

BRONX COMMUNITY



BOARD 8



FALL-WINTER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Serving the neighborhoods of Fieldston, Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights, Marble Hill, Riverdale, Spuyten Duyvil, and Van Cortlandt Village

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Please call 311 to report quality of life issues, then email the CB8 Office with details and we will follow up with the appropriate city agency.

DEAR NEIGHBOR,

With the Winter setting in, we hope you and your loved ones are doing well and staying warm. Throughout the past few months, Bronx Community Board 8 has been working tirelessly for our neighborhoods. The Fall-Winter 2023 Newsletter outlines all the initiatives and events we provided, as well as various resources available to you.

The Community Board Office is open Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please do not hesitate to stop by our office or contact us at (718) 884-3959 or bx08@cb.nyc.gov for assistance.

Wishing you much health, peace and love during this holiday season. Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Staff at Bronx Community Board 8



(L-R) Ardy Malziu, Community Coordinator; Farrah Kule Rubin, District Manager; Pablo Romano, Community Associate

December 2023 Calendar

Please visit our website to view future meeting calendars.



BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8 DECEMBER 2023 MEETINGS



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

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

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PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR UPDATES (www.nyc.gov/bronxcb8)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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4 <u>SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON VETERAN'S SERVICES</u> Bronx Ale House 216 West 238 th Street 7:00 PM (No Zoom)	5 <u>LAND USE/ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u> Joint Meeting BXCB8 Office 5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100 7:00 PM (Hybrid)	6 <u>EXECUTIVE</u> BXCB8 Office 5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100 7:00 PM (Hybrid)	7 <u>SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RACIAL EQUITY</u> No Meeting	8
11 <u>LAW, RULES & ETHICS</u> BXCB8 Office 5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100 7:30 PM (Hybrid)	12 <u>FULL BOARD</u> In Tech Academy 2975 Tibbett Ave. Library 7:00 PM (Hybrid)	13 <u>HEALTH, HOSPITALS & SOCIAL SERVICES</u> BXCB8 Office 5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100 7:30 PM (Hybrid)	14 <u>AGING</u> BXCB8 Office 5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100 4:00 PM (Hybrid)	15
18 <u>YOUTH</u> Kingsbridge Heights Comm. Center 3101 Kingsbridge Terrace 7:30 PM (Hybrid)	19 <u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u> NYPD 50 th Precinct 3450 Kingsbridge Ave 7:00 PM (No Zoom)	20 <u>HOUSING</u> BXCB8 Office 5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100 7:00 PM (Hybrid)	21 <u>TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION</u> BXCB8 Office 5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100 7:00 PM (Hybrid)	22
25 CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSED	26 <u>EDUCATION, LIBRARIES & CULTURAL AFFAIRS</u> BXCB8 Office 5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100 7:30 PM (Hybrid)	27 <u>PARKS & RECREATION</u> No Meeting	28	29

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

*Hybrid – Due to space limitations, the public is highly encouraged to attend via the Zoom link above

UPDATED 11/29/2023

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holidays!

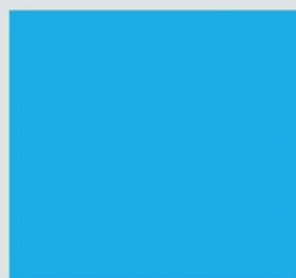
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If you require any additional assistance contact the Board Office at 718-884-3959 or by email to bxo8@cb.nyc.gov



Economic Development Committee: Johnson Ave Commercial Corridor Walkthrough

Bronx Community Board 8 Economic Development Committee organized a walkthrough on the Johnson Ave Commercial Corridor with CB8 staff, representatives from the NYC Department of Small Business Services, Bronx District Attorney's Office to provide local merchants with resources available to them.



Traffic & Transportation Committee: Citi Bike / NYC DOT Walkthrough

In response to many complaints from our community, the Bronx Community Board 8 Traffic and Transportation Committee organized a walkthrough with Bronx DOT Commissioner Anthony Perez, DOT staff, Citi Bike representatives, CB8 staff, NYS Assemblyman Jeff Dinowitz, NYC Councilman Eric Dinowitz, to assess the many Citi Bike racks installed in the district.



Veterans Day in the District



**BRONX CB8 SALUTES
ALL WHO HAVE
SERVED AND
CONTINUE TO SERVE.**



Free Turkey Giveaway to District Residents & Organizations

Bronx Community Board 8 was happy to distribute over 200 free turkeys to our residents and organizations in need.

- PS 81 PA
- St. Stephen's Church
- NYPD 50th Precinct
- NYCHA Fort Independence Houses
- NYCHA Marble Hill Houses
- Riverdale Neighborhood House Food Pantry



The RIVERDALE PRESS

Thanksgiving spirit



Community Board 8 Chair Julie Reyes and other members of the board and its staff handed out turkeys to people at 5676 Riverdale Ave. Monday. The Thanksgiving Day giveaway was made possible by Stagg Group, which donated 200 turkeys.

