



BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8



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MEETING NOTICE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, April 6, 2026
TIME: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
LOCATION: Bronx Community Board 8 Office
5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100, Bronx, NY 10471

Committee Members must attend in-person, except members with disabilities as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act who may request an accommodation from the chairperson of the Board permitting them to attend via video/teleconferencing, if applicable, and be counted in the quorum.

The public is invited to attend.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introduction of Committee Members and Guest
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the Executive Committee Minutes: March 4, 2026
4. Chairperson's Report & Resolutions
5. Treasurer's Report & Resolutions
6. District Manager's Report
7. Committee Chairs Reports & Review of Resolutions
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
10. Next Executive Committee Meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 2026
11. Adjournment

Julie Reyes
Chairperson

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Pursuant to New York State legislation signed by Governor Kathy Hochul (Bill S1150A), The Community Board is required to post material to be discussed at a public meeting. Please know that the material below has not been voted on or discussed by the full board at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

SAPO RESOLUTION – EDUCATION, LIBRARIES & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - 3-24-26
KHCC NEIGHBORHOOD FESTIVAL 6-12-2026
APRIL 14, 2026

WHEREAS, the Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs committee had a SAPO application presented by the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center at our March 24,2026; and

WHEREAS, Kadijah Caban attended the meeting and told the committee and shared that on June 12,2026 between 10:00am and 7:00pm KHCC was requesting closing Kingsbridge Terrace between Perot Street and Summit Place to celebrate their Neighborhood Festival; and

WHEREAS, Kingsbridge Heights Community Center has had this event previously and it was successful; and

WHEREAS, the Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs committee voted to approve this event.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 approves this event.

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
SAPO APPLICATION
NORTH RIVERDALE BLOCK PARTY FESTIVAL MAY 17, 2026
APRIL 14, 2026

WHEREAS, the Riverdale Main Streets Alliance (RMSA) presented its intent to hold a block party festival on Riverdale Avenue from W 258th to W 259th Street (the North Riverdale Block Party) on Sunday, May 17, 2026, from 10:30 AM to 6 PM, inclusive of set up and breakdown; and

WHEREAS, RMSA held similar events in May 2022, June 2023, May 2024 and 2025 without any issues or complaints; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will coordinate with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to modify impacted bus operations; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will maintain a 15-foot emergency lane through the center lane; and

WHEREAS, the North Riverdale Block Party received favorable feedback from the community after the other events; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic & Transportation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 APPROVES the issuance of the permit to the Riverdale Main Streets Alliance (RMSA) to hold the North Riverdale Block Party festival on Riverdale Avenue from West 258th to West 259th Street on Sunday, May 17, 2026, from 10:30 AM to 6 PM, inclusive of set up and breakdown, for the sole purpose of hosting a one-time block party.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 APPROVES the issuance of the permit to the Riverdale Main Streets Alliance (RMSA) to hold the North Riverdale Block Party festival on Riverdale Avenue from West 258th to West 259th Street on Sunday, May 17, 2026, from 10:30 AM to 6 PM, inclusive of set up and breakdown, for the sole purpose of hosting a one-time block party.

**TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
SAPO APPLICATION
ALPHA WIN BIG APPLE TRIATHLON OCTOBER 10, 2026
APRIL 14, 2026**

WHEREAS, Thomas Struzzieri, 319 Main St Saugerties NY 12477 event coordinator for Alpha Win Big Apple Triathlon presented to the Traffic & Transportation Committee on this event scheduled for October 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Triathlon includes Swim, Bike and Run; featuring a Sprint and Olympic distance. The event will include a swim in the Hudson River, bike on the West Side Highway and run into Central Park. This will impact road closures on Mosholu Parkway between Henry Hudson Parkway between West 56th Street South Bound from 7am -2pm; and

WHEREAS, the Alpha Win Apple Triathlon event coordinator has submitted a safety plan that includes New York City Police Department and notification plan of the communities involved; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic and Transportation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 unanimously approves the issuance of a permit for Alpha Win Big Apple Triathlon for October 10, 2026 from 7am-2pm; contingent that they provide CB8 the following: Proof of notification to the MTA of the event, medical management plan and engagement of NYC social media of the event.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 approves the issuance of a permit for Alpha Win Big Apple Triathlon for October 10, 2026 from 7am-2pm; contingent that they provide CB8 the following: Proof of notification to the MTA of the event, medical management plan and engagement of NYC social media of the event.

**RESOLUTION
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
March 17, 2026**

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS, on March 17th, 2026, Riverdale Steak House located at 5700 Riverdale Avenue, applied to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license; and

WHEREAS, representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior significant disturbances or complaints at the location of this establishment; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 approves this application.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
STREET ACTIVITY PERMIT REQUEST FOR JAMES BALDWIN PLAZA FOR APRIL 19, 2026
MARCH 25, 2026**

WHEREAS, the James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center presented their request to close public access to James Baldwin Plaza, which is a public plaza created from a closed slip lane bordered by Goulden Avenue, Sedgwick Avenue and West Mosholu Parkway South on Sunday, April 19, 2026 between the hours of 1:00 pm and 3:30 pm including setup and breakdown time; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Pultinas, one of the founders of the James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center, appeared before the Parks and Recreation Committee on March 25, 2026 to provide details of their request which would facilitate a native tree giveaway in partnership with the New York Restoration Project; and

WHEREAS, trees will be loaded into vehicles on West Mosholu Parkway South and will not interrupt the flow of traffic on Sedgwick Avenue or around DeWitt Clinton High School and the public will have access to sidewalk areas to circulate through the area; and

WHEREAS, the Bronx Community Board 8 Parks and Recreation Committee supports the street activity permit for the full closure of the James Baldwin Plaza as requested by the James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center for a tree giveaway.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 supports the street activity permit for the full closure of the James Baldwin Plaza as requested by the James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center for a tree giveaway.

**LAW, RULES & ETHICS COMMITTEE
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8
RESOLUTION: BYLAWS AMENDMENT – ARTICLE VI, SECTION 9
MARCH 9, 2026**

WHEREAS, the implementation of term limits for community board members will soon become operational; and

WHEREAS, the Law, Rules & Ethics committee seeks to permit any term-limited Board members who are interested in continuing to offer their expertise and time in the form of Board service as a Community Committee Member to have at least one year of eligibility to serve as a Community Committee Member of all standing committees (but not including the Executive Committee or Budget Committee, where only committee chairs are members), thus retaining their experience and permitting them a year to reapply for appointment to the Board; and

WHEREAS, it would facilitate their service to the Board if such individuals could become Community Committee Members on any standing committees on which they have served within the past five years, without the requirement (based on the longstanding practice of the Board) that they attend three consecutive committee meetings before seeking appointment as Community Committee Members, although such appointment would still require committee chair and Board chair approval.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bylaws of Bronx Community Board 8 be amended by adding the following as Article VI, Section 9:

Notwithstanding any contrary provisions contained in subsections 7(2) and 7(3) of this Article VI, any former member of the Board, in the year subsequent to becoming term-limited, may apply to serve as a Community committee member on any standing committee (with the exception of the Executive and Budget committees) of which they had been a member during any of the past five years, subject to the approval of the chairperson of the committee involved and the Board Chairperson, with no requirement that such recently term-limited individual attend three consecutive meetings of the committee involved before applying to be appointed as a Community committee member. The "year subsequent" is understood to extend from the date that such individual's Appointed Member status terminates as the result of term limits until June 30 of the following year. After such one-year period, any such term-limited former Board member may reapply for appointment to the Board or continue their service as a Community committee member.
