



BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 9

September 17, 2026

General Board Meeting
Agenda and Summaries



Chairman: Mohammad Mujumder - District Manager: William Rivera

GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

September 17, 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**

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
- **HOMES & HOUSING COMMITTEE**
Chair: Antoinette Vereen
Vice Chair: Anne Johnson
- **LAND, ZONING, PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
Chair: Mitchell Halpern
Vice Chair: Twywana Bush

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- **PARKS & RECREATION**
Chair: Sadie Marie Davis
Vice Chair: Vacant
- **PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION**
Chair: Shante Chamblee
Vice Chair: Brent Woodie
- **SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**
Chair: Nellie Santiago Rivera
Vice Chair: Linda Soto
- **YOUTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE**
Chair: Ram Halder
Vice Chair: Julio Quinones Jr.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO END MEETING

Summer Recess for July & August
Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 22, 2026
Location: ShopRite

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District Service Cabinet Summary

September 15, 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. NYPD: Chronic loud music complaint at 2045 Story Ave, Apt 4C and others
- B. NYPD: Update on towing on Newbold and Ellis Ave between Zerega and Seabury Ave
- C. Parks: Update on 199 Bronx River Ave, confirmation required, is this location Parks Land?
- D. Parks-Forestry: Dead/damaged tree removal at 595 Olmstead Ave (311-28805158)
- E. DSNY: Update on lot clean up at 215 Soundview Ave
- F. DOHMH: Update on Commissioner's order to abate at 215 Soundview Ave
- G. DOHMH: Update on Pest Control Unit nuisance complaint for 2269 Ellis Ave
- H. DSS: Dumping Activity & Encampment on Morrison Ave
- I. DOT: Broken Street Lights on Gildersleeve between Newman Avenue & WPR

III. Old Business

- A. Resident inquired about retaking ASVAP exam. Resolution: VSONYC will be contacting resident with more information.
- B. Person is turning doorknobs at 2045 Story Ave. Resolution: As per NYPD Sgt, "I will ensure my officers pay closer attention to this location and take appropriate actions when necessary. Please advise the residents to dial 911 whenever they observe this issue so that officers can respond accordingly."
- C. 2143 Hermany Ave Tree has risen sidewalk. Resolution: NYC Parks inspected 2143 Hermany Ave on 7/25/2024 and the highest rating was 82 out of 100.
- D. Resident had concern about SBA Loan. Resolution: Office of Rep AOC will be referring this case for further action.
- E. Vehicle electric charging in front of residence at Cross Bronx Expwy. Resolution: NYPS will extend courtesy of charging with cables crossing sidewalk momentarily as needed to sufficiently charge the vehicle.
- F. E-scooter left on private fence. Resolution: Residents will suggest location for potential parking corral location to DOT.
- G. Noise complaint due to construction at 595 Olmstead Ave. Resolution: Homeowner explained issue with excavation and committed to completing work within the week.
- H. Medicaid was discontinued due to address change. Resolution: As per Rising Ground contact, "he member's Medicaid is active again"
- I. Resident in need of back-to-school supplies for children. Resolution: Office was able to advise about upcoming Back to School Events and award 2 book bags and school supplies

IV. Agency Reports / Announcements

- A. Superintendent O'Connor from DSNY identified 601 Commonwealth and Randall Avenue as major dumping sites. Sanitation Enforcement has started issuing fines regarding containerization.
- B. Mr. Acosta from NYC Parks shared that they are getting ready for the fall season with leaf pickups and more.
- C. Ms. Alvarez from DOHMH shared that she will be the new person of contact. The CB9 office will forward her pending service requests.
- D. Ms. Zito from DSS confirmed receipt regarding the dumping and encampment issues at Morrison Avenue and Westchester Avenue.
- E. Ms. Ceilema from Senator Fernandez's office shared updates about the 2045 Story Ave Info Session and shared that the landlord has agreed to a second town hall is working on the dates for that.
- F. Ms. Abedo from the Mayor's Office shared that there is a Town Hall regarding Legionnaires at Metropolitan College. The Mayor's Office recently launched organized NYC which is a platform for New Yorkers to learn about, organized, and take action around issues affecting their communities.
- G. Ms. Nurse from DDC provided an update on a \$28 million project to upgrade pedestrian ramps and curb cuts to ADA standards.

IV. District Manager Report / Announcements

- H. CB9 received NYPL and Parks district priorities to be added to DNS. We encourage other agencies to send over any priorities to be added.
- I. CB9 partnered with Senator Fernandez's Office to host an Info Session regarding 2045 Story Ave
- J. BXC9 General Board Meeting 9.17.26 at the ShopRite Community Room at 1994 Bruckner Blvd, 2 Fl at 6:30PM
- K. BXC9 Seniors Connected Meeting 9.18.26 at the ShopRite Community Room at 1994 Bruckner Blvd, 2 Fl at 10AM

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Executive Committee Summary

September 15th, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Mohammed Mujumder, Angel Martinez, Mitchell Halpern, Twywana Bush, Nellie Santiago-Rivera

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 regard to the operation of the Board

II. Old Business

- A. DDM SanAndres-Alonzo and DD Jolly updates from summer:
- Hosted a Community Health Fair w/ Castle Hill Resource Center
 - Hosted a Senior Resource Fair w/ AM Torres office
 - Launched CB9 YES (Youth Engagement Series) with a Community Leaders vs. Youth Soccer Match
 - Launched a Little Library (take a book, leave a book) outside of the office
 - Participated in multiple Back-to- School events and distributed over 300 bookbags
 - In progress of launching a monthly food pantry with Food Bank NYC

III. New Business

- A. 13 New BMs were appointed, and a new BM Orientation will be held in October
- BM Bush suggested doing a social with all BMs before or after the orientation

IV. DM Report

- A. Office Updates:
- Office should open 15 minutes before meetings to reduce disruptions
 - Security contacts DM to verify BMs' access.
 - More restrictions will be in place regarding food due to past issues with pests
 - There will be a more formalized procedure for committee meetings including using Robert's Rules of Order, which entail hand raising and designating a leader of discussions)
 - DM Rivera shared his interest in partnering with MTX AI to streamline office procedures and create an art installation. They would also be eligible for a Ponce Bank grant.
 - DM Rivera shared that he is still working on the technology grant and phone lines
- B. Personnel Matter
- DM Rivera suggested a \$4K raise for a staff member. He shared that personnel matters are handled confidentially, with sensitive discussions. Staff turnover is common due to limited salary scales. BMs expressed support for the raise in order to keep staff members, especially those who live in the district and do great work.

- C. CB9 Bulletin in 1967 Turnbull Ave

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Homes & Housing Committee Meeting Summary September 8, 2026

Board Members Present: Wayne Cole Jr., Helen Foreman-Hines

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, management teams, TAs and HOAs.
- B. Members Roll Call**
- C. Welcome any New BMs**

II. Speaker

- A. Cecile, Evergreen Solution Group LLC**
Speaker was not present.

III. District Needs Statement

- A. Discuss and identify the top issues relating to Housing**
Committee will continue to discuss priority items to be added to DNS due at the end of October. All Board Member recommendations will be reviewed to be included in designated sections of the report.

IV. New Business

- V. Next Meeting: October 5th**

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Land & Zoning, Economic Development & Planning Committee Meeting Summary September 14, 2026

Committee Members Present: Mitchell Halpern, Twywana Bush, Alizia McMyers, Andrea McLeod, Chandra Moore, Md Alauddin

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.

I. Speakers

A. Eric Aladmix, BSA at 1915 Bruckner Blvd, Organization

- The applicants plan to renovate an existing gas station by upgrading pumps, repaving the parking lot, adding landscaping, and expanding the building to include a Dunkin' Donuts and Nathan's Express. The gas station has operated under a special permit since 1967, and the application seeks to amend this permit to allow the continued gas sales, and the new food service uses. The operation hours will remain 24/7, and no significant changes to traffic are expected.
- Several BMs expressed concerns about the addition of Nathan's Express and Dunkin' Donuts, emphasizing the district's saturation with unhealthy food options. They advocated for healthier food alternatives to promote better living standards in the neighborhood. The applicants acknowledged these concerns and indicated that Nathan's is attempting to offer fresher products but also noted the business model relies on existing customer bases and traffic patterns. Suggestions were made to consider healthier food chains such as Sweetgreen or Chopt to diversify offerings.
- Discussion covered the physical upgrades planned for the site, including rebuilding sidewalks, landscaping, removing vacuum stations, and updating pumps with the latest technology. Safety concerns were raised regarding pedestrian traffic, especially due to the proximity of an elementary school. The applicants assured that construction would be limited to eight months and that traffic markings and safety measures would be implemented to protect pedestrians. Security measures such as 24-hour surveillance cameras were also confirmed.
- The site currently has eight parking spaces, including one ADA-compliant space, which meets legal requirements. Questions were raised about the possibility of adding more ADA spaces or parking accommodations. The applicants indicated that the current parking configuration complies with regulations and that all parking spaces are available to customers. There will be no drive-through service, and trucks will be removed to improve the site's appearance and functionality.
- The applicants highlighted their ongoing community involvement, including donations to Food Bank for NYC and participation in neighborhood events. The board encouraged continued and increased community engagement, especially during upcoming events like Christmas and back-to-school giveaways.
- The gas station will remain a full-service station with the current employee who has been pumping gas for over 30 years continuing in his role. The building expansion will be similar in style to the existing Dunkin' Donuts. Hours of operation will remain 24/7. The

applicants confirmed that garbage will be stored indoors. Security and safety protocols will be in place to protect employees and customers, especially during late hours.

- **Follow-up priorities:**

- Eric Aldamix and partners should consider providing designated space and accommodations for e-bike deliveries to improve accessibility and reduce community frustration with bike congestion.
- Eric Aldamix and partners need to consider exploring healthier food options at the gas station location, as suggested by community members.
- Follow up with the Shell gas station owners regarding their special permit and any upcoming plans, as the Shell station is adjacent and relevant to the project.
- The architect working on the gas station project must ensure proper traffic markings and safety measures within the parking lot to address community safety concerns, especially regarding pedestrian flow and vehicle movement.
- Eric Aldamix and partners need to confirm and communicate plans for security measures including 24-hour surveillance cameras and after-hours service protocols to ensure employee and customer safety.

