
Bronx Community Events & Resources

Discover public resources for your community including grants, job openings, and internships.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

WINTER WORK DAY AT THE FOODWAY • BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE

Saturday, February 17 • 10 – 12 p.m.

Bronx River Foodway • Concrete Plant Park, 1370 Westchester Ave, Bronx, NY

Come lend a hand at the Bronx River Foodway Saturday February 17th from 10a-12p! Learn how to prune plants and help us lay mulch. All planting materials and equipment will be provided. Please wear clothing appropriate for outdoor weather and gardening/cleaning activities. For questions, please contact jennifer.seda@bronxriver.org or call 718-542-4124. Learn more here: <https://bronxriver.org/event/winter-work-day-at-the-foodway-2>

OPEN HOURS • NEW ROOTS COMMUNITY FARM

New Roots Community Farm • 670 Grand Concourse & East 153rd Street

Volunteer at New Roots Community Farm! Open hours are held Monday to Friday from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Learn more by emailing CommunityFarmBx@gmail.com or following [@NewRootsBronx](https://www.instagram.com/NewRootsBronx) on Instagram.

RESTORE THE RIVER CORRIDOR • BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE

Volunteer with the Bronx River Alliance to protect and restore the Bronx River ecosystem! Clean up debris in Starlight Park, plant trees in the Bronx River Forest, maintain rain gardens, and more while learning about river stewardship. Learn more at: <https://bronxriver.org/visit-the-river/calendar>

YOUTH-LED PARK RESTORATION • BRONX IS BLOOMING

Volunteer with Bronx is Blooming to restore neighborhood parks across the Bronx while supporting a culture of youth leadership and environmental stewardship. Help maintain local greenspaces by caring for young trees, removing invasive species, planting, applying mulch, and more. Learn more at: <https://www.bronxisblooming.org/upcomingevents>

COMMUNAL GARDENING PROJECT • BISSEL GARDENS & PRAXIS

We INVITE YOU to our Communal Gardening Project. We'll share the sowing, maintaining and the harvest! We'll grow for ourselves and for others, and you'll be a part of it. Don't like to dig but like to participate in community activities? We've got you covered, there's a variety of garden maintenance that doesn't involve digging, and we also need help with social media. We're in two Wakefield locations in the Bronx. To learn more, contact: connect@urbancultivated.com

FOREST & WETLAND RESTORATION • NYC PARKS STEWARDSHIP

Volunteer with NYC Parks Stewardship to support forest and wetland restoration across the city. Help plant and prune street trees, propagate native seeds, and monitor local wildlife while learning more about the city's natural landscape. Want to lead your own stewardship projects? Volunteering is the first step to become a Super Steward. Learn more at:

<https://www.nycgovparks.org/reg/stewardship>

GARDEN & PARK RENOVATION • NEW YORK RESTORATION PROJECT

Volunteer with New York Restoration project to renovate gardens, restore parks, plant trees, promote urban agriculture, and build a greener, more resilient city. Find a community garden near you, or register online to assist with forest stewardship, wetland stewardship, gardening, composting, and litter removal in focus parks. Learn more at: <https://www.nyrp.org/en/get-involved/#events>

"IT'S MY PARK" • PARTNERSHIPS FOR PARKS

Volunteer with Partnerships for Parks and affiliated local park stewardship groups to beautify neighborhood green spaces through cleaning, painting, and gardening. Learn more at:

<https://cityparksfoundation.org/volunteer-its-my-park/>

FOREST RESTORATION & TRAIL WORK • VAN CORTLANDT PARK ALLIANCE

Van Cortlandt Park Alliance works with over 2,000 volunteers a year to complete community stewardship projects throughout the 1,146 acres of Van Cortlandt Park. Search for upcoming volunteer opportunities and event here, <https://vancortlandt.org/calendar-of-events/>

PARK AND PLAYGROUND CARE • FRIENDS OF MOSHOLU PARKLAND

Contribute to the parkland, edible garden, and community by volunteering for compost duties, pruning, weeding, harvesting, cleaning, trash pickup, and maintenance. Volunteer at the Edible Garden Monday thru Friday (contact for weekend hours) and for playground patrol at Kossuth Playground, Mosholu Playground, Whalen Playground, Williamsbridge Oval Playground, Knox-Gates Playground, French Charley's Playground, and Frisch Baseball Field. For more information, please visit <https://www.mosholuparkland.org/howtovolunteer/>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

BRONX RIVER ASSEMBLY • BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE

Saturday, February 3 • 12–3 p.m.

