

# BRONX COMMUNITY



## BOARD 8



### WINTER-IN-REVIEW 2024 NEWSLETTER

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

#### Bronx Community Board No. 8

5676 Riverdale Avenue,  
Suite 100  
Bronx, New York 10471

**Phone:**

(718) 884-3959

**E-mail:**

[bx08@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:bx08@cb.nyc.gov)

**Website:**

[www.nyc.gov/bronxcb8](http://www.nyc.gov/bronxcb8)



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 Spring setting in, we hope you and your loved ones are doing well and enjoying the warmer weather. Throughout the past few months, Bronx Community Board 8 has been working tirelessly for our neighborhoods.

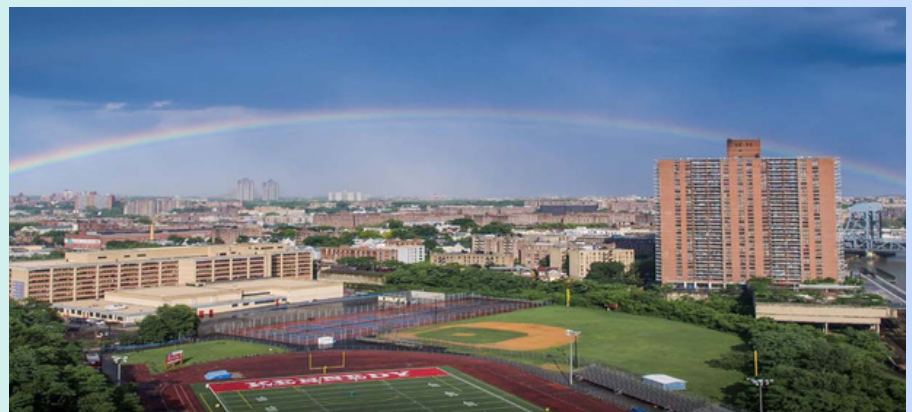
The Winter 2024 Newsletter outlines all the initiatives and events we provided, as well as various resources available to you.

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](mailto:bx08@cb.nyc.gov) for assistance.

Happy Spring!

Sincerely,

Farrah Kule Rubin, District Manager  
Ardy Malziu, Community Coordinator  
Bronx Community Board 8



# April 2024 Calendar

Please visit our website to view future meeting calendars.



## BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

### APRIL 2024 MEETINGS

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

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

+16465588656, 2114033690#



**PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR UPDATES**

[www.nyc.gov/bronxcb8](http://www.nyc.gov/bronxcb8)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 <b>LAND USE</b> No Meeting	2 <b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b> Bronx Alehouse 216 West 238 <sup>th</sup> Street 7:30 PM (No Zoom)	3 <b>EXECUTIVE</b> BXC88 Office 5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100 7:00 PM (Hybrid)	4	5
8 <b>LAW, RULES &amp; ETHICS</b> BXC88 Office 5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100 7:30 PM (Hybrid)	9 <b>FULL BOARD</b> Ethical Culture Fieldston School 3901 Fieldston Rd Building 600 7:00 PM Nominating Committee upon Adjournment (Hybrid)	10 <b>HEALTH, HOSPITALS &amp; SOCIAL SERVICES</b> BXC88 Office 5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100 7:00 PM (Hybrid)	11 <b>AGING</b> Riverdale Senior Services (RSS) 2600 Netherland Ave, 4:00 PM (Hybrid) <b>SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RACIAL EQUITY</b> BXC88 Office 5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100 7:00 PM (Hybrid)	12
15 <b>YOUTH</b> BXC88 Office 5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100 7:30 PM (Hybrid)	16 <b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b> NYPD 50 <sup>th</sup> Precinct 3450 Kingsbridge Ave 7:00 PM (No Zoom)	17 <b>ENVIRONMENT &amp; SANITATION</b> BXC88 Office 5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100 7:00 PM (Hybrid)	18 <b>TRAFFIC &amp; TRANSPORTATION</b> BXC88 Office 5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100 7:00 PM (Hybrid)	19
22 <b>HOUSING</b> No Meeting PASSOVER	23 <b>EDUCATION, LIBRARIES &amp; CULTURAL AFFAIRS</b> No Meeting PASSOVER	24 <b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b> BXC88 Office 5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100 7:00 PM (Hybrid)	25 <b>SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' SERVICES</b> BXC88 Office 5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100 7:00 PM (Hybrid)	26
29 PASSOVER	30 PASSOVER			