B. Richard Carrion, Director of Workforce Development at Andromeda Community Initiative (ACI)

- Mr. Carrion presented ACI's construction training programs serving all five boroughs. They offer hands-on training in construction trades, safety certifications, and work readiness skills free of charge. They have an 85% completion rate and 75-85% employment placement within a year. ACI is seeking to expand with satellite locations in the Bronx to better serve local communities and is interested in partnerships with community boards and developers for local hiring initiatives.
- ACI's training includes general construction, HVAC, electrical, carpentry, and environmental remediation with a focus on energy efficiency. They work with diverse populations including reentry individuals and youth, providing transit and meals during training. The program is designed to prepare participants for union and non-union jobs, with job developers assisting in placement. ACI maintains alumni engagement through ongoing training resources and job opportunities.
- **Follow up priorities:**
- ACI should send an invitation to the CB9 to engage with local high schools and youth programs to increase outreach and participation in their training programs.
- ACI needs to provide CB9 with flyers and business cards to distribute to the community.
- ACI leadership collaborate with CB9 and elected officials to explore potential locations.

II. District Needs Statement

- The board emphasized the importance of including issues like healthy eating in the statement to influence city planning and budget priorities.
- The board also discussed ongoing zoning applications in the district, including stalled projects at 255 Avenue and 945 White Plains Road, in addition to the need for proactive engagement with developers and city agencies.
- Improvements with city agencies, like DOB, especially regarding Lafayette Estates.

III. Chairperson Report

- A. NYU Presentation: Using Faith-Based Land to Expand Housing Supply
- The committee discussed the concept of using faith-based land for housing development. This approach allows churches to partner with developers to build housing projects that include new church facilities.
 - Examples in the district include projects at 1755 Watson Avenue and 2069 Bruckner Boulevard. The committee reviewed research from the Furman Institute at NYU and emphasized the need to educate members on this development option as a strategy to address housing shortages.

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1915 Bruckner Boulevard, Bronx

Existing Conditions

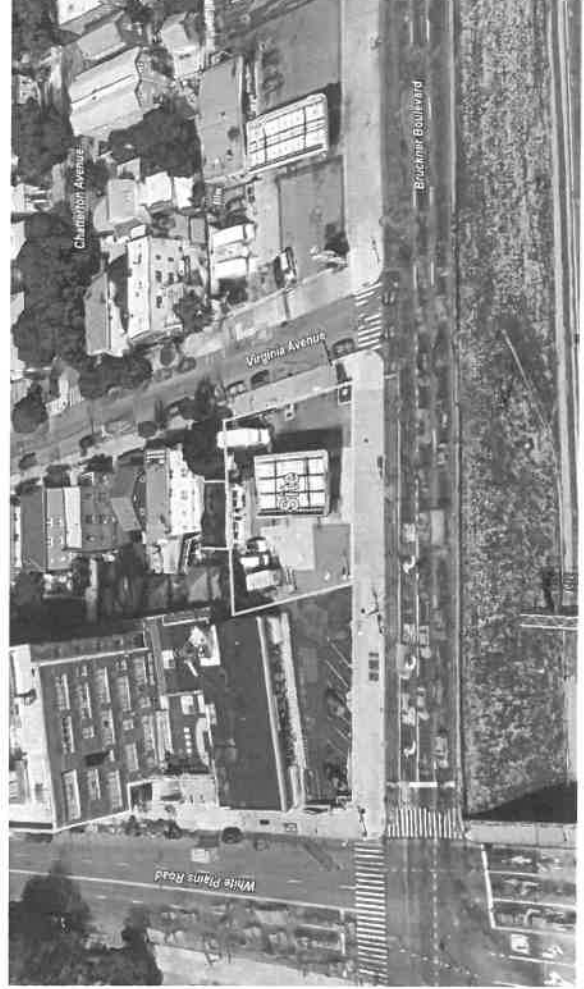
- Community District: Bronx 9
- City Council District: 18 (Hon. Amanda Farías)
- Development Site: Block 3733, Lot 69
- Total Lot Area: 10,287 sf
- Existing Zoning: R5, C2-1
- Existing Use: Citgo gas station with convenience store
- Bruckner Boulevard & Virginia Avenue are 60 feet wide

Proposed Action and Development

- BSA Special Permit pursuant to ZR §§ 73-163 to allow the operation of an accessory automotive service station (Use Group VI with accessory uses)
- 1-story convenience store — 1,123 SF with 538 SF Cellar canopy
- Automotive station will have 4 pumping islands under a canopy
- 8 parking spaces will be provided, one of which will be reserved for ADA use
- 3 existing curb cuts will be utilized: 1 on Virginia Avenue, and 2 on Bruckner Boulevard
- Gas filling services (self-serve operation), 1 employee per shift, 24 hours/7 days a week
- Convenience store, 1 to 2 employees per shift, 24 hours/7 days a week

Urban Cartographics

1915 Bruckner Boulevard, Bronx
Aerial Map



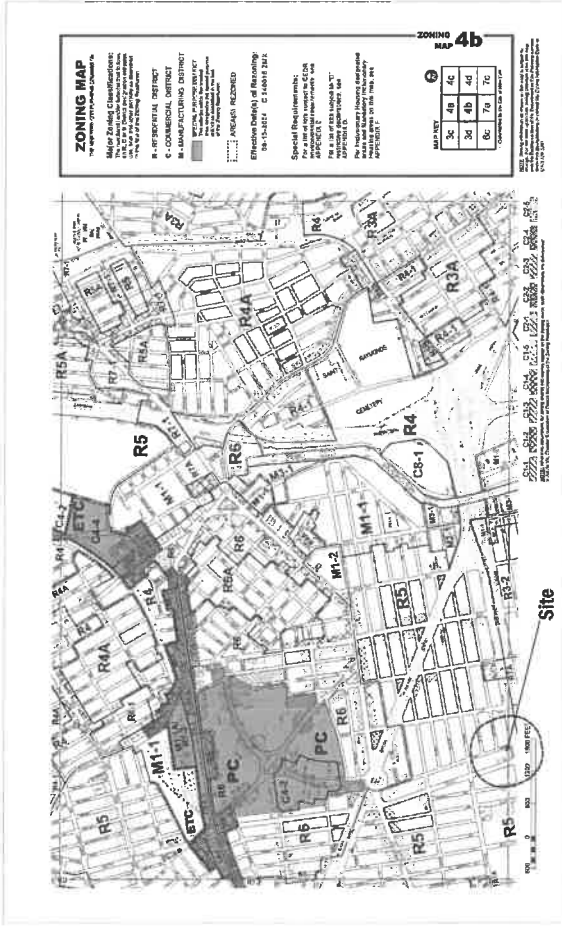
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Site

Existing Conditions

1. Aerial Photograph;
2. Zoning Map;
3. Photographs



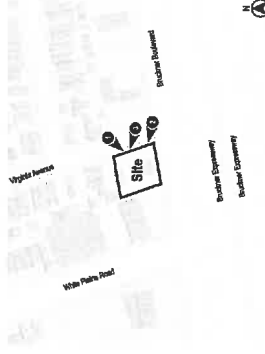
1. View of the Site facing southwest from Virginia Avenue.



3. View of the Site facing northwest from Virginia Avenue.



2. View of the Silta facing northwest from Virginia Avenue



4. View of the Site facing northwest from the Intersection of Bruckner Boulevard and Virginia Avenue.



5. View of the Site facing northwest from within the Site.



6. View of the Site facing northeast from within the Site



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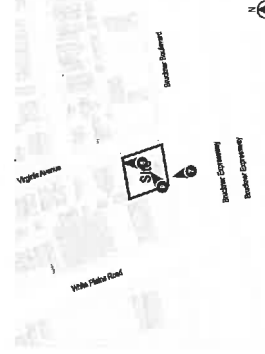
7. View of the site facing northwest from Brydner Bay (west)



9. View of the Site facing northwest from within the Site



8. View of the Site facing north from within the Site





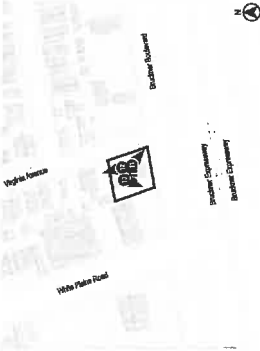
10. View of the site facing southwest from within the site.



12. View of the site facing northwest from within the site.



11. View of the site facing northeast from within the site.



13. View of the site facing southwest from Virginia Avenue.



15. View of the site facing northwest from Virginia Avenue.



1915 Bruckner Boulevard, Bronx
Tax Map



Legend
1. Site
2. Surrounding Lots
3. Surrounding Blocks
4. Surrounding Streets
5. Surrounding Railroads
6. Surrounding Waterways
7. Surrounding Parks
8. Surrounding Other

Proposed Actions

1. Tax Map;
2. Radius Map

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Architectural Drawings of a CITGO Gas Station

Front Elevation: Shows the station with a canopy, pumps, and signage. Dimensions include 11' for the canopy width, 12' for the pump area, and 10' for the pump height. The canopy is labeled "CITGO".

Side Elevation: Shows the station from the side, with dimensions for the canopy width (11') and the pump area (12').

Detail of Canopy Structure: Shows the structural details of the canopy, including the roof, supports, and base. Dimensions include 11' for the canopy width, 12' for the pump area, and 10' for the pump height.

