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## Upcoming Events in Murray Hill...December 7, 2020

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## Shop local, shop small!

- Gift idea - Purchase gift cards from local independent restaurants and businesses as holiday gifts.
- Check out our neighborhood museum gift shops: [Morgan Library Shop](#), [AKC Museum of the Dog Store](#), [New York Public Library Store](#), [Scandinavia House Shop](#) (curbside pickup Dec 10-12).
- Also check out local stores: holiday shopping with [The Gallery at 200 Lex](#), [Galleria on 3rd's](#) original *New York Tough* line of art, t-shirts and mugs, [Pasteur Pharmacy's](#) selection of shaving and hair products and luxury soaps, and more...
- [NYC Rediscover your local bookstore](#). Stop by. Show Love. Shop your city.

Please share this email with a friend, neighbor or colleague. You can sign up for these emails at [www.murrayhillnyc.org](http://www.murrayhillnyc.org), scroll down the **Also Happening** column.

## Take our quick survey: What would like to see from the MHNA?

In an effort to find out what kind of information from the MHNA is the most useful and fun for you, we've put together a quick survey and we'd love your feedback. Whether you're a member or not, let us know how we can bring you more of what you want!

Your answers will be anonymous and the results will not be published, we'll just use them to help plan our communications with you.

Thanks for sharing your opinions!

**Take the Survey!**

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## NYC's Reopening - updates, information and resources

**NYC is in Phase 4 of the reopening.** Learn more about the phased reopening guidance at [forward.ny.gov](https://forward.ny.gov).

NYC public schools are temporarily closed for in-person learning. The re-opening will be phased in beginning on **December 7**, starting with younger children 3K through grade 5. District 75 (special needs children) will be the next group beginning on December 10. Read the details at [schools.nyc.gov/school-life/health-and-wellness/coronavirus-update](https://schools.nyc.gov/school-life/health-and-wellness/coronavirus-update). There will be much more testing for students, teachers and workers in the schools. A testing consent form must be on file for each student. Parents can fill out the consent form online using a New York City Schools Account (NYCSA) at [mystudent.nyc](https://mystudent.nyc) or print and sign the form and bring it to school on their first day back to buildings (English) [schools.nyc.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/student-medical-exemption-form](https://schools.nyc.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/student-medical-exemption-form).

***To avoid the spread of coronavirus during this time of rising rates of infection worldwide, we are asked to avoid travel and gatherings with people outside of our household. All***

**people who travel should follow [NY state travel advisory](#) and quarantine for 14 days when they return, or they can test out of quarantine.**

People in the high-risk category are advised to remain home as much as possible and go out only for essential activities.

**New York State COVID-19 Vaccine Program (draft)**  
**Ensuring a Safe and Effective COVID-19 Vaccine** [forward.ny.gov/covid-19-vaccine-distribution](https://forward.ny.gov/covid-19-vaccine-distribution).

The Dept. of Parks has canceled all athletic permits until further notice (see the “Programming Service Changes” section). [nycgovparks.org/about/health-and-safety-guide/coronavirus](https://nycgovparks.org/about/health-and-safety-guide/coronavirus).

Visit the MHNA website [murrayhillnyc.org](https://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.

### Reopening

[Neighborhood restaurants, food & spirits that are open for outdoor dining, delivery & pickup](#)

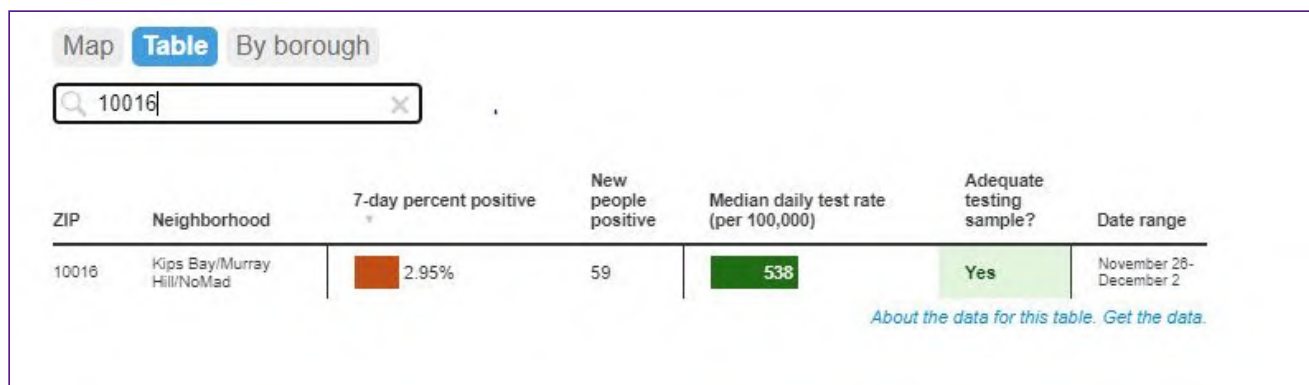
[Neighborhood retail, health care \(including pets\) & services that are open](#)

