
Upcoming Events in Murray Hill...September 28, 2020

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A good year to those observing Yom Kippur!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Last days to respond to the Census!

IMPORTANT! NYC and Murray Hill are undercounted! You can help New York's recovery by responding to the census.

If you haven't already responded to the census survey, you can respond now online, by phone or by mail. **Respond by September 30** to make sure you are counted. You should respond for every one of your addresses (see below for further information about how to respond for the secondary residences). The census is available online and by phone at my2020census.gov and 1-844-330-2020. If you need help filling out your census, you can email NY12CensusHelp@mail.house.gov.

Important! If you moved away from NYC temporarily and mistakenly indicated your temporary address as your address, please resubmit your census 2020 form with your NYC address.

Important information for people with more than one address and seasonal or pied-a-terre residences in Murray Hill. The census counts people where they live and sleep most of the time. If you are a seasonal resident, please respond to the 2020 Census for your seasonal home address and indicate that nobody lives there. This will minimize the need for a census taker to follow up. You can complete the form online or call 844-330-2020. Instructions for doing this online:

Visit 2020census.gov and tap **Respond**

Tap **Start Questionnaire**

Enter the *Census ID* for your address or tap *If you do not have a Census ID click here*

Select *A U.S. state or the District of Columbia* and tap **Next**

Enter the address for your secondary residence and follow the prompts to enter your name and address

Enter 0 for the number of people living at this property

Tap **Next**, and when a message appears *On April 1, 2020, were you living or staying at <your secondary home address>* tap

No when asked to confirm no person lives at this property

Select primary reason *For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use* and follow the prompts to complete the survey.

September 30: Complete the census by September 30 to be sure you are counted.

December 2020: The Census Bureau will deliver apportionment counts to the President and Congress as required by law. The information will be used to allocate Federal funding to the states.

by March 2021: The Census Bureau will send redistricting counts to states. This information is used to redraw legislative districts based on population changes.

Pandemic update, information and resources

NYC's Reopening

NYC is in Phase 4 of the reopening. Learn more about the phased reopening guidance at forward.ny.gov.

On September 21, NYC public schools began phased in-person learning

As remote learning continues, in-person learning for blended learning students will be phased-in:

- **Monday, September 21:** Blended learning students in grades 3-K and Pre-K, as well as all grades in District 75.
- **Tuesday, September 29:** Blended learning students enrolled in K-5 and K-8 schools.
- **Thursday, October 1:** Blended learning students enrolled in middle schools, high schools, secondary schools (schools spanning grades 6-12), and transfer schools/adult education.

A blended learning model will be used, with students alternating between in-person and remote learning. Parents may opt for all-remote learning for their children. Schools will operate at reduced capacity for in-person instruction, with approximately one-third to one-half of the student population attending at one time. More than 10% of students and teachers will get a covid test once a month. Students, teachers and staff must wear face shields at all times. Social distancing will be required. Hand sanitizer dispensers must be available in high traffic areas and all students will be provided with appropriate PPE. Wellness barriers will be placed in the general office and at the main school safety desk. School buildings will undergo a nightly sanitization process. Breakfast and lunch will be served in classrooms.

NYC Board of Education website schools.nyc.gov/school-year-20-21/return-to-school-2020

NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer's Back to School Guide comptroller.nyc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Back_to_School_2020-21.pdf.

On September 30, indoor dining for NYC restaurants may resume with 25% capacity. There will be strict health and safety precautions, including temperature checks at the door, placing tables 6 feet apart, and mandatory masks except when the party is seated at their table. For contact tracing purposes, one person in each party must leave their contact information. Restaurants must meet the state's air filtration requirements. In addition, there will be no bar service or bar reopening; however, drinks can be served at the table. All restaurants are required to close by midnight. Businesses must review and affirm that they will operate in accordance with Interim Guidance For New York City Indoor Food Services During The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/NYC_Indoor_Food_Services_Detailed_Guidance.pdf. If the infection rate does not increase, restaurants may be permitted to go to 50% capacity by November 1. Information about

Restaurant Reopening is also available at www1.nyc.gov/nycbusiness/article/nyc-restaurant-reopening-guide or call the Small Business Services hotline at 888-SBS-4NYC.

September 25, 2020, Press release: **Recovery Agenda: Mayor de Blasio Extends Outdoor Dining Season Year-Round**

“Open Restaurants” program to be made permanent, restaurants permitted to use heating and enclosures, and expand seating to adjacent properties with neighbors’ consent.

Outdoor NYC street events will be limited through December 31, 2020

Mayor de Blasio extended [Executive Order 148](#) through December 31, 2020. This executive order limits the types of outdoor events permitted by the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Police Department, and the Street Activity Permit Office. Frequently asked questions about the about Executive Order 148 can be found at www1.nyc.gov/assets/counseltothemayor/downloads/Event-Permits-FAQ.pdf.

Guidance for group music activities, including live performances and music recording, in New York City during the COVID-19 public health emergency is now available on the [MOME website](#). The music guidance has COVID-19-related safety requirements from numerous sources, including the New York State Department of Health, the Empire State Development Corporation, the State Liquor Authority, and other State and City laws. The guidance is presented in a plain-language format and includes links to information from other State and City government agencies.

