New York State is in the middle of the centennial of Women's Right to Vote and not too far away from the centennial of the ratification of the 19th amendment, giving nationwide voting rights to women. This celebration is the result of the efforts of millions of women who knew that their place in society was on equal footing with men.

The 1910s was an era of far-reaching change. The United States was preparing for war in Europe in an age in which international interconnectivity was at an all-time high. Technology was advancing quicker than the world could catch up to it and women were wondering where they fit into this high-energy and fast-paced atmosphere.

Activist marches called Suffrage Hikes were meant to bring attention to this important issue and it started in our own backyards. The first Suffrage Hike stepped off on December 16, 1912 from the West 242nd Street Station right next to Van Cortlandt Park. Five hundred women came together at the stepping off point and started to walk north. Thirteen days and 170 miles later, the first women walked into Albany at 4:00pm.

In terms of women's suffrage groups, three clubs were active in the borough. The Athenaeum Club of Wakefield was organized on January 18, 1898 and located at 319 East 197th Street, which is right behind Fordham University. Miss Lulu E. Varian led it. The goal of the club was the intellectual and social improvement of its members. Meetings were held every Tuesday at 2:30PM from October to June.

Another Bronx-based group was the Women’s Independent Suffrage League, run by Mrs. L.C.A. Volkman at 1318 Leland Avenue. Today, that address is nothing more than an active driveway.

The third club in The Bronx was actually a part of the largest club in the city, The Woman Suffrage Party of the City of New York. The honorary Chairwoman of this organization was Carrie Chapman Catt, the famed suffragist. There was one Borough leader, Miss Marianna Dowe who lived on Boston Road and five Bronx assembly district leaders who met at the party’s headquarters at 48 East 34th Street.
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You can support The Society’s work by means of a bequest. The following paragraph is suggested for your convenience, for insertion in your will: “I give and devise and bequeath, to The Bronx County Historical Society, located at 3309 Bainbridge Avenue, The Bronx, New York 10467, incorporated with the New York State Board of Regents, [insert the amount of money or describe the personal property or real estate], to be used for the general purposes of The Society.”
17th Annual BCHS Golf Tournament
Thursday, September 14, 2017
Pelham Split Rock Golf Course - Pelham Bay Park

Co-Chairs: Mr. Mark Engel & Mr. Greg Gonzalez
Congratulations to our honorees:
Mr. Joseph Kelleher - Simone Metro Properties
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10:00 AM Registration & Breakfast
11:00 AM Shotgun Start
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**Norwood – The Northern Community**
**Saturday, June 24, 2017 - 11:00 AM**

Located in the north central section of The Bronx, Norwood holds a rich historic heritage, honored with street names and structures that hark back to earlier times. Today, the community thrives with commercial development and ethnic diversity, but many locals may not know that the neighborhood holds some of our borough’s oldest sites. Join BCHS Program Director Angel Hernandez on a historic stroll through Norwood. He will bring you to the Museum of Bronx History, the Bronx County Archives, and other neighborhood jewels. The tour will start at the Mosholu Parkway #4 train station on Jerome Avenue. Take buses Bx #1, #2, #10, #28, Manhattan Express BxM4, or Bee-Line buses #4, #20, #21.

**Port Morris – Through the Hell Gate**
**Saturday, July 1, 2017 - 11:00 AM**

What was once the hub of industry and trade in The Bronx, Port Morris was the brainchild of Gouverneur Morris Jr. in the 1840s. From the sleepy seaport, it rose up to be the capital of piano manufacturing in the United States. BCHS Educator Vivian Davis will be leading this dynamic tour through Port Morris, visiting the sites that made the area famous. The tour will start outside the gate of St. Ann’s Episcopal Church at 295 St. Ann’s Avenue. Take the #6 train to the Brook Avenue Station. Take #17 or #33.

**Today’s Fort Apache**
**Saturday, September 9, 2017 - 11:00 AM**

The movie *Fort Apache, The Bronx*, although highly praised, was also recognized for its negative portrayal of The Bronx during the early 1980s. For many years Bronx residents fought off derogatory stereotypes because of the lingering effects the movie and other media outlets had created over the years. Today, the neighborhood in which the real Fort Apache (41st Precinct) sits underwent a major transformation, with the actual building landmarked and restored for a special crimes unit of the New York City Police Department. Meet BCHS Program Director Angel Hernandez on the northeast corner of Simpson Street and Westchester Avenue to start the tour. Take the #2 or #5 train to Simpson Street. Take Bronx buses #4, #4A, #5, or #19.

**FREE PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES**

The following lectures will be held at The Bronx County Archives located at 3313 Bainbridge Avenue, The Bronx, New York 10467. For directions, call (718) 881-8900.

**How Redlining Defined The Bronx and America**
**Saturday, June 10, 2017 - 1:00 PM**

Researcher and writer Gregory Jost will discuss how explicit Jim Crow New Deal-era federal housing policies designed racism into the structures and systems of cities across the country. Instituted through a series of 239 maps and accompanying area descriptions, redlining structuralized the connection between race, place, and value, laying the foundation for policy after policy that would preserve and expand a massive racial wealth gap and vast inequalities in housing, education, health, and policing. Through this framework, the history of our borough takes on new significance, contributing to the national conversation on race and inequality.

**The Bronx in the Wake of World War II**
**Saturday, July 22, 2017 - 1:00 PM**

Urban development in the United States during the Progressive Movement meant major infrastructural advancements and expansion for places like The Bronx. Considered to be a backyard for the booming Manhattan metropolitan area for many years, the northern borough had grown to be its very own force by the time the Great Depression ended and the prosperity under the New Deal began. However, the constant move towards progress in post-World War II New York did not always bring positive results. With federal mandates for the construction of new homes for returning soldiers and newcomers, more highway extensions, and the path to slum clearance for newer development, The Bronx would soon descend into an era of urban decay and divestment.

BCHS Program Director Angel Hernandez will present this topic.

**The Bronx During WWI: Training at Pelham Bay**
**Saturday, August 26, 2017 - 1:00 PM**

The second installment of The Bronx During WWI series examines Pelham Bay Park. Unknown to many, Pelham Bay was a naval training station in preparation for the war. Today, most of the naval station’s original location is now within the New York City’s Police Department firing range. Join BCHS Educator Vivian Davis as she continues to celebrate The Great War centennial by exploring another facet of World War I history in The Bronx. This presentation will be illustrated.

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East Kingsbridge Road
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