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- ALL DRAWINGS ARE IN FEET AND INCHES.
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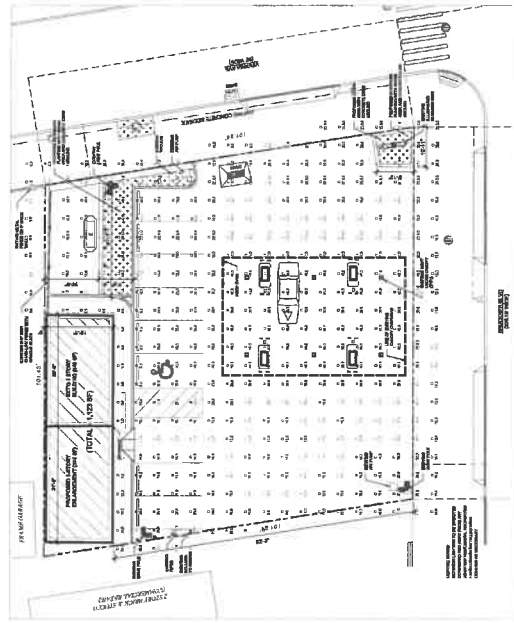
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 LANDING PLAN

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ENROLL IN ACI'S FREE 8 WEEK GREEN CONSTRUCTION TRAINING

10/26/2026 - 12/22/2026 | Mon - Fri | 8:30a - 4:30p



Program Criteria

- Interest in the construction industry
- Ability to communicate in English (read & write)
- 18 years old and older
- Comfortable working at heights
- Communications skills for employment



Certifications

- NYC DOB 10HR Site Safety Training Card (SST)
- 30HR Occupational Safety and Health Training
- NYC DOB 4HR Supported Scaffold User
- NYC DOB 16HR Suspended Scaffold User
- NYC DOT 4HR Flaggers
- 2HR Silica Awareness Training Course
- GPRO-M
- EPA 608 Type 1

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Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Summary

September 9, 2026

Committee Members Present: Marie Davis, Abunoman Rahman, Kevin Kiernan
Shantel Castro, Savannah Lily

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.

I. Introduction

A. Members Roll Call

II. New Business

A. Tree Removal at Olmstead Ave

- Community members discussed a property development at 5955 Avenue involving demolition and construction of a new building with 19 apartments, including 20% affordable units. A significant issue is the city's \$90,000 charge for removing two deteriorating trees on city property that obstruct sidewalk construction and building accessibility.
- The developer and community members are seeking assistance to have the trees re-inspected or negotiate removal to proceed with construction.

B. Playground Request

- A resident requested a new playground in Academy Gardens near Soundview Park.
- DM Rivera shared that the playground request can be included in the district needs.
- However, funding limitations by the Parks Department might be a potential obstacle.
- The committee can support the request by attaching letters and advocating with elected officials.

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Public Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting Summary

September 3, 2026

Committee Members Present: Shante Chamblee, Juan Torres, Brent Woodie

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.

1. Introduction

- A. Members Roll Call**
- B. Welcome any New BMs**

2. District Needs Statement

- A. Committee will review and discuss items for DNS at next month's meeting

3. SLA & Cannabis Applications

- A. Kismet Caterers (1995 Westchester Ave), Renewal**
Renewal approved as per the recommendation of the 43rd Pct and PS&T committee.
- B. Ellie's Diner & Restaurant (58 Metropolitan Oval), Corporate Change**
Renewal approved as per the recommendation of the 43rd Pct and PS&T committee.
- C. La Vecina Corp (1142-1144 Castle Hill Ave), Method of Operation**
Denied due to poor public safety history.
- D. Circle Wine & Liquor Inc (39-41 Hugh Grant Circle), Renewal**
Disqualified as the Community Board does not review liquor store applications.
- E. Chipotle Mexican Grill (1316-18 Metropolitan Ave), Renewal**
Renewal approved as per the recommendation of the 43rd Pct and PS&T committee.
- F. Eritrean Investors Fund (2165-2167 Powell Ave), New Application**
Tabled for further review.
- G. Pabellon Inc (1501 Westchester Ave), Renewal**
Renewal approved as per the recommendation of the 43rd Pct and PS&T committee.
- H. Isla Cafe (1859 Westchester Ave), New Application**
Tabled for further review.

4. Notifications

- A. Recent Crime Stats (QT was present and they addressed quality of life issues in the district)

5. New Business

- A. **Next Meeting: October 8th**

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Chairman Mohammed Mujumder - District Manager William Rivera

Social Services Committee Meeting Summary

September 1, 2026

Committee Members Present: Nellie Santiago-Rivera, Daniel Porro, Mohammed Islam, Niya Goita

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 Social Services, Department of Aging, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Seniors Connected Sub-Committee is under this committee.

1. Introduction

A. Members Roll Call

2. New Business

A. Discussion about changing meeting time to 7pm.

- The committee agreed to keep meeting time at 6:30pm, especially because with Daylight Savings Time approaching, it will begin to get darker earlier.

B. Discussion about District Needs Statement Items

- The committee highlighted to major needs related to Health Care and Human services.
 - 1) There is a need to more mental health awareness, programming, and events, and
 - 2) there needs to be more public services to assist people with Medicare/Medicaid applications and recertifications.
- BM Porro shared that there is a need in the community for people aiming to receive citizenship and translators for people who don't speak English. Committee members shared that there are resources for this at libraries and community centers including free ESL classes.

C. Upcoming Events

- 9.19.26 Constitution Day from 10am-1pm (in front of ShopRite). Committee members will volunteer to distribute pocket constitutions and voter registration forms.

D. Next Meeting: October 6th, 2026

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Youth & Education Committee Meeting Summary

September 10, 2026

Committee Chair: Ram Halder **Vice Chair:** Julio Quinones Jr

Committee Members Present: Ram Halder, 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, NYC department of Youth & Development and local organizations and nonprofits.

1. Introduction

A. Members Roll Call

2. Speakers

A. Kalia Baber, iMentor NYC

- Ms. Baber presents the organization's mentorship program supporting Bronx high school students. The program pairs 11th and 12th graders with adult mentors to guide them through college and career planning.
- Mentorship lasts junior and senior years, with an optional two-year college mentorship extension.
- The presentation highlights their impact on student college acceptance rates (approximately 96% of seniors are accepted to college) and opportunities for community involvement.
- Mentors attend monthly evening events at schools and engage in weekly online check-ins. The program also includes a career readiness class taught by full-time staff at partner schools. Mentors undergo interviews and background checks, and the program recruits about 1,200 mentors annually in NYC. Mentors are volunteers and must be at least 21 years old; a college degree is no longer required. They receive training and attend virtual information sessions.
- Community members and staff express interest in volunteering and supporting the program through connections and events.
- The program operates with a hybrid model combining in-person monthly events and weekly online communication. Mentors are matched to students based on shared interests and backgrounds through a personalized process. The program collaborates closely with school staff including counselors and social workers to support students' academic and personal development. Mentors can engage beyond minimum requirements with activities like field trips and group workshops. Program managers at schools coordinate with counselors and social workers to address students' needs holistically.

- Consent from guardians is mandatory for student participation.
 - iMentor NYC is currently based in fourth Bronx high school but seeks to expand its reach within the Bronx by partnering with more high schools and community organizations. The presentation encourages community board members and local officials to connect the program with resources, events, and potential mentors. There is interest in hosting group workshops and involving professionals from various industries to better represent the student population's diversity. BMs discuss potential collaborations with elected officials and local organizations to increase mentor recruitment.
 - Workshops and group sessions are planned to supplement one-on-one mentoring and provide broader exposure. Efforts are underway to recruit mentors reflecting the ethnic and cultural diversity of Bronx students, including Bengali and Latinx communities. Local professionals' express willingness to participate in mentorship or speak at events. The program offers flexible participation options to accommodate busy professionals.
 - Community service high schools and internship opportunities are identified as potential areas for partnership expansion. Follow-up communications and presentations at general board meetings are planned to maintain engagement.
 - **Follow up priorities:**
 - Ms. Baber should send an email to the committee with contact information, slides, and details about the program and upcoming events. She should also send an email to the committee with information about the four Bronx high schools currently partnered with iMentor and inquire if any of those schools have internship or community service opportunities for students.
 - Committee members interested in mentoring should discuss with their office staff to be connected to the iMentor program.
- 3. Bronx Community District 9 Needs & Resources**
- The district faces challenges such as high population density.
 - The district uses an online platform to manage and update its needs statement and capital project requests.
 - **Follow up priorities:**
 - The committee chair needs to email the youth and education committee members within the next week with last year's district needs report related to education and request input on additions or changes for the upcoming fiscal year.

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Community Board 9 – Youth & Education Meeting

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Who am I?



Khailiah Baber
Senior Manager of Mentor Recruitment

- Born & raised in Montclair, NJ.
- A proud auntie of 3 kiddos
- I believe that talent is equally distributed in our communities, but access is not.



Every student deserves a champion.

iMentor New York City

Opening Doors Across the Five Boroughs

In NYC, iMentor partners with the Department of Education, The City University of New York (CUNY), and leading corporations to open doors for first-generation college students, multilingual learners, and young people from under-resourced communities.

In a city full of talent yet shaped by inequity, we help students build confidence, networks, and skills to succeed in college and career.

Rooted in the Bronx (still our largest footprint) we've grown into a citywide network of schools, including Career and Technical Education (CTE) campuses and international schools. This year, we're expanding into new schools to reach nearly 400 additional students with plans for continued growth in future years.

NYC At-A-Glance

3,000+ students served

SCHOOLS

Bronx
Bronx Academy for Software Engineering
Bronx High School for Law and Community Service
Bronx Leadership Academy II
Marble Hill School for International Studies

Manhattan
Academy of Software Engineering
Union Square Academy of Health Sciences
Hudson High School of Learning Technologies

Brooklyn
Brooklyn Academy of Global Finance
International High School at Lafayette

Queens
Information Technology High School
William Cullen Bryant High School



iMentor Partnership Opportunities



Philanthropic Impact Investment
Scale innovation & mentorship nationwide



Public Engagement
Engage the public in the power of mentorship



Skills-Based Employee Volunteerism
Inspire employees to transform lives while building their leadership skills



Thought Partnership & In-Kind Support
Advance impact through expertise & resources

Opening Doors to College, Careers & Opportunity

We partner with the New York City Department of Education, The City University of New York (CUNY), and leading employers to connect students with the relationships, guidance, and opportunities that shape their futures.

1:1 Mentorship
Every student is matched with a volunteer mentor who helps them navigate college, career, and what's next.

High-Quality, Personalized Advising
Students receive individualized guidance to choose the post-secondary path that's right for them and persist toward success.

Career-Connected Learning
Real-world experiences, professional networks, and skill-building that prepare students for the future of work.