\*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 3/25/24

**CLICK THE ICONS BELOW TO FOLLOW US:**



Formerly Twitter

Happy  
Spring!

## JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

**SIGN UP FOR UPDATES!**

Receive Bronx Community Board 8's  
Agendas, Minutes, Meeting Calendar, &  
Newsletters delivered right to your inbox.



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



# Economic Development Committee: Waldo Ave & W. 238th Street / Riverdale Ave Commercial Corridor Walkthrough

Bronx Community Board 8 Economic Development Committee organized a walkthrough on the Waldo Ave and W. 238th Street / Riverdale Ave Commercial Corridor with CB8 staff, NYC Department of Transportation Bronx Borough Commissioner Anthony Perez and team and representatives from the NYC Department of Small Business Services and Commercial Lease Assistance Program, to provide local merchants with resources available to them.



# Traffic & Transportation Committee: Ongoing Flooding Issue at 4901 Henry Hudson Pkwy W. Walkthrough

In response to many complaints from our community regarding significant flooding on the street and sidewalk during medium to severe rain in front of 4901 Henry Hudson Pkwy W., the Bronx Community Board 8 Traffic and Transportation Committee organized a walkthrough with NYS Assemblyman Jeff Dinowitz's office to assess the situation and discuss next steps.





2024

AWARD

Nominations  
Now Open

**It is Awards Season at  
Bronx Community Board  
8! For more information  
and to submit your  
nominations for our  
Awards, please see the  
flyers on pages 7 - 9.**

# Irving Ladimer Community Service Award (CSA)



## BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR

## IRVING LADIMER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD (CSA)

The only criteria for consideration is that the nominee has acted on a volunteer basis to improve or enhance the quality of life of those living or working in the Bronx Community Board 8 area.

Irving Ladimer was a beloved community board member whose passion was civics and volunteering for our community. Previous community service awardees volunteered to support people who are homeless or disabled. Some awardees worked to improve our environment, our parks or our streets. Volunteers have given of their free time in so many ways to make a better life for all in our community.



Photo Courtesy of The Riverdale Press

Nominations will be accepted through Friday, April 19, 2024

**VISIT <http://tinyurl.com/csa-award>  
OR SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE  
INFORMATION & TO SUBMIT NOMINATION!**



For more information, contact Bronx Community Board 8 at (718) 884-3959 or [bx08@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:bx08@cb.nyc.gov)

# New York Yankees Youth Leadership Award

## ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

The New York Yankees work in conjunction with the 12 community boards of the Bronx on an annual basis to identify five area youth in each district that are making a difference, acknowledging them with the NY Yankees Youth Leadership Award for providing a positive service to their community.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO APPLY, VISIT:

<https://tinyurl.com/nyy-award>

OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW:



## BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

PRESENTS

## 2024 NEW YORK YANKEES YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

**APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!**

### WHO CAN APPLY

- High school seniors
- Reside in Bronx Community Board 8 – **OR** – perform community service in Bronx Community Board 8
- Must have performed 50 hours of community service

**NOMINATION DEADLINE:**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024**

The Youth Leadership Award will provide a **\$750.00** stipend to Youth Leaders nominated by Bronx Community Board 8.

In addition, the Youth Leaders will be **recognized on-field during a pre-game ceremony at Yankee Stadium in 2024 on Bronx Community Board 8 Day.**

Questions? Contact Bronx Community Board 8 at **718-884-3959** or [bx08@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:bx08@cb.nyc.gov).