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

[Test, trace & take care \(COVID-19 testing\)](#)

and more...

### COVID-19 rate in zip code 10016



Murray Hill (zip code 10016) still has a lower than average COVID-19 infection rate compared to the rest of NYC, NY State and the rest of the country, but the rate has been rising. The above data is from the NYC Department of Health website COVID-19 tracker as of **12/2/2020**. [www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data.page](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data.page). The view is the 7-day Percent Positive and Test Rate by ZIP code (for Zip code 10016). New York State COVID-19 tracker [forward.ny.gov/percentage-positive-results-county-dashboard](https://forward.ny.gov/percentage-positive-results-county-dashboard).

NYS COVID ZONE lookup tool (by address) to find out if an address is in a yellow, orange or red zone [covidhotspotlookup.health.ny.gov](https://covidhotspotlookup.health.ny.gov)

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**All New Yorkers can get tested for covid-19.** Sites run by New York State are free and usually have results in 1-2 days: [coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you](https://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.

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**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 (seek care if you feel seriously ill.)

If you get a call from a contact tracer, please pick up the phone. If you test positive for COVID, you can request a *Take Care Package* from a contact tracer, which includes enough PPE for two weeks, a thermometer, at-home testing kits for contacts and a pulse oximeter to monitor oxygen levels. Test and Trace will also walk your dog if you're self-isolating. Call the NYC COVID hotline at 212-COVID19 (212-268-4319) to find out more.

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## **New York Cares Coat Drive and Coat Drop-Off**

A winter coat is not a luxury. Since 1988 New York Cares has distributed more than 2 million coats. Every \$20 donation allows them to purchase and distribute a new coat to the New Yorkers who need them most. Drop-Off Map Now Available: Donate to the purchase of new coats [coatdrive2020.funraise.org](https://coatdrive2020.funraise.org) is the most direct way to support the drive, but several of the coat drive partners will be accepting coats directly this year. Find locations to drop off physical coats on their map [newyorkcares.org/coat-drive/map](https://newyorkcares.org/coat-drive/map).

## Blood Donations Are Urgently Needed

The NYC blood supply is at a very low level. The blood drive includes an opportunity to win one of 50 prizes. Find out if you're eligible, make an appointment today, and enter the contest.

New York Blood Center - Grand Central

[115 East 41st Street](#)

Phone: 800 933 2566

[nybloodcenter.org](http://nybloodcenter.org)

## Job opportunities

### The SBA is hiring people to assist with disaster relief efforts

The Small Business Administration (SBA) is now hiring attorneys, paralegals, credit analysts, loan officers, mortgage underwriters, customer service representatives and other workers to assist with disaster relief efforts. Bilingual skills are a plus. Learn more at [sba.gov/page/disaster-response-jobs-sba](http://sba.gov/page/disaster-response-jobs-sba).

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### NYC Department of Education (DOE) is hiring Substitute Teachers

They are looking for committed, compassionate, positive educators who are ready to make a difference for NYC students. Apply today [drive.google.com/file/d/1fnr\\_VleQf1-5UQKAPlzkOhyBYjn6oiRK/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fnr_VleQf1-5UQKAPlzkOhyBYjn6oiRK/view). Substitute teachers who work in person during the period of September 29 to October 30 are eligible to receive a financial incentive in addition to the contractual rate of \$193.47 per day:

- \$100 per day for up to five days of in person substitute service for a total of up to \$500.
- An additional \$500 for a total of 15 or more days in person during this period for a total of \$1,000.

Your application will be reviewed and you will be notified about next steps.

