

Information that may be of interest...

March 23, 2020

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) updates and resources

New York State is under a Stay-at-Home (PAUSE) directive!

What is "Stay-at-Home" or PAUSE?

In general, this means that people would not be allowed to leave their homes except for essentials such as groceries and medicine or emergencies.

Businesses that do not provide essential services must close and send workers home. Businesses considered essential could include grocery stores, restaurants that do take out service, pharmacies, and hardware stores. Public transportation continue to operate to get nurses, doctors, law enforcement officers, and other essential personnel where they need to go. Everyone else: Limit the use of public transportation to only when necessary.

The situation changes by the hour as new information and directives come out. As much as possible we are trying to provide links to trusted source information so that you can check the most up-to-date information. This information is also posted on murrayhillnyc.org. Read more about:

[Preventing novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

[Directives for gatherings and facilities](#)

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[Assistance for homeowners, artists, workers and the unemployed](#)

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Neighborhood places

[Neighborhood houses of worship, museums, educational and cultural institutions](#)

[Neighborhood restaurants and food establishments that are open for delivery & pickup](#)

[Neighborhood retail & services that are open \(as of 3/19/2020\)](#)

[Neighborhood businesses that are closed until further notice](#)

Mental Health hotline: NYC Well, a confidential 24/7 helpline, staffed by trained counselors. They can provide brief counseling and referrals to care in over 200 languages. Call 888-NYC-WELL (888-692-9355), text "WELL" to 65173, chat at [NYC.gov/nycwell](https://www.nyc.gov/nycwell).

Census 2020!

By now you should have received your invitation to take the Census 2020 survey. Thank you to those who have already completed the survey. If you haven't already done it, you can answer the questions online using the Census ID provided on your invitation. The 12 easy questions will take about 10 minutes to complete (for a 2-person household). Everyone living in the United States should be counted! Your information will be confidential.

The MHNA Discount Program

Please be prepared to show proof of membership when you ask for a discount.

New

Spice Symphony, 182 Lexington Avenue (between 31st & 32nd Street), 212-545-7742, 20% off any pick-up/delivery order, 10% off when dining in.

Full list of discounts offered to MHNA members:

[Restaurant and Food Discounts](#)
[General Discounts](#)

Photo gallery



First signs of spring (34th St at Lexington Avenue)
Photo (detail) by Mieko Kojima

Messages from our neighborhood businesses

Hill & Bay. On behalf of the team at Hill and Bay, we appreciate the community's support and business during these difficult times. We are committed to doing all we can to continue to serve our neighbors in Murray Hill and believe we will get through this together as a community. We appreciate the support from the Murray Hill Neighborhood Association in sharing that our coffee window remains open and that we also remain open for delivery and pick up serving food from our To Go Menu. Eddie Bergman, Owner

Eneslow. 470 Park Avenue South, Open Monday-Saturday 10am-4pm, 212-477-2300. As of now our stores and workshops are open to fulfill your footwear and footcare needs. Our priority is your health

and wellbeing through this difficult time. We would also like to encourage you to visit [Eneslow.com](https://www.eneslow.com) during this time. We recommend you calling for a private appointment to maximize safety at this time. You may email us at info@eneslow.com for appointments, to ask questions, or to just let us know you're okay. We are taking every precaution possible to keep us all safe in all of our practices, including cleaning and disinfecting. Thank you for your business with Eneslow. As a New York City family-owned organization for 111 years, we are thankful to you our customers, especially during this uncertain time.
Robert S. Schwartz, President

Petition

[Save America's Restaurants](#)

Petition created by chefs, bartenders, and restaurant and bar owners and circulating to governors, mayors, and legislators, asking them to provide emergency employment benefits to all hourly and salaried workers who have been laid off or suffered or lost their pay for the length of this crisis, waive payroll tax, endorse rent and loan abatement for workers, work with state liquor authorities to enable restaurants offering take out and delivery to also sell/deliver beer, wine and cocktails by the bottle, wave zoning or permit restrictions to allow restaurants to temporarily use their spaces as boutique food and beverage markets, offering an alternative to overcrowded supermarkets and by extension continuing to pay their staff and support their farms and purveyors. Two of the signers are business members Tim & Nancy Cushman of o Ya NYC. Sign petition: <https://www.change.org/p/mayors-governors-legislators-save-america-s-restaurants>.

Murray Hill in the news

[Fire Breaks Out At Grand Central Terminal, FDNY Says](#)

March 16, 2020, *patch.com*, by Brendan Krisel

A fire broke out...[in] Grand Central Terminal on Monday morning...The blaze began shortly after 11 a.m. in the system of ducts that run through the train station...No injuries have been reported as a result of the fire...The fire did not affect subway or rail service at the station, according to the MTA.

