# **BRONX COMMUNITY EVENTS & RESOURCES**

Discover public resources for your community including events, volunteer opportunities, and more.

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# **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

MEG'S GARDEN TEA FESTIVAL · JAMES BALDWIN OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTER Saturday, October 4th · 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

James Baldwin Market · 100 West Mosholu Parkway South

We will engage attendees and participants in various free educational and fun activities including herbal workshops, herbal tea-tasting & making, garden walks, nature-inspired art making, and more.

**Learn More** 

PITCH IN PARTY · LAND-BASED HEALING PROJECT AND LA FINCA DEL SUR Saturday, October 4th · 12 to 3 p.m.

La Finca Del Sur · 110 East 138th Street

Join La Finca Del Sur and the NYC Land-Based Healing Project for a "Pitch in Party", featuring sign-making, nature exercises, refreshments by Brunch at Zion's, and planting activities. For more information, email <a href="mailto:nyclandbasedhealing@gmail.com">nyclandbasedhealing@gmail.com</a>.

### **Learn More**

CITY OF FOREST DAY AT BRONX RIVER FOREST • NYC PARKS STEWARDSHIP AND TEDDY BEAR PROJECT

Saturday, October 4th · 2 to 4 p.m.

Bronx River Forest · Burke Avenue Bridge, Bronx

Join the NYC Parks Stewardship Team and Teddy Bear Project to plant shrubs and contribute to ongoing restoration work in the forest of Bronx Park! Trees and shrubs provide so many benefits to New Yorkers such as improved air and water quality, reduced pollution, and lower energy costs. Volunteers will be trained in proper planting techniques. Come dressed in sturdy boots or shoes, long sleeves, long pants, and clothing that can get dirty.



# INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY CELEBRATION • BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE AND THE NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS CENTER OF NEW YORK

Saturday, October 11th · 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mitsubishi River Walk at Bronx River Parking B • Boston Road & Bronx River Parkway, Bronx Join the Bronx River Alliance and the North American Indigenous Center of New York for a FREE day of fun and celebration of indigenous cultures! This event will be held at the canoe launch area of the Mitsubishi River Walk at the Bronx Zoo. The event will run from 11am – 4pm on Saturday October 11th, and will feature a variety of activities including canoeing and kayaking on the Bronx River, Northeastern Indigenous dances, an Indigenous art workshop, a mini-library of Indigenous books, and an Indigenous art exhibit. NAIC-NY will lead a traditional Haudenosaunee Social with various Northeastern Social dances. Their head dancers will also be sharing the cultural foundations and knowledge in relation to the songs and dances.

#### **Learn More**

# 4TH ANNUAL HARVFEST · BRONX RIVER COMMUNITY GARDEN Saturday, October 11th · 1 to 5 p.m.

Bronx River Community Garden • East 180th Street and Devoe Ave, Bronx
Join us for our 4th annual HarvFest! A fun-filled day for all ages with music from DJ Pusha, plenty of activities, and something for everyone. Back for the second year, we'll enjoy a relaxing sound bath with musician Adriana Mesen at 2pm. Come and see the new changes we've made this year, including a wigwam expertly built as part of Harmony Hill—our physical land acknowledgment to the Indigenous people who lived along the Bronx River. Learn More

# STOP THE CROSS BRONX EXPANSION COMMUNITY MEETING AND Q&A • BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE

Tuesday, October 21st · 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Virtual Event

Come to this virtual meeting from 6:30pm – 7:30 pm to learn more about the Cross Bronx "5 Bridges" Project. We will present NYS Department of Transportation's proposal and answer questions to the best of our ability. We will let you know what to expect in the next few years and how you can make your voice heard!

