



Community Board No. 8

BRONX, NEW YORK CITY



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COMMUNITY BOARD & COMMITTEE CALENDAR

FULL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 7:30 PM

**Kingsbridge Heights Community Center
3101 Kingsbridge Terrace**

CLICK HERE TO OPEN CALENDAR ON WEBSITE



BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8 MARCH 2020 MEETINGS

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



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 LAND USE Riverdale Y 5625 Arlington Avenue (Teen Lounge) 7:30 PM	3	4 EXECUTIVE Board Office 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Ste 100 7:30 PM	5	6
9 LAW, RULES & ETHICS Board Office 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Ste 100 7:30 PM	10 FULL BOARD MEETING Kingsbridge Heights Community Center 3101 Kingsbridge Terrace 7:30 PM	11 HEALTH, HOSPITALS & SOCIAL SERVICES Board Office 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Ste 100 7:30 PM	12 YOUTH Marble Hill Community Center 5365 Broadway 7:30 PM	13
16 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT KRVC Development Corp. 505 W. 236th Street 7:30 PM	17 PUBLIC SAFETY 50th Precinct 3450 Kingsbridge Avenue 7:00 PM	18 TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION Manhattan College 3900 Waldo Avenue (4th Fl) Kelly Commons 4A 7:00 PM	19 AGING Board Office 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Ste 100 4:00 PM ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION St. Stephen's United Methodist Church 146 W. 228th Street 7:00 PM	20
23 HOUSING Board Office 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Ste 100 7:30 PM	24 EDUCATION, LIBRARIES & CULTURAL AFFAIRS Board Office 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Ste 100 7:30 PM	25 PARKS & RECREATION New School for Leadership and the Arts 120 W. 231st Street 7:00 PM	26	27

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

PUBLIC GALLERY SESSION: Each month the General Board meeting begins with a Public Gallery Session. If you wish to address the Board, contact the office at 718-884-3959. Please note there is a limit of five speakers, who are allotted 3 minutes each.

Please go to www.nyc.gov/bronxcb8 for an update of our calendar.

The next Bronx Community Board 8 meeting will be held on April 14th at Fort Independence Community Center located at 3350 Bailey Avenue.

◦ DAYLIGHT SAVING!

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 2:00 A.M. On Saturday night, set your clocks forward one hour (i.e., losing one hour) to “spring ahead.”



Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1, 2020, at 2:00 A.M. On Saturday night, set your clocks back one hour (i.e., gaining one hour) to “fall back.”

NEWS

Visit our website to view agendas, minutes and other information. Click on links below:

Aging
Board Meeting
Economic Development
Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs
Environment & Sanitation
Executive Committee
Health, Hospitals & Social Services
Housing
Land Use
Law, Rules & Ethics
Parks & Recreation
Public Safety
Traffic & Transportation
Youth

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◦ BOROUGH PRESIDENT DIAZ JR. HONORS GEORGIA SANTIAGO

Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. hosted two events in place of the annual “State of the Borough Address.”

The Borough President held a State of the Borough Community Groups Celebration, thanking a leader from each community board for their support and assistance. Our board representative for this honor was Georgia Santiago, a member of Community Board 8 for 10 years. She was honored with a Certificate of Merit in recognition of her commitment and dedication to serving our board. The second event was the State of the Borough Reception for all Community Board members that evening.



◦ MARCH 1ST SWITCH TO REUSABLE BAGS! ► SAVE MONEY & REDUCE WASTE ◀

You can pick up reusable bags at the Bronx Community Board 8 Office on regular business days 9am to 5pm.



Starting March 1, 2020

Plastic Bag Ban (New York State)

Single-use plastic carryout bags are **banned**, with limited exceptions, in New York State.



Paper Bag Fee (New York City)

Businesses will begin collecting a **five-cent fee** on paper carryout bags.

This fee **will not apply** to any customers using SNAP or WIC.



To learn more and get a free reusable bag, visit nyc.gov/bags or call 311.

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◦ THE UNITED STATES CENSUS 2020 IS COMING!

The 2020 Census counts every person living in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories. The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data. The results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

THE 2020 CENSUS IS COMING!

HELP MAKE SURE NYC GETS OUR FAIR SHARE OF RESOURCES
AND POLITICAL POWER FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS.

