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JANUARY 2016 COMMUNITY BOARD & COMMITTEE CALENDARS

BOARD MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 7:30PM

WHERE: Riverdale Presbyterian Church, 4763 Henry Hudson Parkway West

BOARD COMMITTEE CALENDARS

For updates on schedule and locations, visit us on the web at: www.nyc.gov/bronxcb8

- **Aging:** 2:30PM (**please note earlier time**), Tuesday, January 19, Atria Riverdale, 3718-3726 Henry Hudson Parkway
- **Economic Development:** No Meeting
- **Education:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, January 26, Location to be determined
- **Environment & Sanitation:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, January 20, Location to be determined
- **Executive Committee:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, January 6, Riverdale Mental Health Association, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, 2 Floor Conference Room
- **Health, Hospitals & Social Services:** 7:30PM, Monday, January 4 (**please note date**), Park Gardens Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 6585 Broadway (between 260 & 261 Streets)
- **Housing:** 7:30PM, Monday, January 25, Location to be determined
- **Land Use:** 7:30PM, Date and Location to be determined
- **Law, Rules & Ethics:** 7:00PM, Thursday, January 28, Riverdale Mental Health Association, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, 2nd Floor Conference Room
- **Libraries & Cultural Affairs:** 4:00PM (**please note time**), Thursday, January 14, Van Cortlandt House Museum, Broadway & West 246 St.
- **Parks & Recreation:** 7:00PM, Wednesday, January 27, Location to be determined
- **Public Safety:** 7:00PM, Thursday, January 21, 50 Police Precinct, 3450 Kingsbridge Avenue
- **Traffic & Transportation:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, January 19, Location to be determined
- **Youth:** 3:30PM (**please note time**), Wednesday, January 27, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100

The next Bronx Community Board No. 8 meeting will be held Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 7:00PM, at a location to be determined.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Remembering a 50th Precinct Detective killed in Afghanistan while serving with the Air National Guard

Detective Joseph Lemm, a 15-year veteran of the police department, while on his third tour of duty in the Middle East, was one of six American service members killed when an attacker rode an explosives-laden motorcycle into their patrol near Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan.

Detective Lemm was a member of the Warrant Division of the 50th Precinct and was promoted to detective third-grade in January 2014. He received five commendations from the department over the course of his career.

He leaves behind his wife, Christine and two children. The community offers sincere condolences to family and colleagues and honor Detective Lemm's service and heroism.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Forum on Drug Abuse and Dependence**

NYC Council Member Andrew Cohen and Community Board 8's Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee will hold a Forum on Drug Use and Dependence to inform the community on how to reduce the risks associated with drug use and how to best treat dependence. Panelists will include representatives from the Department of Education, Department of Health, Riverdale Mental Health Association, as well as doctors, social workers, and other experts in the field. The Forum will be held on Thursday, January 14, 2016, 6:30PM – 8:30PM at the Riverdale Neighborhood House, 5521 Mosholu Avenue. For more information please contact the Office of Council Member Andrew Cohen at (718) 549-7300, District11@council.nyc.gov or the Community Board Office at (718) 884-3959.

o **Department of Sanitation “Tree-cycling” - the 20th annual MulchFest**

The Department of Sanitation will begin its annual Christmas tree curbside collection program on Monday, January 4, 2016. The program will run through Friday, January 15, 2016. City residents should remove all tree stands, tinsel, lights and ornaments from trees before they are put out for collection. Clean, non-bagged Christmas trees left on the curb between January 4 and January 15, 2016 will be chipped, mixed with leaves, and recycled into rich compost for the city’s parks, institutions, and community gardens.



In addition to Mulch Fest, NYC Parks provides a drop-off location at the Golf course at Bailey Avenue & Van Cortlandt Park South for chipping on Saturday and Sunday, January 9 and 10, 2016 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. For more information on Christmas tree collection and recycling or Mulch Fest, visit www.nyc.gov/dsny, www.nyc.gov/parks or call 311.

o **Star Gazing in the Park**



Star Gaze with the Urban Park Rangers
 Look up at the stars with the help of our Urban Park Rangers. Learn more about the natural world, and maybe, even spot a meteor shower.