Visit the MHNA website murrayhillnyc.org for more details about NYC's reopening, reopening guidance, trusted medical information, information about assistance for individuals, families, businesses, and information about how you can help.

Neighborhood restaurants, food & spirits that are open for outdoor dining, delivery & pickup

Neighborhood retail, health care (including pets) & services that are open

Neighborhood restaurants, food & spirits that are open for delivery & pickup

All New Yorkers can get tested for covid-19. Sites run by New York State are free and usually have 1-2 day test results coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you. You can also check with pharmacies, walk-in urgent care facilities and with your doctor to find out if they do testing. There may be charges and long waits for results.

IMPORTANT: There is still no cure or vaccine for COVID-19.

To prevent the spread of the virus:

- wear face coverings
 - maintain distance
 - practice good hand hygiene
 - stay home if sick
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Travel restrictions to New York State. Travelers to New York State, New Jersey and Connecticut from states with more than 10% positive COVID-19 infections must quarantine for 14 days. This also applies to New Yorkers when they return home after traveling to those states. List of restricted states: coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory#restricted-states. coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory.

September is National Preparedness Month

Make A Plan: Know how you will communicate with your family, employees, employer, etc. before, during, and after a disaster. Make sure to update your plan based on the Centers for Disease Control recommendations due to the coronavirus. Plan access to your financial information.

Build A Kit: Gather supplies (including medications, masks, gloves, etc.) that will last for several days for everyone living in your home. Update your kits and supplies based on recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control.

Prepare for Disasters: Know the risk of disasters in your area and check your insurance coverage. Learn how to make your home stronger in the face of storms and other common hazards and act fast if you receive a local warning or alert.

Teach Youth About Preparedness: Talk to your kids about preparing for emergencies and what to do in case you are separated. Reassure them by providing information about how they can get involved.”

From Ready.gov [ready.gov/september](https://www.ready.gov/september).

From the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) [sba.gov/business-guide/prepare-emergencies](https://www.sba.gov/business-guide/prepare-emergencies).

Electrical outages and damaged trees

We are still in the official hurricane season and may continue to get severe storms until November. If you see damaged trees, debris or damaged power lines and equipment after storms, there are a few things you can do: Please report the locations of damaged trees by contacting 311; fallen power lines or damaged electrical equipment should be reported to 1-800-75-CONED (1-800-752-6633) immediately; and additionally, NYCHA residents can report any power- or weather-related issues to 718-707-7771. You can also reach out to Council Members Keith Powers 212-818-0580, KPowers@council.nyc.gov and Carlina Rivera 212-677-1077, District2@council.nyc.gov, and to Community Board 6 office@cbsix.org, Community Board 5 office@cb5.org, or your local Community Board.

The Board of Elections (BOE) is Hiring Election Day Workers

The NYS Board of Elections are looking for Election Day workers. Compensation is \$250 for Election Day and \$100 to go through the mandatory training. PPE and sanitizer will be supplied to workers. Learn more electiondayworker.com/start.aspx. New Yorkers who are currently unemployed can apply to be a paid poll worker without losing their unemployment benefits.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is hiring temporary employees to assist with disaster relief efforts

Learn more at sba.gov/page/disaster-response-jobs-sba. The positions include: Call Center Customer Service Representative, Document Preparation/Legal Review/Loan Closings, Loan Processing/Credit Analysis/Mortgage Underwriting, Program Support.

Upcoming events

September 28

The Makor Center - High Holidays 5781 - Yom Kippur

Service 10-12pm, Yizkor Service 12pm, Concluding Service 5pm

Join Rabbi Scott Matous, Cantor Irene Failenbogen and Rabbi Stuart Paris to observe Yom Kippur High Holiday Services. All are welcome. [Day Booklet](#), [Yizkor Service](#), [Zoom Meeting Invitation](#). [Donations are welcome](#).

Join Rabbi Joshua Eli Plaut, Ph.D. & Metropolitan Synagogue of Murray Hill, NYC for Zoom High Holidays Services with Traditional Metropolitan Synagogue Music

One-hour Metropolitan Synagogue High Holidays Services will take place over Zoom on:

Kol Nidrei: Sunday, September 27, 7-8 pm

Yom Kippur Morning: Monday, September 28, 10-11 am

Yom Kippur Afternoon: Monday, September 28, 5-6 pm

Creative In Person Rituals, 30 Minutes, in Murray Hill at East 35th Street & East River, NYC

In addition to the Zoom services, Rabbi Plaut will lead creative 30-minute gatherings with rituals and teachings at East 35th Street & East River, NYC with social distancing and masks required:

Yizkor Memorial Service & Avinu Malkeinu & holiday musical prayers:

Monday, September 28, 3-3:30 pm

Please note: those wishing to attend these 30-minute gatherings must pre-register. Masks are required.

All are welcome, and we invite you to make a donations and / or become members of the Metropolitan Synagogue.

Donate or join at: www.metropolitansynagogue.org

Registration for zoom: metropolitansynagogue.splashthat.com

Attendees for the 30 minute gatherings should RSVP to inquiries@metropolitansynagogue.org

Metropolitan Synagogue of NY

PO Box 1432

New York, NY 10276

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through October 8

New York Design Center's What's New | What's Next 2020

4 weeks of innovative programming, hundreds of product introductions, a community of design ambassadors. A celebration of new ideas, design materials and products. Register at nydc.com/wwnw for updates and VIP access to programming. New York Design Center, [200 Lexington Avenue](http://200LexingtonAvenue.com).

