

# BRONX COMMUNITY EVENTS & RESOURCES

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

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### GARDENS OF THE BRONX RIVER GREENWAY • NYC PARKS GREENTHUMB

*Friday, May 1 • 1 to 4 p.m.*

*Shoelace Park • East 230th Street*

Traveling from Shoelace Park to Soundview Park, participants will explore how NYC Parks, the Bronx River Alliance, and local volunteers steward green spaces and help make the greenway more vibrant and resilient.

[Learn More](#)

### 2026 NATIONAL GROWTOGETHER CONFERENCE • NYC PARKS GREENTHUMB

*Saturday, May 2 • 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.*

*CUNY Graduate Center • 365 5th Avenue (Manhattan)*

The 2026 National GrowTogether Conference, Soil & Soul: Where Hands Get Dirty and Hearts Connect, is an inspiring two-day gathering of community gardeners and leaders nationwide to celebrate the power of urban green spaces and community gardening. Panels and workshops will include topics with themes of Climate Resilience and Urban Ecology; Community, Leadership and Partnerships; Composting, Soil and Sustainable Practices; Education, and more!

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### TREE GIVEAWAY • NEW YORK RESTORATION PROJECT & BRONX RIVER COMMUNITY GARDEN

*Saturday, May 2 • 1 to 3 p.m.*

*Bronx River Community Garden • 1086 East 180th Street*

Advance registration is full for all spring tree giveaways, but walk-ups are still welcome.

During the second hour of each event, trees will be available for walk-up recipients on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. Please arrive near the start of the event to join the waitlist. Native tree species to be distributed include beach plum, highbush blueberry, sweet birch, white fringe tree, witch hazel.

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**PINKSTER FESTIVAL • VAN CORTLANDT PARK ALLIANCE**

*Saturday, May 2 • 12 to 4 p.m.*

*Van Cortlandt Park • Van Cortlandt House Museum Lawn*

Celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Pinkster at this year's Pinkster Festival hosted by the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance, Van Cortlandt House Museum, and Kingsbridge Historical Society. Join us on the picturesque lawn of the Van Cortlandt House Museum for a day filled with vibrant festivities, live music, engaging performances, and immersive experiences.

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**FOOD FUTURES SYMPOSIUM • FARM SCHOOL NYC**

*Sunday, May 3 • 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.*

*Lower Eastside Girls Club • 402 East 8th Street (Manhattan)*

Join Farm School NYC for our 2nd annual Food Futures Symposium on Sunday, May 3rd, to reflect on and practice Community Care as Resistance. Attend interactive workshops, shop local vendors, dance to live music, and eat delicious food with us! Entry for this event is sliding scale / pay-what-you-can. All proceeds will go toward FSNYC programming.

**[Learn More](#)**

**MAPES PARK COMMUNITY MEETUP • MAPES PARK**

*Thursday, May 7 • 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.*

*Mapes Park • Prospect Avenue and East 180th Street*

Help us create a new program based on our community's strength and dreams by sharing your ideas! Free snacks and drinks provided, all ages welcome. Join the Mapes movement!

**[Learn More](#)**

**THE STORY GARDEN PRESENTS: XELENA GONZÁLEZ • WILDE FLOWERS & BOOKS**

*Saturday, May 9 • 12:30 p.m.*

*Bette's Rose Garden • 1017 Teller Avenue*

Join us Mother's Day weekend for an afternoon celebrating stories, community gardens, and Mother Earth. We will be joined by celebrated picture book author Xelena González, creator of the titles *Of the Sun*, *All Around Us*, *Por Todo Nuestro Alrededor*, *Where Wonder Grows*, and *Donde Las Maravillas Crecen*.

**[Learn More](#)**

**CARIBEANDO COMMUNITY MUSIC AND DANCE WORKSHOPS • VAN CORTLANDT PARK ALLIANCE**

*Saturday, May 9 • 2 to 4 p.m.*

*Van Cortlandt Park • Next to the Enslaved African and Kingsbridge Burial Ground*

The Caribeando Community Music and Dance Workshop provides an excellent opportunity to learn and practice Caribbean musical and dance traditions rooted in African heritage. Participants will learn Bomba, Plena, Guaracha, Cha-cha-cha, Merengue, and more. All ages, abilities, and skill levels are welcome to explore the basic rhythms, steps, call-and-response interactions, and shared community joy.