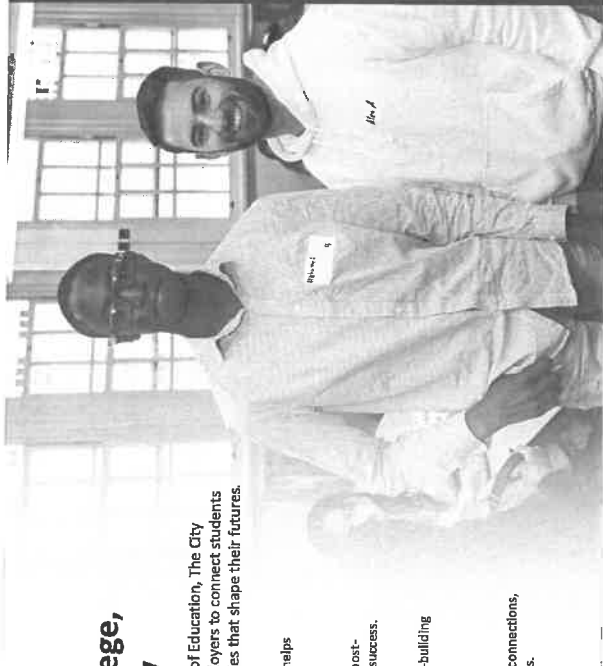
The Impact
In a city full of talent but unequal access to opportunity, we're helping the next generation build the confidence, connections, and social capital to open doors that change their futures.



Hannah helped me with my college essay. She helped make notes on how I liked different colleges. She showed me the benefits of every college, even if they weren't my top option. She walked through different goals with me every day, let me know what to expect and what not to expect. Hannah basically prepared me for the whole process.

Musharafa, Mentee

Musharafa was accepted to Lehman College, where she majors in biology and aims to be a doctor, with Hannah continuing to provide mentorship throughout her college journey.



Our Impact

Mentorship provides continuity, trusted and consistent guidance, and a sense of belonging for students that current systems do not offer.

iMentor provides critical human connection and expands networks and social capital



Nearly 3 out of 4 students improved skills & knowledge to build & grow network



of iMentor students introduced to new career pathways



of students say that their mentor is equipped to help them solve critical problems



of students reflect highly trusting relationships with their mentors

iMentor prepares young people for postsecondary success



3 out of 4 iMentor students at 4-year colleges persist to their second year, a key indicator of long-term success





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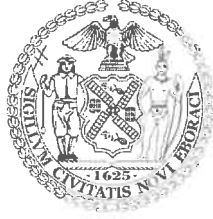
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Office of Council Member Amanda Farías

The Office is Temporarily Closed

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September 14, 2026

Temporary District Office Closure

Our Castle Hill district office was recently impacted by a fire and is temporarily closed while repairs and remediation are underway. Our Legislative and Budget Teams remain available to serve you from our Manhattan office at 212-788-6853 and our **District Constituent Services Team is here to serve you at our temporary satellite location just one block away from our District Office at Disciples of Galilee at 725 Castle Hill Ave, Bronx NY 10473, you can call our office number 718-792-1140.**

Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are encouraged due to limited space. To meet with our team in the district, please call 718-792-1140 to schedule an appointment. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to restore our district office.

Updates from City Hall & Community

Food Security:

On September 18, our office will begin to distribute Health Bucks to help residents purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at participating NYC farmers markets. **Our first distributions will be at Community Board 9's Seniors Connected Meeting and at our Shredding event by St. Helena's.** We will also be bringing back our popular monthly food distributions in partnership with local food pantries **to expand regular access to fresh food and pantry staples for families across District 18.**

These efforts are part of our continued work to make healthy, affordable food more accessible in our communities and connect residents directly with resources that can help stretch their household food budgets.

FY27 Budget Update:

The New York City Council has completed its annual budget process, the months-long negotiation period through which the Council and Administration determine the City's spending

priorities for the upcoming Fiscal Year. Following the release of the Mayor's Executive Budget earlier this year, the Council conducted a series of agency oversight hearings to evaluate proposed funding levels, identify service gaps, and advocate for restorations and investments that reflect the needs of communities across New York City. Throughout this process, Council Member Farías worked closely with her colleagues in government to ensure the priorities of District 18 residents remained at the forefront of budget negotiations.

Following the Stated Meeting on June 30 and the full Council vote, the New York City Council officially adopted the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. Throughout the months of May and June, Council Member Farías met with Mayor Mamdani, Speaker Menin, and key stakeholders to advocate for investments that address the needs identified throughout District 18. As a result of these efforts, the adopted budget includes several important victories for our community, including:

- \$7,542,000 total dollars invested in capital funding, to build and improve the places we rely on in Council District 18. This includes:
 - \$3,442,000 invested in Schools
 - \$1,600,000 invested in Affordable Housing
 - \$500,000 invested in Public Safety & Health
 - \$2,000,000 invested in Revitalizing Institutions
- \$3,102,873 total dollars invested in discretionary funding, to support programming, services, and community support in Council District 18. This includes:
 - \$90,000 invested in Digital Inclusion & literacy
 - \$242,000 invested in Community Safety & Victim Services
 - \$119,777 invested in Anti-Poverty
 - \$145,000 invested in the Cultural Immigrant Initiative
 - \$553,430 invested in our Aging population
 - \$769,000 invested in our Youth
 - \$537,000 invested in Parks, Clean Streets, & Green Spaces
 - \$242,000 invested in Community Building & Neighborhood Development
 - \$250,000 invested in the Domestic & Other Violence Emergencies (DovE) program
 - \$297,000 invested in our local Food Pantry Network

Also, as Co-Chair of the Bronx Delegation, Council Member Farías helped secure \$56,000,000 million in Capital investments and \$365,000 in Discretionary allocations for local boroughwide Bronx institutions.

These investments will help strengthen services, improve quality of life, and deliver critical resources to residents across the district. We look forward to sharing a more comprehensive update this fall highlighting the programs, services, and capital improvements secured through this year's budget process.

Community Update:

- On July 2nd, 2026, at the corner of E 172nd Street and Rosedale Ave, **Council Member Fariás unveiled a co-naming for Pedro Joaquín Aguiar-Carrión**, a distinguished entrepreneur, television analyst, and community activist whose lifelong passion was serving and empowering the Hispanic community.
- On July 18th, 2026, at the corner of E 172nd and Beach Ave, **Council Member Fariás co-named the intersection "Detective First Grade Didarul Islam Way"** in honor of a loving husband and father, an officer of the NYPD, and a true New Yorker who was murdered last year at 345 Park Avenue.
- On August 22nd, 2026, **Council Member Farias co-named the intersection of Randall Avenue and Castle Hill Avenue as Coach Carlos Ramirez Sr. Avenue** in honor of Coach Ramirez, co-founder of the Bronxchester Boxing gym, a mentor of many Bronx youth over multiple generations, and a humble man who pushed his pupils to be the best versions of themselves in and outside of the ring. The other co-founder, Coach Luis Camacho, dozens of former boxers, and many current boxers and their families attended the event to pay their respects and honor the former Coach, Carlos Ramirez Sr.
- **Relevant Legislative Updates:**
 - **Council Member Farias' Hearings on the Committee on Women & Gender Equity:**
 - **September 23: The Committee on Women and Gender Equity, jointly with the Committee on Hospitals and the Committee on Mental Health and Substance Use**
 - **Location:** Council Chambers - City Hall
 - **Time:** 1:00 PM
 - **Topic:** Oversight - Access to Gender-Affirming Care and Associated Mental Health Outcomes for Transgender and Nonbinary Youth.
 - **September 30: The Committee on Women and Gender Equity**
 - **Location:** 250 Broadway - 8th Floor - Hearing Room 3
 - **Time:** 10:00 AM
 - **Topic:** Oversight - Examining the Restructure of the Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence under the Office of Community Safety.
 - **Bills and Resolutions passed by CM Fariás:**
 - **Int 0913-2026 (Prime)** - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to raising the maximum age for taking a civil service examination to become a police officer

- **Res 0082-2026 (Prime)** - Resolution celebrating the Feast of San Gennaro and the Ferragosto Festival annually in September to honor the contributions of Italian immigrants and Italian Americans to the cultural, political, and economic fabric of the City of New York
- **Int 0839-2026 (Co-Prime)** - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to making the certification of no harassment pilot program permanent and adding criteria for inclusion of certain buildings in the program
- **Res 0371-2026 (Co-Prime)** - Resolution declaring August 6 annually as Fatman Scoop Recognition Day in the City of New York and celebrating the signature style that he brought to every musical collaboration and the inimitable energy he brought to every audience
- **Res 0525-2026 (Co-Prime)** - Resolution celebrating the “Knicks in five” as the New York Knicks win the 2026 NBA Championship.
- **Int 0553-2026 (Co-Prime)** - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing a program to provide financial assistance to small retail businesses for the purchase of security system technology
- **Int 0220-2026 (Co-Prime)** - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to a report and map of historical African American burial sites
- **Relevant Introductions by CM Fariás:**
 - **Int 0969-2026 (Prime)** - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to a public education campaign on appointing a health care agent and personal representative of an estate before high-risk medical procedures
 - **Int 1032-2026 (Prime)** - A Local Law in relation to ferry service to City Island.
 - **Summary:** This bill would require the Commissioner of Transportation, in consultation with the Department of Small Business Services, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, and the New York City Economic Development Corporation, to study and report on the feasibility of siting new ferry service to City Island. The Commissioner of Transportation would be required to submit a report containing the findings of the study to the Mayor and Speaker of the Council within one year after the law takes effect. If the report determines that one or more sites are suitable, the Commissioner would then have to select a site and begin design and construction of a ferry landing there within one year of submitting the report, and begin ferry service to and from that landing once construction is complete.

