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JANUARY 2018 COMMUNITY BOARD & COMMITTEE CALENDARS

BOARD MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday, January 9, 2018

TIME: 7:30PM

WHERE: William E. Irwin, Jr. American Legion Post 774, 3035-37 Corlear Avenue (Between West 230 and 231 Streets)

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.

BOARD COMMITTEE CALENDARS

For updates on schedule and locations, [click here](#).

- **Aging:** 3:00PM (**Please note change of time**), Tuesday, January 16, Atria Riverdale, 3718 Henry Hudson Parkway
- **Economic Development:** No Meeting
- **Education:** 7:30PM, Tuesday, January 23, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- **Environment & Sanitation:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, January 17, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- **Executive Committee:** 7:30PM, Wednesday, January 3, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- **Health, Hospitals & Social Services:** No Meeting
- **Housing:** 7:30PM, Monday, January 22, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- **Land Use:** **January 4th meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.**
- **Law, Rules & Ethics:** Monday, January 8, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- **Libraries & Cultural Affairs:** No meeting
- **Parks & Recreation:** 7:00PM, Wednesday, January 24, Location to be determined
- **Public Safety:** 7:00PM, Tuesday, January 16, 50th Police Precinct, 3450 Kingsbridge Avenue
- **Traffic & Transportation:** 7:30PM, Thursday, January 18, Ethical Culture Fieldston School, 3901 Fieldston Road, Student Commons
- **Veterans' Committee:** 5:00PM, Thursday, January 25, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
- **Youth:** 1:00PM, Wednesday, January 24, Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100

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

The next Bronx Community Board No. 8 meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at Riverdale Country School, 5250 Fieldston Road, Student Center

The Community Board Office will be closed:

- Monday, January 1 for New Year's Day
- Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Day



NEWS:

o **Community Boards Reception at Gracie Mansion**

Bronx Community Board No. 8 members attended the Community Board reception held at Gracie Mansion on December 9. Picture below: First Lady Chirlane McCray, Eric Bell, Diomarys Escaño, Marvin Goodman, Mayor Bill de Blasio, David Gellman, Dan Padernacht.



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 there is a least one youth member per community board.

Applicants are now required to attend at least one Community Board meeting and have a form signed by the District Manager or the Chair of the Board confirming their attendance.

In January board members who are up for reappointment will receive a letter and a reappointment application.

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 visit their website at bronxboropres.nyc.gov

The deadline for submission of applications is: Friday, February 9, 2018

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o **Henry Hudson Bridge Project**

The Henry Hudson Bridge project to install lightpoles and to perform electrical and roadway work commenced on October 20. One northbound (to Bronx) lane on the Henry Hudson Parkway from Dyckman Street entrance to the former toll plaza area on the bridge's upper level will be closed for about 5 months. The long-term single-lane southbound closure on the lower level will start in January 2018.

o **Broadway Bridge over the Harlem River**

The New York City Department of Transportation Division of Bridges will be doing necessary immediate repairs to the Broadway Bridge over the Harlem River. These repairs will cause for two lanes to be closed in either direction between the hours of 10:00PM to 5:00PM. The work began on Tuesday, December 26 and is scheduled to be completed on Friday, January 26 and will take place on weeknights – Monday through Friday. At least one lane of traffic will remain open in both directions at all times.



o **DSNY is now hiring Emergency Snow Laborers**

The Department of Sanitation is hiring snow laborers. 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. To see a list of garage locations, [click here](#). Laborers will be paid \$15.00 per hour, and \$22.50 per hour after 40 hours are worked in a week. Snow laborers must be at least 18 years of age, be eligible to work in the United States, and able to perform heavy physical labor. For more information on how to become a snow laborer, [click here](#).

o **Freeze Your Rent SCRIE Application Forms Available at Bronx Community Board No. 8**

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.

If eligible and approved, NYC freezes your rent either at your prior rent amount or 1/3 of your monthly household income, whichever is greater. The City of New York compensates the owner of the building by providing a corresponding credit against their real estate taxes.

