

REMEMBER TO VOTE!



State law gives New York employees up to two hours of paid leave on election day if they do not have sufficient time to vote.

Consolidated Laws of New York § 3-110

Sufficient time is defined as at least four consecutive hours either between the opening of the polls and the beginning of his or her working shift, or between the end of his or her working shift and the closing of the polls.

If an employee does not have sufficient time, employers shall provide up to two hours paid time at the beginning or end of his or her working shift, as the employer may designate, unless otherwise mutually agreed.

Any employee requesting working time off to vote must notify his or her employer between two and ten working days prior to November 8.



CONGRATS TO OUR PRESIDENT & FOUNDER

Nancy Biberman Receives National Award for Transformative Work in the South Bronx



Nancy Biberman during our 2016 Benefit & Ballgame

Nancy Biberman, WHEDco's President and Founder, has been announced as the winner of the **2016 Peter B. Goldberg Aramark Building Community Executive Leadership Award**. Now in its sixth year, the award honors one exceptional chief executive who leads neighborhood-based strategies that improve the health and wellbeing of families and communities. The honor includes a \$40,000 **Aramark** grant to WHEDco, which they will use for overall organizational support, development and growth. Biberman is the first in New York to receive this prestigious award and grant.

"I am so grateful to receive this recognition from Aramark and the **Alliance**. At a time when New York City, and the Bronx in particular, is facing an acute affordable housing crisis, it is more important than ever to recognize the role of nonprofit developers and community organizations like WHEDco in being part of the solution - not just in creating housing, but in building strong communities with all the economic, educational, cultural, and infrastructural resources people need to thrive. I am honored to do this work alongside my dedicated team at WHEDco, and we look forward to continuing to strengthen and uplift the South Bronx community."

Nancy and WHEDco were chosen out of nearly 30 fellow Alliance member network organizations that applied from across the United States.

[To learn more, CLICK HERE!](#)

Nov 8 | Election Day

Don't know your assigned polling booth?

[Click here to find out!](#)

UPCOMING DATES

Nov 10 | 9:00am

Crotona Park East

[FREE Retail Space Tour](#)

Departing from the BMHC

Nov 15 | 7:00pm

Urban Horizons, 50 E 168th St

["Starting and Growing a Successful Food Business" - Panel discussion + Bronx CookSpace Tour](#)

Nov 17 | 6:30pm @ BMHC

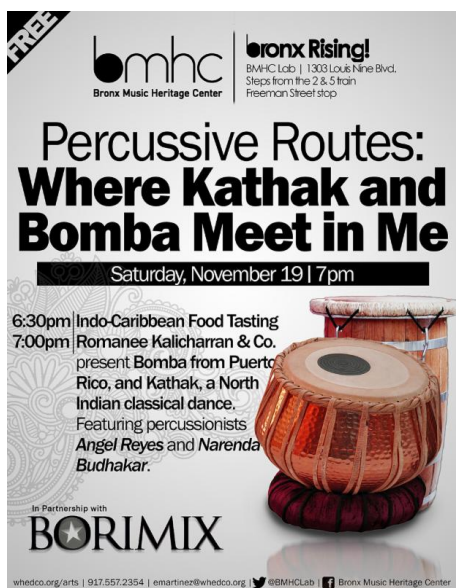
Bomba Drumming Masterclass with percussionist Angel Reyes

Thursday, November 10 | 9:00-11:00am
1303 Louis Niñé Boulevard, Bronx



Nov 19 | 7:00pm @ BMHC
Bronx Rising! Percussive Routes: Indo-Guyanese and Puerto Rican Dance & Drumming, with percussionists Angel Reyes and Narenda Budhakar. [Click here!](#)

On Thursday, November 10, WHEDco will host a **FREE Retail Space Tour** through Southern Boulevard and the Crotona Park East section of the Bronx. Potential business owners are invited to hop on a trolley tour of available commercial storefronts in the South Bronx, as we visit spaces ranging from 600 SF to 35,000 SF. With over 164,000 people and more than \$80 million in unmet retail demand within a half-mile alone, the neighborhood is seeking even more stores.



[BMHC](#) Co-Artistic Director & [City Lore](#) folklorist Elena Martínez will be onboard to talk about the neighborhood's history and culture. Attendees can get valuable business and marketing assistance right onsite, thanks to partner [NYC Business Solutions](#).

Part of WHEDco's community revitalization initiatives in the neighborhoods surrounding its affordable housing buildings, the Retail Space Tours bring new businesses that further boost the local economy.

Nov 26 11:00pm @ BMHC
Afri-Garifuna Jazz Ensemble CD Release Party, celebrating the official launch of Taguiera (Homeland)

This Retail Space Tour was made possible in part with funding from the [NYC Department of Small Business Services \(SBS\)](#).

[For more information and to RSVP, click HERE!](#)

2nd ANNUAL BOOGIE DOWN BEER FEST

Thanks for helping us build a greater Bronx!



Dec 17 | 7:00pm @ BMHC
4th Annual Parranda con Paranda: A Puerto Rican & Garifuna Holiday

Dec 21 | TBD
Melrose Holiday Parranda

CAREERS AT WHEDco



Interested in joining the WHEDco team, and helping us to build a greater Bronx?

[CLICK HERE to check out recent job postings on our careers page!](#)

On Saturday, October 22, 2016, **Boogie Down Beer Fest** returned to **Bronx Beer Hall** for the second year. Organized by WHEDco and its **Junior Board**, the event raises money and awareness about WHEDco's mission to create healthier, more economically vibrant neighborhoods across the South Bronx. The 2nd Annual Boogie Down Beer Fest -which featured local craft beers, a live DJ and raffle prizes- was a stunning success, raising more than \$6,000, about double the amount raised in 2015!

During the event, WHEDco youth program alumnae addressed the crowd, emphasizing the magnitude of WHEDco's impact on their personal and professional development.

"I went to [WHEDco's] after school program and my experiences there blew me away," said **Digser Abreu**, who is pursuing a Master of Arts degree in Sustainability at City College. "I got to learn who I was, who I wanted to be and what I wanted to do in life."

[Read all about it, HERE!](#)

ABOUT WHEDco

The **Women's Housing and Economic Development Corp. (WHEDco)** is a community development organization founded on the radically simple idea that all people deserve healthy, vibrant communities. Working in the South Bronx, WHEDco builds award-winning, sustainable, affordable homes that serve as anchors for strong communities that residents can be proud of. WHEDco's mission is to provide the Bronx with access to all the resources that create thriving neighborhoods - from high-quality early education and after-school programs, to healthy food, cultural programming, and economic opportunity. For more information: www.whedco.org



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