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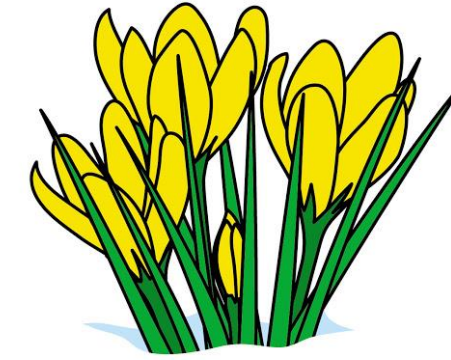
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## COMMUNITY BOARD & COMMITTEE CALENDAR

**FULL BOARD MEETING**

**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020

**TIME:** 7:30 PM

To join the Zoom Video Conference: <https://zoom.us/j/497556390> (Meeting ID: 497 556 390)

To join Zoom via Phone Conference: 1 (646)558- 8656 pin: 497556390#

### BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8 APRIL 2020 MEETINGS

PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR UPDATES ([www.nyc.gov/bronxcb8](http://www.nyc.gov/bronxcb8))

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Executive Zoom Conference 7:30 PM	2 Land Use Zoom Conference 7:30 PM	3
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27 Housing * TO BE DETERMINED * 7:30 PM	28 Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs * TO BE DETERMINED * 7:30 PM	29 Environment & Sanitation Zoom Conference 7:30 PM	30 Economic Development Zoom Conference 7:30 PM	

PLEASE REFER TO THE COMMITTEE AGENDAS FOR ZOOM CONFERENCE LINK & PHONE DIAL-IN INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE.

### CONTACT US

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

Please go to [www.nyc.gov/bronxcb8](http://www.nyc.gov/bronxcb8) for an update of our calendar.

The next Bronx Community Board No. 8 meeting will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Message from Community Board 8

### Office Staff

CIARA GANNON  
District Manager

TANIA OCHOTECO  
Community Coordinator

PABLO ROMANO  
Community Associate

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During unprecedented times like these, it is most important that we all stay well and safe. It is also important that we stay connected and become part of a larger community seeking information and friendships. Although we are apart, we can still come together, virtually. Let me share what Community Board 8 is doing to stay involved with you in our community.

From your home, we welcome you to join our Committee meetings and Board meeting by video conferencing or telephone conferencing. The Board is using Zoom to host meetings; all meeting links and call in information are listed on our meeting agendas.

Our Community Board Office, while closed, remains working and accessible by telephone or email. The District Manager and staff are working from home and stand ready to assist you with questions, problems, etc. All your emails and phone calls continue to be answered and our goal is to run the office the same way we always have.

Lastly, the Community Board continues to send out information from government sources and not for profit institutions that may be of interest to you and your family. Please encourage your neighbors and friends to sign up for Community Board 8 emails and follow us on Facebook.

Again, stay well, stay home and let's stay connected.

The Officers  
District Manager & Office Staff



#### o Coronavirus Updates:



As you are aware, the City is currently responding to the novel coronavirus, and we want to make sure that you are provided with the most up-to-date information.

New York City is asking residents to call 911 in a true emergency and only visit emergency rooms if you are severely ill. Our first responders are being inundated with patients. If you are experiencing symptoms, please call 311. For additional information and updates, visit the Department of Health's [website](#).

Please remember to stay home and social distance if you are able to. Washing your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or alcohol based sanitizer. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or flexed elbow. Avoid contact with others, especially those who are unwell.

### **For Real Time Updates Text COVID to 692-692**

#### **Transportation:**

The MTA has reduced service by at least 25%. You can find the full rundown of service changes here. Alternate Side Parking has been suspended on a week by week basis. Please [click here](#) for more up to date information.

#### **Housing:**

If you or somebody you know are facing eviction please know that Eviction Orders have been suspended statewide indefinitely. This means that during this health crisis, landlords can't sue, there will be no evictions, and all courts that hear eviction cases are closed. The moratorium applies to both residential tenants (in all types of housing) and commercial tenants. The Right to Counsel NYC Coalition has made an FAQ section available on their [website](#) to address questions about the eviction moratorium. You can also always call the Housing Court Answers hotline at 212-962-4795 with any questions.

NYCHA Updates: click [here](#)

Homelessness Prevention: The Partnership for the Homeless prevents people from experiencing homelessness by helping them avert crisis and focus on long-term stability. They provide a range of services including eviction prevention, housing support, financial assistance, legal assistance/referral, landlord/tenant mediation, housing subsidies assistance/referrals, and income support & benefits. During the coronavirus emergency response, they continue to serve current and new clients. One-on-one and group meetings will be held virtually. If you have rental arrears, or need legal or income support, get help by calling 212-645-3444 x2237 or email [info@pftth.org](mailto:info@pftth.org).

**Education:**

All schools in New York City have been closed and students are learning from home. For DOE remote learning information click [here](#).

**Small Businesses:**

Small Business Services is offering New York City businesses support such as grants. And other financial assistance to New York City's small businesses. For more information, [click here](#). Additional resources for local businesses can be found [here](#).

The Empire Development Corporation has launched a new [website](#) for local businesses that want to support the COVID-19 emergency response effort.

**We urge residents to support open local businesses during this time.**



**New York Public Library:** All Public Libraries have been temporarily closed, but they are offering great programs and resources. Learn how to access the library's digital remote resources [here](#). The Library is also offering free tutoring for children. Daily homework help is available from 2pm-11pm in both English and Spanish. [Click here](#) for more information on tutoring and homework help.