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# Upcoming events

through early January

## Viewing the Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center

People must sign up online for a timed session at the tree viewing entrances on 49th and 50th streets at 5th and 6th Avenues. Guests can scan a QR code to see wait times and will get a text message when it is time to get in line. Viewings will be limited to five minutes, with masks required and social distancing enforced. Groups of more than four people will be separated into two or more pods. Learn more at The Rockefeller Center website page on the Christmas tree [rockefellercenter.com/holidays/rockefeller-center-christmas-tree-lighting](https://rockefellercenter.com/holidays/rockefeller-center-christmas-tree-lighting).

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beginning December 7

## The New York Transit Museum Virtual Holiday Train Show and Nostalgia Train

Every holiday season, the New York Transit Museum celebrates the magic of New York City with two beloved annual traditions, the Holiday Nostalgia Rides and Holiday Train Show at Grand Central Terminal. This year, all Museum locations are temporarily closed. So, they're bringing the historic vintage trains and model trains to you, right at home, with a Virtual Holiday Nostalgia Train and Virtual Holiday Train Show! Watch for behind-the-scenes footage of how the annual exhibit is built and a time lapse of the exhibit from the point of view of one of the miniature model trains. [nytransitmuseum.org/holidaysathome](https://nytransitmuseum.org/holidaysathome).

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December 7 12:30pm

## Writing for NYC Children's Media

A virtual panel about opportunities to write for NYC-based children's productions, sponsored by the Sesame Workshop and the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment. Register at [zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_lz8lXirHQs-NM9lIU6BgmA](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_lz8lXirHQs-NM9lIU6BgmA)

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December 7 5:30pm

## Community Safety Forum (virtual)

Join The Flatiron/23rd Street Partnership, the Madison Square Park Conservancy and Carlina Rivera, NYC Councilwoman District 2, for a Neighborhood Safety Conversation. Representatives from the following organizations will be present: NYPD, The 13th Precinct, Urban Pathways, Department of Social Services, Park Enforcement Patrol, Community Board 5.

Register at [madisonsquarepark-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_dgnQB-ceS-C0WjBOsEXZ8w](https://madisonsquarepark-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dgnQB-ceS-C0WjBOsEXZ8w).

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December 7 5:30 - 8:30pm  
December 8 10am - 1pm (satellite)  
December 9 5:30 - 8:30pm  
December 14 5:30 - 8:30pm  
December 21 10am - 1pm

## **MTA Virtual Public Hearings and Virtual Satellite Hearings to solicit public comments on the 2020 Fare and Toll proposals**

In keeping with Covid-19 pandemic safety protocols, all hearings will be held virtually via a Zoom Webinar Format and will also be streamed live on the MTA's YouTube Channel. If you wish to speak at any of these hearings, you must register to do so during the time allotted. Read the Press Release: [mta.info/press-release/mta-headquarters/mta-announces-virtual-public-hearings-fare-and-toll-policy-begin-dec](https://mta.info/press-release/mta-headquarters/mta-announces-virtual-public-hearings-fare-and-toll-policy-begin-dec). Public Speakers MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE TO TESTIFY. There will be no exceptions. Information on how to register, hearing procedures, additional ways to comment or request information, and accessibility & language assistance services are available at [new.mta.info/transparency/fares-and-tolls-2020](https://new.mta.info/transparency/fares-and-tolls-2020). Registration will begin Monday, 11/23 at 10am. Registration for each hearing will end at 5pm on the day before each hearing date.

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December 7 7pm

## **Manhattan Community Board 6 virtual meeting: Citi Bike is expanding**

Join NYC DOT and Manhattan Community Board 6 for a discussion on the expansion of bike share in Gramercy Park, Kips Bay, Murray Hill, and Midtown East. NYC DOT will present on Citi Bike in 11 stations for CB 6.

Register for the meeting at [zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_-u4AhDPGQSKCbUj9G2ZxA](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-u4AhDPGQSKCbUj9G2ZxA)

Unable to attend? The presentation and draft map will be made available online after the meeting. Please visit the "Maps & Plans" tab at: [nyc.gov/bikeshare](https://nyc.gov/bikeshare). Additional questions? Please contact Colleen Chattergoon at [CChattergoon@dot.nyc.gov](mailto:CChattergoon@dot.nyc.gov) or call 212-839-6210.