#### **Learn More**

FACING CLIMATE CHANGE AS URBAN GARDENERS · NYC PARKS GREENTHUMB Wednesday, October 22nd · 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Virtual Event

Join us for a monthly series of peer-to-peer conversations presented by GreenThumb and NYRP, focused on the urgent topic of climate change. These free gatherings—offered both virtually and in-person—create space for community gardeners and land stewards to connect, learn, and lead. Together, we'll explore how climate change is impacting New York City and beyond through informed, educational dialogues with experts and local leaders.



13TH ANNUAL MISS ABBIE'S HALLOWEEN HEALTH/WELLNESS CITYWIDE BLOCK EVENT • MISS ABBIE'S KIDS

Friday, October 31st · 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

2553 Decatur Avenue · Between Fordham and East 193rd, Bronx

13th Annual Miss Abbie's Halloween Health/Wellness & Citywide Block Event marries Health and Halloween by teaching the youth and their families of the community about how to avoid chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, coronary disease and much more. We use relatable youth activities, enlist the involvement of providers in the community such as health care vendors, holistic healers, local level government and everything in between that play a large role in how our wellness is impacted as minority people in underserved neighborhoods.

### Learn More

4TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY BANQUET • BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE

Saturday, November 1st · 12 to 4 p.m.

Concrete Plant Park · 1370 Westchester Avenue, Bronx

Save the Date: November 1st from 12-4pm for the 4th annual Community Banquet! Each year the Bronx River Foodway Team brings partners and friends together at Concrete Plant Park to celebrate the lessons learned from the land this year. Centering foragers, land stewards, community chefs, and herbalists, Community Members are invited to reconnect to land and to each other through FREE tastings, music, art workshops, and more.

Learn More

# **TRAININGS**

MYCELIATING THE BRONX FOODWAY WITH WINE CAP MUSHROOMS • BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE

Saturday, October 4th · 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Concrete Plant Park • 1370 Westchester Avenue, Bronx

Join the Bronx River Foodway team, advocates and volunteers of the city's public food forest, and the NYC Mushroom Network, a grassroots coalition upcycling wood waste from the urban forest to expand mushroom cultivation in community gardens and greenspaces, for a hands-on workshop on soil remediation with wine cap mushrooms.

#### Learn More

FALL ROSE CARE: PLANTING AND PREPARING FOR A STRONG SPRING BLOOM  $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$  NYC PARKS GREENTHUMB

Sunday, October 5th · 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Melrose New Generation Community Garden · 377 East 160th Street, Bronx

Planting roses in the fall allows them to establish strong root systems before winter, giving them a head start when spring arrives. Fall rose care centers on preparing your bushes for winter dormancy by pruning, cleaning up fallen leaves to prevent disease, and providing appropriate winter protection so your roses can emerge healthy and ready to grow when the weather warms.



# GARDEN CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION CIRCLE SESSION 1 · NYC PARKS GREENTHUMB

Tuesday, October 7th · 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Virtual Event

Even the most harmonious garden groups experience conflict—it's as natural as weeds sprouting between the tomatoes. But what if those challenging moments could become opportunities for deeper connection and stronger communities? Join mediators Skye Roper-Moses and Michelle Jackson for an intimate, two-month learning cohort designed specifically for community gardeners who are ready to transform the way they navigate conflict.

#### Learn More

### YOUTH INFUSED GARDEN PROJECTS · NYC PARKS GREENTHUMB

Wednesday, October 15th · 6 to 8 p.m.

Virtual Event

Ready to engage youth in your community garden in ways that leave everyone fulfilled, energized, and empowered to give back? In this workshop, Ijendu Obasi will guide adults who teach or mentor youth in community gardening through strategies to plan and complete meaningful projects with young people. Learn how to design activities that build skills, foster leadership, and deepen connections between youth and their neighborhoods, all while accomplishing projects that support your garden's goals. Participants will receive a practical toolkit that summarizes key ideas, project templates, and planning tips to help bring youth-infused projects to life in your garden next year.

