harlem on Friday, February 27th, in celebration of Black History Month. Details will be posted on our social media channels, but please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.
- In honor of Women's History Month this March, our office will be hosting a **Women of Distinction** ceremony! It will be at the Sotomayor community center on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. If you are interested, please call our office or scan the QR code on the flyer.
- **Assemblymember Torres is fighting back against surveillance pricing** — the hidden practice where corporations use your personal data, like your zip code, browsing history, and device type, to charge you more than your neighbor for the exact same product. Research shows AI-driven pricing can inflate grocery costs by up to 23%, and some companies have even shown patterns of racial and ethnic discrimination in how they set prices. That's why Assemblymember Torres is championing the **One Fair Price Package**, which would ban algorithmically set individualized prices, protect union grocery jobs by banning electronic shelf labels, and give consumers the right to sue companies that violate the law. Every New Yorker — working families, seniors, and anyone who shops online or in store — deserves one fair price. Period.



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- Repair Issues
- Lease Renewals
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- Subsidy Applications
- Benefits

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- Harassment
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## Contact Us

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**Bronx Community 9 General Meeting Report – March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Legislative Updates:**

- **A1755-A**– This bill, sponsored by AM Reyes, requires that all New York State homeless shelters provide adequate internet access. This bill has been moved from the Assembly Social Services Committee to the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, which makes it one step closer to it getting voted on.

**Community Updates:**

- **Monthly Affordable Pop-Up** - Our office partners up with Churches United For Fair Housing (CUFFH) each month to host a pop-up where constituents can apply for affordable housing, learn more about tenant's rights and fair housing and get referrals to city resources, at our office located at 1973 Westchester Ave. Our next date is April 9<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 4 pm. Please call our office at (718)931-2620 to make an appointment.
- **Food Pantry List in AD 87** – Our office has created a list of food pantries in and near Assembly District 87 for constituents' convenience with changes to snap benefits eligibility and the increasing food costs. Please see attached.
- **2026 Target x Shipt Garden Grants Program** – Target and Shipt are partnering up to launch the 2026 Garden Grants Program that will fund 50 community-rooted garden projects to help launch, expand, and sustain local efforts. Please see the flyer attached for more information.

**Past Events:**

- **Holy month of Ramadan** – We hosted 2 Ramadan food distributions in our district this month at different Masjids, where we were able to give 500 halal chickens and produce at each event. We also co-hosted our annual Community Iftar at PS. 106. Both events were huge successes and in partnership with Senator Nathalia Fernandez

**Events:**

- **Women's History Month Celebration** – We are hosting our annual Women's History Celebration at the Bronx Zoo on March 27<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm – 7 pm. Please join us and RSVP to celebrate the wonderful accomplishments of the women in our district!
- **Annual Easter Egg Hunt 2026** – we are also hosting our annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> from 11 am – 2 pm at Castle Hill houses located at 580 Castle Hill Ave in the yard area. Come out for the egg hunt and if your organization would like to table, please reach out to Karime Via email at [vergaragiraldok@nyassembly.gov](mailto:vergaragiraldok@nyassembly.gov).
- **TLC Express** – we will be hosting a TLC - Taxi and Limousine Commission Express event on April 9<sup>th</sup> from 12 pm – 2 pm where drivers and passengers can ask questions about TLC operations like accessibility, licensing, inspections, illegal rides and compliments and complaints.



# APPLY NOW!

## 2026 Target x Shipt Garden Grants Program



### Now Accepting Applications in Select Markets

- The 2026 Target x Shipt Garden Grants Program will seed new urban gardens and restore existing gardens in select metro areas.
- By opening Garden Grants, Target and Shipt are supporting up to 50 community-led urban garden projects across Chicago, Detroit, New York, and Birmingham, Ala. Grant awards will be **\$6,000** each.

### Supporting Community-Led Solutions

- Urban gardens play a vital role in strengthening communities, bringing neighbors together across generations, and connecting people to fresh food.
- Through this grant program, Target and Shipt are supporting neighborhood vitality by investing in the spaces and organizations that help everyday life flourish in the communities we call home.