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through December 7

## **Medicare Open Enrollment**

Find plans at [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov). You can preview them and compare plans now at

[medicare.gov/plan-compare](https://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare). 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. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** The plan you had in 2020 may not be offered in 2021. Be sure also to sign up for drug coverage (Part D) if you are changing plans and the new plan does not include it. If you need counseling on which plan to choose you can get free counseling from NYC Department for the Aging's Health Insurance Information and Counseling Program (HIICAP) telephone 212-602-4180, website [aging.ny.gov/health-insurance-information-counseling-and-assistance-program-hiicap](https://aging.ny.gov/health-insurance-information-counseling-and-assistance-program-hiicap). They can answer New Yorkers' questions about Medicare, Medicare Advantage programs (managed care), Medicare prescription drug coverage, Medigap, and other health and long term care insurance. The NYC office can be reached by calling 311.

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December 8 1 - 4pm

## **(webinar) Developing and Enhancing Transportation Systems Throughout New York**

City & State webinar: Hear from government officials on the current state of New York's transportation systems, break down recent legislative actions, and discuss the future of all things coming and going in New York. Registration is free at [cityandstateny.com/events/2020-virtual-transportation-new-york-summit](https://cityandstateny.com/events/2020-virtual-transportation-new-york-summit). Panels include: How Coronavirus Is Reshaping New York's Transit Systems, Moving New Yorkers Safely.

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December 9 4pm

## **(virtual) Public Hearing on Proposed Rules for the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB)**

The CCRB published new rules for public comment that would empower the agency to investigate sexual misconduct and allegations of untruthful statements made by members of service against civilians in official proceedings or on official NYPD or court documents.

Comments can be submitted via:

The NYC rules website at [rules.cityofnewyork.us](https://rules.cityofnewyork.us), by emailing [ccbrules@ccrb.nyc.gov](mailto:ccbrules@ccrb.nyc.gov), by mailing comments to the Civilian Complaint Review Board, Attn: Heather Cook, Esq., [100 Church Street, 10th Floor, New York, New York, 10007](#), by faxing the Civilian Complaint Review Board at 646-500-6149, by participating during the public comment portion of the hearing. All written comments via website, email, or fax are due to the Civilian Complaint Review Board by December 7, 2020 at 5pm. All written comments via mail should be postmarked to the Civilian Complaint Review Board by December 4, 2020. Learn more and join the meeting at [www1.nyc.gov/assets/ccrb/downloads/pdf/about\\_pdf/CCRB%20Proposed%20Rules\\_11092020.pdf](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/ccrb/downloads/pdf/about_pdf/CCRB%20Proposed%20Rules_11092020.pdf).

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December 9 5:30 - 8:30pm

## **Voter Assistance Advisory Committee Post Election Hearing**

NYC Votes wants to hear about your experience voting in this year's general election. New Yorkers showed up in huge numbers to the polls for the November general election. Over 1 million voters requested absentee ballots, while over 1.1 million voted early. This meeting of the Voter Assistance Advisory Committee (VAAC) of the NYC Campaign Finance Board will highlight New Yorker's voting experiences and raise up recommendations from members of the public and our partners. They want to hear testimonies from New Yorkers about: Your experiences voting in person early and on Election Day, Your experience voting by mail and requesting absentee ballots, Other improvements to elections in New York City. Zoom meeting link: [zoom.us/j/96175206499](https://zoom.us/j/96175206499). RSVP at [nycvotes.nyccfb.info/voter\\_assistance\\_advisory\\_committee\\_post\\_election\\_hearing](https://nycvotes.nyccfb.info/voter_assistance_advisory_committee_post_election_hearing). Contact: Jordan Pantalone · [jpantalone@nyccfb.info](mailto:jpantalone@nyccfb.info). If you cannot attend, but wish to submit testimony by email, contact Jordan Pantalone at the email above. The VAAC's nine members advise the NYC Campaign Finance Board and its nonpartisan voter engagement initiative, NYC Votes. The VAAC recommends legislative and administrative changes to improve elections in New York City.

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December 9 7pm

## **Our Fair City Virtual Conversation: Work**

This program presented by the Museum of the City of New York will take place via Zoom Webinar. Shipping, manufacturing, finance, tourism—each has buoyed the city, then left a wake of wreckage. New York must find new ways to spread the risk, helping industries to expand beyond their niches. Even after the pandemic has passed, workspace and commuting patterns may shift, and a lot of the city will adapt. How can a new generation of offices, factories, and hybrid work/retail/community spaces transform the concept of a business district? Curbed's Justin Davidson invites David Ehrenberg (Brooklyn Navy Yard), Esmeralda Herrera (Communitas America), and Claire Weisz (WXY) to discuss. Registration required. Donation suggested. Registrants will receive a link to watch the morning of the event. Register at [mcny.org/event/our-fair-city-virtual-conversation-work](https://mcny.org/event/our-fair-city-virtual-conversation-work).