Join your local



**NEIGHBORHOOD
ORGANIZING
CENSUS
COMMITTEE**

to help get your community
counted in the **2020 CENSUS!**

Learn more at:
NYC.GOV/CENSUS

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Mayor

CENSUS
Julie Menin
Director
2020

◦ HELPING OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS THIS WINTER

NYC #CODEBLUE

Each winter, thousands of homeless New Yorkers struggle to survive on the streets, while high winds, frigid temperatures, snow, and freezing rain can put them at risk of life-threatening illnesses like hypothermia and frostbite. The City declares a Code Blue warning in extreme weather.

Cold weather is dangerous for this vulnerable population, but here are a few ways you can help homeless New Yorkers this winter:

- Unless you feel unsafe doing so, ask if the person is ok, has someplace to go and needs help.
- Call 311 and ask for "Homeless Outreach" to let the City know that there is a person in need of emergency shelter.
- If the person seems to require medical attention, call 911 for emergency assistance.
- Provide information about the Coalition's Grand Central Food Program (GCFP), which offers warm food, coats, blankets, sleeping bags and assistance 365 days of the year – even during dangerous winter weather like blizzards.
- Share this graphic with your friends and family, and spread the word on how to help our neighbors in need



www.coalitionforthehomeless.org/code-blue-2018



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



Office of Community Outreach & Notification

COMMUNITY ADVISORY

Accelerated Water Mains Replacement and Sewer Rehabilitation

Ft Independence and Segments in Surrounding Area

PROJECT#: HEDA003 **BOROUGH:** The Bronx **DATE:** February 25, 2020

WATER SERVICE INTERRUPTION due to watermain installation on:

Ft Independence between Sedgwick Ave & Heath Ave

Monday 3-2-2020 –Friday 3-6-2020
9:00 pm – 5:00 am

WHY IS MY WATER BEING TURNED OFF? A water shutdown is necessary to facilitate the installation of a 12" water main in conjunction with the Installation of Distribution Water Main and Appurtenances in various locations in The Bronx. It will occur at/or about 9:00 pm and last for approximately 8 hours. On occasion, this work may be completed earlier, and water service restored.

SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER:

The DDC recommends that you shut off the water main valve in your house/building in order to avoid problems that may occur when sediment enters or is released from your plumbing.

Prior to shutting off any water, DDC recommends the storage of water for the usage of restroom and any other water necessities during the shutdown.

You are asked to shut off all Water cooled appliances, which may include air conditioners, etc.

Once water service is returned, turn the main house valve back on and flush the system by running your faucets to sinks and tubs for about 15 to 30 minutes.

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to learn more about this DDC Project, please contact the Community Construction Liaison (CCL) **Tara Figueroa**, at **718-931-2404**, or by email: Heda3ccl@gmail.com or visit the NYC DDC web site at www.nyc.gov/ddc.

During non-construction hours please contact New York City Government Services and Information Hotline at 311 and provide the project ID #.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to weather and/or field conditions, it may become necessary to change some scheduled work locations and operations.

Bill de Blasio
Mayor

Lorraine Grillo
Commissioner

www.nyc.gov/ddc

COMMUNITY ADVISORY

Accelerated Water Mains Replacement & Sewer Rehabilitation

Ft Independence and Segments in Surrounding Area

PROJECT#: HEDA003 BOROUGH: The Bronx DATE: 2/25/2020

NO CURBSIDE PARKING

On Ft Independence between Sedgwick Ave and Heath Ave

Tuesday 3/3/2020 – Friday 3/6/2020
7:00 am – 4:00 pm

Please be advised, beginning on/about Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020 –6th, 2020 from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM. There will be “No Curbside Parking” (**weather and/or field conditions permitting**), on Ft Independence. This restriction is necessary to facilitate saw cutting for a water main installation work operation.

TRAFFIC/COMMUNITY IMPACTS:

- “NO PARKING” restrictions will be in effect on Saturday 3/3/20 - 3/6/20 from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM, (where indicated). **Signs will be posted 24 hours in advance by the contractor throughout the affected area, to avoid relocation of your car.**
- If you find your vehicle has been relocated please contact the Community Construction Liaison (CCL) or the 50th Precinct, for the tow list.
- Pedestrian and Emergency vehicle access will be maintained at all times.
- Flaggers and Crossing Guards will be on site in order to safely guide pedestrians and vehicular traffic. Limited access on certain blocks, sidewalks, driveways, or lanes may be required.
- Gas, electric, telephone, and cable service will not be interrupted.
- Certain operations will be noisy. DDC will monitor the operations and work within the DEP Noise Code Regulations.

