# **Bronx Community Events & Resources**

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

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### PREPARE FOR SPRING • LEE STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN

Sunday, March 2 • 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Lee Street Community Garden • End of Lee Street, Westchester & Mulford Ave Help us prepare for spring plantings! Do planter maintenance, walkway clearing, debris removal, and get the urban farm ready for springtime.

#### **Register Here**

## MONTHLY COMMUNITY MEETING • SOUTH BRONX UNITE

Wednesday, March 5 • 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

127 Lincoln Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor • Virtual Available

Nothing will change if the people of the South Bronx don't fight against the interconnected injustices in our community, including: severe pollution & heat, lack of real green spaces in our neighborhood, and our inaccessible waterfront. Let's advance community-led solutions and win results.

### **Register Here**

DROUGHT RESILIENCE: PREPARING YOUR PLANTS FOR HEAT AND DROUGHT • BRONX RIVER COMMUNITY GARDEN & COMMUNITY BOARD 6

Saturday, March 8 • 1-3 p.m.

Bronx River Art Center Event Room • 1087 E Tremont Avenue

Join the Bronx River Community Garden and Sea Matias to explore cost-effective strategies to build drought resilience in your garden! This session will be hands-on, focused on the needs of urban growers, and accessible to all levels of gardeners—beginning to advanced. The workshop will cover live soil testing for moisture retention, drought and heat-tolerant crops, establishing and weaning plants, and water retention through intercropping and mulching.

## **Register Here**



PARABLE OF THE SEED • BRONX RIVER COMMUNITY GARDEN & COMMUNITY BOARD 6 Saturday, March 15 • 1–3 p.m.

Bronx River Art Center Event Room • 1087 E Tremont Avenue

Join Bronx River Community Garden and Community Board 6 in exploring seeds of the Diaspora as pivotal elements that shape food systems, celebrate culture & heritage, strengthen intergenerational ties and foster community connections. Facilitated by DK Kinard, a seed keeper, community farm educator, and food justice advocate, this session will examine the significance of seed culture, the role of seed inclusivity, and how seeds address climate challenges while preserving our traditions through shared narratives. Participates will have the opportunity to exchange their seed stories through conversation, community engagement and artistic expression.

## **Register Here**

GARDENING 101 SERIES • BRONX RIVER COMMUNITY GARDEN & COMMUNITY BOARD 6 Saturdays, March 15, 22, 29, and April 5, 12 • 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Bronx River Community Garden • 1086 E 180th Street

Bronx River Community Garden are offering a welcoming series for new and beginner gardeners, led by garden member Kingsley Taylor! Through his leadership role at Bronx River Community Garden, Taylor has been welcoming and supporting new garden members, who often begin with little to no gardening skills. Over the past few gardening seasons, he has come up with a basic course to help introduce community members to the fundamentals of gardening to ensure they start with confidence. This hands-on series meets on 5 consecutive Saturdays, outdoors at Bronx River Community Garden.

## **Register Here**

# SPRING SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION • NYC PARKS GREENTHUMB

Saturday, March 22 • 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

La Finca Del Sur • 138th Street & Grand Concourse

Registered GreenThumb community gardens can pick up garden supplies at our annual Spring Supply Distribution! Available supplies will likely include garbage bags, rakes, trash grabbers, hoses, hand tools, gardening gloves, and shovels. Registration for supply pickup is required by March 10th at 11:59 p.m.

### **Register Here**

# WAKING UP THE FARM • LA FINCA DEL SUR

Saturday, March 22 & Sunday, March 23 • 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

La Finca Del Sur • 138th Street & Grand Concourse

Connect with the land, meet like-minded people, and be part of something special! La Finca Del Sur invites you to come help us get the farm ready for spring! Enjoy learning farm skills, get moving, and support the work of our South Bronx Community Farm.

# **Register Here**

#### SPRING EQUINOX MUGWORT CELEBRATION • BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE

Saturday, March 22 • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Concrete Plant Park • 1370 Westchester Avenue

Join us at Concrete Plant Park for a Spring Equinox Mugwort Celebration! Celebrate the return of Spring and learn about this misunderstood plant's benefits and uses including how to make mugwort rice cakes and herbal teas. Register below to stay in the loop with updates and notifications.

#### **Register Here**



FILM SHOWING: WHAT WE DISCOVER ALONG THE WAY BY ROSE VINCELLI GUSTINE • BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE

Saturday, March 22 • 2–4 p.m.