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December 10 6pm

## **Community Board 5 Full Board Meeting**

Video Conference, register at [bit.ly/38J4NRo](https://bit.ly/38J4NRo). PUBLIC SESSION - Members of the public are encouraged to speak to the Board. The draft agenda [cb5.org/cb5m/calendar/2020-december/#full-board](https://cb5.org/cb5m/calendar/2020-december/#full-board) includes a committee report by the Land Use, Housing and Zoning committee on these issues: Resolution on Zoning for Coastal Flood Resiliency, A citywide text amendment to update and make permanent the temporary 2013 Flood Resilience Zoning Text Amendment. Report on [109 East 42nd Street](#), Grand Hyatt. Review of the scope of work for the Grand Hyatt redevelopment, located in the Greater East Midtown Special District. [The Grand Hyatt building is located on the corner of 42nd Street and Lexington Avenue.]

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December 10-18

## **Hannukah Online at the Metropolitan Synagogue of Murray Hill**

Metropolitan Synagogue Hanukkah invites you to nightly candle-lighting and music offerings that are available if you are on the synagogue distribution email list. Send an email to the synagogue to join their email distribution list to [inquiries@metropolitansynagogue.org](mailto:inquiries@metropolitansynagogue.org).

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December 13, 20 and 24

## **Celebrate Advent Season virtually with Church of the Covenant**

**Advent Sunday Worship Services, December 13 and December 20 at 11am**

**Blessing of the Animals - December 13 at 4:30pm**

**Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols - December 24 at 6pm**

[Flyer](#)

Zoom link: [us02web.zoom.us/j/%204894157954](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/%204894157954). Meeting ID 489 415 7954, Password: 542954

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December 13, 24 and 25

## **Church of the Incarnation Christmas Worship**

**Lessons and Carols (virtual) - Sunday, December 13 at 5pm.** Streamed at [youtube.com/churchoftheincarnation](https://youtube.com/churchoftheincarnation).

**Christmas Eve (virtual) - 4pm Family Eucharist, 7:30pm Musical Prelude, 8pm Festival Eucharist.** Streamed at [youtube.com/churchoftheincarnation](https://youtube.com/churchoftheincarnation).

**Christmas Day (in person) - 11 am Holy Eucharist** (with safety measures in place). [209 Madison Avenue](https://www.incnyc.org) (at 35th Street), 212-689-6350 [www.incnyc.org](http://www.incnyc.org), [info@churchoftheincarnation.org](mailto:info@churchoftheincarnation.org). [Flyer](#)

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December 15 (deadline)

## **Open enrollment for health insurance through the**

## Affordable Care Act Marketplace

Sign up through [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) (or [CuidadoDeSalud.gov](https://www.cuidadodesalud.gov) for Spanish). Having health insurance is more important than ever. Coverage begins January 1, 2021.

Also see the **New York State of Health** marketplace [nystateofhealth.ny.gov](https://www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov). (more information below, January 31st listing).

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Open 24/7 until December 24

## Virtual Grand Central Holiday Fair

For the first time ever, the annual holiday gift fair will go exclusively online, showcasing American-made gifts from over 40 artisan vendors using locally and ethically sourced materials to create men's and women's accessories, children's clothing and toys, home goods, and more. Browse the full slate of vendors [grandcentralterminal.com/hf](https://grandcentralterminal.com/hf).

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On view now - running through December 31, 2020

## RE•IMAGINE—Gallery35's new social justice virtual exhibit!

Exhibiting members of Gallery35 are joined by guest artists of all ages in presenting works that envision a more just world. Watch the preview video and visit their online gallery! Gallery35, 30 East 35th Street, [gallery35ny@gmail.com](mailto:gallery35ny@gmail.com), 917-566-0708. Visit [gallery35nyc.com/on-exhibit](https://gallery35nyc.com/on-exhibit).