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to learn more about the project, please call the **Community Construction Liaison (CCL), Tara Figueroa** at **718-931-2404**, or by email at Heda3ccl@gmail.com. Or visit the NYC DDC web site at www.nyc.gov/ddc.

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○ FIRE SAFETY

F.D.N.Y. Local Law 115 of 2019

In a Fire, Close All Doors Behind You!
Keep Fire and Smoke Out of Building Hallways and Stairs.

Keep Apartment and Stairwell Doors Closed at All Other Times.
Protect Your Neighbors and Your Home!



NYC Admin Code §15-135

This signage is required to be posted on the hallway side of all residential building stairwell doors



◦ SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

FDNY is inviting you to attend your local **Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery** during the week of **March 1st – March 7th** . In conjunction with Daylight Saving Time, Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery will educate the public about the importance of working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. During these events, the FDNY Fire Safety Education Team will be distributing fire safety literature and 9-volt batteries to constituents throughout the five boroughs.



Join us for a FDNY
Fire Safety Education Event

Smoke Alarms
Save Lives!

SUNDAY MARCH 1, 2020
Target, 40 W 225 Street, Bronx, NY 10463 (11am-3pm)
Cross Island YMCA, 238-10 Hillside Avenue, Queens, NY 11426 (10am-3pm)
Target, 517 E 117th St, New York, NY 10035 (11am-3pm)

MONDAY MARCH 2, 2020
Queens Center Mall (JC-Penny West Wing), 90-15 Queens Blvd., Queens, NY 11373 (5-8pm)
ShopRite, 1080 McDonald Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11204 (4-8pm)

TUESDAY MARCH 3, 2020
Bronx Terminal Market, 610 Exterior Street, Bronx, NY 10451 (4-8pm)
Staten Island Mall, 2655 Richmond Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10314 (4-8pm)
Target, 40-24 College Point Blvd, Queens, NY 11373 (5-8pm)

WEDNESDAY MARCH 4, 2020
Pathmark, 1525 Albany Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210 (4-8pm)
Bay Plaza Shopping Center, 2100 Bartow Avenue, Bronx, NY 10475 (4-8pm)
Brooklyn (10am-2pm at each location)
Avenue M and E 16th Street
13th Avenue and 53rd Street
Lee Avenue and Williamsburg Street

THURSDAY MARCH 5, 2020
Home Depot, 2501 Forest Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10303 (10am-1pm)
Costco, 2975 Richmond Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10314 (10am-1pm)

DON'T FORGET!
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS...
CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES!

Members of the FDNY Fire Safety Education Team will be distributing batteries and fire safety literature throughout the five boroughs!

FRIDAY MARCH 6, 2020
QUEENS
Jamaica Centre Train Station, Parson Blvd and Archer Ave, Queens, NY 11433 (3-5pm)
61 Street Woodside Train Station, 61st Street and Roosevelt Ave, Queens, NY 11377 (3-5pm)
MANHATTAN
Union Square Station, 14th Street and Broadway, New York, NY 10003 (3-5pm)
W 125th Street Train Station, W. 125th Street and Broadway, New York, NY 10027 (3-5pm)
W 168th Street Train Station, W. 168th Street and Broadway, New York, NY 10032 (3-5pm)
BRONX
E. 149th Street Train Station, E 149th Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451 (3-5pm)
Parkchester Train Station, Hugh J Grant Circle and Metropolitan Ave Bronx, NY 10472 (3-5pm)
BROOKLYN
Coney Island-Stilwell Avenue Train Station, Stillwell Avenue and Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11224 (3-5pm)
Broadway Junction Train Station, Jamaica Ave and Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207 (3-5pm)
Crown Heights Utica Avenue Train Station, Utica Avenue and Eastern Pkwy, Brooklyn, NY 11213 (3-5pm)

SATURDAY MARCH 7, 2020
Grand Street Train Station, Grand and Chrystie Streets, New York, NY 10002 (11am-3pm)
NYC Health + Hospitals/Harlem, 506 Lenox Avenue New York, NY 10037 (11am-3pm)