# Comeback Kid Achievement Award



**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8**

**SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR**

## **COMEBACK KID ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

The Youth Committee of Bronx Community Board No. 8 established the Comeback Kid Achievement Award to acknowledge students in community centers that have overcome challenges and demonstrated improvement over a period time. It is the Committee's belief that by recognizing student participants in community centers, it can reward those youth who are working hard to improve their future and are deserving of recognition and support.



**Nominations will be accepted through Friday, May 3, 2024**

**VISIT <http://tinyurl.com/cbkaa-2024>  
OR SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE  
INFORMATION & TO SUBMIT NOMINATION!**



For more information, contact Bronx Community Board 8 at (718) 884-3959 or [bx08@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:bx08@cb.nyc.gov)

# Civics Week at PS 360

In the spirit of Civics Week that took place within the NYC Department of Education (DOE) from March 11- 15, Bronx Community Board 8 members David Gellman and Steven Froot spoke with students at PS 360 in Kingsbridge to celebrate civic empowerment and discuss the real topics and problems that affect the community.



# Free At-Home COVID Test Kits to District Residents

Bronx Community Board 8 was happy to distribute over 200 free at-home COVID test kits to our residents in need. Special thanks to the NYC Councilman Eric Dinowitz and NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene for donating the test kits to the Board Office for distribution.





# BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

PRESENTS

*Free At-Home*

# COVID-19 TEST KITS

1 PER INDIVIDUAL / 2 PER FAMILY. NO RSVP NEEDED.  
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

**PICK-UP AT BOARD OFFICE -  
5676 RIVERDALE AVE,  
SUITE 100, BRONX, NY 10471**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY, 9 AM - 5PM**

For more information, contact Bronx Community Board 8 at  
(718) 884-3959 or [bx08@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:bx08@cb.nyc.gov)



# **NYBG Orchid Show: Florals in Fashion**

## **April 6, 2024**

Bronx Community Board 8 is distributing free tickets from the New York Botanical Gardens to your organization. Reach out to our office to reserve. First come first served while supplies last.

Strike a pose! *The Orchid Show* brings the catwalk to the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory in a fashion-inspired celebration of all things orchids—and we want YOU at the center of the sartorial experience. Catch the bold new designs of New York’s rising stars of the stitch with work by Collina Strada by Hillary Taymour, Dauphinette by Olivia Cheng, and FLWR PSTL by Kristen Alpaugh, fashionistas who have created dramatic, picture-perfect floral displays at the Garden that always capture the orchid’s good side. This is your chance to “walk the runway” and show off your own personal flair, your love for orchids, and your fashion-forward connections to the natural world. Because florals are always en vogue at NYBG.

