## **BRONX COMMUNITY**



## **BOARD 8**



#### **SPRING INTO SUMMER 2025 NEWSLETTER**

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

### **Bronx Community Board No. 8**

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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.



Notary services available by appointment.

#### **DEAR NEIGHBOR,**

Happy Summer! We hope you and your loved ones are doing well, enjoying the warmer weather and staying cool. Throughout the past few months, Bronx Community Board 8 has been working tirelessly for our neighborhoods.

The Spring into Summer 2025 Newsletter outlines all the initiatives and events we provided, as well as various resources available to you.

During the summer months of July and August, the Community Board Office is open Monday - Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please contact the office before stopping by to ensure office staff will be present at (718) 884-3959 or bx08@cb.nyc.gov.

#### Sincerely,

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



#### **IN LOVING MEMORY**

# Mary Ellen Gibbs

October 11, 1959 ~ June 14, 2025

Bronx Community Board 8 was saddened of the recent passing of Board Member Mary Ellen Gibbs.

Mary Ellen's commitment to the community was endless. Mary Ellen was active on many of the Board's committees and events, always being one of the first to volunteer to assist the Board at community street tabling events.

Mary Ellen was the Chairperson of the Aging Committee, Vice Chair of the Traffic & Transportation Committee as well as member of the Public Safety Committee.

We will miss her humor and connection with our community. May she Rest in Peace.















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# Bronx Community Board 8 Meetings Calendar

Bronx Community Board 8's calendar includes the Monthly Board and various committee meetings.

Please note the board is on recess during July and August. Monthly Board and committee meetings will resume in September.

For assistance, please contact us at (718) 884-3959 or bx08@cb.nyc.gov.

Please visit our <u>website</u> to view future meeting calendars.





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Please call ahead before visiting us, as we may be out of the office servicing the community.

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



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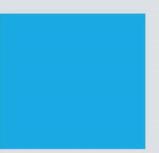
Receive Bronx Community Board 8's Agendas, Minutes, Meeting Calendar, & Newsletters delivered right to your inbox.



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









# Bronx Community Board 8 June 2025 Monthly Board Meeting

Bronx Community Board 8 held its June 2025 Monthly Board meeting at IN-Tech Academy. Before the meeting began, board members enjoyed and mingled over hors d'oeuvres, compliments of Chairperson Julie Reyes and District Manager Farrah Kule Rubin. Thank you to IN-Tech Academy for hosting the meeting!













# 2025 Betty Campbell-Adams Most Valuable Merchant Award Recipients

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2025 Bronx Community Board 8 Betty Campbell-Adams Most Valuable Merchant Award: Emiliano's Market, Liebman's Deli, and Salvatore's of Soho!

In loving memory of Betty Campbell-Adams, beloved owner of Lloyd's Carrot Cake and a pillar in our district, this award honors local merchants who embody her spirit of service, generosity, and community pride.

Thank you to Emiliano Turrini & Franca Guadio, Yuval Dekel, and Mario Curanaj for your unwavering commitment to enhancing the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Betty's son, Brandon Adams, whose continued presence and support help keep her spirit alive in our community.









# 2025 Irving Ladimer Community Service Award Recipients

At the June 25, 2025 Bronx Community Board 8 Monthly Board Meeting, Bronx Community Board 8 proudly recognized the outstanding contributions of Marianne Kraft, Richard Feldman, Christopher Rizzo, Bruce Williamson, Thomas Healy, and Dr. Robert Fanuzzi as the recipients of the 2025 Irving Ladimer Community Service Award.

We extend our deepest gratitude to these dedicated individuals for their exceptional volunteer service and unwavering commitment to enhancing the quality of life in our community. Their efforts truly embody the spirit of civic engagement and have made a lasting impact in the Bronx Community Board 8 area.













### 2025 Comeback Kid Achievement Award Recipients

Congratulations to our 2025 Comeback Kid Achievement Award recipients Ayonna DeJesus, Kiana McMillen and Norah Aldalali!

The award goes to students in community centers that have overcome challenges and demonstrated improvement over a period of time.



# 2025 New York Yankees Community Council Youth Leadership Recipients

Congratulations to our 2025 New York Yankees Community Council Youth Leadership reciipents Amani Dao, Bruce Sanchez, Dayarith Garcia Baez, Janae Shuler and Salim Njoya Jr. for their work in our neighborhoods. The award goes to youth who perform 50 hours of leadership/volunteer work as a tutor, mentor, community unity developer, and/or as an advocate against violence and substance abuse in the community. Thank you for making a difference in Bronx Community Board 8!