The application form contains additional eligibility and process information. You can obtain an application by: picking one up at the CB8 office located at 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100, dialing 311 or by [clicking here](#).



o **DRIE Announcement from the NYC Department of Finance (DOF)**

Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) recipients whose benefits have been expired for at least six months might be entitled to have their benefits restored if they have remained eligible to participate in the program. DOF mailed applications to eligible households and authorized third-party tenant representatives. Eligible DRIE recipients should submit a renewal application and all required supporting documentation by January 19, 2018. The application is also available online or at any of the Department of Finance's five Business Centers. [Click here](#) for further information.

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○ 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](#).

○ ID NYC

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](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS:

○ Traffic & Transportation Committee Meeting

Con Edison and the NYC Department of Design and Construction will be attending the January 18 Traffic and Transportation Meeting to present upcoming projects slated for 2018. Some of these projects will commence in January. All residents are urged to attend the meeting to learn how these projects will affect them. The meeting will be held at the Ethical Culture Fieldston School, 3901 Fieldston Road, Student Commons at 7:30PM.

○ Bronx Housing Enrollment Event at The Bronx Borough President's Office

The Bronx Borough President's Office will be holding an event on the following Wednesdays in 2018 – January 24; February 21; March 21; April 18; May 23 and June 20 - to assist tenants who need help applying for the Senior Citizen Increase Exemption (SCRIE) Program and homeowners who need help applying for the STAR, E-Star, SCHE/DHE, Veterans and Clergy tax credits.

Should you need help applying for any of the mentioned programs, call 718-590-6248 to RSVP and visit the Bronx Borough President's Office located at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 915 between the hours of 10:00AM and 1:00PM.



Instructions:

- For the SCRIE Program please bring the following documents with you: Picture ID; 2017 tax returns, W2, or 1099 Statements; Income documents for all household members; Copies of your two most recent leases; and Social Security disability award letter(if applicable). NYCHA and Section 8 recipients are not eligible for this program.
- For the Homeowners tax credit applications bring the following documents with you: Picture ID; 2016/2017 Tax Returns and Income Document for all owners; DD-214 or discharge papers – for veterans; Trust documents (if applicable); Clergy verification letter on official letterhead – for clergy

○ Bronx Housing Enrollment Events Hosted by Council Member Andrew Cohen

Council Member Andrew Cohen will also be hosting an enrollment event like the one being held at the Borough President's Office to assist tenants who need help applying for the Senior Citizen Increase Exemption (SCRIE) Program and homeowners who need help applying for the STAR, E-Star, SCHE/DHE, Veterans and Clergy tax credits.

The event will be held on Thursday, January 11 from 10:00AM to 12:00PM at the Riverdale Y located at 5625 Arlington Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471; and on Wednesday, January 24 from 2:00PM to 4:00PM at the Spuyten Duyvil Library located at 650 West 235 Street. Please call 718-549-7300 to RSVP.

Please see **“Instructions”** above on how to apply for the programs under Bronx Borough President Enrollment Event. They are the same.

o **Christmas Tree MulchFest**

Take your tree to any designated New York City Park to be recycled into mulch. The event is being held on Saturday, January 6 and Sunday, January 7 between 10:00AM and 2:00PM. You can bring your tree to a chipping location your tree will be chipped and you will be given a bag of mulch. You can also just drop off your tree beginning Sunday December 31 through January 7 at a drop-off site and the tree will be recycled later. For more information on tree chipping and drop-off locations, [click here](#).



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o **Christmas Tree Pick-Up by the Department of Sanitation**

Now through Saturday, January 13, the Department of Sanitation (DSNY) will collect and turn to compost any Christmas trees left out on the curb. Before putting out your Christmas tree, remove all lights, stands and ornaments. The tree will then be turned into mulch to be used in New York City Parks and gardens.

Fake Christmas trees can also be recycled with your other recyclables. Remove ornaments and lights before putting the trees out on your regular recycling day.



COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

Henry Hudson Monument

If you enjoy history, visit the Henry Hudson Monument. The monument is located in the Henry Hudson Park at the intersection of Kappock Street and Independence Avenue. The statue was built as a tribute to Hudson to represent the 300th Anniversary of his arrival in New York.



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