September 28 7pm

New Federal Theater presents Black Words Matter, a 2020 Virtual Poetry Jam

Learn more and register at newfederaltheatre.com/events.

September 29 3:30-5pm

Managing Student Loans Amid COVID-19

Join State Senator Brad Hoylman for a presentation on student loans. Participants will get the latest updates about any federal or state relief available, learn about repayment options, and how to avoid or get out of default. This presentation is being done in partnership with the Education Debt Consumer Assistance Program (EDCAP), a program of the Community Service Society of New York. Register at register.gotowebinar.com/register/8769240058488788495.

September 29 1-4pm

2020 Virtual Rebuilding New York Summit: Repairing, Improving and Upgrading New York

Webinar, presented by City & State. When COVID 19 hit New York, construction was shut down completely. As it began to reopen, first upstate and later in the City, what precautions and safety practices were implemented to help New York? What new plans were put into effect based on lessons learned? What was the effect of COVID 19 on affordable housing units and planned housing sites? Hear from experts as they explore how to rebuild New York. Learn more and register at cityandstateny.com/events/2020-virtual-rebuilding-new-york-summit.

September 29 5pm grant application deadline

Creative Learning and Creative Engagement Manhattan Arts Grants

Learn more at lmcc.net. lmcc.net/rsvp. Register at zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwce6pqz8qE9xd3k_AvIK3Nko73EkVgWiU.

Apply at lmcc.net/resources/manhattan-arts-grants.

This grant is supported by the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs and New York State Council on the Arts.

September 29 6pm

Zoom Community Board Training--Working with Transgender & Gender Non-Conforming Communities

Presented by Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, this workshop creates awareness that transgender New Yorkers face discrimination in all areas covered by the City Human Rights Law and that they must be treated with dignity and respect. The workshop covers protections under the City Human Rights Law, briefly addresses federal and state law and reviews in detail correct terminology when addressing the LGBTQI community. Register at zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwtduCorTgjGNazpEZqsVGThUJNKltl_xux.

Presidential Debates 2020

Tuesday, **September 29**

Thursday, **October 15**

Thursday, **October 22**

Each debate will run from 9-10:30pm

Vice Presidential Debate 2020

Wednesday, **October 7** 9-10:30pm

The general election presidential debates are carried by all the major networks and C-SPAN, without commercial breaks or interruptions. Many of the networks also have their own YouTube channels where you can watch the live stream from your computer.

Read more at the Commission on Presidential Debates website debates.org.

September 30 - October 2 (12pm-3pm each day)

Center for Communication's Diversity + Media Career Summit: Education, Inclusion, Empowerment

Networking opportunities and panel discussions. Register at centerforcommunication.org/calendar/2020/9/30/diversity-media-career-summit.

September 30 1pm

Scandinavia House presents Policing & Police Reform in the Nordic Countries (Virtual Panel)

The Nordic countries have their own unique approaches to law enforcement. Three panelists from the Nordic countries discuss policing and police reform in those countries: Lars Holmberg (Professor of Law, JUR Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies of Law, University of Copenhagen), Kimmo Himberg (Senior Researcher, the Police University College, Tampere, Finland), and Margrét Valdimarsdóttir (Assistant Professor of Police Science at the University of Akureyri). With ASF Fellow Vanessa Barker (Associate Professor of Sociology, Stockholm University and Director of Border Criminologies) as moderator, they'll discuss Nordic policing systems, public attitudes towards police, and reform over the years. They will contrast Nordic and U.S. policing policies as well as approaches to weapons use, training, and deployment. They'll also discuss how to regain and maintain trust between the police and the communities they serve, current issues facing the police in the Nordic region, and reform within the police structure in the past ten years. Send your questions ahead of the discussion to info@amscan.org or in the chat during the event. Register at scandinaviahouse.org/events/nordic-policing-panel.

September 30 1pm

Tenants' Rights During COVID-19

As our communities continue to endure the housing crisis that has been exacerbated by COVID-19, NYLAG will be hosting another Facebook Live Q&A session to answer your questions on tenant issues during the pandemic. Presented by a lawyer in NYLAG's Tenants' Rights unit. Receive answers to questions about: evictions, rent strikes, rent payments, your rights as a tenant. Sign up to ask a question in advance us2.list-manage.com/survey?u=c02ae2a10914727045a8ebfd3&id=9a283ed938&utm_source=NYLAG+general&utm_campaign=dd34d09985-.

September 30 2–3pm

Understanding the Impact of COVID-19 on Nonprofits

Free webinar featuring: Sameera Mehra, Head of Global Alliance and International Networks, Charities Aid Foundation; Naomi Orensten, Director of Research, The Center for Effective Philanthropy; Jacob Harold, Executive Vice President, Candid; and Sarina Dayal, Research Associate, Candid. Panel discussion with global nonprofit leaders as they share data-driven insights to understand the immediate and long-term impact of COVID-19 on nonprofits in the U.S. and around the world. They'll also discuss how organizations are responding to the pandemic and lessons learned about navigating a crisis. Register at learning.candid.org/training/2020-09-30-understanding-the-impact-of-covid-19-on-nonprofits. This program is presented by Candid.