**FDNY Foundation**

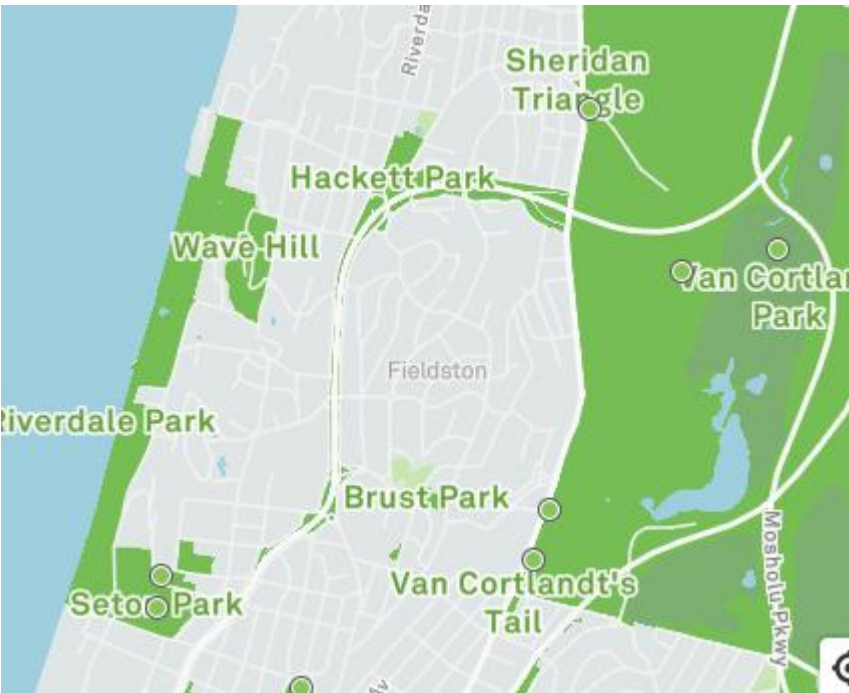
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◦ PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS IN OUR COMMUNITY BOARD

As many of you can see, The Parks Department is working in several parks in our community. To track ongoing and future projects, check out the [CAPITAL PROJECT TRACKER](#). The following parks in BX Community Board 8 are under construction:

- Ewen Park: Adult Fitness Equipment Construction
- Van Cortlandt Park: Broadway Entrance Reconstruction
- Van Cortlandt Park: Greenhouse Construction
- Van Cortlandt Park: Fields Ballfields Reconstruction
- Van Cortlandt Park: Playground Construction
- Van Cortlandt Park: Putnam Greenway Construction
- Van Cortlandt Park: Skate Park Construction
- Van Cortlandt Park: Woodlawn Playground Comfort Station Reconstruction
- Van Cortlandt Park: Woodlawn Playground Spray Shower Reconstruction
- Washington’s Walk: Fort Four Playground Comfort Station Construction



○ NEWS FROM THE NYPD

50th Precinct
3450 Kingsbridge Ave.
Bronx, NY, 10463-4004

Precinct: (718) 543-5700
Community Affairs: (718) 543-5978
Community Policing: (718) 796-3867
Crime Prevention: (718) 543-3816
Domestic Violence: (718) 543-6072
Youth Officer: (718) 543-5920
Auxiliary Coordinator: (718) 543-7341
Detective Squad: (718) 543-6121

PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

President: Paulette Shomo
Meetings: Community Council meetings typically take place on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM in the precinct.

Spring Forward with Safety.

PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR SPRING

Spring is a perfect time to clean out your home. Follow these steps to keep you and your family safe.



Moving
If you are moving furniture, keep your back straight and lift with your legs



Slips
Use caution while walking on wet surfaces and clean up spills



Mask
Be sure to wear a mask while cleaning dusty areas of your home



Cleaning
Follow cleaning product safety instructions and labels



Air
Ventilate work area when using strong cleaning products.



Bad mix
Don't ever mix ammonia and bleach, nor any other strong cleaners together.



Clocks
When you change your clocks, check the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Batteries in smoke detectors should be replaced yearly.



Kids and pets
Keep kids away from the work area and from contact with cleaning products.