- **Int 1033-2026 (Prime)** - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of parks and recreation to install and fill dog waste bag dispensers at dog runs.
- **Res 0549-2026 (Prime)** - Resolution calling on the New York City Housing Authority to eliminate pet policy restrictions based solely on a dog's breed, weight, and the number of pets in a household, while maintaining its pet registration requirements
- **Int 1029-2026 (Co-Prime)** - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing low-cost veterinary clinics.
- **Int 1066-2026 (Co-Prime)** - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the installation of traffic calming devices in bicycle lanes.
- **Int 0978-2026 (Co-Prime)** - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to increasing the maximum income level qualifying for exemption from rent increases granted to certain senior citizens and persons with disabilities.
- **Res 0626-2026 (Co-Prime)** - Resolution calling upon the United States Senate to pass, and the President to sign, S.4814, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to designate Haiti for Temporary Protected Status.
- **Res 0625-2026 (Co-Prime)** - Resolution declaring October as Reggaeton Heritage Month in the City of New York to honor the legacy of reggaeton as a prominent expression of Afro-Caribbean and Latin American identity and to recognize New York's pivotal role in facilitating the blend of cultures that is at the heart of this grassroots musical genre.
- **Res 0637-2026 (Co-Prime)** - Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation requiring insurers to cover all lactation consultation and counseling services without restrictions and reimburse providers accordingly.
- **Res 0561-2026 (Co-Prime)** - Resolution calling on utility companies that service New York City and the New York State Public Service Commission to pursue and approve a freeze on utility rates for New York City residents.

FREE In-Office Services Available:

- **Veterans Benefits Services** - Need help filing a claim? Veteran Service Officers (VSOs) are taking appointments at our office to help Veterans and their families access VA benefits.

- **Dates Available For Appointments:**

- September 17th | 9 AM - 4 PM (Virtually)
- October 15th | 9AM - 4PM (Virtually)

- **Library Services Pop-Up** – While the Castle Hill Library branch is currently closed for renovations, our office is partnering with NYPL to bring library services back to the community. Services will include library card signups, book checkouts, and more!
 - **Every Tuesday | 11 AM - 4 PM (*Walk-ins are welcome!*)**
 - Location: Disciples of Galilee at 725 Castle Hill Ave Bronx, NY 10473***
- **UJC Family Law Clinic** – FREE representation for survivors of intimate partner abuse, child custody, child support, and more, offered by the Urban Justice Center.
 - **Dates Available For Appointments:**
 - Monday, September 28th (Virtually)
 - Monday, October 5th (Virtually)
 - Monday, October 26th (Virtually)
- **NIDC - FREE Homeowner and Tenant Resources**
 - **Dates Available For Appointments:**
 - Friday, September 18th (Virtually)
 - Monday, September 21th (Virtually)
- **Every Wednesday, FREE VIRTUAL Immigration Legal Services** are offered by CUNY Citizenship Now! **Appointments required, to reserve an appointment, call CUNY Citizenship Now! at 646-664-9400. *All appointments will be virtual until further notice.***

Upcoming Events!

- **Friday, September 18 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM** - Shredding Event Friday in front of St. Helena's School
- **Friday, September 25 at 3:00 PM** - Skate Party at Taylor Playground
- **Wednesday, September 30 from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM** - Hispanic Heritage Event at City Hall, Council Chambers
- **Friday, October 9 at 7:00 PM** - Coco Screening Halloween Movie Night at The Pearly Gates Playground
- **Saturday, October 17 from 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM** - Annual Pumpkin Spooktacular Fall Festival at Soundview Park
- **Saturday, October 31 from 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM** - Westchester Square BID Halloween Event at 2700 E. Tremont Ave

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VIRTUAL**

Remoto y Virtual

September
18
De Septiembre

September
21
De Agosto

October
8
De Octubre

Call now to secure your appointment!

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Family Law Clinic

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Services include FREE representation for survivors of intimate partner abuse, child custody, child support, and more! Los servicios abarcan representación GRATUITA para sobrevivientes de violencia de pareja, custodia de menores, manutención infantil, ¡y mucho más!

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Veterans Benefits Services

Servicios de prestaciones para veteranos

VFW



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BX17 BOARD REPORT

Visit my new office!

At long last, we have a district office! Our doors at **1307 Southern Boulevard** are open five days a week to help with housing, sanitation, public benefits, street conditions, and more. We celebrated this exciting new chapter with more than 1,000 residents at our grand opening and back-to-school carnival, complete with food, games, backpacks, community resources, and even a Ferris wheel. Thank you to everyone who joined us and to the community partners who made it possible. Now, the real work begins!

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 10-4 Tuesday: 10-4 Wednesday: 12-7
Thursday: 10-4 Friday: 10-4

BUDGET BREAKDOWN:

This summer I voted yes to pass a budget that puts the South Bronx first! This year our local government will deliver more funding to tenant associations than ever before, giving residents greater power to organize and improve their homes. It also makes major investments in the health of the South Bronx, including a new NICU at Lincoln Hospital and modern refrigeration systems at the Fulton Fish Market in Hunts Point that will dramatically reduce emissions and improve our air quality.



\$7 Million for a new NICU at Lincoln Hospital

\$25 Million to reduce carbon emissions in Hunts Point

\$3.8 Million for Capital Improvements at Public Schools

\$2.1 Million for new and existing community programming





BX17 BOARD REPORT

QUALITY OF LIFE UPDATE: *No More Stepping Around the Problem!*



A keynote bill package passed earlier this summer to tackle the epidemic of constant dog waste appearing on our sidewalks. As Chair of the Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management Justin Sanchez took action and talked with the Speaker and his colleagues about a legislative package to make dog waste bags more accessible, increase signage, and take down bad offenders.

CM Sanchez has a bill in this package, known as the **SCOOP Act**, which will require DSNY to dispatch cleaning crews to targeted blocks based on 311 complaints to enforce fines against offenders.

Cleaning Up The Living Room

The shelter at 800 Barretto St known as the Living Room has been a burden on neighbors for years, providing no long term solutions to the quality of life in the neighborhood and the mental health issues of the people it serves. This summer I have been working to get DSS to intervene by taking officials on a tour of the neighborhood and writing a letter requesting action be taken.

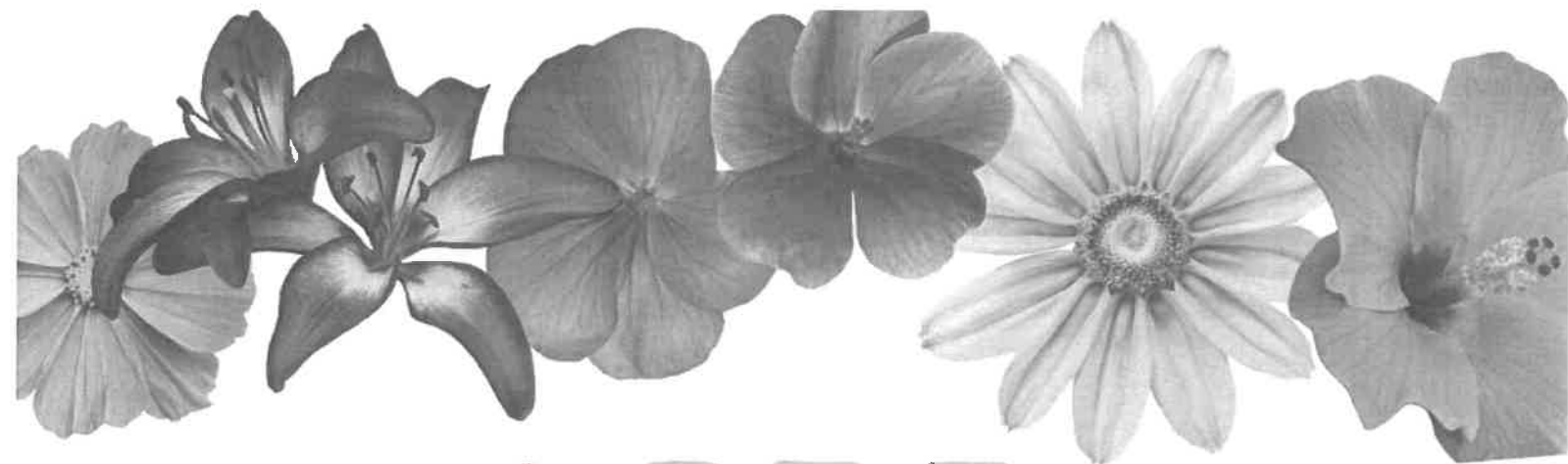
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Improving 311

This past legislative session, I introduced a new bill which will reform 311 and automatically send updates on each complaint from the moment they are submitted to the moment they are closed to every Council Member's office. By CC-ing City Council, we will be on top of your complaint before you even call our office.

Rolling out the bins

Starting September 8, all residential buildings with nine units or fewer must use an official NYC Bin for trash. Containerization will help cut off rats' access to garbage, keep our sidewalks cleaner and make trash collection safer and more sanitary. **Fines will begin at \$50 and increase to \$200 for repeat violations.**



FIESTA DE FLORES

A CELEBRATION OF HISPANIC HERITAGE



**Wednesday, October 7, 2026
5:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**New York Botanical Garden
Garden Terrace Room
2950 Southern Blvd, Bronx, NY 10458**

**Admission is free. Space is limited.
RSVP by September 30: bit.ly/NYBG-Fiesta**



**JUSTIN
SANCHEZ**
17th Council District - The Bronx

NYBG **NEW YORK
BOTANICAL
GARDEN** 38

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THE 161ST STREET BID**

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**Make \$30 an
hour shoveling
snow for NYC!**



Upcoming Registration Event

Date: Saturday, September 19th

Time: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

**Location: Taft High School 240 E 172nd St.
Bronx, NY 10457**

Find more information about registration events, eligibility,
and requirements at **nyc.gov/SnowEmploy**



KARINES REYES
Assembly Member 87th District

CHAIR
Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force
Subcommittee on Workplace Safety

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Asian Legislative Caucus
Legislative Women's Caucus
Asian Pacific American Task Force

Bronx Community 9 General Meeting Report – September 17th, 2026

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 October 8th from 11 am to 3 pm. Please call our office at (718)931-2620 to make an appointment.

Past Events:

- **Back-to-School Season** – It was a very busy back-to-school season in AD 87, we were able to co-host a backpack giveaway in Castle Hill, Parkchester, and West Farms where we were able to sponsor around 1,000 backpacks throughout our district! We thank all our partners especially the offices of Senator Nathalia Fernandez, Council Member Amanda Farias, Hispanic Transit Society, Hispanic Federation, and so many more!
- **National Night Out** – We were able to participate in the 43rd Precinct and PSA 8's National Night Out Against Crime block party this summer. Our office was able to meet and provide information to families, officers and community members who go up and beyond for our district and make our streets safer!
- **Live On NY Resource Fair** – We had the opportunity to join Live On NY's resource fair where we provided information to families and were able to give out backpacks to our Parkchester neighbors!
- **Community Board 9's Soccer Match** – We also had the honor of joining CB 9's very own soccer match! It was great to see the kids show off their teamwork, skills, and sportsmanship! We were able to talk to families and share useful resources!

