

# Bronx Community Board 8

## March Newsletter

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**Bronx Community Board 8**  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<http://us02web.zoom.us/j/2114033690>

**March 2023 Meeting Calendar**  
Join Meeting by Phone  
Dial (646) 558-8656 → Meeting ID: 2114033690#



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 <b>EXECUTIVE</b> 7:00 PM	2 <b>SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RACIAL EQUITY</b> 7:00 PM	3
6 <b>NO COMMITTEE MEETINGS (PURIM)</b>	7 <b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b> Montezuma 119 W. Kingsbridge Rd 7:30 PM * (Change in Date)	8 <b>HEALTH, HOSPITALS &amp; SOCIAL SERVICES</b> 7:00 PM	9 <b>SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' SERVICES</b> 7:00 PM	10
13 <b>AGING</b> 4:00 PM	14 <b>FULL BOARD</b> 7:00 PM	15 <b>ENVIRONMENT &amp; SANITATION</b> 7:00 PM	16 <b>TRAFFIC &amp; TRANSPORTATION</b> 7:00 PM	17
<b>LAW, RULES &amp; ETHICS</b> 7:00 PM				
20 <b>YOUTH</b> 7:30 PM	21 <b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b> 7:00 PM	22 <b>DISTRICT MANAGER SEARCH COMMITTEE</b> 7:00 PM	23 <b>LAND USE</b> 7:00 PM	24
27 <b>HOUSING</b> 7:00 PM	28 <b>EDUCATION, LIBRARIES &amp; CULTURAL AFFAIRS</b> 7:30 PM	29 <b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b> 7:00 PM	30 <b>DISTRICT MANAGER SEARCH COMMITTEE</b> 7:00 PM	31

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

### Dear Community Members:

Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson announced today that deadline to apply and reapply for membership on Bronx' 12 Community Board has been extended to **March 15th, 2023**.

Prospective board members must reside, work or have some other significant interest in the community district to which they're applying. The application is available to those 16 years and older so feel free to encourage your family, friends and coworkers to apply.

Community Boards are local representative bodies. There are 59 Community Boards throughout the city, with 12 located in the Bronx. Each Board consists of up to 50 unsalaried members, appointed by the Borough President, with half nominated by the City Council Members who represent the community district. Board members are selected by the Borough President among active and involved people in each community, with an effort made to assure that every neighborhood is represented.

Laura Spalter,  
Chair, Bronx CB8

# Apply for Summer Youth Employment!

Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) is the nation's largest youth employment program, connecting NYC youth between the ages of 14 and 24 with career exploration opportunities and paid work experiences each summer. The deadline to submit applications is 03/31/2023. [Apply here](#).

Through SYEP, participants can explore different interests and career pathways, develop productive workplace habits, and engage in learning experiences that strengthen their social, civic, and leadership skills.

By participating in structured project and work-based opportunities, NYC youth are better prepared for careers of the future.



## Meet Luke Szabados, CB8's new Community Coordinator

Luke Szabados has much experience serving the City of New York and its residents. Before Bronx Community Board 8, he served as the Community Associate for Manhattan Community Board 5. Most recently, he's served as a Community Engagement Liaison for the Department of Buildings, where he served on the Executive Committee of Mayor Adams' 90-Day Commission. "I am looking forward to serving Bronx Community Board 8 and working with the constituents who call this place home." Don't hesitate to reach out to him at 718-884-3959 or via email at [bx08@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:bx08@cb.nyc.gov).





# Volunteer with the NYC Parks Stewardship Program



## PLANT. PROTECT. PRESERVE.

NYC Parks hosts stewards across the city all year long, in every landscape and every kind of weather. Volunteers work on trails to help improve park pathways.

See details below for an upcoming event:

What: Riverdale Park Trail Work

Where: Independence Ave & W 232<sup>nd</sup> Street

When: Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 9am – 12pm

## HELP NYC BECOME GREENER AND GREATER.

For more information and to register for an event, visit [nyc.gov/parks/stewardship](http://nyc.gov/parks/stewardship) or email [stewardship@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:stewardship@parks.nyc.gov).



