# **BRONX COMMUNITY EVENTS & RESOURCES**

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

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## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

CROSS BRONX 5 BRIDGES COMMUNITY Q&A • STOP THE CROSS BRONX EXPANSION COALITION & BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE

Tuesday, December 2nd · 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Virtual Event

Join the Stop the Cross Bronx Expansion Coalition for a review of the Cross Bronx 5 Bridges Environmental Assessment Report and how to prepare comments for the upcoming Public Hearings that will take place on December 3rd, 6th, and 10th. We want to make sure that our community has plenty of opportunities to understand this 5,000+ page technical document, ask questions, and make public comments! Please register in advance.

#### Learn More

CORNELL SMALL FARMS SUMMIT: NYC MUSHROOM GATHERING • CORNELL SMALL FARMS PROGRAM

Friday, December 5th • 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

General Electric Building •570 Lexington Avenue (Manhattan)

The Mushroom Summit will convene a regional network of mushroom farmers and educators from indoor, outdoor, and community production systems; restaurateurs, food creatives and chefs; and extension, government and industry representatives. This diverse group will work together to determine grower research and marketing needs, interdisciplinary collaboration opportunities, and community building initiatives. Group conversations and presentations will be structured around value added products, frontiers in mycology research, and peer-to-peer learning.

## **Learn More**

BIRDING WITH NYC BIRD ALLIANCE  $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$  NYC BIRD ALLIANCE & VAN CORTLANDT PARK ALLIANCE

Saturday, December 6th • 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Van Cortlandt Nature Center · Van Cortlandt Park

Explore Van Cortlandt Park's ecologically diverse grounds and celebrate a long tradition of birding in the park. We will look for various species of resident and migratory birds and



discuss a wide range of avian topics. Each walk will be led by a NYC Bird Alliance (formerly NYC Audubon) guide.

### **Learn More**

WINTERFEST FAIR • FUTURE OF MOSHOLU PARKLAND & BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 7

Thursday, December 11th · 5 to 9 p.m.

Mosholu Parkway & Bainbridge Ave

Join Future of Mosholu Parkland and partners for hot apple cider, holiday treats, snowflake making, and a pine-cone bird feeder activity before the annual tree lighting ceremony.

#### **Learn More**

#### BASIC MAP AND COMPASS WORKSHOP BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE

Saturday, December 13th · 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Soundview Field House • 1550 Lafayette Ave

Learn how to confidently find your way outdoors with practical map and compass skills. In this workshop we'll cover the parts of a compass, how to find north, follow a bearing and define common map-reading terms. You'll practice finding specific features, locating your own position on the map and understanding the process for navigating to a destination. Maps, compasses and exercises will be provided.

## Learn More

### DECEMBER ECOLOGY TEAM MEETING. BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE

Tuesday, December 16th · 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Virtual Event

Join us Tuesday, December 16th for our last Bronx River Ecology Team meeting of the year! The Ecology Team is made up of scientists, local partners orgs, students, and community members who are interested in learning about and supporting the ecological health of the Bronx River. Agenda items for this final meeting include a deep dive into the 2025 water quality monitoring season, planning for 2026, and more. Everyone is welcome to bring their questions, ideas, or simply their curiosity!

Learn More

## **TRAININGS**

GRANTWRITING 10: A GUIDE TO CITIZENSNYC COMMUNITY LEADERS GRANT  $\cdot$  NYC PARKS GREENTHUMB

Wednesday, December 3rd · 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Virtual Event

Learn the essentials of grant writing and how to craft a compelling application for the Community Leaders Grant, provided by CitizensNYC. This workshop will offer practical tips, strategies, and insights to help you showcase your project's impact and secure funding to strengthen your community. You'll also discover more about CitizensNYC's mission and the inspiring work of our community gardener grantee partners who are transforming neighborhoods across the city. Perfect for both first-time applicants and experienced grant seekers!

## **Learn More**

FUNDING YOUR GARDEN'S VISION: APPLYING FOR THE NYC GREEN FUND GRASSROOTS GRANT • NYC PARKS GREENTHUMB

Monday, December 8th · 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Virtual Event

As the community gardening outreach program of The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx Green-Up provides horticulture education, training, and technical assistance to Bronx residents, community gardeners, urban farmers, local schools, and community organizations.

NYBG BRONX GREEN-UP Looking for funding to grow your garden's impact? The NYC Green Fund Grassroots Grant offers direct funding and technical assistance for community-led projects in stewardship, environmental action, health and wellness, youth programs, arts and culture, and Urban Forest initiatives. In this session, you'll learn about eligibility, the application process, and tips for success. A GreenThumb gardener and past grantee will join us to share their experience and advice for submitting a strong application.

## **Learn More**

RAT ACADEMY · NYC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Monday, December 8th · 5 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 9th · 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday, December 12th · 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monday, December 15th · 5:30 to 7:30 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.

#### **Learn More**

#### 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**

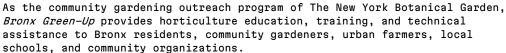
## COMMUNAL GARDENING PROJECT · BISSEL GARDENS & PRAXIS

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 <a href="mailto:connect@urbancultivated.com">connect@urbancultivated.com</a> 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="maintenance">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,



schools, and community organizations.

Contact us: <a href="mailto:bronkgreenup@nybg.org">bronkgreenup@nybg.org</a> | (718) 817-8026



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:vvimicj@aol.com">vvimicj@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

#### 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

### PADRE PLAZA COMMUNITY GARDEN

Mondays, Wednesdays · 12–5 p.m. · Year Round Padre Plaza Community Garden · 541 East 139 Street

## **FARMERS MARKETS**

Our partners' farmers markets are closed for the season. For more information, visit the <u>GrowNYC Greenmarket Map</u>, the <u>NYC Health + Hospitals Farmers Market Map</u>, and the <u>Harvest Home Market Map</u>.



## **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**.