Events:

- **Community Clean-up** – We are hosting a Community Clean-up event on Saturday September 19th at 11 am on the corner of White Plains Rd and Seward Ave, in partnership with CB 9, DSNY, NYPD and the office of Council Member Amanda Farias. If you are interested in volunteering, you can scan the QR code on the flyer or call our office to sign up!
- **Mammogram Bus** – We are hosting a mammogram bus at our office in partnership with the American-Italian Cancer Foundation on Wednesday, September 23rd, 2026, from 9 am – 4:30 pm. To make an appointment you can scan the QR code or call our office at 718-931-2620. Women eligible must be 40-75, NYC resident and have not had a mammogram in the past 12 months.

Fix It or Fight It! Know Your Rights To Repairs

Can my landlord
retaliate against me for
making complaints
about repairs?

The building is too cold,
and the landlord isn't
addressing it. Help!

Should I withhold
my rent if repairs
aren't made?

What are
Housing Code
violations?

I'm being harassed by
my landlord — what can
I do?

Thursday, September 17
1 - 3 pm
O.U.R. Place
Family Enrichment Center
940 Garrison Ave
Bronx, NY 10474



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RSVP: bxd.pub/KYRSeptember26
Reach out to ce@bronxdefenders.org with questions



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**OFFICE OF ASSEMBLYMEMBER
KARINES REYES PRESENTS**



A COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

Saturday, September 19, 2026

11 AM

White Plains Rd on the Corner of Sewerd Avenue



INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Sign Up By Scanning the QR Code or
Calling Our Office (718-931-2620)





OFFICE OF ASSEMBLYMEMBER KARINES REYES, R.N.



COME OUT TO GET A MAMMOGRAM!

OUR SERVICES ARE AT NO COST

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

1973 Westchester Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462

① Scan QR Code To Make Appointment

Schedule an Appointment
Using Any Option:



② Call 718-931-2620

MAMMOGRAM BUS

American-Italian
Cancer Foundation

877-628-9090
Uninsured & Insured
Welcome!

EARLY DETECTION OF
BREAST CANCER
SAVES LIVES!



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American-Italian
CANCER FOUNDATION

Eligibility: Women age 40-75 | NYC Resident | No Mammogram in the past 12 months

IMMIGRANT STUDENTS HAVE RIGHTS

New York State has new laws to protect all students, regardless of immigration status. **As you start the new school year, make sure you know your rights:**

- 1** In New York, everyone between the ages of five to 21 years old has the right to free K-12 public education, **regardless of immigration status**. If your school asks for information about your immigration status, you do not have to answer.
- 2** State **laws prohibit school staff**, including school police, from sharing information about students' or their parent's or guardian's immigration status.
- 3** ICE and school police **cannot question or detain you at school** unless they have a signed judicial warrant or court order.
- 4** If you are stopped and questioned by ICE or other law enforcement, say, **"I have the right to remain silent."** You do not have to answer any questions about you or your family's immigration status or share any other information.

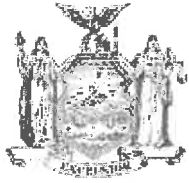
If you believe that your rights in relation to the above have been violated, email us at schools@nyclu.org or call us at 212-607-3300.

LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS



NYCLU

nyclu.org/immigrant-students-kyr



EMÉRITA TORRES
Assemblymember 85th District

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Rican/Hispanic Task Force

85th Assembly District Report

- Our office is here to help! We assist constituents with a wide range of needs, including housing issues, public benefits, NYCHA concerns, and more. If you or someone you know needs support, please don't hesitate to contact our office 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.
- We are also proud to partner with **Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation (NIDC)** to provide free, confidential homeowner support to any community member in District 85. Appointments are available from **10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. Services include tax exemptions (STAR, SCHE, DHE, and Veteran Exemption), as well as assistance with the Department of Buildings, Housing Preservation and Development, and the Department of Environmental Protection on the following dates:
 - October 20, 2026
 - November 17, 2026
 - December 15, 2026

To schedule an appointment, call our office at **(718) 893-0202**. All services are free and confidential

- This past back-to-school season, our office distributed over **1,200 backpacks and school supply kits** to families across the district. We want to make sure families in our community are aware of these kinds of opportunities, so please follow our social media and stay in touch with our office so you don't miss out next year.
- Additionally, our office has partnered with the American-Italian Cancer Foundation to bring the Mammogram Bus to our neighborhood. On **October 17th from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**, we will be offering free mammograms and clinical breast exams at The C.O.R.E. Family Enrichment Center at 1244 Manor Avenue. To be eligible, you must be a woman between the ages of 40 and 75 and have not had a mammogram in the past 12 months. Please help us spread the word to the women in your life. To schedule an appointment, call our office at 718-893-0202.
- I also want to share some exciting news. Our office has partnered with NYLAG — the New York Legal Assistance Group — to bring free legal services directly to our community. On **November 24th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**, the Mobile Legal Help Center will be at The C.O.R.E. Family Enrichment Center at 1244 Manor Avenue right here in the Bronx. Their legal advocates can help you with a wide range of

civil matters, including housing, homeowner rights, public benefits, disability benefits, immigration, debt management, identity theft, divorce, custody, employment, and workers' rights — and many more.

- For your information, our office has partnered with the Education Debt Consumer Assistance Program — EDCAP, a program of the Community Service Society — to host a free webinar on paying for college. This webinar will cover college financing guidance specifically for New York families, and will include a live Q&A session with experts so you can get your questions answered directly.
 - **Date:** Tuesday, October 13th, 2026
 - Time:** 5:30 PM EST
 - Cost:** Free — open to all families in our district and beyond

Hispanic Heritage Celebration

- For your information, Assemblymember Emérita Torres is joining Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Senator Nathalia Fernandez, and Council Member Amanda Farias to host a **Hispanic Heritage Celebration** right here in our community.

This will be a day of community, celebration, food, and music — and everyone is welcome to attend.

- **Date:** September 25th, 2026
- Time:** 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM
- Location:** Sonia Sotomayor Community Center, 1000 Rosedale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472
- Cost:** Free and open to all

This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate our culture and heritage. Please share this information with your neighbors, friends, and family.

This is a great opportunity for any family thinking about college financing, whether your child is just starting to plan or already in the process. Please share this information with anyone in your building or your network who may benefit.

- Our upcoming mobile office hours are:
 - **Mobile Office Hours @ Clason Point Gardens**
 - 1686 Lafayette Avenue #A, Bronx, NY 10473
 - **September 22, 10:00-12:00 PM**

Free Breast Cancer Screening



In Partnership with The American-Italian Cancer Foundation, we are bringing the Mammogram Bus to our neighborhood to provide no-cost mammograms and clinical breast exams to women in the community.



October 17, 2026

9:00AM-5:00PM

**THE C.O.R.E. FEC
1244 Manor Ave, Bronx, NY, 10472**

**For appointments please contact the
office of Assemblymember
Emérita Torres at 718-893-0202**

Eligibility Criteria:

- Women ages 40-75
- Has not had a mammogram in the past 12 months

EMÉRITA TORRES
85TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT
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American-Italian
CANCER FOUNDATION



Free Legal Services Intake Coming to Your Neighborhood



The Mobile Legal Help Center provides free civil (non-criminal) legal services for people who cannot afford an attorney.

Everyone is eligible to receive free legal services, regardless of immigration status.



November 24th, 2026

10:00AM-3:00PM

1244 Manor Ave, Bronx, NY, 10472

For appointments please contact the office of Assemblymember Emerita Torres at 718-893-0202

Our legal advocates are ready to speak to you about any of the following issues:

Housing (tenants only)

Homeowner Rights

Public Benefits

Disability Benefits

Healthcare Benefits

Identity Theft

Debt Management

Consumer Credit

Immigration

Intimate partner violence

Divorce

Custody

Employment

Advance Planning

Workers' rights

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A FREE WEBINAR:

PAYING FOR COLLEGE:

A Guide for New York Families

+ Live Q&A With Experts



Make college more affordable. Join us for a straightforward look at financial aid options and the steps families can take to maximize aid and minimize costs.

We'll be covering:

- FAFSA, TAP, Excelsior & NYS Dream Act
- Scholarships & work-study
- Understanding financial aid offers
- Paying less out of pocket + more!



Tuesday, Oct 13, 2026



5:30 PM EST



Register:

cssny.us/4qPG7wl



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Education Debt Consumer Assistance Program

This webinar is presented by the Education Debt Consumer Assistance Program (EDCAP), a program of the Community Service Society in partnership with New York State Assemblymember Emerita Torres.



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CALIDAD DE VIDA

- 311 Complaints/ Quejas al 311
- Facilitation of contact between New York State Agencies and Constituents/ Facilitación del contacto entre las agencias del estado de Nueva York y los ciudadanos

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1231 LAFAYETTE AVE
4TH FLOOR, SUITE L-620
BRONX, NY 10474





State Senator Nathalia Fernandez The Bronx & Westchester

Over the past summer, our office has continued to stay active in the community. We distributed more than 725 backpacks to students and families through partnerships with community organizations, sponsors, and fellow elected officials.

We also hosted our two annual paper shredding events, giving residents an opportunity to safely dispose of sensitive documents. In addition, we held our second OMNY Bus event at Soundview Park, building on the strong turnout from our first event and helping residents access OMNY information and assistance.

As we head into the fall, we're continuing to organize community events and connect residents with important resources. We have additional events planned for September and October, so please continue to follow us on social media for upcoming announcements.



**JOIN REP. ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ, SENATOR NATHALIA FERNANDEZ,
ASSEMBLY MEMBER EMERITA TORRES & COUNCIL MEMBER AMANDA FARIAS
FOR**

HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION



Join us for a day of community, celebration, food and music!