Window safety tips:

- Keep an eye on children and keep their play safely away from windows
- Keep windows closed and locked when children are present
- When opening windows for ventilation, make sure children can't reach them
- Don't rely on insect screens to prevent a fall; they are not designed to withstand the weight of a person
- Keep furniture away from windows as they could tempt a curious child to climb and potentially fall
- If there are young children in the home, install ASTM-approved fall prevention devices
- Test windows to make sure they open easily and are not sealed shut by paint, dirt or weathering
- Keep escape routes free from clutter to speed your escape and to help prevent potential falls
- Examine window hardware and make sure windows lock to help seal out air and moisture and help keep intruders out



www.nyc.gov/nypd

Vehicle Theft.

Safeguard your vehicle.

Vehicles are stolen for a variety of reasons, including theft for parts, insurance fraud, retagging, exporting, and joy riding. Help prevent theft and damage to your vehicle.

What Can I Do?



Lock
Always lock and secure your vehicle. Always activate your alarm every time you leave your vehicle. Consider locking lug nuts to deter rim theft.



Keys
Never leave the keys in the ignition when you exit the vehicle -- even for a minute!



Property
Never leave property in your vehicle. Items such as loose change, shopping bags, GPS, cell phones, laptops, tablets and the charging chords are targeted by thieves.



Parking
Park in high traffic or well lit areas, when possible.



Enroll
Enroll in NYPD anti-theft programs such as VIN Etching, Operation ID and Combat Auto Theft.



Report It.

Contact your local precinct crime prevention officer or visit our website at www.nyc.gov/nypd for more information on the programs we offer.



www.nyc.gov/nypd

o **HEAT SEASON CONTINUES TO MAY 31ST**

Between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., if the outside temperature falls below 55 degrees, the inside temperature is required to be at least 68 degrees Fahrenheit; and,

Between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., the inside temperature is required to be at least 62 degrees Fahrenheit.

To report a problem, please call 311 and then reach out to the Board Office with the 311-confirmation number and we can assist.

OCTOBER 1ST - MAY 31ST

DAY

6 a.m. - 10 p.m.

BELOW 55° OUTSIDE

AT LEAST 68° INSIDE

OCTOBER 1ST - MAY 31ST

NIGHT

10 p.m. - 6 a.m.

BELOW 40° OUTSIDE

AT LEAST 55° INSIDE

Tenants Without Heat Should Call (24 Hours a Day - 7 Days a Week)

3-1-1 Citizen Service Center
For Hearing Impaired
TTY (212) 504-4115

NYC

Department of
Housing Preservation
& Development

o **SCRIE, DRIE & SCHE**

The Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) program offers eligible tenants an exemption from rent increases. To be eligible for SCRIE, you must be 62 or older, have a household income of \$50,000 or less after allowable deductions and lease a rent controlled apartment, rent stabilized apartment or rent regulated hotel/SRO that costs at least one third of your monthly household income.

The Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE, also known as the NYC Rent Freeze Program) is an exemption against future rent increases for eligible disabled persons living in rent-controlled, rent-stabilized, Mitchell-Lama and other eligible apartments. Applicants must meet certain eligibility requirements for DRIE benefits.

Senior Citizen Homeowners' Exemption (SCHE) is a property tax break for seniors who own one-, two-, or three-family homes, condominiums, or cooperative apartments.

For more information on any of these programs please [CLICK HERE](#) or feel free to reach out to the Community Board 8 Office. Staff has been trained to help enroll residents in these programs.





○ **NYCDOT UPDATES**

For an updated & interactive map of DOT permits throughout our community [CLICK HERE](#).

ASP

Alternate Side Parking Rules
2020 Suspension Calendar

New Years Day*	Jan 1, Wed
Three Kings' Day	Jan 6, Mon
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday	Jan 20, Mon
Lunar New Year's Eve	Jan 24, Fri
Lunar New Year	Jan 25, Sat
Lincoln's Birthday	Feb 12, Wed
Washington's Birthday (Pres. Day)	Feb 17, Mon
Ash Wednesday	Feb 26, Wed
Purim	Mar 10, Tues
Holy Thursday	Apr 9, Thurs
Passover (1st/2nd Days)	Apr 9-10, Thurs-Fri
Good Friday	Apr 10, Fri
Passover (7th/8th Days)	Apr 15-16, Wed-Thurs
Holy Thursday (Orthodox)	Apr 16, Thurs
Good Friday (Orthodox)	Apr 17, Fri
Solemnity of the Ascension	May 21, Thurs
Idul-Fitr (Eid Al-Fitr)	May 24-26, Sun-Tues
Memorial Day*	May 25, Mon
Shavuot (2 Days)	May 29-30, Fri-Sat
Independence Day*	July 3-4, Fri-Sat
Idul-Adha (Eid Al-Adha)	July 30-Aug 1, Thurs-Sat
Feast of the Assumption	Aug 15, Sat
Labor Day*	Sept 7, Mon
Rosh Hashanah	Sept 19-20, Sat-Sun
Yom Kippur	Sept 28, Mon
Succoth (2 Days)	Oct 3-4, Sat-Sun
Shemini Atzereth	Oct 10, Sat
Simchas Torah	Oct 11, Sun
Columbus Day	Oct 12, Mon
All Saints Day	Nov 1, Sun
Election Day	Nov 3, Tues
Veterans Day	Nov 11, Wed
Diwali	Nov 14, Sat
Thanksgiving Day*	Nov 26, Thurs
Immaculate Conception	Dec 8, Tues
Christmas Day*	Dec 25, Fri