#### **Learn More**

# BIOCHAR 101 FOR THE COMMUNITY GARDEN · NEW YORK RESTORATION PROJECT AND CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Sunday, October 26th · 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bissel Gardens · 4525 Barnes Ave, Bronx

Join Karen Guzman and Dr. Rebecca Nelson of Cornell University, alongside the NYRP Urban Ag team for a deep dive into biochar as a tool for waste management, carbon storage, and soil health in a community garden context. During this hands-on workshop, participants will have the chance to make biochar using garden waste and learn about best practices when applying it to a garden bed. Workshop attendees will all receive a small amount of biochar to take back to their garden.

#### **Learn More**

RAT ACADEMY FOR COMMUNITY GARDENS  $\cdot$  NYC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & NYC PARKS GREENTHUMB

Friday, October 17 · 12 to 2 p.m.

Virtual Event

Learn about safe and effective methods for rat prevention in your community garden. This free two-hour course is open to anyone who wants to learn about rat management.

**Learn More** 

# **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

#### 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 learn more about river stewardship.



#### PARK RESTORATION · BRONX IS BLOOMING

Volunteer with Bronx is Blooming to restore neighborhood parks across the Bronx. Help maintain local greenspaces by caring for young trees, removing invasive species, planting, mulching, and more.

### **Learn More**

#### COMMUNAL GARDENING PROJECT · BISSEL GARDENS & PRAXIS

Volunteer with the Bissel Gardens 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. Email connect@urbancultivated.com with any questions.

OPEN ACCESS GREEN SPACE STEWARDSHIP · CHESTNUT STREET GARDEN Chestnut Street is a guerilla gardening experiment in open access, public green space. Join our weekly workdays on Sundays from 12pm until dusk to maintain the pollinator garden, remove weeds, and do general maintenance. Please keep in mind that the space is undergoing a lot of changes and may not always be accessible to all. Please email us at <a href="mailto:chestnutstreetgarden@gmail.com">chestnutstreetgarden@gmail.com</a> with any questions.

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 through Friday 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.

#### Learn More

SOUNDVIEW PARK CLEAN-UP · FRIENDS OF SOUNDVIEW PARK

Help steward Soundview Park with Friends of Soundview Park! Join clean-up and stewardship sessions every Tuesday from 10am-2pm, meeting at Lafayette Avenue and Colgate Avenues. For details, email <a href="mailto:yyimjcj@aol.com">yyimjcj@aol.com</a>.

#### **Learn More**

THE AUXILLIARY FARMER PROJECT • IRIDESCENT EARTH COLLECTIVE

AFP is the volunteer program hosted by Iridescent Earth Collective in Delaware County NY. It is made up of members from Delaware county to the Bronx. The goal is to provide short-term, noncommittal opportunities for folks to directly contribute to alternatives for how our food is grown and produced. It is also an opportunity for collective skill sharing, local and regional organizing and community healing.

### **Learn More**

#### SECOND SATURDAYS · LA FINCA DEL SUR

Join La Finca Del Sur for monthly community workdays, held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second Saturday of every month. Care for the farm, gain hands-on gardening and composting practice, build community, and more!

## **Learn More**

## 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**

#### 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

## 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**

#### "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** 

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.

Learn More

# **FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFFS**

Food Scrap Drop-Off locations are open across the Bronx. For more information and sites in other boroughs, visit the <u>DSNY FSDO Map</u> or <u>Big Reuse FSDO Map</u>.