### Who should apply

- Accredited K-12 schools
- 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations serving senior living communities or community-based organizations leading or planning an urban garden initiative



### What the grant covers

- Garden infrastructure such as raised beds, irrigation, and fencing
- Soil, seeds, and garden tools
- Enhancements to launch, restore, or expand existing garden spaces
- Garden-based curriculum materials
- Community workshop supplies

### How to apply

Visit [www.shipt.com/gardengrants](http://www.shipt.com/gardengrants) to learn more and apply

### Key dates

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**5:30 - 8 pm**

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**OFFICE OF ASSEMBLYMEMBER  
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OFFICE OF THE  
BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT  
**VANESSA L. GIBSON**

## March 2026 Community Board Report

### **Community Board**

Thank you to the District Managers, Board Chairs, and board members for helping circulate the Community Board application flyer throughout their networks. Your support has helped generate strong interest, and we have received a significant number of applications from residents interested in serving their communities. The team is currently reviewing submissions and reaching out to applicants to begin scheduling interviews. We appreciate the continued partnership of our Community Boards in encouraging civic engagement.

### **Fire Safety Trainings/Workshops**

Our office is partnering with FDNY on Fire Safety Trainings. Please reach out if you know of an organization interested in hosting one with our office.

### **Bronx Blood Center**

Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson joined the ribbon-cutting for NYBC's first ever donor center in the Bronx, establishing a permanent presence in all five boroughs of New York City.

On Wednesday, February 25th, New York Blood Center (NYBC) celebrated the grand opening of its new Bronx Donor Center at 815 Hutchinson River Parkway in Throggs Neck.

Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson, local officials, and healthcare leaders joined NYBC for a ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the organization's new permanent presence in the borough. The opening of the Blood Center in Throggs Neck is a project years in the making and the result of advocacy to ensure our residents have access to critical blood donation services and emergency support in their own community," said Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson. As we face a

drop in donations, it is essential that we all play a role in diversifying our blood supply and ensuring Bronx residents have access to lifesaving resources when and where they need them most. I want to thank New York Blood Center and the dedicated advocates and community partners who worked tirelessly to bring this vision to life. This center represents an investment in our healthcare infrastructure and the well-being of our borough.”

## **BOROUGH PRESIDENT GIBSON HOSTS ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION AT EASTWOOD MANOR**

### ***RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE UNITED STATES***

Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson proudly hosted her annual Black History Month celebration at Eastwood Manor, commemorating the 100th anniversary of Black History Month in the United States under the theme, "100 Years of Black Excellence: Standing in Legacy and Longevity."

The event honored the profound contributions, resilience, and enduring legacy of African Americans whose leadership continues to shape the Bronx, New York City, and the world. The program featured live musical performances, community reflections, and a keynote address from Public Advocate Jumaane Williams. PIX 11 News Reporter James Ford served as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

"As we mark 100 years of celebrating Black History in this country, we are reminded that Black excellence did not begin a century ago, and it certainly does not end here," **said Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson.** "Black history is American history. It is the story of perseverance in the face of injustice, innovation in the face of exclusion, and leadership rooted in faith, family, and community. Tonight, we celebrate the pioneers and trailblazers whose shoulders we proudly stand on and recommit ourselves to building a borough where opportunity, equity, and dignity are not aspirations, but a reality for every Bronx resident."

Honorees for this year's celebration include Dwayne Johnson of Johnson's BBQ; Lorraine Rohlsen-Alexander of Tennis Lady Co-op City; Jacqueline Bergland, Choir Director at Celia Criz High School; Dr. Charles J. Gibbs, President of Metropolitan College of NY; Youth Honoree and Cardinal Hayes High School Student Kiwana Yates and Dr. Johnnie Goff, Founder and President of JADE Multi Family Circle Center, receiving the Aurelia Greene award.

Each honoree was recognized for their unwavering commitment to education, mentorship, and community empowerment, embodying the spirit of excellence and service that defines our borough.

## **BOROUGH PRESIDENT GIBSON HOSTS INAUGURAL LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION AT BRONX BOROUGH HALL**

Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson hosted the first-ever Lunar New Year celebration at Bronx Borough Hall, marking a historic first and honoring the rich cultural traditions and contributions of Asian American communities across the Bronx.

Celebrating the Year of the *Fire Horse*, the event brought together residents, community leaders, and cultural organizations for an afternoon of community celebration and recognition. The program featured cultural presentations, interactive art pieces, performances, and a keynote address from New York State Assembly Member Grace Lee, who also serves as the Chairwoman for the NYS Assembly Asian Pacific American Task Force.

Cultural programming featured live calligraphy from artists with the New York Chinese Cultural Arts organization, offering residents the opportunity to receive traditional calligraphy featuring their names and Lunar New Year blessings. Performances by the Kalmyk Heritage Center highlighted Mongolian cultural dance, showcasing the diversity of traditions represented in the borough.