September 30 6pm

Zoom Community Board Training “Understanding Muslim Experiences and Combating Islamophobia”

Presented by Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer. Register at zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0kde-vqjlsGtW-03w4SUoS3xYco-ZaZJtf.

September 30 7-8pm

Historic Flatiron Virtual Tour via Zoom

(Free) The Flatiron Partnership's [historic walking tours](#) are now going virtual! Mike Kaback, a professional guide will take you on a 60-minute virtual journey through this vibrant neighborhood, viewing some of the City's most notable landmarks, including the New York Life Insurance Building, the MetLife Clock Tower, the Appellate Courthouse, and the famous Flatiron Building. via Zoom. Mike will share historic photos as he retells notable events. Attendees will have the opportunity have all of their Flatiron history questions answered. No registration is required. Simply join the ZOOM LINK us02web.zoom.us/j/7838710856?pwd=U3h4ekZBV3FGNnVlb25tL3FybHpBQT09#success at the tour's designated day and time.

through October 1, Mondays 9am-12pm & Thursdays 5-6 pm

Bryant Park Fall Birding Tours

Advance registration is required eventbrite.com/e/birding-tours-of-bryant-park-tickets-119159877401.

at Bryant Park, Meet at Heiskell Plaza

Near 42nd Street and 6th Avenue

October 1 6pm

Zoom Community Board Training “Human Rights Law and Protections Against Discrimination Based on Race and Color”

Presented by Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer. Register at zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcud-6grD8vGdQxImidq8voUeAm3AM3_si5.

October 1 6pm

Virtual Book Talk - *The Bell in the Lake* by Lars Mytting

Scandinavia House presents Norwegian author Lars Mytting for a virtual book launch event on *The Bell in the Lake*, available in English translation from The Overlook Press beginning September 29. Lars Mytting, bestselling author of *Norwegian Wood*, brings his deep knowledge of history, carpentry, fishing, and stave churches to this compelling historical novel, an international bestseller sold in 12 countries. With its broad-canvas narrative about the intersection of religion, superstition, and duty, *The Bell in the Lake* is an irresistible story of ancient times and modern challenges. The novel will also be the topic in the Nordic Book Club Online discussion on October 20. Register at scandinaviahouse.org/events/bell-in-the-lake-talk. Send your questions ahead of the discussion to info@amscan.org.



October 1 7pm

MHNA Annual General Meeting - a live Zoom event

Council Members Keith Powers and Carlina Rivera,
Assembly Member Harvey Epstein, 74th District,
other invited guests and MHNA committee chairs
will update us about neighborhood issues:

Crime

Construction issues and accidents

Clean up and greening

The homeless

Business reopening.

Register at zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcudu6upz4pGtRIEBd59yUPE8JDVVD22W2d
(you will get the Zoom link and password, and and you can submit questions when you register).

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

Make sure you are ready to vote in the November election. Register to vote (or check your registration status). Request an absentee ballot. You are required to wear a mask/face covering and maintain 6 feet of distance when entering any Board of Elections facility. Telephone 1-866-868-3692, TTY-212-487-5496.

September 18 - Board of Elections begins to mail absentee ballots on a rolling basis to those who requested them. Even if you voted by mail in the Primary Election, you must re-apply for an absentee ballot. You can complete and mail in your absentee

ballot as soon as you receive it.

October 9 - REGISTER TO VOTE DEADLINE for the General Election. Register online at elections.ny.gov/VotingRegister.html. Or download form elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/voting/voteregform-eng-fillable.pdf OR vote.nyc/page/register-vote (same form), complete the form, sign it with an original signature, and mail it to: Board of Elections, 32 Broadway, 7 Fl, New York, NY 10004-1609. Deadlines for registration dates are not currently posted, but previously the site said that October 9 was the deadline for the November 3 election. You can call 1-800-FOR-VOTE hotline to request a voter application.

October 14 - CHANGE OF ADDRESS DEADLINES. If you move, you should notify the Board of Elections in the City of New York as soon as possible. You do this by re-registering.

October 27 - ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE. Everyone can request an absentee ballot for the general election using *temporary illness* as the reason if they want to avoid exposure to COVID-19. Even if you voted by absentee ballot for the primary election you must request an absentee ballot for the general election. Request your ballot early. You can request an absentee ballot online through the new portal vote.nyc/page/absentee-voting or download the form at vote.nyc/sites/default/files/pdf/forms/absenteevoting/AbsenteeBallot-English.pdf. You can email the application to Apply4Absentee@boe.nyc, fax it to 212-487-5349, or mail (or drop off) the application to the Board of Elections Manhattan borough office: 200 Varick Street, 10 Fl, New York, NY 10014, Tel: 1-212-886-2100. Call 1-866-VOTE-NYC (1-866-868-3692) for further information. The NYC Board of Elections will begin mailing the absentee ballots on September 18, on a rolling basis. **The Post Office is expecting large volumes. Mail in your ballots early. You can complete and mail your ballot as soon as you receive it. Be sure to sign and date your ballot. Seal the envelope with the adhesive provided on the envelope.**

October 24-November 1 Early Voting - Check your early voting site location and hours at findmypollsite.vote.nyc. Early voting sites are not the same as the General Election sites.