# Riverdale Phille

Bronx Community Board 8 was happy to participate and distribute resources and goodies at the 4th Annual Riverdale Pride event at the Riverdale Neighborhood House organized by the 4Bronx Project.

Thank you to all our neighbors for stopping by our table and learning more about the Board.



### John F. Kennedy (JFK) Campus Athletic Field Ribbon Cutting

Bronx Community Board 8 proudly celebrates the ribbon cutting of the newly renovated John F. Kennedy (JFK) Campus athletic field - a transformational \$5 million investment that reflects our collective commitment to student success.

We extend our deepest thanks to Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson, Council Speaker Adrienne Adams, Council Members Eric Dinowitz and Carmen De La Rosa, and all our federal and state elected officials for their leadership and support.

A heartfelt congratulations to our former Economic Development Committee Chairperson, Coach Oscar Martinez, for his lasting impact and advocacy on behalf of our students.

Congratulations to the Kennedy Knights - your shine lights the way for our Bronx future!









## Fourth Annual Riverdale Block Party

Bronx Community Board 8 was happy to participate and distribute resources and goodies at the 4th Annual Riverdale Block Party organized by the Riverdale Main Streets Alliance. Thank you to all our neighbors for stopping by our table and learning more about the Board.













# Bronx Borough President's Community Board Appreciation Celebration

Bronx Community Board 8 extends a heartfelt thank you to Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson for hosting a beautiful and joy-filled Community Board Appreciation Celebration at the Pelham Bay Split Rock Golf Course.

A special congratulations to our very own Constance Barnes-Watson, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, for being honored with a Citation of Merit from the Borough President.





# Congratulations & Thank You: Bronx Community Board 8 Interns

Congratulations to our interns Deonte Dewar and Jaylyn Adorno on completing their internships with Bronx Community Board 8! We're grateful for your contributions and wish you the very best in all your future endeavors.



### Strong Street Playground Reconstruction Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Bronx Community Board 8 was proud to join NYC Parks Commissioner Iris Rodriguez-Rosa, Bronx Parks Commissioner Jessenia Aponte, NYS Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, NYC Councilwoman Pierina Ana Sanchez, Parks & Recreation Committee Chair Deb Travis, Theory 9, and community members for the ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the reconstruction of Strong Street Playground! We look forward to seeing this playground bring joy to local children for years to come.





### New York Botanical Garden Bronx Day - Celebration of Juneteenth Ticket Giveaway

Bronx Community Board 8 was happy to distribute over 50 free tickets to residents in our district to go to the New York Botanical Garden's Bronx Day - Celebration of Juneteenth.

Special thanks to the New York Botanical Garden for donating the tickets to the Board Office for distribution.





# Advocating for Safer Streets in North Riverdale

Bronx Community Board 8 was proud to join NYS
Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, NYC Councilman Eric
Dinowitz, and local advocates at a press conference
calling for traffic-calming measures at Huxley Avenue
and W 261st Street, following a recent hit-and-run.
Together, we're committed to safer streets!



# City & State New York 2025 Bronx Power 100

Bronx Community Board 8 congratulates Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson and 3 of our own for making the <u>City & State New York 2025 Bronx Power 100 list</u>. Thank you for your contributions to Bronx Community Board 8 and the Bronx!

Charles Moerdler - Chairperson, Land Use Committee Rabbi Bob Kaplan - Chairperson, Health, Hospitals & Social Services Committee

**Ardhmir "Ardy" Malziu - Community Coordinator, Bronx Community Board 8** 



As Vanessa Gibson nears the end of her first term as both the first woman and the first Black Bronx borough president, she is backing a community-driven redevelopment of the old Kingsbridge Armory, with a land use review process just getting underway. She has also championed small businesses and relaunched Savor the Bronx Restaurant Week. On the health care front, Gibson has urged New York City to develop a comprehensive plan to tackle diabetes while also battling the opioid epidemic and the maternal mortality crisis. Her reelection campaign has been endorsed by 1199SEIU and the New York Working Families Party.



Charles Moerdler's day job is serving as of counsel at the Manhattan law firm Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP, but he's known for his decades of civic engagement in the Bronx and beyond. He served on the boards of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York and was New York City's housing and buildings commissioner. The real estate and land use expert is a member of Bronx Community Board 8 and serves on the boards of the SBH Health System and the New York City Housing Development Corp.

