# **Bronx Community Events & Resources**

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### COMMUNITY EVENTS

BI-WEEKLY COMMUNITY SEED SWAP • BATHGATE COMMUNITY GARDEN Sunday, February 9 & Sunday, February 23 • 12–2 p.m.

Bathgate Community Garden • 1818 Bathgate Ave

Hybrid Event

Every other Sunday until March 31st, join Bathgate Community Garden in-person (weather permitting) or from the comfort of your home to share gardening tips, connect with fellow gardening enthusiasts, and share seeds. Whether you're a seasoned gardener, homeowner, apartment grower, or a beginner starting out, this is the perfect opportunity to expand your gardening skills. Each session will feature surprise giveaways and prizes. Register Here

GARDEN CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION CIRCLE • NYC PARKS GREENTHUMB Monday, February 10 • 6–7:30 p.m.

Virtual Event

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

FEBRUARY FOODWAY TEAM MEETING • BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE

Wednesday, February 12 • 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Virtual Event

Join us for our February Foodway Team Meeting as we elect our new team co-chairs and discuss the what's on the horizon for the year.

Register Here

MID-WINTER FAMILY FUN HIKE • VAN CORTLANDT PARK ALLIANCE Monday, February 17 • 10 a.m.—12 p.m.



VCPA Educational Garden & Compost Site • Mosholu Ave & Broadway Entrance In this free guided hike, families will hit the trails while learning about amazing local plants and animals, and how the park changes in the colder weather. Afterwards, (weather permitting) join us for a nature craft and themed activities!

Register Here

"5 BRIDGES" PROJECT CONVERSATION • BRONX RIVER COMMUNITY GARDEN

Virtual Event

Tuesday, February 18 • 6–7:30 p.m.

Join the Bronx River Alliance, Bronx River Community Garden, and Bronx Community Board 6 to learn more about NYSDOT's Cross Bronx "5 Bridges" Project. During this informative session, we will learn about the proposed project options and their potential impacts upon the communities of Crotona Park East, West Farms, and the Bronx River. Traffic patterns, walkability, bike paths and the natural environment will all be discussed. We will share how community members can stay engaged and give feedback to the NYSDOT project team. Online Workshop accessible to all levels of familiarity. Register Here

CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE BRONX • BRONX RIVER COMMUNITY GARDEN Tuesday, February 25 • 6–7:30 p.m.

Virtual Event

Join Horticulturists and Naturalists Jason Bonet and Bernie Conway as they break down the basics of what is Climate Change and how it relates to the changing Bronx environment. Learn about natural archives, current climate data and how the Bronx environment is being specifically impacted. This workshop is a great foundation for the rest of the series, which focuses on our changing climate.

Register Here

## **GIVEAWAYS & FREE RESOURCES**

MID-ATLANTIC MONARCH AND POLLINATOR HABITAT KIT PROGRAM • XERCES SOCIETY Proposals due February 16, 2025

The eastern monarch butterfly population has declined more than 80% since the 1990s. One of the most significant actions we can take to protect this iconic butterfly and other pollinators is to increase the amount of high quality, pesticide-free habitat across our landscape. The Xerces Society is offering habitat kits in the Northeast containing native milkweed and various nectar plants to project partners who are willing to provide the time, labor, and land to create pollinator habitat. To learn more, watch the recording of the 2025 Habitat Kit Webinar. Learn More and Apply Here

NYC GREEN FUND GRASSROOTS GRANT PROGRAM • PARTNERSHIPS FOR PARKS Proposals due February 28, 2025

The NYC Green Fund Grassroots grant program provides funding of up to \$40,000 per year with the option of two-year funding for returning grantees sustaining projects over the long-term. Apply for funding for arts and culture, stewardship, environmental action, organizational development, youth development, and health and wellness programming and bring your local open space to life! Join an info session this month or check out the website to learn more. Learn More and Apply Here



### **TRAININGS**

RAT ACADEMY FOR COMMUNITY GARDENERS • NYC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Thursday, February 6 • 5–7 p.m.

Virtual Event

Learn about safe and effective methods for rat prevention in your community garden from the New York City Department of Health. This training is part of the NYC Department of Health's Neighborhood Rat Reduction Initiative.

Register Here

ORGANIZING FOR GARDEN SUCCESS (PART 1 OF 2) • NYC PARKS GREENTHUMB Thursday, February 6 • 6–8 p.m.

Virtual Event

This two-part workshop series is designed to help your garden group build a strong foundation for your group's leadership and decision-making structures.

Register Here

FROM SEEDS TO SUCCESS: ORGANIZING VOLUNTEER DAYS IN THE GARDEN • NYC PARKS GREENTHUMB

Wednesday, February 12 • 6-7:30 p.m.

Virtual Event

Volunteer days in the garden are an excellent way to engage new gardeners! In this workshop, we will explore effective strategies for volunteer management and event planning in your garden. Register Here

ORGANIZING FOR GARDEN SUCCESS (PART 2 OF 2) • NYC PARKS GREENTHUMB Thursday, February 20 • 6–8 p.m.

Virtual Event

This two-part workshop series is designed to help your garden group build a strong foundation for your group's leadership and decision-making structures.

Register Here

FACING CLIMATE CHANGE AS URBAN GARDENERS • NYC PARKS GREENTHUMB Thursday, February 20 • 6–7:30 p.m.

Virtual Event

Face climate despair head-on in these monthly, peer-to-peer meet ups.

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

### 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.

<u>Learn More Here</u>

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.



## 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 <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

### 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 <a href="NYC Department of Health Farmers Market Map">NYC Department of Health Farmers Market Map</a>.



### **JOB & INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

For jobs and internship opportunities please visit our <u>Employment, Internship, and Volunteer Opportunities Guide.</u>

## 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**.

