
Bronx Community Events & Resources

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

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CLEAN UP SETON FALLS PARK • FRIENDS OF SETON FALLS PARK

Tuesdays, April 9th, April 16th, April 23rd, April 30th • 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Seton Falls Park • Highrock Playground

Help clean up and care for Seton Falls Park on Tuesdays from April to June! To register, email setonfallspark@gmail.com

BEAUTIFICATION EVENT @ MAPES BASEBALL FIELD AND HEIDI'S MEDITATION GARDEN • MARY MITCHELL CENTER

Saturday, April 13 • 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Mapes Ballfield • East 180th Street & Mapes Avenue

Volunteer with the Mary Mitchell Center to clean up, beautify, and prepare Heidi's Meditation Garden and the Mapes Ballfield for spring! To register, email themarimitchellfyc@gmail.com

CLEAN UP THE GREENWAY • FRIENDS OF THE HUTCHINSON RIVER GREENWAY

Saturday, April 14th • 9–11 a.m.

Mercy University Entrance • Hutch Metro Center

Join Friends of the Hutchinson River Greenway to maintain milkweed plantings, clear up the pathway, and promote NYC Parkland. Garden tools, gloves, water, and snacks provided. For more information, text 646-404-1491 or email hutchrivergreen@outlook.com

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/>

GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY • THE MISSION CONTINUES

Volunteer with The Mission Continues to support community gardens across the Bronx! The Bronx Operation's focus is on environmental restoration and preservation to support improvements along the waterfront and underused green spaces in the South Bronx area. Partners include Rincon Criollo Community Garden, Bronx Sunshine Garden, and The Bronx County Historical Society. Learn more at: <https://www.missioncontinues.org/service-platoon/New-York/>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

INTRO TO ETHNOBOTANY: HERBS IN CONTEXT • BRONX RIVER COMMUNITY GARDEN
Tuesday, April 2 • 6–8 p.m.

Bronx River Community Garden • E. 180th St. & Devoe Ave

Herbs have rich histories and are connected to cultural practices. In this workshop, participants will gain an introduction to ethnobotany and discuss ways to plan an herb garden that is culturally relevant to a community. Participants will share their own herb stories and start seed trays with herbs of their choosing. Facilitated by Makela Elvy, Urban Garden Specialist with the Cornell Cooperative Extension Harvest New York Team. Herb lovers of all experience levels welcome! Register here: <https://www.nycgovparks.org/reg/greenthumb-workshops/14783/register>

CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT 2024 • FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

Monday, April 8 • 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

Fordham University, Rose Hill Campus • McShane Campus Center

This summit brings passionate individuals from higher education institutions, community-based organizations, non-profit organizations, advocates, and public and private entities, offering a platform to share resources, ideas, and solutions. Hear from our keynote speaker Dr. Ayana Elizabeth Johnson, a marine biologist, policy expert, writer, and Brooklyn native. For more information, go to <https://www.fordham.edu/about/living-the-mission/thriving-communities/upcoming-events/climate-action-summit/>

NYCHA FARMS & GARDENS CONFERENCE • NYC HOUSING AUTHORITY

Saturday, April 13th • 9:30 a.m.

Johnson Houses Community Center • 1833 Lexington Avenue

Join us for a fun-filled day at the Johnson Houses Community Center, featuring workshops, giveaways, entertainment, and activities! Open to all NYCHA farms and gardens. Residents, children, and youth are welcome. For more information, email gardens@nycha.nyc.gov or call 212-306-8282.

SPRING FOOD DIALOGUE: ESMERALDA SANTIAGO IN CONVERSATION WITH DR. JESSICA B. HARRIS • NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

Saturday, April 13 • 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

New York Botanical Garden • Ross Hall

Esmeralda Santiago, author of the celebrated memoir *When I Was Puerto Rican*, will sit down with Dr. Jessica B. Harris for a wide-ranging conversation that will explore memory and belonging through food, landscapes, and gardens as they show up in her work and her life. To register, go to <https://www.nybg.org/event/spring-food-dialogue-esmeralda-santiago-in-conversation-with-dr-jessica-b-harris/>

FOOD TALKS: CULTIVATING COMMUNITY WITH URBAN AGRICULTURE PANEL • RIVERDALE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

Thursday, April 18 • 6:30–8 p.m.

Riverdale Neighborhood House • 5521 Mosholu Avenue

April 18th's panel focuses on cultivating crops in urban landscapes as a localized effort to solve food insecurity. Our discussion will explore how urban farming has the power to foster resilience and connect communities, all while sustainably producing food close to the communities who need it most. To register, go to <https://www.riverdaleonline.org/news/food-justice-lecture-series>

STORY GARDEN • BRONX RIVER COMMUNITY GARDEN

Thursday, April 25 • 12–1:30 p.m.

Bronx River Community Garden • E. 180th St. & Devoe Ave

Join us at the Bronx River Community Garden for a magical afternoon of storytelling, art and nature! Let your imagination bloom as we gather with Bronx-based author & illustrator Charles G. Esperanza to share his new book KICKS IN THE SKY! We'll spark creativity with a hands-on art experience inspired by the story and finish with nurturing nature by getting to plant your very own container garden. Best for ages 4-10 years old. Every registered participant will receive their very own copy of the featured book. Don't miss the debut of our exciting series, connecting with nature and community through the power of storytelling. Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-story-garden-tickets-861227252897?aff=oddtcreator>

TRAININGS

ORGANIZING FOR GARDEN SUCCESS: BYLAWS (PART 2) • NYC PARKS GREENTHUMB

Thursday, April 4 • 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. Register here:

<https://www.nycgovparks.org/events/2024/04/04/organizing-for-garden-success-bylaws-part-2-of-2>

FRUIT TREE CARE • NYC PARKS GREENTHUMB

Saturday, April 13 • 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Melrose New Generation Community Garden • 377 East 160 Street

Have you ever wondered what you can do to get a great harvest from fruit trees in your garden? This workshop will cover the basics of maintaining healthy fruit trees year-round with an emphasis on the current spring season. We will cover best practices for maximizing fruit production. Participants will have an opportunity to get hands on practice in assessing and caring for fruit trees in a community garden. Register here:

<https://www.nycgovparks.org/events/2024/04/13/fruit-tree-care>

RAT ACADEMY • NYC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Thursday, April 2; Tuesday, April 9; Thursday April 25 • 5–7 p.m.

Virtual Event

Learn about rat prevention methods from the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. To register, go to: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/services/rats-control-training.page>

MATERIALS & TOOLS

2024 TREE GIVEAWAY • NEW YORK RESTORATION PROJECT

The 2024 NYRP free tree giveaway season kicks off on Saturday, April 13 and will continue on Saturdays and Sundays through Sunday, May 12. If you have received a tree from NYRP in the past, you may be eligible to register for the tree you want this season before 2024 general registration opens to the public. Learn more here: <https://www.nyrp.org/en/get-involved/tree-giveaways>

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

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

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>