73. Matt Abrams Gerber & Bob Kaplan

Vice President; Senior Adviser, Jewish Community Relations Council of
New York



At the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, Matt Abrams Gerber and Bob Kaplan are weaving together the multicultural tapestry of New York City into a cohesive community. Abrams Gerber Is the vice president for JCRC's Center for Shared Society and Kaplan is a senior adviser for the center. Abrams Gerber Joined JCRC last fall, after nine years as chief operating officer of the Riverdale Y, to succeed Kaplan in leading the center, with Kaplan transitioning to the senior adviser role. The Center for Shared Society sponsors programs to bridge demographic divides in the city and engage emerging community leaders citywide. Among the center's programs are the Blumberg Fellowship for Jewish Community Relations, which seeks to connect Jewish young professionals to the city's civic life; YouthBridge, a teenage leadership development program; and the BridgesNY fellowship program, which trains community leaders through meetings with city Jeaders and trips to Israel, Palestine and the annual Somos conference in Puerto Rico.





A large Albanian American population resides in the Bronx, and in his role as a Democratic district leader for Assembly District 80, Ardhmir Malriu is New York (Sity's only Albanian American elected official. Malriu is also the community coordinator for Bronx. Community Board 8 and previously worked for the New York City Council and the New York Yankees. He is committed to empowering underrepresented communities and increasing Albanian American representation. As a district leader, he has focused on recruiting more young people and individuals from underrepresented communities to serve as poll workers.

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### City Agencies in Action

Bronx Community Board 8 is proud to report recent improvements in our district thanks to coordination with city agencies. The NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) has been actively addressing potholes, the NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) has removed illegal dumping and debris, and Con Edison has been doing gas main replacement work. We thank these agencies for their continued partnership in keeping our neighborhoods safe and clean.

DOT Temporary Pot Hole Fix on West 254th St towards Metro North Railroad Station

Before





After







6/18/2025

Con Edison contractors will be starting more gas main replacement work at the following locations:

- Arlington Ave btw W 254 Street and W 255 Street
- Rivercrest Road btw W 254 Street and Dead End
- Blackstone Ave btw W 252 Street and Independence Ave
- W 254 Street btw Independence Ave/Hudson River Road and Arlington Ave

Bronx Community Board 8 will keep the community notified of future Con Edison work.



If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Board Office at (718) 884-3959 or bx08@cb.nyc.gov

DSNY Garbage Cleanup on Broadway & West 231st Street





After

Before

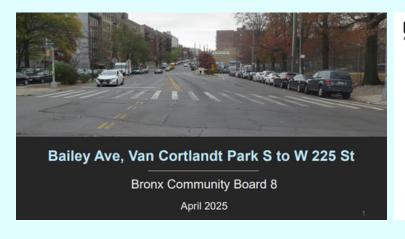
### Presentations to Bronx Community Board 8 Committees

#### **Traffic & Transportation Committee:**

- DDC Summit Place Step Street Rehabilitation Presentation (May 2025)
- DOT Citi Bike Expansion Plan for Riverdale (May 2025)
- <u>Bailey Avenue between Van Cortlandt Park South and West</u>
   <u>225th Street Proposed Corridor Safety Improvements (April 2025)</u>
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- <u>Updated Presentation Van Cortlandt Park South & Bailey Avenue</u>
  <u>Safety Improvements Phase 2 (April 2025)</u>

#### **Housing Committee:**

- Presentation, June 23, 2025: Bricks and Mortals
- Presentation, February 24, 2025: NYC Accelerator (Local Law 97)





# Bronx Community Board 8 2025 Combating Hate Resource Guide

Hate crimes reached record levels in 2023. The Bronx Community Board 8 Special Committee on Racial Equity (SCRE) produced the 2025 Combating Hate Resource Guide on how to cope with and combat hate.

## Click the below picture to view the digital version of the <u>2025 Combating Hate Resource Guide</u>:



Additionally, please find the below the Special Committee on Racial Equity (SCRE) current report and the resources and projects the Committee worked on:

- Current SCRE Report June 2025
- <u>Capital Request Map</u>
- <u>List of Committee Equity Activities (As of June 2025)</u>
- Standing Up Against Hate Palm Card

The above resources can also be found here on SCRE's webpage.