November 3 GENERAL ELECTION

New York State Board of Elections: elections.ny.gov.

NYC Board of Elections: www.vote.nyc.

October 2 12-5:45pm

The CUNY Graduate Center's Online Conference: Coalitional Democracy

Join leading thinkers and activists to explore new ideas about coalitions and how to bring about a more just society. View the full schedule and register stonecenter.gc.cuny.edu/event/conference-on-coalitional-democracy. Reserve for individual Zoom sessions on the Stone Center website.

October 6 6:30-8pm

The Gotham Center presents The "World's Most Wasteful City"? New York and its Garbage

With the rise of mass consumption, solid waste like plastic increased at fantastic rates. Now the city produces 14 million tons per year (50% higher than most developed countries). The vast majority is hauled elsewhere for landfill or incineration. In this conversation, Martin Melosi, perhaps the most distinguished historian of waste today, speaks about the various ways New York has tried to solve this growing problem, drawing on his giant new study *Fresh Kills*, about the notorious Staten Island dump, which served for many years as the city's main junkpile (arguably, the world's largest). Robin Nagle, Anthropologist in Residence at the Department of Sanitation and the author of *Picking Up: On the Streets and Behind the Trucks with the Sanitation Workers of New York City*, joins for this reflection on an essential but often neglected part of Gotham's history. Register for this free virtual event at eventbrite.com/e/the-worlds-most-wasteful-city-new-york-and-its-garbage-tickets-97212654667. Donations are welcomed gothamcenter.org/support-our-work.

October 6 & October 14

Get your free (standard) flu shot

This flu clinic is hosted by the Union Square Partnership and Mount Sinai Healthy System. Register with your name, email, and phone number. No insurance is needed, this is a free flu vaccination. Register at unionsquarenyc.org/usq-flu-clinic.
at [27 Union Square West, Suite 302](#)

October 7 8:30am-3pm

Webinar Berkeley College Presents Women Entrepreneurship 2020

Learn more and register at cityandstateny.com/events/berkeley-college-presents-women-entrepreneurship-2020.

October 7 5pm

Roosevelt House presents David Michaelis speaking about his book, *Eleanor: A Biography*

Live Zoom program. Michaelis provides a single-volume cradle-to-grave breakthrough portrait of Eleanor Roosevelt. Drawing on exhaustive new research, *Eleanor: A Biography* offers a riveting account of Eleanor Roosevelt's transformative journey—from orphaned niece of President Theodore Roosevelt to settlement house volunteer on the Lower East Side to a partner in New York's most important power couple; and from presidential surrogate, a voice for the voiceless, and the nation's longest serving First Lady to global citizen and the architect of international human rights. The author will be in conversation with scholar, writer, and editor Allida Black. RSVP at community.hunter.cuny.edu/roosevelt-house-pages/eleanor-a-biography-10-07-20--. You can order a copy of *Eleanor: A Biography* from Shakespeare & Co. Those who RSVP will receive a reminder to join shortly before the program begins.

October 11 2pm

The Morgan Library & Museum presents Morgan Explorers: Family Tour

A Free Family Virtual Sunday. Families travel the world from their living rooms with the Morgan Library & Museum. A Morgan educator will share a different live tour of highlights from the collection each week. Participants will explore artworks through inquiry-based conversation, make simple crafts, and discover, as a family, something new to inspire for the week ahead. Families are encouraged to participate with friends and extended relations. This program is designed for children and caregivers to enjoy together. Appropriate for children ages 6–12. Program materials: pencil, paper and scissors. Register at eventbrite.com/e/morgan-explorers-family-tour-tickets-120527967395.

Also **Sunday, October 25 2pm** Register at eventbrite.com/e/morgan-explorers-family-tour-tickets-120529195067.

October 13-15 2-3:30pm

State Senator Krueger's Virtual Senior Resource Fair

This year's Senior Resource Fair is going virtual! Presentations about arts and cultural, exercise and meditation, and job hunting resources for people over 50. You can attend one, two or all three events. RSVP at docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScVNjX75QtWfUFLfYCNoyVk9iyZCpJs5l9ssWeDn80WWlCdGw/viewform.

October 15

Medicare Open Enrollment

Find plans at [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov). Look at the [eHandbook](#) (also available in accessible formats like Braille, large print, and data/audio files). If you have questions call 1-800-MEDICARE during Open Enrollment. Starting October 1 you will be able to start looking at the plans in your area.

October 15 12:30-1:30pm

Lunch & learn webinar: The Key Differentiator for a Flourishing Business

Learn how to clearly, concisely, and most importantly, convincingly communicate the unique benefits of your product and services to prospective customers. This workshop focuses on the necessity of this difficult tool and the make or break impact it can have on startups! Register at baruch.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwkf-CorTkpE9J3VhdKRchaO7Mj4Ba2BdHK. Presented by The Lawrence N. Field Center for Entrepreneurship at Baruch College.

October 17 and 18

Save the date for Open House New York

The event will be reimaged as a hybrid of virtual and outdoor self-guided experiences. ohny.org/weekend.