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2026
3:00PM TO 6:00PM**

**SONIA SOTOMAYOR
COMMUNITY CENTER
1000 ROSEDALE AVENUE
BRONX, NY 10472**



**Throggs Neck
Community Alliance**
Building community with Public/Private Partners

GROW

Soundview **FOOD** PANTRY

**Pantry EVERY Saturday in
September & October
11:00AM until finished**

**LOCATION: Stevenson HS Campus
1980 Lafayette Ave
(Behind school , near cafeteria on
Seward Ave parking lot side.)**



FOLLOW US FOR MORE INFO :

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REPRESENTING NEW YORK'S 14TH DISTRICT



Community Board 9
September 17th, 2026
6:30pm - Shop Rite Community Room

Good evening, Community Board 9!

1. On September 5th, our office hosted a Summer Reading Challenge Celebration where the Congresswoman gave out congressional commendations to everyone who participated in reading 10 or more books over the summer!
2. We've been responding to reports of ICE activity throughout our district this summer. We held multiple in-person Know Your Rights information sessions in Queens and The Bronx over the summer, and have been organizing small business canvasses. If you or a group you represent would be interested in receiving immigration and Know Your Rights resources, please connect with our office. Please also contact our office if you are in contact with any families affected by the ICE activity.
3. Our office is accepting applications for nominations to military service academies until November 1st, 2026. The honor of attending a service academy comes with the obligation and commitment to serve in the military for a minimum of five years upon graduation. If you have any questions regarding the nomination process, do not hesitate to contact our office or email AOC.nominations@mail.house.gov
4. The Congressional App Challenge is currently underway. This is Congress's premier STEM competition for middle and high school students, where thousands of young computer scientists compete by designing and creating apps. The challenge will run until October 30th. Students interested in participating can sign up at congressionalappchallenge.us.
5. We are always looking for interns year round, if you know someone who is interested in applying for this paid opportunity please encourage them to reach out for more information or visit our website at <https://ocasio-cortez.house.gov/services/internships>.
6. Please remember that our office is here to assist you with any issues pending before federal agencies. You can reach us by phone at 718-662-5970, and we are available in-person at our Bronx office every Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We are located at 1231 Lafayette Ave, Suite L-610 (fourth floor), Bronx, NY 10474.



9/16/2026

BXDA's 9th Annual DV 5K Run/Walk/Roll to End Domestic Violence

The Bronx District Attorney's Office, in partnership with the Bronx Borough President's Office, Urban Resource Institute, 161 Street BID, and the New York Yankees, is holding our 9th Annual Run/Walk/Roll to End Domestic Violence on Saturday, October 24th, 2026, as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

All are welcome to join DA Clark, your colleagues, survivors of abuse, and other members of the community in our BXDA annual event. Survivors will begin the event by speaking about their experiences and bravery. Not only will we raise awareness, we will also demand a call to action so that the ultimate goal of ending domestic violence may someday be realized.

The event starts and ends at Lou Gehrig Plaza near the Supreme Court steps at 161st Street and the Grand Concourse at 9:30 AM. Registration will open at 9:00 AM. The first 1000 to register and attend will receive a DV 5K T-shirt. The first 1000 to complete the 5K will receive a DV 5K Run/Walk/Roll medal. You can register using the link below or scan the QR code on the attached flyer.

This is a free event. To register, scan the **QR Code** on the flyer.

Re-Entry Employment Resource Fair

On Tuesday, September 22, 2026. 10 AM – 2 PM. Located at Southeast Bronx Neighborhood Center, Inc., 955 Tinton Avenue, Bronx 10456. What to expect? Workshops on resume building and interviewing skills. Employment support through education opportunities and DMV services. Network with community organizations and peers. Free refreshments and giveaways.

COURT TOURS with the Bronx District Attorney's Office

This tour aims to provide participants with a basic understanding of the criminal justice system. The Bronx District Attorney's Office Court Tour has three essential parts. The Detective Squad Complaint Room, and Arraignments.

Detective Squad

Participants are given a unique understanding of how Law Enforcement Officers use skills and technology to catch criminals. **Bonus:** These Detectives are funny and personable, so they humanize all officers.

Complaint Room

Participants are given a walkthrough of where the Assistant District Attorneys are initially presented with the cases and the victims.

Arraignments

Participants can understand how the court process works, and how each side (the people and the defendant) is represented., If the Sgt. is not there, and then the ADA can take the people to the 2nd floor and explain the court process from arrest to trial, then let the court officers on the 2nd floor know that you have a tour. They will advise you to go into either AR1 or AR2, depending on space availability, if the tour is running late, you should only stay for one case.

FOR MORE INFO: Please contact the Community Engagement Unit: (718) 590-2272 or CEU@bronxda.nyc.gov



OFFICE of the BRONX
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
DARCEL D. CLARK

9TH ANNUAL

5K RUN WALK ROLL

To end DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



SATURDAY, OCT 24, 2026



**9:30 AM
to 12:30 PM**

Please join The Bronx District Attorney's Office for a free event to raise awareness and prevent domestic violence.

We will begin and end on East 161st Street between Grand Concourse and Walton Avenue.



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For more information or requests regarding accessibility and accommodations, please reach out to **718-590-2272** or **ceu@bronxda.nyc.gov** by 10/9/2026.



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DISTRICT ATTORNEY
DARCEL D. CLARK

NYC
South Office of
Immigrant Affairs

RE-ENTRY EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE FAIR



**TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 22**

10 AM - 2 PM

**Southeast Bronx
Neighborhood Centers, Inc**

955 Tinton Ave, Bronx 10456

Come prepared

- Please bring a form of identification
- Your resume and cover letter
- Any certifications or OSHA credentials
- Dress professionally

What to expect

- Workshops on resume building, interview skills, and job readiness
- Employment support through education opportunities and DMV services
- Network with community organizations and peers
- Free refreshments and giveaways
- Support programs, health and mental health services



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OFFICE OF THE
BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT
VANESSA L. GIBSON

September 2026 Community Board Report

Good evening, Chair, District Manager, Board Members, and members of the public.

We want to take this time to welcome our new board members – congratulations! We hope everyone has had a happy and safe summer.

September is **National Preparedness Month**, and we are urging our residents to have a plan if there is an emergency. Just this year alone, our borough has experienced extreme heat, fires, coastal storms, flooding, hurricanes, and other weather-related incidents that have had a devastating impact on our communities. We want you to stay ready, so you don't have to get ready. Review tips and start developing a plan for before, during, and after an emergency.

- Sign up for Notify NYC to get real-time emergency alerts.
- Monitor trusted sources such as NYC Emergency Management, the National Weather Service, and local news outlets.
- NYC has designated Evacuation Zones (1-6). Check your address through [NYC.gov/knowyourzone](https://www.nyc.gov/knowyourzone).
- Build an emergency kit and include water and non-perishable food.
- Ensure drains and gutters are clear to prevent flooding.
- Review NYC's Coastal Storm Plan.
- Avoid unnecessary travel.

Over the past several weeks, Borough President Gibson has continued to prioritize investments in the health, safety, education, and overall well-being of Bronx residents.

Lastly, we want to remind all residents that the Office of the Bronx Borough President is here to serve you. Whether you have concerns regarding quality-of-life issues, city services, community resources, or other matters affecting our borough, we encourage you to contact our office for assistance. You can reach us at 718-590-3500.

Thank you, and we look forward to continuing to work together to build a safer, healthier, and stronger Bronx.

Governor Hochul and Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson Unveils New Investment in New Cardiac Catheterization Lab at NYC Health + Hospitals/Lincoln

Recently, the Borough President joined Governor Hochul and other elected officials at Lincoln Hospital to announce a major investment toward the completion of a cardiac catheterization lab in the Bronx. This project represents an important step forward in expanding access to critical health care services and improving health outcomes for Bronx residents. The Borough President has also committed capital funding toward this important initiative.

Bronx Borough President says “Bronx families deserve the peace of mind of knowing that lifesaving care is available when and where they need it most. When someone is experiencing a heart attack or stroke, every minute matters, and our residents should not have to leave The Bronx to receive the care they need to survive. Thank you to Governor Hochul for the \$9 million investment in this critical project. Together with the \$2 million in capital funding I was proud to allocate in FY 2027 and the support of Congressman Ritchie Torres, we have secured a combined \$14 million investment to bring a new Cardiac Catheterization Lab to Lincoln Hospital. This investment will help close a critical gap in care and ensure more patients can receive timely, lifesaving treatment right here at home. Where you live should never determine whether you live, and today we are taking an important step toward delivering the world-class healthcare our Bronx families deserve.”



Bronx Borough President Gibson joined Councilmember Eric Dinowitz for a joint check presentation allocating \$1.5 million to Lehman College for renovations to Lovinger Theatre.

This investment will help modernize and improve an important space on campus, creating a stronger learning environment for students, faculty, and the Lehman community.

We're proud to continue investing in our institutions of higher education and ensuring Bronx students have the resources and spaces they deserve to learn, grow, and succeed.

Bronx Borough President proudly joined NYC Parks and elected officials for the ribbon cutting of the newly reconstructed Zimmerman Playground in Allerton, celebrating a \$7 million investment that will give Bronx families a safer, more vibrant space to play, exercise, and gather.

Named after Corporal Louis Zimmerman, a former police officer and Bronx resident who served in the U.S. Army, this playground carries an important piece of our community's history.

The reconstruction, which began in October 2025, includes: New play equipment, safety surfaces, spay showers, basketball courts, fitness equipment, security lighting and site furnishings, upgraded pavements, landscaping, drainage, and utilities.

Big thank you to NYC parks and partners in government for helping bring this important project to completion and continuing to invest in the quality of life of Bronx families.



Bronx Borough President Gibson hosted Annual Back-to-School Health and Literacy Fair at P.S./M.S. 29

As students and families prepared for the start of the new school year, the Borough President hosted our Annual Back-to-School Health and Literacy Fair at P.S./M.S. 29. The event brought together community partners, service providers, and families to ensure that Bronx children have access to important resources and support as they begin the school year.



National Night Out

The Borough President also participated in National Night Out events throughout the Bronx, joining residents, community organizations, first responders, and law enforcement partners in strengthening relationships and promoting public safety across our communities.