**[Learn More](#)**

FOODWAY TOUR WITH JOURNEI BIMWALA • BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE

*Sunday, May 17 • 2 to 3 p.m.*

*Concrete Plant Park • Bronx River Foodway*

Join Bronx Herbalist and Forager Journei Bimwala for a tour of the Bronx River Foodway, NYC Park's first edible public food forest. Meet the familiar and learn about the unfamiliar plants growing in this special site.

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BLACK BIRDERS WEEK: BIRDING AT THE BRONX RIVER FOREST • BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE

*Saturday, May 30 • 9 to 11 a.m.*

*Bronx River Forest • Burke Avenue Bridge*

Join NYC Bird Alliance for a bird outing in the Bronx River Forest! Extending south into the New York Botanical Garden, The Bronx River Forest is a remnant of the original forests and floodplains that once blanketed the Bronx River corridor. Recent projects led by NYC Parks and the Bronx River Alliance to restore the river's corridor and increase habitat have made it a perfect place to spot birds and other wildlife!

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SPRING LAUNCH FEST • ROCKING THE BOAT

*Saturday, May 30 • 12 to 4 p.m.*

*Hunts Point Riverside Park • 1409 Lafayette Avenue*

Rocking the Boat invites you to Spring Launch Fest, a free community event that highlights the incredible work of Rocking the Boat's students and apprentices. See the launch of our latest student-built boat, and discover the impact of our boatbuilding, environmental science, and sailing programs in the South Bronx while enjoying free food and barbecue, boat rides, and live music by Casa Mantequilla!

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## TRAININGS

2026 WATER QUALITY TRAINING • BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE

*Thursday, May 21 • 10 to 11:30 a.m.*

*River House • 1490 Sheridan Boulevard*

Calling all community scientists! Please join us for an introduction to the 2026 water quality monitoring season. This is an opportunity for you to acquire field safety guidelines, learn how to record observational data and collect a water sample, and meet other water quality stewards! Water quality sampling takes place on Thursday mornings between May – October. NOTE: The training is mandatory to be able to participate in this program. Previous water quality volunteers are encouraged to attend! Help us advocate for a fishable, swimmable Bronx River.

[Learn More](#)

COMMUNITY GARDEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSIONS • CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

*Thursday, May 7 • 12 to 1 p.m.*

*Monday, May 11 • 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.*

*Virtual Event*



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The Cornell Community Garden Leadership Program is a year-long online program that prepares individuals to enhance their leadership skills to strengthen community gardens throughout New York State. The program equips community gardeners with management best practices and operational skills to improve garden sustainability. The program also connects gardeners to regional resources, professional development opportunities, and a statewide community garden leadership network.

**[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 [connect@urbancultivated.com](mailto: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 [chestnutstreetgarden@gmail.com](mailto:chestnutstreetgarden@gmail.com) 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 [yyimjcj@aol.com](mailto:yyimjcj@aol.com).

[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!

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## GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY • THE MISSION CONTINUES



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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.

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#### 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.

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## FARMERS MARKETS

For more information on farmers markets in the Bronx, visit the [GrowNYC Greenmarket Map](#), the [NYC Health + Hospitals Farmers Market Map](#), and the [Harvest Home Market Map](#).

## JOB & INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

For jobs and internship opportunities please visit our [Employment, Internship, and Volunteer Opportunities Guide](#).

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

For an annual schedule of funding opportunities, please visit our [Grants and Awards Guide](#).

#### GROWING A WILD NYC • NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

*Due June 12, 2026*



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National Wildlife Federation's (NWF) "Growing a Wild NYC: Creating and Connecting Pollinator Habitat" project seeks to establish a network of flourishing native habitats that benefit pollinators and people throughout New York City neighborhoods. Pollinators can thrive in our gardens and communities if we create the habitat they need and provide them with native flowering plants, clean water, cover, and places to raise their young.

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