October 19 (effective date)

Bring your own bag, or pay 5 cents

The Bag Waste Reduction Law and Who it Affects. As of March 1, 2020, all plastic carryout bags (other than an exempt bag) became banned from distribution by anyone required to collect New York State sales tax. For sales that are tax exempt, plastic carry out bags are still not allowed to be distributed by anyone required to collect New York State sales tax (unless it is an exempt bag). The law affects anyone required to collect New York State sales tax, bag manufacturers and consumers. Cities and counties are also involved. **Under the law cities and counties are authorized to adopt a five-cent paper carry-out bag reduction fee. As of October 19, 2020, any "person required to collect tax" must not distribute any plastic carryout bags to its customers unless such bags are exempt bags as provided for in the Bag Waste Reduction Law.** dec.ny.gov/chemical/50034.html. Be sure to bring your reusable bags when you go shopping. DEC will begin retailer enforcement of the plastic bag ban October 19- but don't wait, start bringing your bags today! #BYOBagNY.

October 20 2pm & 6pm

Proposed Part 496 (Statewide Emissions Limits) Virtual Public Comment Hearing

Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is proposing a new 6 NYCRR Part 496, Statewide Greenhouse Gas Emission Limits. The proposed rule adopts limits on the emission of greenhouse gases in 2030 and 2050, as a percentage of 1990 emissions, per the requirements of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. It applies to all emission sources in the State, but the rule does not itself impose compliance obligations. Read more about how to join the meetings and comment at dec.ny.gov/regulations/121052.html.



October 20 6:30-8pm

Louisa May Alcott's Murray Hill - author talk and discussion with Lorraine Tosiello

Live online author talk and discussion, presented by The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association's Preservation & Design Committee. In late 1875 Louisa May Alcott spent a winter in New York City. Filled with biographical references to Louisa's family, New Yorkers of the time and Alcott's literary works, *Only Gossip Prospers* intertwines the real people Louisa met, the actual events of New York City and a host of fictional characters who inhabit a world that Louisa herself would recognize. *Only Gossip Prospers* enters the debate that still hovers over *Little Women* as to what was "real" and what was "made up." There are some twists and surprises, including one that will satisfy the greatest question left unanswered for fans of *Little Women*: what really happened between Jo and Laurie? Author Lorraine Tosiello was inspired by Alcott's *Little Women* to set off on a journey of motherhood, traveling, rabble-rousing and work as a physician devoted to medical education and primary care medicine. She lives with her husband in midtown Manhattan and at the New Jersey shore. [Learn more](#). Register at [zoom.us/meeting/register/jEIf-mvrDguGNehMhVYB2kFLsIT5xkgrtzw](https://zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?jEIf-mvrDguGNehMhVYB2kFLsIT5xkgrtzw). Free, but donations are welcome. You can donate at murrayhillnyc.org/donate.

October 27 10am-12pm

Virtual Taste NY Producer Showcase

This online business-to-business networking event will connect NY's agricultural businesses with potential new buyers and foster new business relationships despite the pandemic. The two-hour online event, offered in partnership with Taste NY and NYS Grown & Certified, will provide an opportunity for New York food and beverage producers to connect with area food buyers. The event will help these businesses to expand their reach in the marketplace that, in many cases, has been affected due to the nationwide pandemic. The program pilot will "take place" in the Adirondacks and Capital Region. Registration is now open for vendors and buyers. lakegeorgechamber.com/tasteny.

October 27-29

CollabSphere conference

This three-day conference for IT professionals focuses on HCL B2B application and HCL Digital Solutions technology. This year will be an online conference. Learn from the your fellow IT and business professionals and share your experiences and best

practices. The 2020 theme is "On the Rise Together," and the goal is the continued growth of the community bringing everyone together to share knowledge and expand awareness in collaboration technology.

October 31

Halloween activities

NYC's Halloween Parade is canceled, due to the pandemic. Check their website for updates halloween-nyc.com. Trick or treating is permitted. Reminder to wear masks (should be easy for Halloween!) and practice social distancing to reduce the spread of coronavirus.

November 18 deadline

Contribute to the The Pandemic Diaries

Contribute to the New York Public Library's archives by submitting audio recordings about life during the COVID era. The Pandemic Diaries lincolnsquarebid.org/news/the-pandemic-diaries. Submit recordings by Nov. 18 nypl.org/pandemic-diaries/submit.

November 26 9am-12pm

Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade

The parade can be viewed on NBC. See the parade's signature mix of giant character balloons, floats, street performers, clowns and the heralding of the holiday season with the one and only Santa Claus! Updates will be posted on Macy's website macys.com/social/parade/?cm_kws=thanksgiving-day-parade.

VIEW PAST EVENTS:

Hunter College series *Speaking of Justice* on Demand

hunter.cuny.edu/hunter-on-demand/speaking-of-justice-archive, including:

Healthcare for All? Confronting the Racial Divide (aired on July 23, 2020)

Down with Monuments and Symbols? (aired on July 16, 2020)

Protest as a Path to Progress: Making Black Lives Matter (aired on July 9, 2020)

Ongoing events

Sundays 6pm / Submit names by Monday

Memorial concerts to honor New Yorkers who have died in the pandemic

The Interfaith Center of New York and Lincoln Center have joined to present *Memorial for Us All*, an online memorial concert to honor New Yorkers who have died in the pandemic. Past concerts featured Wynton Marsalis, Yo Yo Ma and Brian Stokes Mitchell. The brief concerts are available on Lincoln Center's YouTube channel or Facebook page or at lincolncenter.org/lincoln-center-at-home, or on the interfaithcenter.org website and social media channels. **Community members are invited to submit the names of a neighbor, friend, or loved one to honor during the next concert** by completing [this form](#).