Information

Alternate Side Parking Regulations may be suspended from time to time because of snow, inclement weather or other emergencies. Please visit our website at [nyc.gov/dot](#) or dial 311 for further information.

TTY Deaf or Hearing-Impaired, dial (212) 504-4115.

Did You Know?

What's in a name? Do you know the difference in the meaning of these parking signs?

	NO STOPPING	NO STANDING	NO PARKING
Can I stop to drop off or pick up passengers?	No	Yes	Yes
Can I stop to load or unload a package, or merchandise at curbside?	No	No	Yes
Is waiting allowed?	No	No	No

All of NYC was designated a Tow Away Zone under the State's Vehicle & Traffic law in 1959. This means that any vehicle parked or operated illegally, or with missing or expired registration or inspection stickers may be towed.

On **MAJOR LEGAL HOLIDAYS**, stopping, standing and parking are permitted *except* in areas where stopping, standing and parking rules are in effect seven days a week (for example, "No Standing Anytime"). Accordingly, parking meters will not be in effect on major legal holidays.

Double-parking of passenger vehicles is illegal at all times, including street cleaning days, regardless of location, purpose or duration.

It is illegal to park within 15 feet of either side of a fire hydrant. Painted curbs at hydrant locations **DO NOT** indicate where you can park.

An occupied, illegally parked vehicle causes the same safety hazard and congestion as an unoccupied vehicle. Be responsible and park legally.

***Major Legal Holiday**

NYC NEW YORK CITY **DOT**

Translated versions of this document are available by contacting 311 or by going to [nyc.gov/dot](#) or [nyc.gov/dot/asprules](#)

FOR A SAFER NYC
SPEED LIMIT 25
VISION ZERO



○ **NYC CULTURE PASS**

NYC's three library systems launched **CULTURE PASS**, a program that will enable cardholding library patrons to check out free day passes to over 30 cultural institutions across the City, including MOMA, Wave Hill, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, the Children's Museum of the Arts and many more! Feel free to use your library card and reserve passes for some of these great institutions.

○ **VOTER REGISTRATION**

Register to vote. You can obtain a Voter Registration Form from the New York City Board of Elections by visiting the Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100 or by **CLICKING HERE**.



◦ IDNYC (NYC IDENTIFICATION CARD)



Get your IDNYC identification card. This is a free resource for all New York City residents. This is a government-issued photo identification card that secures the peace of mind and access to City services that come from having recognized identification. For more information and to book an appointment [CLICK HERE](#).

◦ BE A CLEAN WATER ADVOCATE!

The Environment and Sanitation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 announces a new community initiative to help clean our waterways. Be a Clean Water Advocate! It's as easy as 311.

Garbage in streets clogs sewer grates and catch basins. A clogged catch basin causes flooding, and sends dirty water and garbage from our streets into our waterways.

But you can help. When you see clogged catch basins or flooded street, just follow these 3 steps:

- Call 311 and report the location of the flooding or sewer grate.
- Call or email Bronx Community Board 8 with the 311 number so we can follow up.
- If you have not received an email resolving your call in two weeks, call the Community Board office.



◦ WINDOW GUARDS

Each year, young children are injured or die in falls from unguarded windows, even from the first floor. These tragedies are preventable with properly installed and approved window guards, which are required in many residential buildings.

You must have window guards if you live in a building that has at least three apartments and a child 10 or younger lives in your apartment. If you do not have window guards, ask your landlord to install them. If the landlord doesn't fix the problem, **FILE A COMPLAINT ONLINE** or **CALL 311**.