# Bronx Community Board 8 Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway 2025 Report

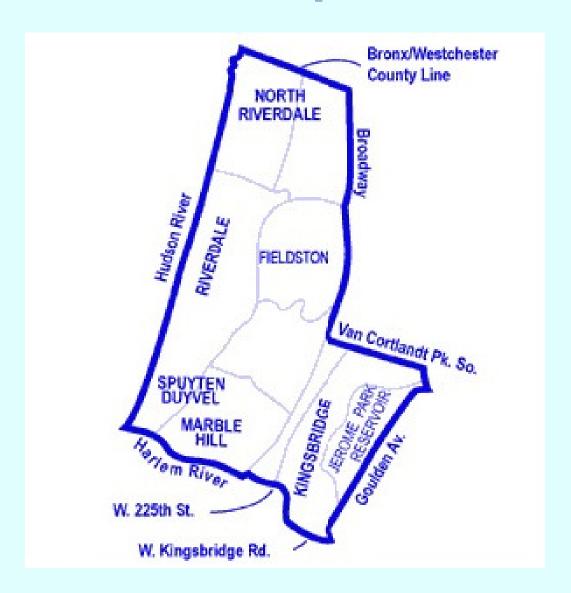
Residents of Bronx Community Board 8 support a Hudson River Greenway extending from Spuyten Duyvil to Yonkers, providing runners, walkers, people with disabilities, cyclists and others an enjoyable riverfront experience with a superb view of the Palisades, as well as access to the Greenway to the north and the Greenway to the south, so that a continuous Greenway runs from Manhattan to Westchester. The Bronx Community Board 8 Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway works throughout the year to achieve this goal.

Click the below picture to view the digital version of the <u>Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway</u>

<u>2025 Report</u>:



# 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 usually meets the second Tuesday of every month (no meetings during the summer) in varying locations. Check the calendar for more information.

# Bronx Community Board 8 is Hiring!

#### **Position - Community Associate**

Please view the full job description: Position - Community Associate

#### To Apply:

Current City Employees: Please log into Employee Self Service (ESS) at <a href="http://www.nyc.gov/ess">http://www.nyc.gov/ess</a> and search for Job ID number 717486

All other applicants: Please go to <a href="http://www.nyc.gov/jobs">http://www.nyc.gov/jobs</a> and search for Job ID number 717486

Deadline to Apply: July 31, 2025

- Residents of Bronx Community Board 8 are encouraged to apply
- This position is classified as Non-Competitive Class; For Fair Labor Standards Act purposes, this position is Exempt
- This position offers a New York City comprehensive fringe benefits package

The City of New York and Bronx Community Board 8 are Equal Opportunity Employers



### **Neighborhood Events**

Join us for an evening of acoustic music, featuring local guitarists.

**Andrew V. Craig and Rich Dashnaw** 



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Saturday
July 12, 2025
5:00pm – 7:30pm

College Point
University of
Mount Saint Vincent
6301 Riverdale Ave.
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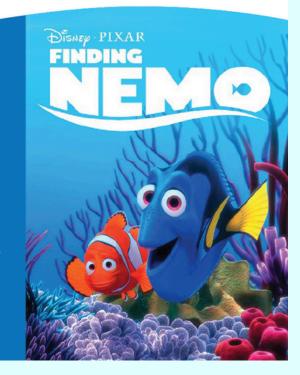


UNIVERSITY OF MOUNT SAINT VINCENT



Join us for a free family movie night\*
next to the river and under the stars
on Saturday, July 12 8:30 p.m. at the
University of Mount Saint Vincent
athletic field. Parking available on site.

\*following our Sunset on the Hudson celebration from 5 to 7:30 p.m.





# TAKE YOUR BRONX BUSINESS SCAN TO THE NEXT LEVEL



Deadline to apply is July 14, 2025

Applications are open for the Community Enterprise Accelerator (CEA) Cohort 3 fellowship! This is a unique chance for under-recognized, Bronx-based entrepreneurs to scale their businesses with crucial support.