Tel: 718-884-3959

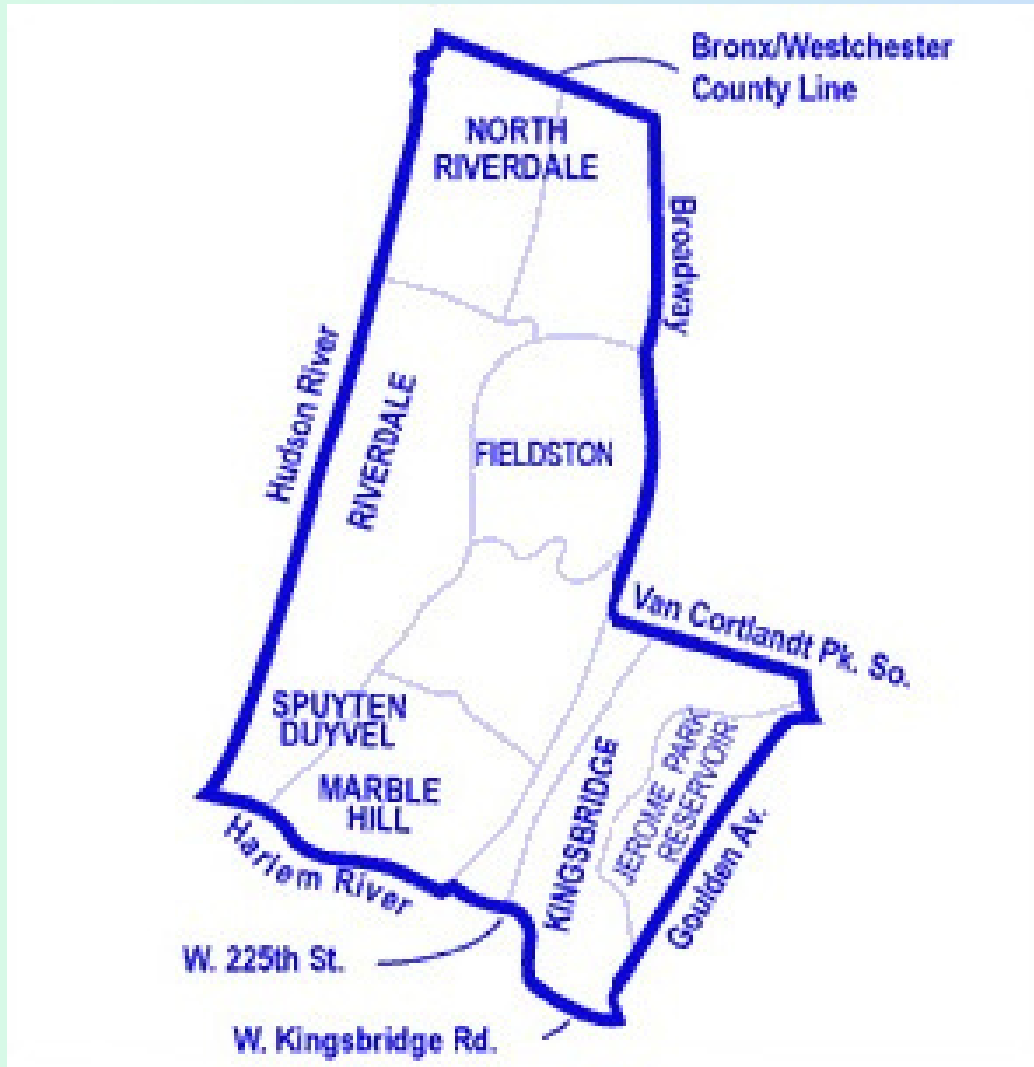
Email: [bx08@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:bx08@cb.nyc.gov)

# Welcoming our New Intern

Bronx Community Board 8 welcomes our new intern, Jaylyn Adorno, helping us to kick-off Women's History Month!



# Bronx Community Board 8 Map



Bronx Community Board 8, like all the community boards within NYC, has an important advisory role in dealing with land use and zoning matters, the City budget, municipal service delivery and many other matters relating to their communities' welfare. Some of the major issues that Board 8 has addressed in recent years include: the creation of a comprehensive vision for the community through a 197-A Plan; the rezoning of various areas to prevent development that is out of character with a local area; amendments to the Greenbelt or Special Natural Area District provisions; and the economic revitalization of West 230th Street and Broadway.

Bronx Community Board 8 meets the second Tuesday of every month – except this June meeting being held June 13, 2024 (no meetings during the summer) – in varying locations. Check the calendar for more information.