GARY JEAN-JUSTE

D.O.B. in our Neighborhood

On December 15, 2023, a NYC Department of Buildings representative was at the Bronx Community Board 8 office to assist our local residents with any general zoning and DOB questions, guidance on open violations and Stop Work Orders, questions on permits and construction projects in the neighborhood, and much more!



Irving Ladimer Community Service Award

At the Full Board Meeting held on September 12, 2023, Chair Julie Reyes awarded the Irving Ladimer Community Service Award to Karina Munoz for her exceptional service to the BXC8 Community. In the photo, Ms. Munoz is seen alongside Board Member Christopher Calhoun, District Manager Farrah Kule Rubin, and Board Chair Julie Reyes.



Betty Campbell Adams Most Valuable Merchant Award

During the Full Board Meeting that took place on September 12, 2023, Chair Julie Reyes presented the Betty Campbell Adams Most Valuable Merchant Award to Nicholas and Joelle Lynch, the owners of The Tree Army, for their outstanding contribution to the BXC8 Business Community. The photo shows Mr. and Mrs. Lynch with Brandon Adams, District Manager Farrah Kule Rubin, Board Chair Julie Reyes, Economic Development Chair Nicholas Fazio, and Vice Chair Sergio Villaverde, all of whom attended the ceremony.



2023 Comeback Kid Awards

Congratulations to the 2023 Comeback Kid Award Recipients:

**Oscar Sanchez
Gismelgi Torres
Jared Donatiu**



Thank You to our Community Partners

Thank you to our community partners for providing us with spaces to hold our monthly full board meetings throughout our district!



(L-R) Julie Reyes, Chairperson, Bronx CB8; David Weissberg, Principal, IN-Tech Academy; Farrah Kule Rubin, District Manager, Bronx CB8

The RIVERDALE PRESS

CB8 search for community coordinator has ended with 'Ardy' Malziu as pick

He was former community coordinator for Assemblyman/Councilman Mark Gjonaj

Posted December 15, 2023



Ardhmir 'Ardy' Malziu, shown in the Community Board 8 office on Dec. 11, is the new community coordinator. The native Bronx resident worked alongside CB8 District Manager Farrah Rubin as a community outreach coordinator for former Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj. Before being hired at the board Malziu was a coordinator for corporate and community relations at New York Yankees.

GARY JEAN-JUSTE

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Free Fall Leaf Bags



Visit the Bronx Community Board 8
Office to pick up your
FREE LEAF COLLECTION BAGS

- Bronx residents in Community Boards 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12

The Department will collect leaves on Sunday, November 26 & Sunday, December 10. Set out your leaves at the curb after 8 p.m. the night before these days. Place leaf and yard waste in paper lawn and leaf bags, clear plastic bags, or an open, labeled bin.

Visit nyc.gov/leafcollection for more information.

If you would like to support funding NYC Parks at 1% of the City Budget and/or no cuts to NYC Parks, please find links below:

[Tell Mayor Adams: No Cuts to NYC Parks](#)

[Mayor Adams: Fund NYC Parks at 1% of the City Budget](#)

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FAIR**

**1% OF THE CITY BUDGET
FOR PARKS**




Lithium-Ion Batteries SAFETY TIPS



#FDNYSmart Safety Tips for Devices with Lithium-Ion Batteries

Lithium-Ion batteries are used in various devices. These batteries are commonly used in cell phones, laptops, tablets, electric cars, and scooters. Lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy and can pose a threat if not treated properly. Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

Be #FDNYSmart if using any devices powered by lithium-ion batteries:

-  When purchasing devices, be sure that the equipment has the Underwriters Laboratories Mark. The UL mark shows that the product has been safety tested.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for charging and storage.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or a couch.
- Always use the manufacturer's cord and power adapter made specifically for the device.
- Keep batteries/devices at room temperature. Do not place in direct sunlight.
- Store batteries away from anything flammable.
- If a battery overheats or you notice an odor, change in shape/color, leaking, or odd noises from a device discontinue use immediately. If safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire and call 9-1-1.

Battery Disposal:

- Putting lithium-ion batteries in the trash or recycling at home is illegal.
- Recycle batteries by taking them to a battery recycling location or visiting nyc.gov/batteries for disposal instructions is always the best option.
- Individually bag batteries or tape ends before disposing.



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To Educate New Yorkers



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IT'S TIME TO SAY FIR-WELL.

Dec. 26, 2023–Jan. 7, 2024

Wrap up the holiday season by saying goodbye to your tree at a Mulchfest site near you! Drop it off and we'll convert it into mulch to make NYC even greener.