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December 31 midnight

## The New Year's Eve Ball Drop in Times Square will be a virtual celebration

Times Square New Year's Eve 2021 [timessquarenyc.org/times-square-new-years-eve](https://www.timessquarenyc.org/times-square-new-years-eve)  
Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, NYE 2021 will NOT be open to the public this year — but there will be live performances, and you can enjoy the virtual celebrations safely from the comfort of your own home. Webcaset [livestream.com/newyareseve/events/9392703](https://www.livestream.com/newyareseve/events/9392703). You can also watch on Facebook and Twitter: TimesSquareNYC.

**Make a wish for 2021.** NYE Wishing Wall. Your wishes will be added to the confetti that flutters down in the heart of Times Square on New Year's Eve! Each year, people from around the<sub>1</sub>

planet include their wishes for the new year on pieces of official Times Square New Year's Eve confetti, either digitally or in person. Be a part of this most magical night by making your wish in person through the Times Square mobile Wishing Wall on the plazas or by sharing your New Year's wish on Twitter and Instagram using #ConfettiWish or online at

[timessquarenyc.org/whats-happening/nye-wishing-wall](https://timessquarenyc.org/whats-happening/nye-wishing-wall).

**Good Riddance Day 2020 (December 28).** Good Riddance Day is inspired by a Latin American tradition in which New Year's revelers stuffed dolls with objects representing bad memories before setting them on fire. The annual event takes place on December 28 in Times Square. Each year there has been tossing, shredding, and smashing of any unpleasant, embarrassing, and downright unwanted memories from the past year — be it an old remnant of your ex, the bill you finally finished paying off, old study guides for your most onerous class, or something else written down on one of our official Good Riddance Day forms to shred. Details and timing of this year's event will be updated when they become available.

[timessquarenyc.org/whats-happening/good-riddance-day](https://timessquarenyc.org/whats-happening/good-riddance-day)

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January 7 (deadline)

## **Call for proposals for NYC Open Data Week 2021 (a virtual conference)**

BetaNYC will host NYC Open Data Week from March 6-14 with the Mayor's Office of Data Analytics and Data Through Design. This will be a week long event including Home School of Data – which will be a curated selection of classes and workshops featuring open data. Submit your ideas for workshops, demos, talks, mapathons, activities, and other creative ways to engage New Yorkers in open data. Learn more at [open-data.nyc](https://open-data.nyc) and submit your proposal at [betanyc.forms.fm/odw-2021-cfp/forms/8411](https://betanyc.forms.fm/odw-2021-cfp/forms/8411) by Jan 7, 2021.

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January 10 (deadline for nominations)

## **Nominate your favorite teacher or counselor for the NYC Dept. of Education Big Apple Award**

This award recognizes inspirational educators.

[schools.nyc.gov/about-us/vision-and-mission/big-apple-awards](https://schools.nyc.gov/about-us/vision-and-mission/big-apple-awards)

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through January 31

## **New York State's health insurance marketplace open enrollment period**

The New York State of Health Official Health Plan Marketplace: health insurance plans for individuals, families and employers. With information for brokers and assistors. Learn more at [nystateofhealth.ny.gov](https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov).

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February 1 5pm (deadline)

## Apply to join your Community Board

Community Boards are the most grassroots form of local government. The Boards are pivotal in shaping their communities and work to enhance and preserve the character of the city's many unique neighborhoods. Applications for community boards in Manhattan are done through the Manhattan Borough President's office. Application form for 2021 [manhattancommunityboards.wufoo.com/forms/w881xp40o7uf2h](https://www.manhattancommunityboards.wufoo.com/forms/w881xp40o7uf2h).

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March 15 (deadline)

## Applications and renewals for property tax benefits

Homeowners must apply for or renew their property tax benefits (in the form of exemptions and abatements) by March 15. Exemptions lower the amount of tax you owe by reducing your property's assessed value. Abatements reduce your taxes by applying credits to the amount of taxes you owe. All initial and renewal benefit applications must be submitted to the Department of Finance (DOF). More information about the various programs and applications is available on DOF's *Benefits for Property Owners* webpage [www1.nyc.gov/site/finance/benefits/landlords.page](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/finance/benefits/landlords.page). Property owners who have questions about the renewal applications should contact the Department of Finance at [recertify@finance.nyc.gov](mailto:recertify@finance.nyc.gov), or call 311.

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## 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](http://lincolncenter.org/lincoln-center-at-home), or on the [interfaithcenter.org](http://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](#).