Fannie Lou Hamer High School • 1021 Jennings Street

Join us for our Annual Bronx River Assembly at Fannie Lou Hamer High School! Align with partners, volunteers, and friends of the river to network with other folks doing good work along the Bronx river. To register, go to: <https://bronxriver.org/event/save-the-date-bronx-river-assembly>

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: HERBAL BREWS, HUES AND MAYA ANGELOU • NYC PARKS URBAN RANGERS

Sunday, February 11 • 1–2:30 p.m.

Crotona Nature Center • Crotona Park East and Charlotte Street

Join the Urban Park Rangers as we celebrate influential women and girls in science, as we go for a hike and collect specimens to view through a microscope. To register, go to:

<https://www.nycgovparks.org/events/2024/02/11/black-history-month-herbal-brews-hues-and-maya-angelou>

VOODOO MACBETH • BRONX HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Monday, February 12th • 3 – 4 p.m.

Virtual Event

The Allerton Coops in The Bronx, currently highlighted in an exhibit at the Museum of Bronx History, was home to a number of African-American artists, singers, actors, activists, and other accomplished individuals in the 1930s–1960s. Join Norris Burroughs, son of Eric Burroughs (a resident of the Coops who played Hecate), for a virtual discussion through Zoom of his graphic novel *Voodoo Macbeth* (2006), which explores the famous Federal Theater Project's 1936 all-Black production of *Macbeth* and his father's role in it. Reserve a free ticket here:

<https://bronxhistoricalsociety.org/voodoo-macbeth>

WINTER MUSHROOM ID HIKE • NYC PARKS URBAN RANGERS

Saturday, February 24 • 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Pelham Bay Park • Section 2 Orchard Beach

Learn about the fungi active in our parks! Join the Urban Park Rangers on a hike through Hunter Island to explore seasonal mushrooms. To register, go to:

<https://www.nycgovparks.org/events/2024/02/24/winter-mushroom-id-hike>

BRONX PARKS SPEAK UP • BRONX COALITION OF PARKS AND GREEN SPACES

Saturday, February 24 • 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Lehman College, Music Building Faculty Dining Room

Join us for the 30th Bronx Parks Speak Up! Organized by The Bronx Coalition of Parks and Green Spaces (BCPGS) this annual conference is a collaboration of Bronx Parks and open space groups to promote member events and initiatives on a borough-wide level. To learn more, go to: **<https://www.bronxspeakup.org/>**

PAUL ROBESON, A SONG OF FREEDOM • BRONX HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Sunday, February 25th • 3 – 5 p.m.

Andrew Freedman Home • 1125 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY

In celebration of Black History Month, join veteran Broadway actor and former resident of the Allerton Coops Charles Turner for a one-person dramatic reading of his new "Paul Robeson, A Song of Freedom." This event is an extension of The Bronx County Historical Society's ongoing exhibit at the Museum of Bronx History, *The Allerton Coops: In Living Color*. Reserve a free ticket here: **<https://bronxhistoricalsociety.org/paul-robesson>**

TRAININGS

URBAN FARM & GARDEN TRAINING • HORTICULTURE NYC & NEW ROOTS BRONX
Saturdays and select Thursday and Friday evenings from March through September
Multiple Locations

The Horticulture NYC training program explores, grows, and challenges the practice of urban farming and horticulture under the umbrella of food, land, and environmental justice. Topics such as pruning, propagation, vegetable and flower growing, herbaceous perennials, greenhouse management, integrated pest management, and more are covered. If you're looking to expand your growing capabilities or pursue a career in urban farming/horticulture then this is the program for you. Applicants must be over 18 years of age; identify as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Color; be a refugee, asylee, asylum-seeker, or member of a community garden; and should have an interest in pursuing urban farming and gardening. **Applications close February 12, 2024.** Learn more about the program and apply: www.horticulturenyc.com/training-program

VIRTUAL GRANT INFORMATION SESSION • CITIZENSNYC
Monday, February 19 • 6 p.m.