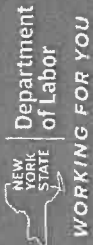
Tour De Bronx 2026

Looking ahead, Our Annual Tour De Bronx is back. As New York State's largest free cycling event, Tour De Bronx gives participants the opportunity to experience our borough through 10-25, and 40 miles cycling routes. Registration and volunteer opportunities are currently available, and we encourage residents of all ages and experience levels to get involved. It is currently scheduled for Sunday, October 4th. For more information, please visit ilovethebronx.com

Legislation

Int 0446-2026: A local law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the creation of a commercial landlord watch list. Introduced at the request of the Bronx Borough President, this bill tracks problematic commercial landlords.

Int 0458-2026: An advisory board on crossing guard deployment. Also introduced by request of the Bronx Borough President, this legislation establishes a joint advisory board across the NYPD, Department of Transportation, and Department of Education to optimize school crossing guard deployment and reporting.



EMPOWERABILITY: JOB FAIR FOR ALL ABILITIES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND | 1 PM - 4 PM
BRONX BOROUGH HALL (ROTUNDA)
851 GRAND CONCOURSE

- **Connect** with opportunities designed for job seekers of all abilities!
- **Meet** employers, explore career opportunities.
- **Discover** resources to help you take the next step in your career.

**EMPLOYER
REGISTRATION**



**JOBSEEKER
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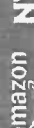
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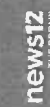
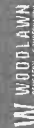
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Monday, September 14, 2026
12:00 PM (Noon)





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BATMAN DAY
AT POE PARK CELEBRATION**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026
1:00 PM -- 5:00 PM
POE PARK (2640 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York)

FREE FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT
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- Hands-on activities
- Giveaways
- Poe Cottage guided tours

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THE ACTIVITY STATIONS

- SOCCER MATCH STATION
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Apply to the We Are Bronx Fellowship Against Hate for professional development, relationship building, cross-cultural dialogue, and skill building to address the rise of hate in our communities. Applications due Friday, November 21, 2025

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Bronx Community Board 9

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September 17, 2026



Over the summer, Bronx Community Board 9 continued to strengthen community engagement, expand outreach, and create opportunities for residents of all ages to connect with local resources and one another.

Expanding Our Digital Outreach

This summer, Community Board 9 relaunched its Instagram and launched a new TikTok account to increase our digital presence and better connect with residents.

Instagram: @bxcb_9 **TikTok:** @BronxCB9 **Facebook:** @BronxCB9

Summer Interns

Bronx CB9 hosted three Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) interns and one Princeton Intern in Civic Service (PICS). These interns supported the work of the Community Board while gaining hands-on experience in civic engagement, community service, and local government. Their contributions helped support our office and our efforts to serve the community.

Past Events

CB9 hosted multiple events including a **Community Health Fair** in partnership with Castle Hill Resource Center, bringing together residents and community organizations for a day focused on health and wellness. The event included blood pressure screenings, free produce, free food, and numerous community vendors providing information and resources to residents. We also partnered with the office of Assembly Member Torres to host a **Senior Resource Fair**, connecting older adults with valuable services and resources. The event included health screenings, free produce, and information from community organizations and service providers. We have also participated in numerous **Back-to-School** events distributing over 300 backpacks.

Launching CB9 YES (Youth Engagement Series)

This summer, CB9 launched CB9 YES, a new initiative focused on creating opportunities for young people to become more involved in their community. As part of the launch, CB9 hosted a **Community Leaders vs. Youth Soccer Match**, bringing together local youth and community leaders, and representatives from multiple elected officials' offices for a fun and engaging afternoon. CB9 plans to continue building the YES program and hosting additional youth-focused events and activities throughout the year.

Looking Ahead

As we move into the fall, Community Board 9 will continue working to strengthen community connections, expand access to resources, and engage residents of all ages. See flyers for upcoming events attached.

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YOUTH ENGAGEMENT SERIES



BOARD GAMES

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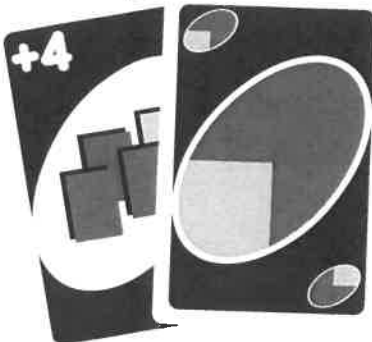
Public schools are closed, so
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SEPT 21, 2026

12.00 PM

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HYGIENE GIVEAWAY



📍 **Sonia Sotomayor Center**
1000 Rosedale Ave
(Inside the Cafeteria)

October 17, 2026
Sonia Sotomayor Center
10AM-12:30PM*

**While Supplies Last*

Giveaway Includes:

- Soap
- Deodorant
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Body Moisturizer
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Laundry Packets
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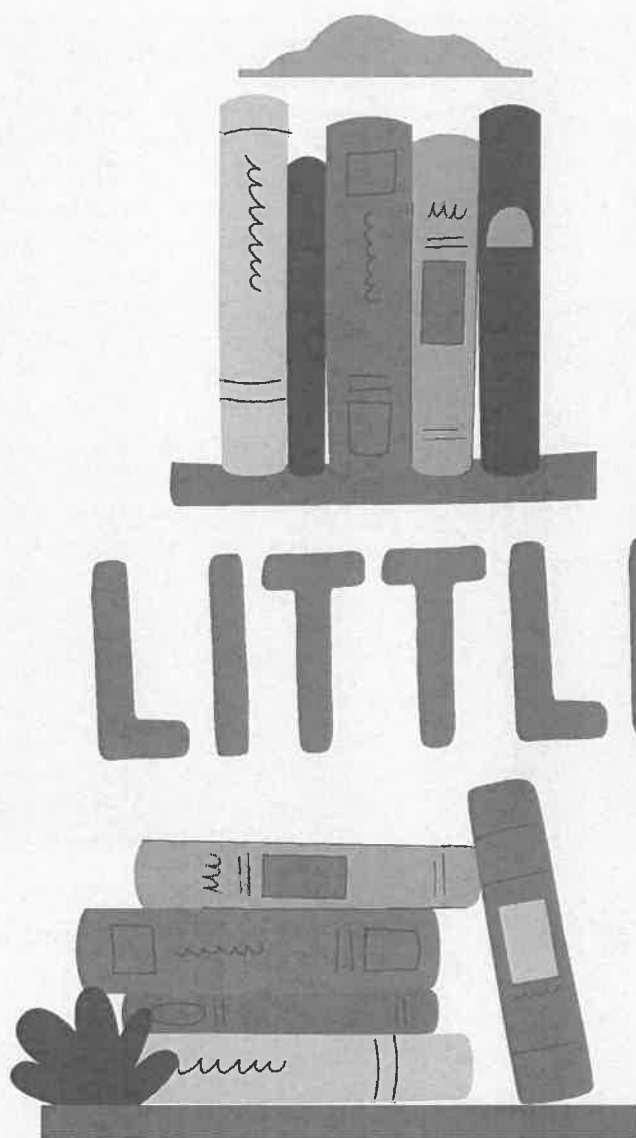
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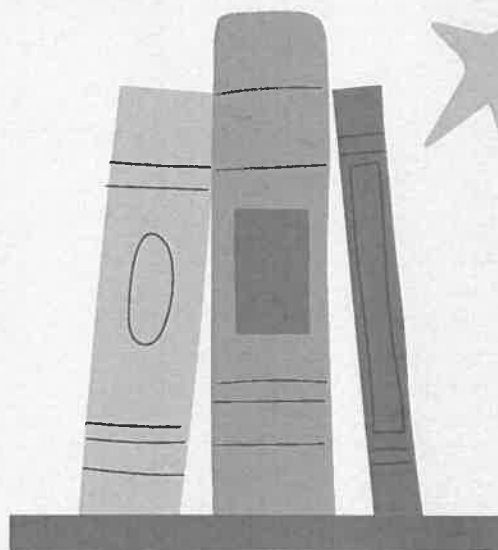
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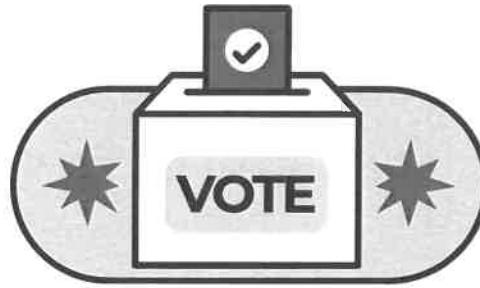


Anyone can take a book to read or leave books to share; returning the exact book you took is not required, and you do not have to share a book to take one.

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Don't Miss Your Chance to Impact the Outcome

What am I voting for?

Depending on where you live, your ballot may include candidates for:

- Governor/Lieutenant Governor
- State Comptroller
- Attorney General
- Representative in Congress
- State Senator
- Member of the Assembly
- Member of the City Council (District 3)
- Justice of the Supreme Court
- Judge of the Civil Court
- Surrogate
- Ballot proposals
- The offices on your ballot depend on where you live.

Early Voting:
Oct 24-
Nov 11

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**Register to Vote/
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Nov 3, 2026 * Every Vote Counts!

Information from NYC Votes

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The Constitution didn't always ensure and protect your right to vote.
Because of civil rights advocacy, it does now. Exercise your right to vote.

Tuesday, November 3rd
2026 Election Day

Saturday, October 24th

Last day to register and/or
request a mail-in ballot,
also the first day of Early Voting.

MAIL ALERT: Mail-in voting must be
postmarked by November 3rd,
however the USPS no longer
postmarks on the day you send,
it could take longer.

**Be sure to mail at least
one week prior to election day.**

**Need to register?
Did you move?
Visit VOTE.NYC**



Who are you voting for in 2026?

Federal:	U.S. House of Representatives
Statewide:	New York State Governor, Lt Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, State Senate, State Assembly
Countywide:	Judges

To find your poll site and see a sample ballot, visit:
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To see your current representatives, visit: mygovnyc.org
To learn about and compare candidates, visit: Vote411.org

What are you voting for?

2026 Ballot Proposals!

- #1 – Simplify the process to use public spaces
- #2 – Reduce paperwork for City contractors
- #3 – Simplify review of street safety projects
to reduce construction timelines
- #4 – Centralize construction permits to simplify permitting
- #5 – Set target amount of money the city needs
to hold in reserve funds for "rainy days"

To see the League's Pros and Cons on each proposal,
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