

# Bronx Community Board 8

## MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER



### BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 MARCH 2022 MEETINGS



ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON ZOOM AND CAN BE ACCESSED VIA THIS LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2114033690>

+16465588656, Passcode: 2114033690#

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1	2 <b>EXECUTIVE</b> 7:00 PM	3 <b>SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RACIAL EQUITY</b> 7:00 PM	4
7 <b>LAND USE</b> 7:00 PM	8 <b>PRELIMINARY BUDGET RESPONSES FOR FY2023</b> 6:30PM  <b>FULL BOARD</b> 7:00 PM	9 <b>HEALTH, HOSPITALS &amp; SOCIAL SERVICES</b> 7:00 PM	10	11
14 <b>AGING</b> 4:00 PM  <b>LAW, RULES &amp; ETHICS</b> 7:00 PM	15 <b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b> 7:00 PM	16 <b>PURIM</b>	17 <b>PURIM</b>	18
21 <b>YOUTH</b> 7:30 PM	22 <b>EDUCATION, LIBRARIES &amp; CULTURAL AFFAIRS</b> 7:30 PM	23 <b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b> 7:00 PM	24 <b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b> 7:00 PM	25
28 <b>HOUSING</b> 7:00 PM	29	30 <b>ENVIRONMENT &amp; SANITATION</b> <small>(Change of Date)</small> 7:00 PM	31 <b>TRAFFIC &amp; TRANSPORTATION</b> <small>(Change of Date)</small> 7:00 PM	

\*Dates & locations are subject to change. If you do not receive a meeting notice, please verify with the Board Office 718-884-3959

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for updated monthly calendars  
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## LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ("LIHWAP")

- LIHWAP helps low-income households pay the cost of drinking water and wastewater services. The program can assist households who have past due bills issued for drinking water and/or wastewater services.
- LIHWAP is based on the actual amount of drinking water and/or wastewater services, up to a maximum \$500 per applicant household. Benefits are paid directly to the household's drinking water and/or wastewater account(s).
- You may be eligible if:
  - Your income is at or below the current income guidelines or you receive a public assistance grant.
  - You pay a vendor directly for your drinking water and/or wastewater usage, and
  - Your drinking water, wastewater, or combined drinking water and wastewater account is heavily past due (past the due date, you have a meter that is levied on your local property taxes, or your drinking water, wastewater, or combined drinking water and wastewater service is interrupted or otherwise facing service restrictions for unpaid amounts).

The Unified Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners



Deadline to apply for Property Tax Exemptions – March 15, 2022

Please renew your Rent Freeze benefit every time you sign a new lease!!

Join DEP at a virtual workshop on the Green Infrastructure Grant Program on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 from 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM.

Attendees will learn about funding available for green roof retrofits on private property, eligibility requirements, and how to apply. To learn more about the Green Infrastructure Grant Program, [click here](#).

BX CB8 is currently one of the few districts receiving service. Therefore if enough new participants enroll DSNY will bring new locations online within the district. To sign up [click here](#).

# HOW TO REPORT AN ABANDONED VEHICLE



Report to 311  
Snap a photo  
Send photo & 311  
complaint to  
Bx08@cb.nyc.gov

If the vehicle has license plates, the NYPD can ticket and eventually tow it. If it does not have license plates, then DSNY can ticket and remove it.



**Rohit Aggarwala**  
Commissioner

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** February 22, 2022  
**CONTACT:** [depresso@dep.nyc.gov](mailto:depresso@dep.nyc.gov), (718) 595-6600  
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## **ROADSIDE SOUND METER AND CAMERA THAT IS ACTIVATED BY LOUD MUFFLERS NOW SENDING NOTICES TO VEHICLE OWNERS**

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced that a small pilot program is underway that includes the use of a roadside sound meter and camera to capture evidence of vehicles emitting noise in violation of New York State's Vehicle and Traffic Law and the City's Noise Code.

"Vehicles that emit obnoxious levels of noise in violation of state and city law have become a top quality of life concern for many New Yorkers and this technology offers some real promise in helping us to provide some relief for our neighbors," **DEP Commissioner Rit Aggarwala** said. "We will monitor the pilot program closely and if it continues to show promise, we will look to expand it in the coming months."

The sound meter and camera are installed adjacent to the roadway and are activated when they detect a noise at a distance of 50 feet or more that registers at or above 85 decibels. At that point a video is captured of the vehicle emitting the noise. DEP noise enforcement staff review the videos and mail a Notice to the owner of the vehicle. Currently, the Notice directs the owner to bring the vehicle to a DEP facility for an inspection to ensure it is in compliance with state and city noise requirements. Penalties under the program can range from \$220 for a first offense to \$2,625 for a repeated default. The camera is posted approximately 15' above the roadway and thus the only identifying information captured on the video is the vehicle's license plate. The program complies with the City's Privacy Protection Policies.

DEP has been authorized to issue violations directly from the evidence gathered from the camera and sound meter, and forego the inspection, and that may begin this spring. In addition, state legislation increasing the penalties for loud mufflers was signed into law at the end of 2021. Thus, the above penalty range will be increasing in March. Evaluations of the pilot program will include its effectiveness in reducing 311 reports of loud vehicles and equity and fairness in any impact to vehicle owners.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing approximately 1 billion gallons of high-quality drinking water each day to nearly 10 million residents, including 8.8 million in New York City. The water is delivered from a watershed that extends more than 125 miles from the city, comprising 19 reservoirs and three controlled lakes. Approximately 7,000 miles of water mains, tunnels and aqueducts bring water to homes and businesses throughout the five boroughs, and 7,500 miles of sewer lines and 96 pump stations take wastewater to 14 in-city treatment plants. DEP also protects the health and safety of New Yorkers by enforcing the Air and Noise Codes and asbestos rules. For more information, visit [nyc.gov/dep](http://nyc.gov/dep), like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/nycdep), or follow us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/nycdep).

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BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT



*Vanessa L. Gibson*



invites you to

*Join your local*  
**COMMUNITY BOARD**

**GET INVOLVED - LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD**

Make a difference in your community by applying to join your local Community Board. Our office is accepting applications for all 12 Community Boards from Bronx residents, ages 16 and older, who work or reside in the borough.

**Deadline: Friday, March 4, 2022**

For More Information on how to join [click here](#).

# CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:

For a list of Testing Sites & information on testing run by New York City [click here](#). Bronx CB8 is working with our elected officials to get sites in the district.

At-home testing for COVID-19 is now available to all immunocompromised New Yorkers and those ages 65 and older. To schedule an in-home appointment, call (929) 298-9400 between 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM (7 days a week).

To find a vaccination site near you, including those that take appointments, use the [City's Vaccine Finder](#) (not accessible with Internet Explorer).

If you are a small business owner and would like to sign up for updates from Small Business Services [click here](#).

All in favor of a COVID-19 vaccine,  
raise your arm.



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