# Presentations to Bronx Community Board 8 Committees

## Housing Committee:

- Presentation: Getting Ready for the Environmental Impact Statement on Future Housing Proposals

## Traffic & Transportation Committee:

- Northwest Bronx School Safety Improvements – W. 254th St. / Van Cortlandt Park East
- Van Cortlandt Park South & Bailey Avenue Proposed Intersection Plan

## Land Use Committee:

- Presentation: Tibbetts Brook Daylighting Easement Acquisition



### Getting Ready for the Environmental Impact Statement on Future Housing Proposals

Presentation to the Housing Committee of Bronx Community Board 8  
Community Board Member Laura Spalter and Community Committee Member Karen Argenti  
Monday, March 25, 2024


Hazen



### Tibbetts Brook Daylighting Easement Acquisition

Tibbetts Brook Daylighting Project

Bronx Community Board 8: Land Use Committee Meeting  
Held virtually via Zoom and in-person  
5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100  
March 11, 2024  
7:00 PM



### Van Cortlandt Park South & Bailey Avenue

Community Board 8 Traffic and Transportation Committee  
February 15, 2024



## NORTHWEST BRONX SCHOOL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

WEST 254<sup>TH</sup> STREET/VAN CORTLANDT PARK EAST

PROJECT ID: HWX406  
RIVERDALE AND WOODLAWN  
BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 8, THE BRONX - TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Eric Adams  
Mayor

Thomas Foley  
Commissioner

MARCH 21, 2024



# Be in the Know and Sign Up for the City of Yes for Housing Info Sessions

City of Yes for Housing Opportunity is a “zoning reform proposal that would address the housing crisis by making it possible to build a little more housing in every neighborhood.”

The proposal will enter public review in spring of 2024, receiving input from community boards and borough presidents before going to the City Planning Commission for a vote. If passed, it is anticipated to come for a vote before the City Council by the end of the calendar year.

NYC Planning will hold remote public info sessions about City of Yes for Housing Opportunity proposals each month.

Event schedule:

- **April 17: Focused on the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity proposal. [Register here.](#)**

Visit [nyc.gov/CityOfYes](https://nyc.gov/CityOfYes) for public meeting info, sharable flyers, and more.



# PS 24 Upcoming Construction Work Notice

The NYC School Construction Authority (SCA) wishes to notify you about upcoming work to P.S. 24 Bronx 660 West 236 Street Bronx NY, near your residence.

**Scope of Work:** Exterior Masonry, Support Reinforcing Elements Construction Project. All work will be performed by an accredited contractor under the supervision of the SCA.

**Project Timeline and Hours of Work:** Work will begin soon, and completion is scheduled in December 2025. Due to the nature of this work and for the safety of the students, all activities must take place after normal school hours. Weather permitting, most construction work will take place with a permit on weekdays between the hours of 4:00 PM and 12:00 AM. During school closure, and possibly during the summer and on holidays, work may be completed during daytime hours.

**Abatement:** As part of this project, a comprehensive asbestos investigation was conducted to determine if any asbestos containing materials (ACM) would be impacted by the planned scope of work. It was determined that ACM would be impacted by the planned scope of work, therefore asbestos abatement will be required at various stages of this project. Abatement work will be conducted while the building is unoccupied, and will strictly adhere to all applicable regulations. A third-party consultant (Project Monitor) will oversee the abatement contractor to assure asbestos removal is conducted properly, and will also conduct air sampling through the duration of each project. Air sample results will provide assurance that abatement was conducted properly, and that areas are safe to occupy following completion of asbestos abatement. This information is made available to the school before students and staff are allowed to enter the building.



# Dining Out NYC

The Dining Out NYC online application portal is live!

## Outdoor Dining Program

- All eligible food service establishments are welcome to apply citywide
- Equitable fee structure:
  - Rates vary by location and cafe size
  - Rates are lower than pre-pandemic Sidewalk Café program
- Cafes will be safe, accessible, and easy to assemble and break down
  - View interactive Setup Guides
  - No more fully enclosed structures
  - Roadway cafes allowed for an eight-month season (April through November)
  - Sidewalk cafes allowed year-round
- Licenses and revocable consents required, valid for four years

