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Clean the Bronx and Get Free Yankees Tickets: Sanitation Foundation, New York Yankees, Bronx Borough President Gibson Announce Summer Cleanup Series

Supported by Amazon, anyone who volunteers at Bronx cleanup events gets two free Yankees tickets – details at sanitationfoundation.org/volunteer

JULY 19, 2022 – BRONX: The Sanitation Foundation, the official nonprofit partner of the New York City Department of Sanitation, today announced that its second annual volunteer summer cleanup series will begin in the Bronx on July 23rd. Participants at any of the six summer cleanup events will each receive a voucher valid for two tickets to select New York Yankees 2022 regular season home games. In addition, the volunteers at the site that collects the most litter will be invited to take part in a VIP Game Experience at Yankee Stadium on Saturday, 9/10.

This cleanup series is produced in partnership with the New York Yankees, the Bronx Borough President's Office, and the NYC Department of Sanitation, and made possible with support from Amazon.

"Summer in New York means baseball, but unfortunately, it also means litter on our streets. We want all New Yorkers to join us for these cleanups – and at the game," said **Julie Raskin, Executive Director of the Sanitation Foundation**. "I want to thank the Yankees, Amazon, and Borough President Gibson for helping us create this opportunity to strike out litter."

"New Yorkers expect and deserve clean streets, and the 10,000 people who make up the Department of Sanitation work every day to deliver for them, but we also need residents and community groups to help. This is an opportunity to keep your neighborhood clean and to be rewarded for doing the right thing, and I hope to see all Yankees fans at these events," said **Jessica Tisch, Commissioner, NYC Department of Sanitation**.

"Clean streets in the Bronx should not be a privilege for a select few, but should be a fundamental right and expectation for every neighborhood in our borough," said **Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson**. "As the weather gets warmer and more people are recreating outside, we know unfortunately that also means more trash. This initiative is the first step towards combating excess waste in our borough while encouraging our residents to come

out and show love for their communities. I want to thank the Department of Sanitation, the NY Yankees, the Sanitation Foundation, and Amazon for their partnership on this year's cleanup series and I hope to see all of our residents participate this year!"

"The Yankees are proud to partner with the Sanitation Foundation and the Bronx Borough President's office on this tremendous effort to keep New York City streets clean," said **Brian Smith, New York Yankees Senior Vice President of Corporate/Community Relations**. "The Summer Clean-Up Series is a creative way to tackle an important issue, and we are thrilled to reward participants with tickets to a Yankees game."

"This initiative provides New Yorkers another great opportunity to pitch in and help clean up our local neighborhoods," said **Carley Graham Garcia, Head of Community Affairs for Amazon in New York**. "We're thankful to the Sanitation Foundation for the opportunity to participate in this series, which will help keep our communities clean and healthy for families to enjoy throughout the summer."

The Bronx Summer Cleanup Series features six events in Mott Haven, Castle Hill, Mount Eden, and Hunts Point on select Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays in July & August, from 10am - 12pm. Volunteers will collect litter along a predetermined route, and all tools and safety equipment will be provided. Full details and required registration can be found at sanitationfoundation.org/volunteer.

This is the second annual Sanitation Foundation summer Bronx cleanup series, with last year's events produced in partnership with the Department of Sanitation, Bronx Community Board 4, and the New York Yankees. That series of four events, which all took place in CB4 near the stadium, drew 118 volunteers who collected 4,080 lbs of litter off the streets.

The expansion from four events to six – and into other neighborhoods of the Bronx – creates more opportunities to join other New Yorkers interested in keeping the streets clean. Participating is a great way to make a meaningful impact on New York City's neighborhoods, with Yankees tickets as an added bonus.

All interested New Yorkers can register and find full details at sanitationfoundation.org/volunteer.