Homelessness

[Coronavirus Outbreak Has America's Homeless at Risk of 'Disaster'](#)

March 10, 2020, *nytimes.com*, by Thomas Fuller

Budget & taxes

[State Comptroller DiNapoli Releases State Revenue Projection to Reflect Coronavirus Impact](#)

March 17, 2020, Press Release from the Office of the New York State Comptroller

New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli today issued a revenue projection for the 2020-2021

state budget which reflects an estimate of the economic impact and ongoing volatility stemming from the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). DiNapoli estimates tax revenue will be at least \$4 billion below the projections in the Executive Budget of \$87.9 billion. He also offered one alternative scenario if a more severe recession or sharper declines in the stock market occur, which could lower tax revenues by more than \$7 billion.

Public service notices & scams

Online security tips for working from home

March 18, 2020, *consumer.ftc.gov*, by Lisa Weintraub Schifferle, Attorney, FTC, Division of Consumer & Business Education

Start with cybersecurity basics. Keep your security software up to date. Use passwords on all your devices and apps. Secure your home network. Keep an eye on your laptop, make sure it is password-protected, locked and secure; never leave it unattended. Securely store sensitive files. Securely store sensitive files. Follow your employer's security practices.

Checks from the government

March 18, 2020, *consumer.ftc.gov*, by Jennifer Leach, Associate Director, Division of Consumer and Business Education, FTC

There are reports that the government will soon be sending money by check or direct deposit to each of us. There are a few really important things to know: The government will not ask you to pay anything up front to get this money. The government will not call to ask for your Social Security number, bank account, or credit card number. Anyone who tells you they can get you the money now is a scammer.

FTC: Coronavirus scams, Part 2

March 19, 2020, *consumer.ftc.gov*, by Colleen Tressler, Consumer Education Specialist, FTC

The gist of these scams including undelivered goods, fake charities, robocalls, etc. is to make sure you are visiting trusted websites, ordering online from trusted sources, and fact checking information before you pass it on. Search online for the names plus words like "review," "complaint" or "scam", pay by credit card and keep a record of your transaction.

Our government representatives

When contacting your representative, be sure to state your address so that they know that you are a constituent. You can see the District maps and sign up for their emails on their websites.

Manhattan Community Board 5: www.cb5.org, 212-465-0907, office@cb5.org

Manhattan Community Board 6: cbsix.org, 212-319-3750, office@cbsix.org

NYC Councilwoman Carlina Rivera, Council District 2: council.nyc.gov/carlina-rivera, 212-677-1077, District2@council.nyc.gov

NYC Council Speaker, Corey Johnson, Council District 3: council.nyc.gov/district-3, 212-564-7757, SpeakerJohnson@council.nyc.gov

NYC Council Member Keith Powers, Council District 4: council.nyc.gov/keith-powers, 212-818-0580, KPowers@council.nyc.gov

Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer: manhattanbp.nyc.gov, 212-669-8300, info@manhattanbp.nyc.gov

Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, #GetHelp, The Office of the Public Advocate assists with complaints and inquiries involving government-related services and regulations. Telephone Hotline: 212-669-7250, email: GetHelp@advocate.nyc.gov

Mayor Bill de Blasio: www1.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor, 311, online message: <https://www1.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/mayor-contact.page>

Landmarks Preservation Commission: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/lpc/about/contact-us.page>

NY State Senator Liz Krueger, 28th Senate District: www.nysenate.gov/senators/liz-krueger, 212-490-9535, lkrueger@nysenate.gov

NY State Senator Brad Hoylman, 27th Senate District: <https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/brad-hoylman>, 212-633-8052, hoylman@nysenate.gov

NY State Assembly Member Dan Quart, Assembly District 73, www.nyassembly.gov/mem/Dan-Quart, 212-605-0937, quartd@nyassembly.gov

NY State Assembly Member Harvey Epstein, Assembly District 74, www.nyassembly.gov/mem/Harvey-Epstein, 212-979-9696, epsteinh@nyassembly.gov

NY Assembly Member Richard N. Gottfried, Assembly District 75, www.nyassembly.gov/mem/Richard-N-Gottfried, 212-807-7900, GottfriedR@nyassembly.gov

U.S. Representative Carolyn Maloney, New York's 12th Congressional District: <https://maloney.house.gov>, 212-860-0606, website contact form: <https://maloney.house.gov/contact-carolyn/email-me>

U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer: www.schumer.senate.gov, 212-486-4430, website contact form: <https://www.schumer.senate.gov/contact/email-chuck>

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand: www.gillibrand.senate.gov, 212-688-6262, website contact form: www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact/email-me

U.S. President Donald Trump: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/people/donald-j-trump> website contact form: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact>

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