Virtual Event

Join us for a discussion on our Community Leaders Grant and our Neighborhood Business Grant. CitizensNYC awards micro-grants of up to \$3,000 to community groups and up to \$5,000 for small businesses with community initiatives. If you are a New York City resident trying to improve your neighborhood, we can't wait to hear your idea! To register, go to:

https://citizensnyc.salsalabs.org/infoessionamjackson79/index.html?mc_cid=431503eb4e

ORGANIZING FOR GARDEN SUCCESS PART 2: BYLAWS • NYC PARKS GREEN THUMB
Tuesday, February 6 • 6–8 p.m.

Virtual Event

This two-part workshop series is designed to help your garden group build a strong foundation to deal with the many issues that arise in a community space. In this workshop, we will discuss writing garden bylaws that outline processes for decision-making and garden governance, and that will satisfy the GreenThumb requirement for bylaws. To register, go to:

<https://www.nycgovparks.org/events/2024/02/06/organizing-for-garden-success-bylaws-part-2-of-2>

BUILDING THE GARDEN: ADVOCATING FOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDING • NYC PARKS GREEN THUMB

Wednesday, February 7 • 12–1 p.m.

Virtual Event

Learn about how to advocate and build relationships with your elected officials to allocate discretionary and capital funding for your garden. To register, go to:

<https://www.nycgovparks.org/events/2024/02/07/building-the-garden-advocating-for-discretionary-funding>

TRASH ACADEMY • SANITATION FOUNDATION

February 8 through March 21

Virtual Event

“NYC Trash Academy: Talking Dirty About Sustainable Solutions” is a free online and in-person 10-session educational series designed for busy New Yorkers interested in learning how to create a cleaner, healthier, more sustainable city. The Academy, formerly known as Zero Waste Academy, is taught by experts from the NYC Department of Sanitation and the private sector to increase awareness and understanding of waste management's environmental, social, and economic impacts. **Applications close February 2, 2024.** To apply, go to:

<https://www.sanitationfoundation.org/nyc-trash-academy>

RAT ACADEMY FOR COMMUNITY GARDENERS • NYC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Wednesday, March 20 • 4–6 p.m.

Virtual Event

Rats can be a problem for community gardeners, property owners, businesses and entire neighborhoods. Learn about safe and effective methods for rat prevention in your home and community. To register, go to <https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/services/rats-control-training.page>

MATERIALS & TOOLS

MONARCH & POLLINATOR HABITAT KITS • XERCES SOCIETY

Applications due Sunday, February 18

The Xerces Society is offering habitat kits in the Northeast containing native milkweed and various nectar plants to project partners who are willing to provide the time, labor, and land to create pollinator habitat. Kits are designed to be appropriate for urban farms, community gardens, and other shared and educational spaces in the Mid-Atlantic and New York City region. Learn more and apply here: <https://xerces.org/pollinator-conservation/habitat-kits/mid-atlantic>

FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFFS

Volunteer-operated Food Scrap Drop-Off locations are open. For more information and sites in other boroughs, visit <http://nyc.gov/dropfoodscraps>

LEHMAN COLLEGE VOLUNTEERS

Mondays • 8 a.m.–12 p.m. • Year Round

Lehman College • 250 Bedford Park Blvd West

DREW GARDENS VOLUNTEERS

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays • 4–7 p.m. • Year Round

Drew Gardens • 1070 East Tremont Avenue

PADRE PLAZA COMMUNITY GARDEN

Mondays • 12.–5 p.m. • Year Round

Padre Plaza Community Garden • 541 East 139 Street

NEW ROOTS COMMUNITY FARM STAFF

Fridays • 8 a.m.–12 p.m. • Year Round

New Roots Community Farm • 670 Grand Concourse

FORDHAM PLAZA GREENMARKET
Fridays • 8–11:30 a.m. • Year Round
East Fordham Road between Webster Avenue and Third Avenue

KELLY STREET GARDEN VOLUNTEERS
Saturdays • 10 a.m.–2 p.m. • Year Round
Kelly Street Garden • 924 Kelly Street

JOB & INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

For current jobs and internship opportunities please visit the list at <http://bit.ly/1XMZdiB>

YEAR-ROUND and ONGOING RESOURCES

For resources available year-round, please visit our 2023 Resource Page at <https://bit.ly/34AlihY>

GRANTS AND AWARDS

For an annual schedule of funding opportunities, please visit our 2023 Grants and Awards page
<https://bit.ly/3XdNUFM>