The National Arts Club is presenting many online talks and musical events

See their calendar: nationalartsclub.org/default.aspx?p=v35Calendar&ssid=323204&vnf=1

Ongoing

Webinars for businesses: Guidelines for Reopening Businesses in NYC

The NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS) is hosting several webinars to offer information and resources as businesses reopen. Learn about State requirements for reopening, recommendations and best practices, employee support,

compliance and enforcement, resources available to help your business. Schedule of upcoming webinars (register here) eventbrite.com/o/nyc-department-of-small-business-services-5423713077.

Tuesdays 2pm

Webinars presented by Manhattan Chamber of Commerce: Covid-related updates for small business owners

FREE. Experts will answer your questions on topics such as new government instructions or resources that are available. (weekly until further notice). Register manhattancc.org/common/Events/event_info.cfm?QID=29815&ClientID=11099&ThisPage=eventinfo.

Tuesdays

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright housing legal clinic

Hosted remotely by telephone. If you need advice on housing issues, call 212-288-4607 or email their office at SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov to reserve a spot.

Ongoing 4-6pm (the second Tuesday of each month)

NYC Council Speaker Corey Johnson's Virtual Housing Clinic

By appointment only. Housing attorneys will be available to speak with you about legal housing issues you have. RSVP for the Housing Clinic at docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3qy5LrnKZKXrZN1HN824H0NYB2Ny6GFAP4b2PkqOkdGdL-w/viewform

TechConnect Virtual Classes

The New York Public Library's TechConnect classes are now online. TechConnect helps people of all ages develop their computer skills. Find classes on protecting your privacy online, shopping safely on the web, navigating the basics of coding in HTML and CSS to build your own website, and more. See schedule and register at nypl.org/events/calendar/online?topic=4261.

Neighborhood events

IMPORTANT NOTE. Due to the coronavirus, large in-person indoor ongoing events are suspended until further notice. Some events will be virtual or may take place with modifications. Museums are opening with advance ticketing, timed entry and reduced capacity. Check websites for details.



Running through September 30

Art Unlocked! Gallery 35's online exhibit

The exhibit features work created by fourteen Gallery35 artists before and during the pandemic. Works by Bev Thompson, Denise Fryburg, Ellen Mandelbaum, Jil Novenski, Jody Leight, John Devaney, Juanita Gilmore, Marsha Peruo, Michael Davis, Patricia Garbarini, Rick Perez, Susan Harris-Demmet, Valerie Lynch, Virginia Asman. See the preview video and online exhibit at gallery35nyc.com. At Gallery35 at Community, [30 East 35th Street](#), 917-566-0708, gallery35ny@gmail.com, gallery35nyc.com.

Mondays 11am-12pm

Spanish/English Story Hour for Little Ones

Free. With Esther Rosado & Sandy Brooks. Interactive storytelling, movement and music in English & Spanish for children ages 1.5 - 4 years old. Build early language skills. For information contact Jil Novenski 212-683-4988 X 117 or jnovenski@ccny.org.
ccny.org.

at The Community Church of NY
[40 East 35th Street](#) (RE Classrooms)

First Monday of each month (except holidays) 1 - 3:30pm

Manhattan VA Hospital Military Mondays Free Legal Clinic

The attorneys are available by appointment and to walk-in clients on Military Mondays: the first Monday of every month (except holidays) at VA's Manhattan Campus. Valuable legal services are being offered free of charge by high status NYC legal firms to Veterans at, or below poverty level. Pro bono legal services can help Veterans with legal programs relating to social security benefits, housing concerns and child support issues. In cases of immediate need or to make appointments, they recommended calling 917-661-4500 which acts both as an appointment line and a hotline to refer clients to the appropriate avenue for relief.

423 East 23rd Street

1st Floor Atrium



AKC Museum of the Dog

museumofthedog.org, 212-696-8360. The Museum of the Dog has one of the finest collections of canine-related art. The special exhibits and permanent collection combine fine arts with cutting edge technology and interpretation. The Museum of the Dog provides unique and engaging experiences for visitors of all ages. Many programs are free with the price of admission. Check their website calendar for events. Tuesday through Sunday 10am to 5pm.

at AKC Museum of the Dog. Online activities for children at museumofthedog.org/events-and-education/childrens-programs.

[101 Park Avenue \(entrance on 40th Street\)](#)



Mondays 7pm

Big Apple Chorus open rehearsals (for men and women)

Free and open to the public. If you can carry a basic tune you can join New York City's longest running non-classical men's (and now women's) a cappella singing group, a diverse group of all ages and backgrounds. Open rehearsals are held almost every Monday at [111 East 33rd Street](#) (between Park & Lexington Avenues) in the Norman Thomas High School auditorium, but call or email first to confirm schedules and holidays. No reservation necessary. For more information visit bigapplechorus.org.