For more information, visit: <https://www.diningoutnyc.info/>

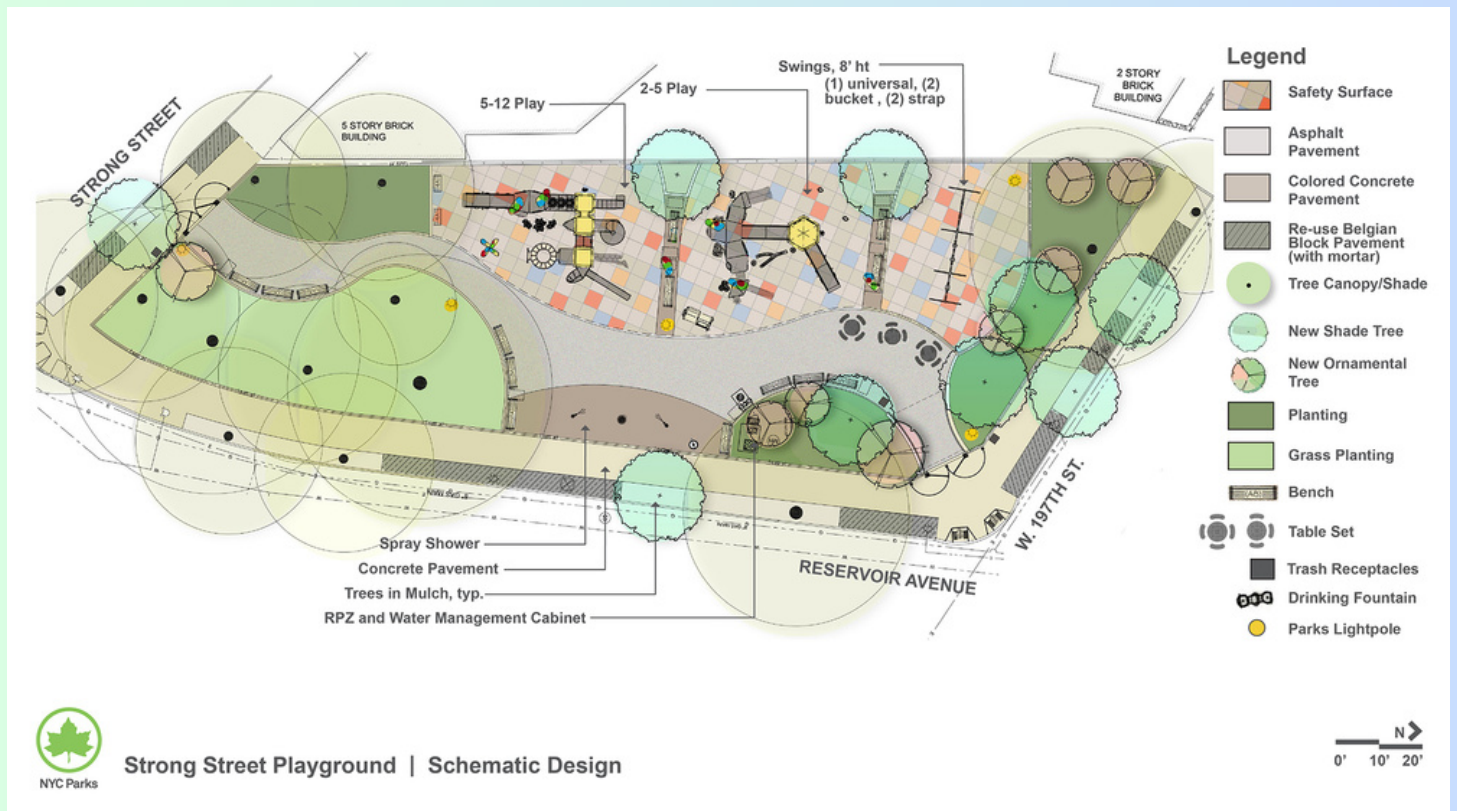


# Washington's Walk Strong Street Playground Reconstruction

Please be advised that the construction start date for Washington's Walk Strong Street Playground Reconstruction Project is April 15, 2024.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.nycgovparks.org/.../capital.../project/9188>



# Harlem River Greenway (Bronx) Online Public Workshops

After a year of research and outreach, New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) is returning to the Bronx to gain community members' feedback on their proposed route alternatives to connect Van Cortlandt Park to Randall's Island. As DOT continues the planning process, they want to ensure their plan reflects the community's priorities.