Even if you do not have a child 10 or younger who lives with you, you can still get window guards installed. Ask your landlord for them.



They Save Lives. They're the Law.

UPCOMING EVENTS

◦ **SAVE THE DATE ► BRONX WEEK 2020 ► MAY 8 – 12**



◦ **MOST VALUABLE MERCHANT AWARD**

Bronx 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.

Nominations must be received by 3:00pm on Monday, March 16, 2020 addressed to:

Bronx Community Board 8
5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
Bronx, NY 10471
Attention: Tania Ochoteco



◦ **IRVING LADIMER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

Bronx Community Board 8 is pleased to announce that it is seeking nominations for its Annual Irving Ladimer Community Service Award. Bronx Community Board 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.



Nominations must be received by 5:00pm on Friday, April 10, 2020 addressed to:

Bronx Community Board 8
5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
Bronx, NY 10471
Attention: Pablo Romano

○ VAN CORTLANDT PARK EVENTS

<p>Sunday, March 1, 2020 <i>Nature's Workshop: Drawing from Nature</i> 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Location: Van Cortlandt Nature Center (in Van Cortlandt Park) Category: Nature, Art Free!</p> <p>Saturday, March 7, 2020 <i>Women's History Month: Cass Gallagher</i> 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Location: Mosholu Avenue and Broadway (in Van Cortlandt Park) Category: Education, History, Women's History Month Free!</p>	<p>Saturday, March 21, 2020 <i>Early Spring Gardening</i> 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. Location: Van Cortlandt Nature Center (in Van Cortlandt Park) Category: Nature Free!</p> <p>Sunday, March 29, 2020 <i>Outdoor Skills: Camp Cooking</i> 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Location: Van Cortlandt Park Category: Education, Nature Free!</p>
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The Van Cortlandt Park Alliance

preserves, supports, and promotes the recreational, ecological and historical value of Van Cortlandt Park.

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○ IT’S MY PARK: HENRY HUDSON PARK

Date/Time: Saturdays, rain or shine, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Location: Palisade Avenue, Kappock Street, Independence Avenue
Contact: For more information, contact dp.reynolds@verizon.net



○ JEROME PARK NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS: CLEAN UP DAYS

This It's My Park season, volunteer with Jerome Park Friends and Neighbors (Jerome Park FANS) as they begin the spring season with their weekly clean ups and horticulture and more! Meet at Fort Independence Playground.

Date/Time: Most Saturdays between April and November, rain or shine, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Location: Fort Independence Park – Sedgwick Avenue & W. 238th Street, Bronx, NY. 10463
Contact: For more information, contact jeromeparkfans@gmail.com
Website: www.jeromeparkfans.com (Sign Up for Newsletter)



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○ RIVERDALE LIBRARY EVENTS – 5540 MOSHOLU AVE

SATURDAY STORY TIME: A librarian will share favorite picture books, providing children with the wonder of books and the joy of reading.

Every Saturday in March from 11:00am to 11:30am.

○ KINGSBRIDGE LIBRARY EVENTS - 291 W 231ST STREET

ADULT ACTING CIRCLE: Are you a fan of the dramatic arts? Do you enjoy acting? Come to adult acting circle! No registration required, adults 18+!

Every Wednesday in March from 5:30pm - 6:45pm.

o **VAN CORTLANDT LIBRARY EVENTS – 3882 CANNON PLACE**

FAMILY STORYTIME/READ ALOUD (READ AND PLAY): Join us for songs, rhymes, and favorite read-aloud books as we show you that storytime is fun for the whole family. For young children of all ages. Ideal for caregivers of multiple-aged children.

Every Monday in March from 5:30pm - 6:45pm.

o **APPOINTMENTS STILL AVAILABLE FOR NYLAG VAN COMING FEBRUARY 27**

Do you have a (non-criminal) legal question that you need help answering, but can't afford to pay a private attorney? Our local elected officials have partnered with New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) to bring a mobile civil legal service van to our community. There will be free attorneys available by appointment to discuss a range of issues you may be having housing, benefits, identity theft, immigration, domestic violence, divorce, custody, or employment. Please note that they will not be providing legal advice on criminal charges.

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April 27th, and June 22nd

10AM-3PM

291 West 231st Street, Bronx NY, 10463

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