Telephone: 646-535-2191.

at the Norman Thomas H.S. Auditorium

[111 East 33 Street, 2nd Floor](#)



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[149 East 38th Street](#) (between Lexington & 3rd Avenue)



The Morgan Library & Museum Calendar

The Morgan Library & Museum, [225 Madison Avenue](#) at 36th Street. MHNA members can book tickets for The Morgan's public programs (concerts, talks, films, etc.) at The Morgan's member price. This applies to all single events (except for the Orchestra of St. Luke's concerts). Click "Member" when ordering online themorgan.org/programs, or if you are ordering by phone mention that you are a MHNA member. Call Visitor Services at 212-685-0008 for phone orders.

MTA Metrocard Bus and Van Schedule

Community Meetings

Community Board 6 website cbsix.org. Community Board meetings are open to the public, and you can express your views and concerns about various neighborhood issues.

Community Board 5 website cb5.org/cb5m.

NY City Council Hearings

Hearings Calendar legistar.council.nyc.gov/Calendar.aspx

This week's hearings council.nyc.gov/#hearings

If you want to attend or testify at a hearing, register at council.nyc.gov/testify

View hearings council.nyc.gov/livestream

The **17th Precinct Community Council** meeting is held on the last Tuesday of every Month at 6:30pm at the Sutton Place Synagogue, [225 East 51st Street](#). Check their website for details. Also look for their Build the Block (neighborhood policing) meetings.



The New York Public Library Events

Grab & Go Service is now available at the [Stavros Niarchos Foundation Libraries](#) (455 Fifth Ave. at 40th Street), a branch of the New York Public Library and the Kips Bay Library branch. How to use Grab & Go Service nypl.org/blog/2020/07/08/nypl-grab-go-service, or call Ask NYPL at 917-275-6975 to place a hold.

Schwarzman Building

[476 Fifth Avenue](#) (42nd St and Fifth Ave)

Calendar (many events are family friendly) Check their calendar for workshops on computers and popular software such as Excel and Word, book talks, programs for kids, films, etc. Many of the Mid-Manhattan Branch programs have been relocated to the Schwarzman Building while Mid-Manhattan is being renovated.

The Stavros Niarchos Foundation Libraries (formerly called the **Mid-Manhattan Library**) **partial reopening for Grab & Go Services**, [455 Fifth Avenue](#) (at 40th Street). **The Science, Industry and Business Library (SIBL)** has moved to the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Library Business Center. Some research materials have been relocated to the Schwarzman Building. Many free events and workshops for small businesses, individuals and families.

Calendar

For individuals and families: The Financial Coaching Corps program supports the financial stability of individuals and families in the community. One-on-one sessions with a financial coach provide tools and skills for money management. [Learn more and sign up for a free session with a local counselor.](#)

For seniors: They can also help with questions about Medicare nypl.org/moneymatters.

For businesses: Quick Consultations - quick tips and pointers on how the resources of the Library can help you and your business. For more information visit <https://www.nypl.org/help/services/smallbiz/quick-consultation>
[Learn more.](#) nypl.org/midtown. To share feedback or ask questions, email midtown@nypl.org.

Kips Bay Library (Grab & Go service available)

[446 Third Avenue](#)

Calendar (many events are family friendly)

Grand Central Library

[135 East 46th Street](#) (between Lexington & 3rd Avenue)

Calendar (many events are family friendly)

Calendar of Events in Bryant Park

Some in-person activities are being held. Bryant Park amenities (free books, free games, free ping pong equipment to use in the park) will be available until October 12.

Bryant Park Tours. Wednesdays 11am-12pm, bryantpark.org/programs/park-tours

Knowledgeable guides will share everything they know about the history of the park, how it operates today, and a range of other topics. Registration is encouraged, as tours are limited to 10 people. eventbrite.com/e/bryant-park-public-tours-registration-16061264675.

Piano: New York's finest playing ragtime, stride, and jazz, **Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays 12:30pm**, Upper Terrace.

Tai Chi: Tuesdays 7:30am through September 29, Fountain Terrace

Chinese Ribbon Dancing: Thursdays at 10am through October 1

and more.

Bryant Park is located between 40th-42nd Street, and between 5th & 6th Avenue, behind the Library.

CUNY Graduate Center Calendar

Music-in-Midtown Free and open to the public.

Free Public Events at The Gotham Center for New York History

CUNY Graduate Center

365 Fifth Avenue (between 34th and 35th Street)

Baruch College Performing Arts

Some events are free.

Lawrence N. Field Center for Entrepreneurship

(events & workshops) eship@baruch.cuny.edu

55 Lexington Avenue (at 25th Street) "The Tower", Suite 2-140



Grand Central Terminal

Every day at 12:30pm

Official Grand Central Terminal Tour

This 75-minute tour, led by Municipal Art Society docents, highlights the history, architecture and operation of the world's largest train terminal.

MHNA members get the MAS member price

Cost: \$30 adults / \$20 MAS members, seniors and more (register online)

Meet at GCT's Main Concourse

Every Friday 12:30pm

FREE Walking Tour of the Grand Central Neighborhood

The Grand Central Partnership offers a no-reservations-required walking tour that provides a survey of many architecturally and historically significant sights around Grand Central Terminal. For additional information visit <http://www.grandcentralpartnership.nyc/things-to-do/tours> or contact info@gcpbid.org.

Meet in the street-level atrium

at 120 Park Avenue (southwest corner of East 42nd St and Park Avenue)

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