Astronomy: Winter Solar System
 at Van Cortlandt Nature Center
 (in Van Cortlandt Park) , Bronx
 January 30, 2016, 6:00PM – 7:30PM
 Astronomy programs feature the use of telescopes and binoculars to observe specific astronomical events. Many programs feature astronomy experts and all equipment is provided.
 Free!

For more information, [click here](#).

o **Take Care New York 2020**

Take Care New York 2020 (TCNY 2020) is the New York City Health Department’s blueprint for giving everyone the chance to live a healthier life. Its goal is to make greater strides with groups that have the worst health outcomes. Join Health Department leaders talk about TCNY 2020 on February 18, 2016 at the Riverdale Library, 5540 Mosholu Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471 from 6:00PM – 8:00PM. For more information you can go to: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/about/tcny.shtml>

TCNY/2020
 EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD, EVERY NEW YORKER
EVERYONE'S HEALTH COUNTS

TAKE CARE NEW YORK (TCNY)
 NYC HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S initiative to improve health and narrow the health gaps between New York City neighborhoods.

BY 2020, WE WILL:

- CREATE HEALTHIER NEIGHBORHOODS
- PROMOTE HEALTHY CHILDHOODS
- SUPPORT HEALTHY LIVING
- INCREASE ACCESS TO QUALITY CARE

JOIN US!
 Date: Thurs, February 18, 2016
 Time: 6pm-8pm
 Place: Riverdale Library
 5540 Mosholu Avenue
 Bronx, NY 10471
 Contact: Vishali Jain, Community Engagement Coordinator
 vjain@health.nyc.gov

LET'S TAKE ACTION!
 In late 2015 through early 2016, the Health Department will meet with New Yorkers to identify health priorities for their neighborhoods and create a list of action steps. By the end of 2016, TCNY will develop a 2020 Action Agenda outlining citywide strategies based on these discussions.

NO ONE'S HEALTH SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY HIS OR HER ZIP CODE, RACE, OR INCOME. THIS IS UNJUST AND AVOIDABLE.

Together, we can improve the health and well-being of all New Yorkers by improving neighborhood conditions.

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NEWS:

o **ID NYC**



IDCNY is a free, government-issued identification card for NYC residents at least fourteen years old which makes you eligible for free membership packages at 40 of the City's leading cultural institutions including museums, concert halls, botanical gardens and zoos. (Some institutions may not offer free memberships to those under the age of 18.) The original one-year, free memberships have just been extended for an additional year. Also institutions such as the Museum of Modern Art and the Guggenheim Museum are now included.

An appointment is necessary to get an ID card. The NYPL Center at 310 East Kingsbridge Road is one location close to our community. For more information and to book an appointment click on this link <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/idnyc/index.page>.

Recently announced for a limited period, the Kingsbridge Library at 291 West 231 Street will become a “Pop-Up” Enrollment Site. Applications will be accepted through January 15, 2016. For days and times, visit: <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/idnyc/card/locations.page>

o Senior Citizens -- Freeze Your Rent & Keep it Frozen

If you are at least 62 years old, rent an apartment that is rent stabilized or controlled, have a total household income of \$50,000 or less and pay more than one-third of your household's total monthly income for rent, you may be eligible for the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) Program. If you are eligible for SCRIE [or the Disability Rent Increase Exemption program, DRIE], your rent can be frozen and be exempt from future rent increases.

To keep your rent frozen, remember to renew the SCRIE benefit on time and before your lease ends! The Department of Finance will mail a renewal application to you before your benefit expires, but if you don't receive it or act on it by the "end date" noted on your Approval Order, your rent may increase. Naming a trusted "tenant representative" on your application who will receive a copy of SCRIE correspondence may help you to keep your rent frozen in case you are unable to take timely action.

For more information and applications forms, you can download "**A GUIDE FOR TENANTS - Senior Citizens (62 and over) and People with Disabilities**" by [clicking here](#) or you can call 311 to request one.

o Housing Forum

Community Board 8's Housing Committee held an Affordable Housing Forum on December 9, 2015 before an audience of more than 60 community members. The topic discussed was "How is affordable housing defined, conceived, financed and constructed/preserved?" It was the first in a three-part series hosted by Community Board 8 to expand the community's understanding of Affordable Housing. Dates for the next forums will be coming soon. Below is a picture of the panel of speakers.