#### The CEA fellowship offers:

- **⊗** \$15,000 in grant capital
- ✓ One-on-one mentorship

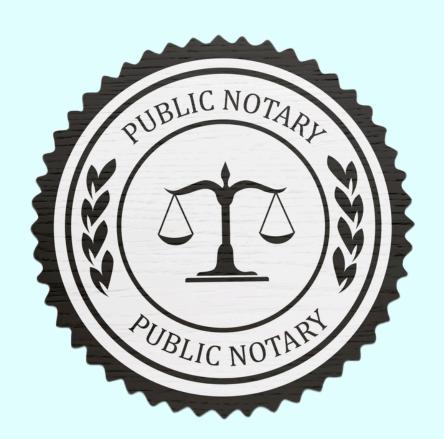
We're seeking passionate entrepreneurs who:

Own a for-profit business primarily in The Bronx. » Have been in business for at least one year. » Have generated over \$75,000 in lifetime revenue. » Are committed to growth and contributing to The Bronx.

APPLY TODAY AT CEABX.ORG

# Free Notary Services at Bronx Community Board 8

Bronx Community Board 8 offers free notary services! To make an appointment, call our office at (718) 884-3959 or email us at <a href="mailto:bx08@cb.nyc.gov">bx08@cb.nyc.gov</a>.



### **Office Space Wanted**

Bronx Community Board 8 is still looking for a centrally located office space in the district. If you see a space available in your neighborhood, please contact the Board office.

# OFFICE SPACE

### WANTED

- Long Term Lease
- 1,500 S/F 1,800 S/F
- ADA accessible
- Parking preferred
- Near public transportation
- Will consider: Move in ready, Vanilla box, Renovations
- Centrally located for 10463, 10468, 10471 Zip code areas
- Use: Administration of government



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# Health & Safety Tips During Extreme Heat

New York City Emergency Management Department and the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene advise New Yorkers to take precautions to beat the heat.

- Those most vulnerable to heat stress include adults aged 60 and older, and people with health conditions, including heart disease, diabetes, mental health conditions, or people with cognitive impairment. Check on people who are at-risk and help them find a cool place to stay during heat events.
- Go to an air-conditioned location, even if for a few hours.
- Stay out of the sun and avoid extreme temperature changes.
- Avoid strenuous activity, especially during the sun's peak hours: 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
   If you must do strenuous activity, do it during the coolest part of the day, which is usually in the morning between 4:00 AM and 7:00 AM.
- Remember: drink water, rest, and locate shade if you are working outdoors or if your
  work is strenuous. Drink water every 15 minutes even if not thirsty (avoid beverages
  containing alcohol or caffeine), rest in the shade, and watch out for others on outdoor
  teams. Employers are required to provide water, rest, and shade when work is being
  done during extreme heat.
- Eat small, frequent meals.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- Participate in activities to keep cool, such as going to the movies, visiting museums, walking in an air-conditioned mall, or swimming at a pool or beach.
- Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens and, in apartments where children live, window guards. Air conditioners in buildings more than six stories must be installed with brackets so they are secured and cannot fall on someone below.
- Never leave a child or pets in the vehicle, even for a few minutes.



### NYCDOT Rehabilitation of Henry Hudson Parkway Bridge over Broadway - Bronx

The NYCDOT Division of Bridges will continue the rehabilitation of the Henry Hudson Parkway Bridge over Broadway in the Bronx.

Beginning on Monday, July 14, the right travel lane southbound on Broadway (underneath the Henry Hudson Parkway Bridge) will be closed. Pedestrians will follow a temporary walkway between traffic lane and active work zone. Short-term closures of the left travel lane on northbound Broadway may be in place to set up the construction staging area.

This traffic pattern will be in place 24/7 for approximately 12 weeks.

Please see the attached notice for more information and a map of the closures.



Henry Hudson Parkway Bridge over

Broadway HBCR21B

Community Board No. 8

Bronx, New York

July 2025



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Long-term right lane dosure on southbound Broadway underneath Henry Hudson Parkway Bridge Beginning Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> for approximately 12 weeks

Katie MacDougall, Community Liaison for the project, is available to provide information about this project at (347) 626-1144 or <a href="mailto:8bridgescomprehab@gmail.com">8bridgescomprehab@gmail.com</a>. For all NYC non-emergency services, including inquiries regarding NYCDOT construction projects, dial 311.

### **Fair Fares NYC**

Fair Fares NYC is a City program that helps New Yorkers with low incomes reduce their transportation costs. By using the Fair Fares NYC discount, New York City residents get a 50% discount on subway and eligible bus fares (including the Staten Island Railway, Roosevelt Island Tram, and Hudson Rail Link).

Fair Fares also gives 50% off Access-A-Ride trips. This discount is given automatically when the Fair Fares and Access-A-Ride accounts are linked.

Check your eligibility and apply here.



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