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HAPPY SUMMER 2016



JULY-AUGUST COMMUNITY BOARD & COMMITTEE NEWS

The next Bronx Community Board No. 8 meeting will be held in September. The date and location will be determined.

There are no regularly scheduled committee meetings for the summer months. The New York City Charter mandates that except during the months of July and August, each committee shall meet at least once each month. However, in case of necessity, a committee may schedule a meeting. The Land Use Committee is authorized to act for the Board in the event matters that are time sensitive need action during summer recess.

The Land Use Committee will hold a meeting on Thursday, July 21, at 7:30PM, in the Gross Theater at Horace Mann School, 231 West 246 Street.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **National Night Out set for Tuesday, August 2**

National Night Out is an annual community-building event that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and better places to live. Events will be held on Tuesday, August 2 in every Bronx Police Precinct and for our 50 Precinct, the location will be West 234 Street between Broadway and Bailey Avenue from 4PM to 8PM.

- **Amalgamated Youthmarket**

The Amalgamated Youthmarket will be open on Wednesdays from 2PM-7PM from July 6 to October 26 at the Train Park at Orloff Avenue and Gale Place. Cash, EBT/Debit/Credit and WIC & FMP Checks are accepted at this farmers market.



- **Riverdale Youthmarket**

The Riverdale Youthmarket will be open on Thursdays from 1PM to 7PM from July 7 to October 27 at Mosholu Avenue and West 256 Street. Cash, EBT/Debit/Credit and WIC & FMP Checks are accepted at this farmers market.

NEWS:

○ **NYS Review Board Backs Fort Independence Historic District for State and National Registers**

The Fort Independence Park Neighborhood Association (“FIPNA”) has fought for years to have their neighborhood which includes Van Cortlandt Village and Kingsbridge Heights designated as a Historic District and placed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. The NY State Review Board just voted to recommend the Fort Independence Historic District for listing on the Registers. The District is home to two affordable housing landmarks—the Shalom Aleichem Houses built in 1927 and NYC’s first Mitchell-Lama project, the Park Reservoir Houses built in 1954.



○ **Community Board No. 8 Creates a “Special Committee on Veterans’ Services**



The Board at its June Board meeting voted unanimously to create the “Special Committee on Veterans’ Services.” The creation follows the request from Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. to all Bronx community boards to form committees for veterans’ affairs. This special committee will honor our local community veterans by focusing on issues, services and resources important to them. We recognize the sacrifices of our veterans and the debt we all owe them. The Committee will be comprised of the following appointed board members: Anthony Creaney, Joseph O’Brien, Amy Joy Robateau, James Santiago, I. William Stone, Sergio Villaverde and Herbert Young with Herbert Barret serving as a committee member.

○ **Community Board Continues the “Special Committee on the Hudson River Greenway”**

The Board voted unanimously to renew the “Special Committee on the Hudson River Greenway” at its regular meeting held on June 14. The Special Committee first established in June 2014 focused on an all river-greenway route working in cooperation with local residents, community groups, elected officials, government agencies, Metro-North and other stakeholders. Last year the Special Committee worked on securing funds for engineering studies to be conducted by appropriate agencies to determine the best location for an all-river route located west of the Metro-North tracks. Thanks to State Senator Klein funds have been allocated to Metro North to engage a consultant to perform the study. The Special Committee and community will receive status reports as the study proceeds.

○ **Street Naming for Former District Manager, Grace Belkin Approved by Board and City Council**



Grace Belkin was the first District Manager of Bronx Community Board 8 and remained in that role for 30 years. Over the many years of her tenure, she acquired a citywide reputation as one of the foremost leaders in the field with even city agencies relying on her knowledge and valuing her judgement.

Grace sought funding the Board’s “197-a Plan” that established stable zoning to match the character of our neighborhoods and preservation of the Special Natural Area District. She opposed the use of the Kennedy Campus for anything other than school construction. She advocated for all issues of importance to the community and through her strong persuasion succeeded in having many capital budget projects reach fruition.

This proposed street renaming is supported by many community associations such as the Bronx Chamber of Commerce, Riverdale Neighborhood House, Fort Independence Park Neighborhood Association, Riverdale Mental Health Association, and the Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Improvement Association.

Grace Belkin died on June 18, 2013. She continues to be missed. The Board passed a resolution at the May meeting that the intersection of West 246 Street and Henry Hudson Parkway should be renamed “Grace Belkin Way.”

The proposal was approved by the New York City Council on July 14 and is on the Mayor’s desk for signature.

○ **New Community Board No. 8 Members**

Six new community board members were welcomed at the June Board meeting. They are Diomarys Escano, Diego Santiago, Tao Moran, Eric Bell, Shalva Gozland and James Santiago. The new members are from Kingsbridge, Spuyten Duyvil, Kingsbridge Heights and Riverdale.

o **Community Board 8 Officers and Committee Chairs Election**

The following Officers and Committee Chairs were voted into office for one year at the June Board meeting:

OFFICERS

Chairperson	Daniel Padernacht
Vice-Chair	Rosemary Ginty
Treasurer	Philip Friedman
Secretary	Karen Pesce

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Aging	Lisa Daub
Budget	Mary Yamagata
Economic Development	Sergio Villaverde
Education	Sylvia Alexander
Environment and Sanitation	Laura Spalter
Health, Hospitals and Social Services	Lenora Croft
Housing	Paul Ellis
Land Use	Charles Moerdler
Law, Rules and Ethics	Martin Wolpoff
Libraries & Cultural Affairs	Marvin Goodman
Parks and Recreation	Bob Bender
Public Safety	Joseph O'Brien
Traffic and Transportation	Michael Heller
Youth	Lamont Parker

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>.

o **ID NYC**



IDNYC is the new, *free* identification card for all New York City residents. It is a government-issued photo identification card that secures the peace of mind and access to City services that come from having recognized identification. Due to high demand, an appointment is necessary to get your ID card. The NYPL Library Center at 310 East Kingsbridge Road is a location closest to our community. For more information and to book an appointment click on the following link: <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/idnyc/index.page>.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT:

o **The Tortoise and the Hare**



Famed Aesop's fable, "The Tortoise & Hare" is celebrated in a sculpture designed by Michael Browne in collaboration with fabricator Stuart Smith. It was created as part of a 1997 capital project upgrading the track and can be viewed just outside the finish line of the Van Cortlandt Park cross country track. It is a popular meeting place for runners and spectators before and after any races.

"Slow and steady wins the race," is inscribed on "The Tortoise & Hare" sculpture. Good advice for us all.

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