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# NYC Department of Veterans' Services

## VA CLAIMS UNIT

Accredited DVS staff members are now processing **Veterans Affairs (VA) claims** for NYC Veterans and their families within the five boroughs. For more information, please email us at [connect@veterans.nyc.gov](mailto:connect@veterans.nyc.gov), call us at (212) 416-5250, or visit us online at [www.nyc.gov/vets](http://www.nyc.gov/vets).

DVS staff are trained to process the following claims:

- Disability Compensation
- DIC (Dependency and Indemnity Compensation)
- Non-Service Connected Pension
- Survivors Pension
- Education

Before meeting with a DVS Veteran Benefits Coordinator (VBC), please have the below items readily available:

- DD214
- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Marriage Certificate (if available)
- Decision Letter (if prior claim submitted)
- VA Award Letter (if available)
- VA Medical Evidence that supports claim
- Private Dr. Medical Evidence that supports claim

Our Mission: To improve the livelihood of New York City Veterans and their families by providing quality service, advocacy, guidance, and assistance on the claims review process. Our goal is to help prepare and package a VA Claim that is substantial, valid, and clearly identifies the pertinent information relevant to the claim.

Our Goal: To plug the gaps in the system, the NYC Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) has partnered with the New York State Division of Veterans' Services to process claims and broaden our current outreach approach while strengthening bonds with the Veteran community.

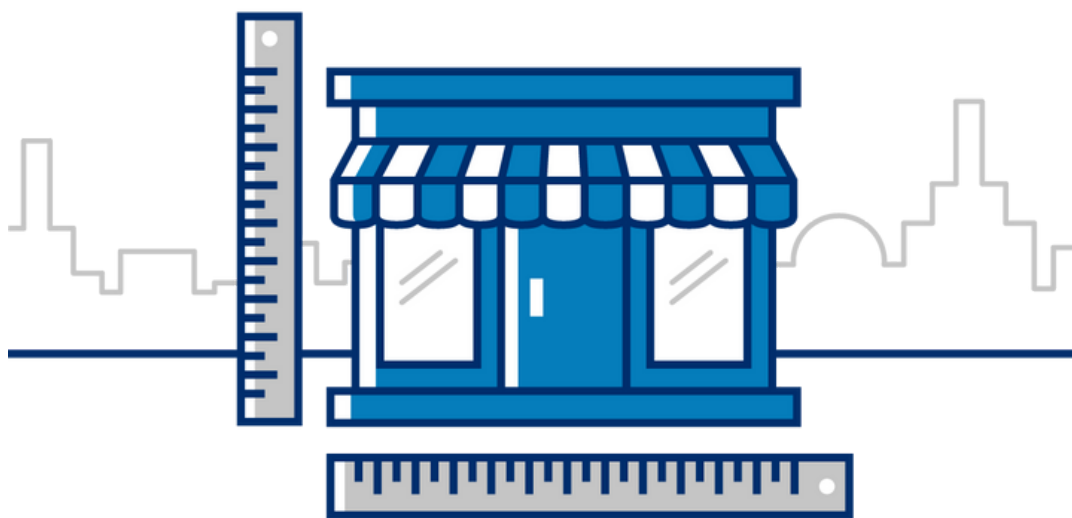


# Small Business Support Team (DOB)

Know a small business that could use help with a buildings-related issue? Refer them to the Department's Small Business Support Team (SBT).

DOB offers one-on-one guidance to small business owners and other small organizations on planned or ongoing construction projects. The DOB experts at SBT can assist with inspections, navigating the permitting process, and resolving DOB-issued violations, helping business owners save both time and money. Whether opening a new place of business or renovating an existing one, New Yorkers can get the dedicated support they need from the Small Business Support Team.

For additional available resources and support, business owners can contact the NYC Department of Small Business Services' NYC Business Express Service Team (BEST).



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