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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](https://eventbrite.com/o/nyc-department-of-small-business-services-5423713077).

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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 [manhattanc.org/common/Events/event\\_info.cfm?QID=29815&ClientID=11099&ThisPage=eventinfo](https://manhattanc.org/common/Events/event_info.cfm?QID=29815&ClientID=11099&ThisPage=eventinfo).

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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](mailto:SeawrightR@NYAssembly.gov) to reserve a spot.

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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](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3qy5LrnKZKXrZN1HN824H0NYB2Ny6GFAp4b2PkqOkdGdL-w/viewform)

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## **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](https://nypl.org/events/calendar/online?topic=4261).

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## 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.**

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**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](mailto:jnovenski@ccny.org). [ccny.org](http://ccny.org).  
at The Community Church of NY  
[40 East 35th Street](#) (RE Classrooms)

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**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](http://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](http://museumofthedog.org/events-and-education/childrens-programs).  
[101 Park Avenue](#) (entrance on 40th Street)

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**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](http://bigapplechorus.org). Telephone: 646-535-2191.  
at the Norman Thomas H.S. Auditorium  
[111 East 33 Street, 2nd Floor](#)

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## **Henry George School of Social Science**

Free classes, open to the public. Single classes and 8-course certificate programs: Principals of Political Economy. Economic Science . Money, Credit & Banking . Land Value Capture: Theory and Practice . The New Economics of the Business Cycle . Free Trade and Globalization . History of Economic Thought, and more. Students can take courses or single classes. For information email [education@hgsss.org](mailto:education@hgsss.org) or call 212-889-8020. Learn more about the courses and register at [hgsss.org](http://hgsss.org).  
at Henry George School of Social Science  
[149 East 38th Street](#) (between Lexington & 3rd Avenue)

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## 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](http://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.

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## MTA Mobile Buses and Vans

[new.mta.info/fares/metrocard-buses-and-vans](http://new.mta.info/fares/metrocard-buses-and-vans)

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## Community Meetings

**Community Board 6 website** [cbsix.org](http://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](http://cb5.org/cb5m).

### NY City Council Hearings

**Hearings Calendar** [legistar.council.nyc.gov/Calendar.aspx](http://legistar.council.nyc.gov/Calendar.aspx)

**This week's hearings** [council.nyc.gov/#hearings](http://council.nyc.gov/#hearings)

**If you want to attend or testify at a hearing**, register at [council.nyc.gov/testify](http://council.nyc.gov/testify)

**View hearings** [council.nyc.gov/livestream](http://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.

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# The New York Public Library Events

## 11/9/2020 The New York Public Library moves into phase 2 of its reopening (temporarily suspended)

Researchers can make in-person appointments at research libraries [nypl.org/research/appointments#request](https://nypl.org/research/appointments#request) and borrow materials from research collections [nypl.org/research/appointments#research-borrowing-programs](https://nypl.org/research/appointments#research-borrowing-programs).

**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](https://nypl.org/blog/2020/07/08/nypl-grab-go-service), or call Ask NYPL at 917-275-6975 to place a hold.

**The New York Public Library moves into phase 2 of its reopening.** Researchers can make in-person appointments at research libraries [nypl.org/research/appointments#request](https://nypl.org/research/appointments#request) and borrow materials from research collections [nypl.org/research/appointments#research-borrowing-programs](https://nypl.org/research/appointments#research-borrowing-programs).

### 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](https://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](https://nypl.org/midtown). To share feedback or ask questions, email [midtown@nypl.org](mailto: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. Check the Calendar for details.

**Bryant Park Tours.** Wednesdays 11am-12pm, [bryantpark.org/programs/park-tours](https://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](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bryant-park-public-tours-registration-16061264675).

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

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## 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)

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## Baruch College Performing Arts

Some events are free.

## Lawrence N. Field Center for Entrepreneurship

(events & workshops) [eship@baruch.cuny.edu](mailto:eship@baruch.cuny.edu)

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

The **New York Small Business Development Center** at Baruch College (NYSBDC) provides small business owners and entrepreneurs in New York with confidential business counseling, training, and business research at no cost. New York SBDC Business Training [nyssbdc.org/training/listtraining.aspx](https://nyssbdc.org/training/listtraining.aspx) [Note: You can filter on Midtown Manhattan].

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## 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](mailto: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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