**Parks:** At this time, New York City parks are open. Due to overcrowding, several playgrounds have been closed. While solo exercise is okay, team sports (such as basketball, football, softball, and soccer) are not permitted in our parks at this time. You might notice that the Parks Department has removed basketball nets and tennis nets. If choose to visit one of our local parks, please continue to practice social distancing and maintain a 6 ft distance with other park-goers. Park facilities are being cleaned and disinfected daily. For more information and changes to local parks [click here](#).

**Local Senior Centers:** Local senior centers have been temporarily closed, but staff is working hard to serve our aging community. Meals are being delivered to seniors in need by the Department of Aging. Phone call check ins are also being made by our local senior centers. For more information from The Riverdale Y [click here](#). For more information from Riverdale Senior Services [click here](#). For more information on Marble Hill Community Center & Fort Independence Community Center [click here](#). The Department of the Aging (DFTA) is coordinating meal delivery and social service support to our seniors. For more information on what DFTA is doing please [click here](#).

**Blood Donation:** There is no substitute for human blood and New York City is currently at a critically low level of blood donations. If you feel well enough, please consider donating blood with the [New York Blood Center](#) or [Red Cross](#).

**Should you have any questions regarding Coronavirus and cannot find an answer, please reach out to The Bronx Community Board 8 Office at (718)884-3959 or [bx08@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:bx08@cb.nyc.gov).**

o [Most Valuable Merchant Award](#)

Community Board 8 is pleased to announce that it is accepting nominations for its first annual Most Valuable Merchant (MVM) Award. The Most Valuable Merchant Award acknowledges the merchants that add to the betterment of our community. It is our belief that by recognizing our outstanding local merchants, we can in some small way reward those most deserving and inspire other businesses to follow their examples.

We are seeking to identify merchants within our community that have worked to enhance economic growth and improve community relations in some way, big or small.

The Nominations Deadline has been extended to May 15<sup>th</sup>. Please submit nominations to:

Bronx Community Board No. 8  
5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100  
Bronx, NY 10471  
Attention: Tania Ochoteco



o [Community Service Award](#)



Community Board No. 8 Bronx is pleased to announce that it is seeking nominations for its Annual Irving Ladirer Community Service Award. Community Board No. 8 established this award to acknowledge the many volunteer efforts of groups and individuals within our community. It is our belief that by recognizing our committed community volunteers, we can in some small way reward those most deserving and inspire others to follow their example.

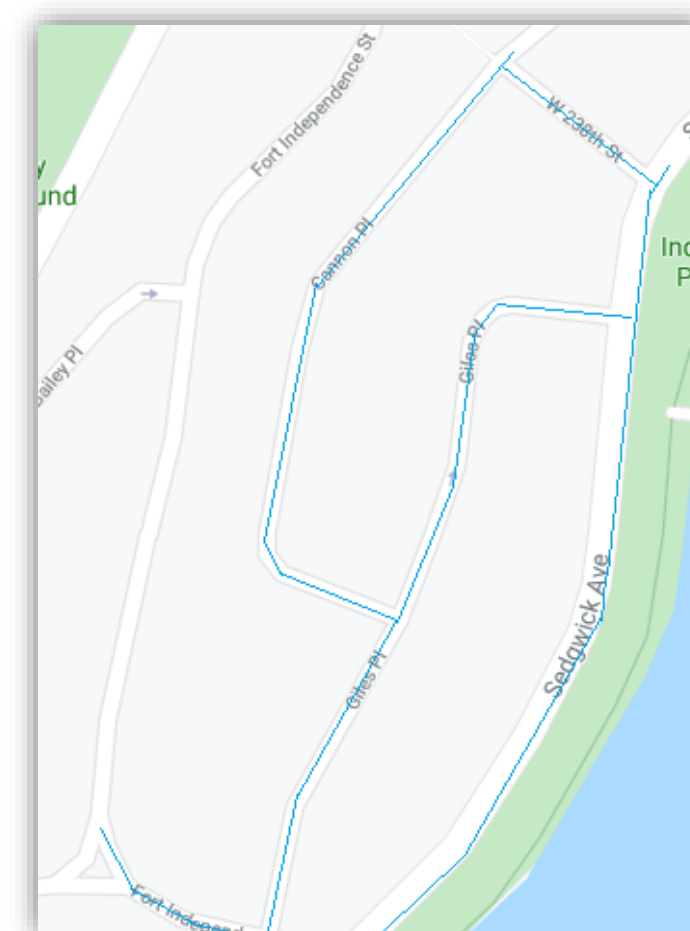
The Nominations Deadline has been extended until further notice. Please submit nominations to:

Bronx Community Board No. 8  
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Attention: Pablo Romano

o [Department of Design & Construction Project: HEDA 003 \(Kingsbridge Neighborhood\)](#)

The New York City Department of Design & Construction recently began an accelerated Distribution Water Mains Replacement of Sewer Rehabilitation in Community Board 8. The DDC has assigned Tara Figueroa, as the Community Construction Liaison (CCL) for this project. Please contact Ms. Figueroa for any project related inquiries/concerns you may have or, to be added to the Neighborhood Notification Network (NNN) list.

Phone: 718-931-2404 Fax: 718-931-2400  
Email: Heda3ccl@gmail.com



o [U.S. CENSUS 2020- HAPPENING NOW!](#)



The once-a-decade population count affects your representation in government, determines how much funding your community receives, and provides data to help you plan for the future.

You can fill out your questionnaire online [NOW here.](#)



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