DOT will host four workshops (two in-person and two virtual) in March and April 2024 to gather community feedback. You can register to attend below:

Wednesday, April 3, 6:00-8:00pm (Virtual) (Van Cortlandt Park to the High Bridge)  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtc--vpzMrHdCG7GFXEdQtYzfsGVofhtfx#/registration>

Monday, April 8, 6:00-8:00pm (Virtual) (The High Bridge to Randall's Island Park)  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUsf--opz4iHdNpee0S\\_K1ygs-YelNTzhLY#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUsf--opz4iHdNpee0S_K1ygs-YelNTzhLY#/registration)

For more information, visit: <https://nycdotprojects.info/harlem-river-greenway-bronx>





SPUYTEN DUYVIL LIBRARY  
PRESENTS

# ECLIPSE OLYMPICS!

April 8th, 2-4pm

- *Free eclipse viewing glasses!*
- *Carnival style games!*
- *Cozy eclipse viewing area!*
- *Soccer fun with Legendary All Stars!*

in Seton Park directly behind the  
Spuyten Duyvil Library (weather  
permitting)

All ages welcome

Spuyten Duyvil Library  
650 W 235th St  
Bronx, NY 10463  
718-796-1202



New York  
Public  
Library



# NYC Parks is hiring for the summer!



Help keep the Bronx's green spaces beautiful and safe!



If you have a driver license, we are looking for City Park Workers at a salary of \$20.89 an hour. We also have City Seasonal Aide positions available for non-drivers at \$18.00 an hour.



For quick application to these positions, scan the code below or visit [bit.ly/parks24bx](https://bit.ly/parks24bx)



We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.



NYC Parks

# BRONX COMMUNITY



## BOARD 8



### Officers & Membership

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

#### MEET THE BXC8 OFFICERS

Chair  
**JULIE REYES**

Vice Chair  
**SERGIO VILLAVERDE**

Secretary  
**MARGARET DELLA**

Treasurer  
**JOY CAMPBELL PRIVETERRE**

#### OFFICE STAFF

District Manager  
**FARRAH KULE RUBIN**

Community Coordinator  
**ARDY MALZIU**

#### BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Sylvia Alexander  
Jillian Baez  
Constance Barnes-Watson  
Bob Bender  
Carol Blake  
Kelli Buford  
Christopher Calhoun  
Sebastian Chittilappilly  
Lee Chong  
Ynggrid DeLeon  
Margaret Della  
\*Robert Fanuzzi  
Nicholas Fazio  
Steven Froot  
David Gellman

Mary Ellen Gibbs  
\*Rosemary Ginty  
Dr. Julia Gomez  
Edward Green  
Emily Hausman  
Rhashida Hilliard  
Robert Jacklosky  
Barbara Kail  
Rabbi Bob Kaplan  
Josh Land  
Eliane Lobos  
Rita Pochter Lowe  
Oscar Martinez  
\*Charles Moerder  
Theodore Morris

Omar Murray  
Joy Campbell Priveterre  
Julie Reyes  
Daniel Rowen  
Georgia Santiago  
Ramdat Singh  
Jessica Sosa  
\*Laura Spalter  
Debra Travis  
Sergio Villaverde  
\*Martin Wolpoff  
  
-- \* Former BOARD CHAIR



# BRONX COMMUNITY



## BOARD 8



**5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100  
Bronx, New York 10471**

**Phone: (718) 884-3959**

**E-mail: [bx08@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:bx08@cb.nyc.gov)**

**Website: [www.nyc.gov/bronxcb8](http://www.nyc.gov/bronxcb8)**

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