"This inaugural Lunar New Year Celebration is an opportunity to recognize the vibrant Asian American communities that continue to help shape the cultural fabric of our borough every day," said **Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson**. "Our

borough is at its strongest when we uplift and celebrate each other's cultures and create space for community connection to ensure that every resident feels seen, valued, and represented."

During the celebration, Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson presented awards to community leaders, including Andy Lin, Chairman of the United Nations Commutech Group; Lana Tu, Chairwoman of the Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Committee at the NYC Administration for Children's Services; and the Kalmyk Heritage Center, honoring them for their leadership and contributions to advancing and uplifting Asian American & Pacific Islander communities in the Bronx and beyond.

## **BOROUGH PRESIDENT GIBSON'S STATEMENT ON BRONX WEEK 2026**

Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson announced that Bronx Week 2026 will be paused and will not move forward as traditionally planned, as the Borough President's Office shifts its focus in response to a significant budget deficit and the broader fiscal challenges facing New York City.

The Borough President emphasized that this decision was not made lightly, but rather with careful consideration of the moment facing the City and the needs of Bronx residents.

"This is not the end of Bronx Week; it is a pause," said **Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson**. "During the start of our next chapter, this moment gives us the opportunity to reimagine what Bronx Week can and should look like for the future. We want it to return stronger, more inclusive, more impactful, and reflective of the full spirit and pride of our Borough."

The decision also comes as the Borough President's Office re-evaluates inherited partnerships to ensure they meet the standards of the Borough President's Office and achieve the maximum impact for the Borough. The office is undertaking a broader evaluation of its partnerships to ensure alignment with its fiscal responsibilities and long-term vision for the Borough.

"Bronx Week remains a cherished institution, and we are deeply grateful to the sponsors, community partners, media partners, staff, volunteers, and supporters who have made it such a tremendous success," **Gibson added.** "We look forward to celebrating together again next year. Until then, our focus remains on the critical work ahead and delivering meaningful, measurable impact for the residents and families we are honored to serve."

"I applaud our Borough President for keeping Bronxites front and center during these challenging times. Her difficult decision reflects a commitment to responsible leadership and being a good steward of the public trust. While Bronx Week is a cherished tradition that celebrates the pride and culture of our borough, we understand the incredible importance of making fiscally responsible decisions. I look forward to continuing our partnership with the Borough President's Office to support initiatives that strengthen our local economy and uplift businesses and communities across the Bronx," said **Lisa Sorin, President & CEO, Bronx Chamber of Commerce.**

"Bronx Week has always been an important moment for our borough to come together and celebrate the culture, businesses, and community spirit that make the Bronx so special. While we will certainly miss the celebration this year, I support Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson's decision to pause the event in light of the current fiscal climate. Responsible leadership requires making thoughtful and sometimes difficult decisions to ensure public resources are used wisely. We appreciate the Borough President's continued commitment to supporting Bronx businesses and look forward to working together to strengthen our commercial corridors and local economy in the months ahead," said **Trey Jenkins, 161st Street Business Improvement District Executive Director.**



**VANESSA L. GIBSON**  
BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT

HOSTS

*A Celebration of*  
**IRISH HERITAGE MONTH**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026**  
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# 2026 BOROUGH CULTURAL GRANT

The **2026 Borough Cultural Grant** application portal is now open!

Applications must be submitted no later than 5 PM on Monday, **March 23, 2026** or they will not be considered.

Each applicant must complete and submit a **unique project proposal**.

**APPLY NOW!**



## Grant Purpose:

The **Borough Cultural Grant Program** is funded by the New York City Tourism Foundation. This grant program supports New York City as a culturally vibrant destination by funding the marketing and promotion of not-for-profit arts & cultural programs and events in all five boroughs.

## Eligibility:

- All grant recipients *must* be registered as a **501(c)3 with the State of New York**.
- Applicants' projects *must* fall primarily within **calendar year 2026**.
- All recipients *must* be in compliance with prior funding requirements.
- Projects eligible for funding under the program should be tourist facing and shall include, *but are not limited to*: **promotional materials for cultural institutions, programs, and events (i.e., paid media, print or digital content, and/or videos)**.