From left to right:

Daniel Padernacht, Chair, Community Board 8; Josue Sanchez, L&M Development; Ted Weinstein, Director of Bronx Planning, Housing Preservation & Development (HPD); Jeremy Hoffman, Director of Housing Preservation Opportunities at HPD; Richard Conley, Senior Vice President and Originations Director at The Community Preservations Corporation.

o Redesigned parking triangle on Riverdale Avenue & 236 Street

The community board office has received many inquiries about the construction at this intersection. What is going on? Is the parking being removed? Here are the answers.

The footprint of the new site will be generally the same. There will be 3 new planted beds which will act as storm water capture sites. Curb cut inlets and outlets will allow storm water that normally flows down the street to enter the planting beds, reducing the amount of storm water entering the catch basins. The planting beds will contain trees, shrubs, grasses and flowering perennials. There will be new ADA curb ramps and the crosswalks will be narrowed to allow for safer pedestrian movement. The existing parking will not be effected. Angled parking will remain, but will now be back-in parking (this is a new DOT requirement).



The new site will consist of new sidewalks, curbs, and planted beds.

o Emergency Snow Laborers Needed

Early registration has begun for emergency snow laborers for the upcoming snow season. Snow laborers are Per-diem workers who are called upon to remove snow and ice citywide from bus stops, crosswalks, fire hydrants and step streets in the City after heavy snowfalls.

Individuals interested in registering with the DSNY can do so at their local district garage weekdays between 7:00AM and 3:00PM. The list of garage locations can be found at www.nyc.gov/sanitation. Laborers will be paid \$13.50 per hour, and \$20.25 per hour after 40 hours are worked in a week.

o **Apply for Membership on Your Local Community Board**

The Office of The Bronx Borough President will be accepting applications for all 12 Community Boards from city residents who reside, work or have professional or other significant interests in The Bronx.

“Participation on local Community Boards can provide Bronx residents with a forum to share with their community their expertise and talents,” stated Borough President Diaz. “There are great things happening in The Bronx that involve the participation of community boards. It is important that community residents participate in the decisions that are building and revitalizing our borough, and our community boards are a great place to do so,” said Borough President Diaz.

In addition, Borough President Diaz is encouraging young people ages 16 and 17 to apply for community board membership. Last year, the borough president appointed five young people to the community boards, and is working to insure that there is a least one youth member per community board.

For applications click link: [Community Board Applications](#)

For more information please call the Bronx Borough President’s Community Boards Office at: 718-590-3914 or on-line at bronxboropres.nyc.gov

The deadline for submission of applications is: Friday, February 5, 2016

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- Cashiers
- Cash Office Team Members
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- Forklift Drivers
- Receiving Clerical/Receivers
- Outside Sales Reps
- Gas Station Attendants
- Tire Bay Team Members

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o **BJs Job Opportunities**

BJ's Wholesale Club is Hiring for their New Store in Stella/Bronx, 184 West 237th Street, Bronx, NY 10463.

Applications are being accepted now. To see available jobs and instructions on how to submit your application and resume visit their website at www.careersatbjs.com/

o **NYC Parks Without Borders**

Parks Without Borders is an NYC Parks initiative to make parks more open, welcoming, and beautiful. The goals of Parks Without Borders are to make parks more accessible and welcoming to everyone; improve neighborhoods by extending the beauty of parks out into communities; and creating vibrant public spaces by transforming underused areas. You can help NYC Parks choose the new projects. If you know of a park that would benefit from the Parks Without Borders approach, tell NYC Parks. They will then select – and fund – the best eight parks to showcase the program. NYC Parks is accepting comments until the end of February 2016 and will announce the new projects this coming spring. To find out more on how the plan will work and on how to submit your selection and comments, [click here](#).



o **Voter Registration**

A Voter Registration Form from the New York City Board of Elections may be obtained in the Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100 or by clicking on the following link:

<http://vote.nyc.ny.us/html/home/home.shtml>.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

We thought it might be interesting to include one snapshot of a location in our interesting and varied community each month.

We start with this picture of the Van Cortlandt Park Riding Stables, where at least one resident is getting some exercise.



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