### **BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE**

Fridays · 9 a.m.-12 p.m. · Year Round Starlight Park · 1490 Sheridan Blvd

#### BRONX PARK EAST FARMERS MARKET

Sundays · 9 a.m.-2 p.m. · June to November Starlight Park · 1490 Sheridan Blvd

#### JAMES BALDWIN OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTER

Saturdays · 10 a.m.-3 p.m. · Spring to Fall
Meg's Community Garden · 100 W Mosholu Pkwy S

### KAROL'S COMMUNITY URBAN FARM

*Fridays* • 10 a.m.–1 p.m. • March to November Karol's Community Urban Farm • Across from 2238 Lacombe Ave



#### KEEPER'S HOUSE EDIBLE GARDEN

24/7 · Year Round

Keeper's House Edible Garden • 3400 Reservoir Oval East

#### KINGSBRIDGE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER

Tuesdays-Fridays • 12–3 p.m. • Year Round

Kingsbridge Heights Community Center • 3101 Kingsbridge Terrace

### LEHMAN COLLEGE

Mondays · 9 a.m.-12 p.m. · Year Round

Lehman College · 250 Bedford Park Blvd West

## NEW ROOTS COMMUNITY FARM

Monday-Friday · 9 a.m.-2 p.m. · Year Round

Saturday · 10 a.m.-3 p.m. · Year Round

New Roots Community Farm • 670 Grand Concourse

#### NEW SETTLEMENT COMMUNITY CENTER

Thursday, Friday · 1-5 p.m. · Year Round

Saturday · 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. · Year Round

New Settlement Community Center • 1501 Jerome Ave

#### RIVERDALE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

Every Day · 9 a.m.-6 p.m. · Year Round

Riverdale Neighborhood House • 5522 Mosholu Ave

#### SPUYTEN DUYVIL PRESCHOOL

Monday-Friday • 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. • September to June

Spuyten Duyvil Preschool • 3041 Kingsbridge Ave

#### PADRE PLAZA COMMUNITY GARDEN

Mondays, Wednesdays · 12-5 p.m. · Year Round

Padre Plaza Community Garden • 541 East 139 Street

# **FARMERS MARKETS**

Farmers markets are open across the Bronx. For more information and sites in other boroughs, visit the <u>GrowNYC Greenmarket Map</u>, the <u>NYC Health + Hospitals Farmers Market Map</u>, and the <u>Harvest Home Market Map</u>.

#### BRONX BOROUGH HALL GROWNYC GREENMARKET

Tuesdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m. · June 3rd-November 25th

149th Street between Park & Morris Avenues

**More Information** 

#### BRONX PARK EAST FARMERS MARKET

Sundays 9 a.m.-4 p.m. · June 2nd-November 24th

Brady Playground, 2045 Bronx Park East

**More Information** 



#### JACOBI HOSPITAL HARVEST HOME GREENMARKET

Fridays, 8 a.m.–3 p.m. · June 21st–November 15th 1400 Pelham Parkway South at Eastchester Road

#### **More Information**

#### JAMES BALDWIN OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTER

Saturdays, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. · June 21st-October 25<sup>th</sup>
James Baldwin Plaza, corner of Goulden & Sedgwick Avenues (100 W Mosholu Parkway South)
More Information

#### LINCOLN HOSPITAL GROWNYC GREENMARKET

Tuesdays & Fridays, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. • June 20th–November 21st 149th Street between Park & Morris Avenues

#### **More Information**

#### NORTH CENTRAL BRONX HOSPITAL HARVEST HOME GREENMARKET

Wednesdays, 8 a.m.–3 p.m. · June 12th–November 20th E. Moshulu Parkway North and Jerome Avenue

#### **More Information**

## PARKCHESTER / VIRGINIA PARK GROWNYC GREENMARKET

Fridays 8 a.m.–3 p.m. · June 13th–November 21st Westchester Ave & White Plains Road

## **More Information**

POE PARK GROWNYC GREENMARKET
Tuesdays 8 a.m.-3 p.m. · June 24th-November 25th
192nd Street & Grand Concourse
More Information

# **JOB & INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

For jobs and internship opportunities please visit our **Employment**, **Internship**, **and Volunteer Opportunities Guide**.

# **YEAR-ROUND RESOURCES**

For resources available year-round, please visit our **Resource Page**.

# **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

For an annual schedule of funding opportunities, please visit our Grants and Awards Guide.

