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# Bronx Community Events & Resources

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

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### MULCHFEST 2025 • BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE

*Saturday & Sunday, January 11-12th • 10 a.m.–2 p.m.*

*Starlight Park • 1490 Sheridan Blvd*

Its time to say FIR-Well to your Christmas trees! Wrap up the holiday season by saying good-bye to your Christmas tree at the Mulchfest event hosted in Starlight Park at Bronx River House.

Bring your tree to the parking lot at Bronx River House and we will “Treecycle” it with our woodchipper. The chips from your tree will be used as mulch throughout the Starlight Park. Take home a Christmas tree smelling sachet or a bag of NYC finished compost (while supplies last) to feed your plants. [REGISTER HERE.](#)

### GARDEN CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION CIRCLE • NYC PARKS GREENTHUMB

*Monday, January 13 • 6–7:30 p.m.*

*Virtual Workshop*

Conflict is natural and can happen even in the most well-organized garden group or with the best of friends. How can we hold space for and resolve conflict within our groups? In these monthly sessions, mediators Skye Roper-Moses and Michelle Jackson will facilitate discussion circles for community gardeners to bring their challenges to the group and collectively generate solutions.

[REGISTER HERE.](#)

TRIVING TOGETHER: HOW NATIVE PLANTS BENEFIT ALL LIVING BEINGS • NYLP

*Saturday, January 25 • 2 p.m.*

*Spuytten Duyvil Public Library • 650 West 235 Street*

Lead by Wave Hill Gardener, Sandra Schaller. Enjoy a discussion of native plants, a seed starting workshop and light refreshments. Hosted by New York Public Library and Plant Native NW Bronx.

FACING CLIMATE CHANGE AS URBAN GARDENERS • NYC PARKS GREENTHUMB

*Wednesday, January 29 • 6–7:30 p.m.*

*Virtual Workshop*

Face climate despair head-on in these monthly, peer-to-peer meet ups. Meet other community gardeners and land stewards to learn and exchange tips for gardening with climate change and workshop community preparedness in your neighborhood. [REGISTER HERE.](#)

BLACK-OWNED FARMS IN THE BRONX IN THE EARLY 1800s • NYC PARKS GREENTHUMB

*Thursday, January 9 • 6–7 p.m.*

*Van Cortlandt House Museum • Broadway at West 246th Street*

This talk by historian J. Keith Doherty will focus on a number of early farms in the Bronx that were owned by free Black men during the era of Gradual Emancipation, when slavery was slowly being abolished (1799-1827). Though several Black-owned farms existed in the rural environs of the city at the time, nearly all have been forgotten by history. This lecture will also be available to attend virtually. [REGISTER HERE.](#)

## GIVEAWAYS & FREE RESOURCES

2025 TREE GIVEAWAY PARTNER APPLICATION • NEW YORK RESTORATION PROJECT

*Apply before Wednesday, January 15*

The 2025 NYRP free tree giveaway season kicks off on Saturday, April 5 and will continue on Saturdays and Sundays through Sunday, May 4. Interested tree giveaway partners can apply to host tree giveaways until Wednesday, January 15, with partners selected on a rolling basis.

[APPLY HERE](#)

## TRAININGS

TRASH ACADEMY • SANITATION FOUNDATION

*Apply by January 8th*

NYC Trash Academy is a free educational series tailored for New Yorkers and anyone passionate about creating a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable city. The program explores the far-reaching impacts of waste management on our environment, society, and economy. The 2025 Academy will begin on January 21st and run through March 6th. [APPLY HERE.](#)

## BRIDGE TO CRAFTS CAREERS • WOODLAWN CONSERVANCY & THE DOOR

*Apply by January 10th*

Woodlawn Cemetery and Conservancy is excited now accepting applications for our spring 2025 Bridge to Crafts Careers (B2CC) program! In partnership with The Door – A Center for Alternatives, World Monuments Fund, and DYCD Advance and Earn, the spring 2025 program will consist of two cohorts—Masonry and Landscape Restoration. During our 10-week paid program, young people ages 18-24 will have the opportunity to gain valuable hands-on experience with either Woodlawn's historic masonry materials or landscape. [APPLY HERE.](#)

## RAT ACADEMY TRAINING • NYC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

*Tuesday, January 14 • 11 a.m.–1 p.m.*

*Virtual Event*

Learn about safe and effective methods for rat prevention in your home and community from the New York City Department of Health. This two-hour training may be especially helpful for building staff, property managers, neighborhood associations, community gardeners, and local businesses. [REGISTER HERE](#)

# 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 more while learning about river stewardship. [Learn more here.](#)

## 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 here.](#)

## 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, email [connect@urbancultivated.com](mailto:connect@urbancultivated.com).

## 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. [Learn more here.](#)

## 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 here.](#)

### 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 here.**

### 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 here.**

### 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 here.**

### "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 here.**

### 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 here.**

## FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFFS

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

#### BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE

*Fridays • 9 a.m.–12 p.m. • Year Round*  
Starlight Park • 1490 Sheridan Blvd

#### KELLY STREET GARDEN

*Saturdays • 10 a.m.–2 p.m. • Year Round*  
Kelly Street Garden • 924 Kelly Street

#### KINGSBRIDGE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER

*Wednesdays • 12–2 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  
*Tuesdays • 10 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. • Year Round*  
Spuyten Duyvil Preschool • 3041 Kingsbridge Ave

PADRE PLAZA COMMUNITY GARDEN  
*Mondays • 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 a list of citywide farmers markets, including markets open year-round, please see the **NYC Department of Health 2024 Farmers Market Map**.

## JOB & INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

## YEAR-ROUND and ONGOING 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**.