Bronx River House • 1490 Sheridan Boulevard

Imagine a green place. A river rushes by; herbs grow among chestnut and cherry trees. Now wedge this place between highrises and train tracks in the South Bronx. Still a lush oasis, just – different. Here, Journei, an herbalist, tends the Bronx River Foodway, and seeks nourishment from the earth. Join us for a special showing of What We Discover Along the Way, a film by Rose Vincelli Gustine centering Journei Bimwala and Bronx River Foodway.

**Register Here** 

# **TRAININGS**

RAT ACADEMY FOR COMMUNITY GARDENERS • NYC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Wednesday, March 5 • 12–2 p.m.

Banana Kelly Place • 830 Fox Street, Community Room

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**

# EL HUERTO URBANO • RUTGERS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF HUDSON AND ESSEX COUNTIES

Miércoles 5 y 19 de Marzo (Wednesday March 5 & 19) • 7–8:15 p.m. Seria Virtual (Virtual Series)

El Servicio de Extensión Agrícola de la Universidad de Rutgers de los Condados de Hudson y Essex se complacen en invitarte a nuestra seria virtual en español, El Huerto Urbano. Esta seria consiste en seminarios web en vivo en los que colegas del Servicio de Extensión Agrícola de New Jersey mas expertos de USDA NRCS (Servicio de Conservación de Recursos Naturales) ofrecerán técnicas y consejos sobre un tema de jardinería diferente en cada sesión. Esta seria está dirigida a principiantes, personas interesadas en aprender a cultivar hortalizas y hierbas en espacios urbanos. (Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Hudson and Essex Counties is excited to present an urban gardening webinar series in Spanish, titled "El Huerto Urbano." This series consists of live webinars in which colleagues from the New Jersey Agricultural Extension Station and experts from other organizations will offer advice for beginner gardeners with a different gardening topic each session. This is a series geared towards beginner gardeners interested in learning how to grow a vegetable and herb garden in urban spaces.)

# Registrate Aqui (Register Here)

GRAFTING WORKSHOP: TRANSFORMING TREES FOR DESIRED FRUIT • NYC PARKS GREENTHUMB

Saturday, March 8 • 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Jardin la Roca • 438 East 160th Street

Join our hands-on tree grafting workshop with Will Thompson! You will learn how to graft a fruiting scion onto an ornamental or less desirable tree. We will start by finding an area with Rosaceae family trees, like apples, pears, plums, and cherries. We will select the right scions and learn about tree biology related to grafting. The workshop will cover essential tools and different grafting techniques, including cleft, bark, whip tongue, and saddle grafts. You will practice cutting a branch from a rootstock tree and attaching the new scion. This workshop is perfect for anyone looking to enhance their gardening skills and revive their trees.

## **Register Here**



# GROW YOUR GARDEN: PLANTING & TRANSPLANTING SEEDLINGS • NYC PARKS GREENTHUMB

Tuesday, March 11 • 5–6:30 p.m. Garden of Eden • 1686 Weeks Ave

Join our workshop to learn how to grow a healthy garden! You'll gain hands-on experience by transplanting seedlings using seed trays and soil. We will cover how many seeds to plant in each cell, transplanting seedlings into raised beds, planning a raised bed with compatible plants, and the basics of crop rotation for healthier soil and better harvests. You'll leave with practical tools and confidence to successfully grow vegetables, herbs, or flowers.

### **Register Here**

# GARDEN MAPPING: DESIGNING YOUR PERFECT OURDOOR SPACE • NYC PARKS GREENTHUMB

Wednesday, March 12 • 5-7:30 p.m.

Las Casitas Community Garden • 1130 Woodycrest Avenue

Transform your community garden into a beautiful and practical space. With guidance from GreenThumb staff, you'll learn to map your garden and create a welcoming area for gatherings or personal time. In this workshop, you will use existing trees and bushes to enhance your design; add items like sculptures, furniture, raised beds, and lighting for the atmosphere; include trellises for interesting vertical features; plan areas for ornamental gardens, food production, or events; use foliage to camouflage less attractive features like portable toilets or tool sheds. With creativity and resourcefulness, your garden can become a peaceful retreat for the community!

# **Register Here**

# RESIDENT CLIMATE ACTION GRANT INFO SESSION • NYC HOUSING AUTHORITY Thursday, March 13 • 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Virtual Event

Are you interested in community-building through resident-led programming that addresses climate action and sustainability? Resident Climate Action Grants program aims to fund NYCHA resident-led projects in community climate action and sustainability. Eligible NYCHA residents 18 or older can apply for up to \$5,000 to implement a community project addressing community climate action and/or sustainability.

## **Learn More 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 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 <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="MYC Department of Health Farmers">MYC Department of Health Farmers</a>
<a href="Market Map">Market Map</a>.

# 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**.