Free bags of mulch will be available at select sites on Jan. 6 and 7 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

 Find your Mulchfest site at nyc.gov/mulchfest or by calling 311.

Please remember to remove all lights, ornaments, and netting before bringing a tree to a Mulchfest site.



Mulchfest
#Mulchfest



NYC
Eric Adams
Mayor



No Trash, Curbside Composting, or Recycling Collection on Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, 2023

The New York City Department of Sanitation announced that in observance of Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, 2023, there will be NO trash, curbside composting nor recycling collection on the holiday.

- Residents who normally receive Monday trash, recycling or curbside compost collection may place their material out at curbside Monday evening for collection beginning Tuesday, December 26.

Please note that residents may experience collection delays, as is common after holidays. We appreciate patience as we work to collect the backlog of material.

For questions about Sanitation services and holiday schedules contact 311 or visit nyc.gov/sanitation.



sanitation

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718-549-1212

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Little Movers Storytime with Hands on Craft 10:15 AM—Walkers -36 mos. Kids STEAM: Legos 3 PM --- 5-12 yrs	2
3 Riverdale Library closed	4 Virtual Storytime 10:15 AM – 0-5 yrs. Stitchery Circle 2 PM – Adults Kids: Storytime and STEAM 3 PM – 8-12 yrs	5 Pre-Teen: Paint and Sculpt 3:30 PM – 10-14 yrs	6 Family Story Time 10:15 AM—Walking -36 mos Open Studio: Mixed Media 4 PM – Adults	7 Cool Down: A Restorative Space for Teens 3:30 PM – 13-18 yrs	8 Little Movers Storytime with Hands on Craft 10:15 AM—Walkers -36 mos. Kids: Board Games 3 PM --- 5-12 yrs	9
10 Riverdale Library closed	11 Virtual Storytime 10:15 AM – 0-5 yrs. Stitchery Circle 2 PM – Adults Kids: Storytime and STEAM 3 PM – 8-12 yrs	12 Coffee and a Short Story 12 PM – Adults (Online) Pre-Teen: Paint and Sculpt 3:30 PM – 10-14 yrs	13 Family Story Time 10:15 AM—Walking -36 mos Open Studio: Mixed Media 4 PM – Adults	14 Cool Down: A Restorative Space for Teens 3:30 PM – 13-18 yrs	15 Little Movers Storytime with Hands on Craft 10:15 AM—Walkers -36 mos. Kids STEAM: Legos 3 PM --- 5-12 yrs	16
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Coffee and a Short Story

Tuesday, December 12
12 PM
This event is online. Join the Riverdale Library staff virtually for coffee and a short story discussion. The story we will discuss on Tuesday, December 12th is Misery by Anton Chekhov. To attend our online discussion, please register below with your email address, we will send you the link the day before the session begins.

Open Studio: Mixed Media Art

Wednesday, December 6, 13, 27
4 PM
Join other potential community artists in the Riverdale Library for an evening of drawing in a judgment-free environment. Limited sketching and painting supplies are available, and you can bring your own materials.

Stichery Circle

Mondays
2 PM
Get together with other knitters and crocheters. Pick up new skills and sharpen old ones while working on creations for the colder months ahead. Bring your own knitting needles and crochet hooks. Yarn will be provided if needed.

Cool Down: A Restorative Space for Teens

Thursdays
3:30 PM
This event will take place in person at Riverdale Library. Cool Down is an open space for teens to chill after a long day at school. We'll be doing various activities that are proven to relieve stress such as journaling, gaming, meditating, drawing, collaging, and various DIY crafts. This program is limited to 15 participants.

Storytime and STEAM

Mondays
3 PM
Join staff from the Riverdale Library for an exciting, hands-on program dedicated to picture books and art.

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Riverdale Library

EVENTS & CLASSES

December 2023



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HOURS

Monday 10 AM– 6 PM
Tuesday 10 AM– 6 PM
Wednesday 10 AM– 6 PM
Thursday 10 AM– 6 PM
Friday 10 AM– 5 PM
Saturday 10 AM– 5 PM
Sunday Closed



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nypl.org/event

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

Being a New York City lifeguard takes guts, dedication, and drive. NYC Parks' intensive training program helps prepare potential guards to keep close watch over beaches and pools.

Do you have what it takes to join them this summer?

1. PREP

Find out if you meet the age, vision, and physical requirements, and brush up on your swimming skills at an upcoming clinic.

2. TEST

Sign up for a qualifying test, which includes a sprint swim and a vision exam.

3. TRAIN

Once you've passed the test, you'll begin a 16-session course to learn CPR and lifesaving techniques, and get the training you need to complete the final long distance swim.

4. GUARD

After successfully completing training, you may be hired for a full-time position at a beach or pool. Put your skills into action and keep New Yorkers safe this summer!



NYC Parks

START YOUR JOURNEY

Visit nyc.gov/parks/lifeguards.



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