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BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT

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*A Celebration of*  
**GREEK HERITAGE MONTH**

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026  
6 PM

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**Bronx Community Board 9**

**March 19th, 2026**

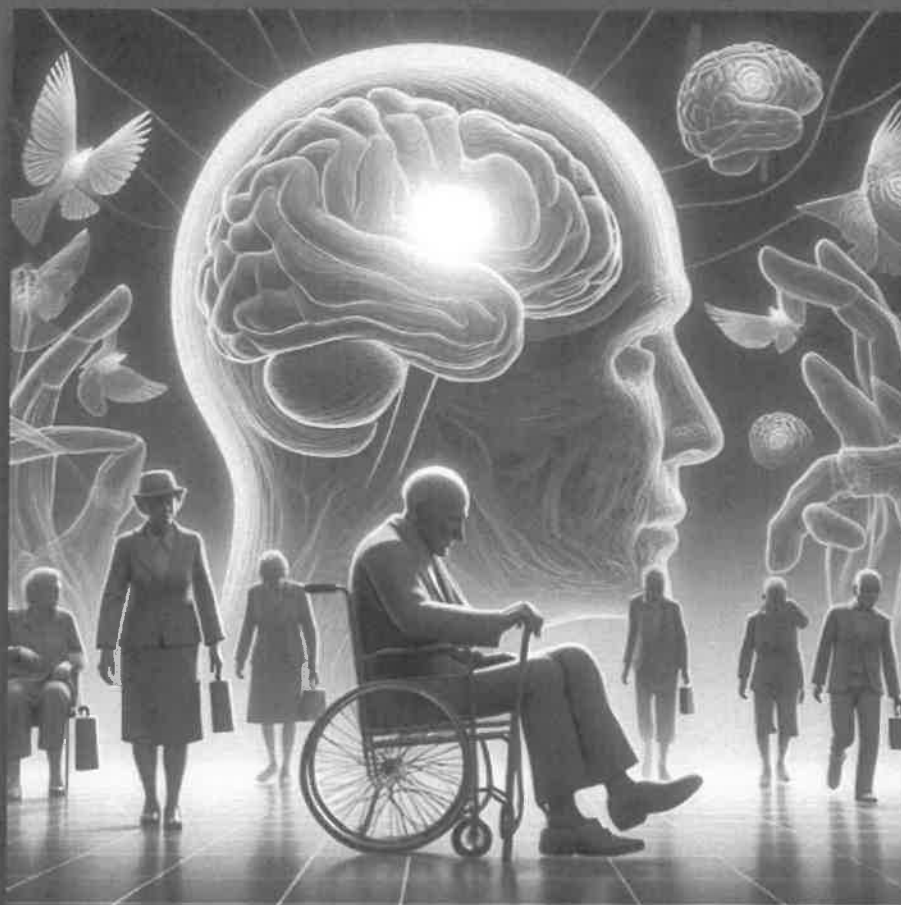
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1. You can now file your taxes with NYC Free Tax Prep! New Yorkers who earned \$97,000 or less and file as an individual or married couple with qualifying children and/or dependents, or those who earned \$68,000 or less and file as an individual or married couple without qualifying children and/or dependents, are eligible to file through NYC Free Tax Prep.
2. The Trump administration has worked to rip away child care funding and support for families, including new efforts to freeze federal funds for child care and family assistance in five states over debunked claims of potential fraud and misuse of taxpayer funds. Last month, the Congresswoman teamed up with Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) in the fight to deliver universal child care for American families. The Congresswoman became the new House co-lead for Senator Warren's Child Care for Every Community Act.
3. The Office of Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez invites high school students in NY-14 to participate in the 2026 Congressional Art Competition! The Congressional Art Competition is a nationwide competition hosted by the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives. In collaboration with art teachers across our district, students submit entries to our office. The winner's artwork is recognized in a special reception by the Congressional Institute and displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year. All artwork must be submitted by **Friday, April 24, 2026** at 5pm.
4. As a reminder, our office is here to help you with any issue pending before a federal agency. You can give us a call at 718-662-5970. We are available at our Hunts Point office Mondays through Thursdays from 9am-5pm. The office is located at 1231 Lafayette Ave, Suite L-610, Bronx NY 10474.

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<b>13</b> <u>Land/Zoning &amp; Planning Committee</u> 7:00PM Bronx CB9 Office 1967 Turnbull Ave. Suite 201 Bronx, NY 10473	<b>14</b> <u>Executive Committee</u> 7:00PM Bronx CB9 Office 1967 Turnbull Ave. Suite 201 Bronx, NY 10473	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <u>General Board</u> 6:30PM ShopRite Community Room 2nd Floor 1994 Bruckner Blvd. Bronx, NY 10473	<b>17</b> <u>Seniors Connected</u> 10:00AM ShopRite Community Room 2nd Floor 1994 Bruckner Blvd. Bronx, NY 10473	<b>18</b>	
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