
Upcoming Events in Murray Hill...December 21, 2020

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Season's Greetings

Shop local, shop small!

El Parador Cafe has Family-To-Go menus with appetizer and sides, including a lobster boil with 4 lobsters, baby back ribs baked for 4 hours or a chicken dinner. Menu elparadorcafe.com/menus.php. Take-out or delivery. Telephone 212-679-6812 or order online. [325 East 34th Street](#) (between 2nd & 1st Avenue). This is in addition to their regular menu, and if you have a favorite, you can ask them to make it. elparadorcafe.com.

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.

The rate of Covid-19 infections and hospitalizations is rising in New York. Our actions affect the spread of the virus. We can avoid a shutdown if we take steps to stop the spread.

The CDC, state and city health officials are urging Americans not to travel over the December and January holiday season. Stay home and celebrate with people in your own household for safer holidays. If you will be attending a gathering, see the CDC guidance cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html.

The New York State Travel Advisory has been updated coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory.

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

Vaccinations. The FDA authorized Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine and New York has already begun the distribution of vaccines. Two doses are required. The vaccine must be stored in special ultra-cold freezers. Vaccinations are free in New York State. The first vaccines are being distributed to high-risk health care workers and to people living and working in nursing homes. New York has opted into the federal government's nursing home vaccination program. Under the federal program, employees of CVS and Walgreens will vaccinate residents and staff at these facilities. New York will not send any personally identifying information to the federal government in regards to vaccine distribution. In NYC the distribution will focus first on the 27 hardest hit areas of the city. Learn more at nyc.gov/COVIDVaccine
CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Information: cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html
NYC DOHMH COVID-19 – Vaccines: www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-vaccines.page
New York State's COVID-19 Vaccination Program: governor.ny.gov/sites/

Essential workers will be next in line to be vaccinated, with priority given first to high-risk populations and then to low risk workers. The remaining general population will follow.

The Moderna vaccine has also been approved by the FDA and New York State's independent COVID-19 Clinical Advisory Task Force, and shipments are expected this week. The Moderna vaccine also requires two doses, and can be stored in regular freezers. It will take months for the entire vaccination process to be completed. Meanwhile New Yorkers should continue to wear masks, social distance and avoid gatherings.

12/14/2020 **The NYS Dept. of Health issued a directive for hospitals to take steps to remain below 85 percent capacity** by either adding an additional 25 percent of capacity, eliminating elective surgeries, or by taking a combination of both steps.

Related article: [NYC Hospitals Suspend Elective Surgeries Amid Coronavirus Surge](#)

December 17, 2020, [patch.com](#), by Matt Troutman

Health + Hospitals facilities stopped elective procedures on Tuesday to free up capacity for COVID-19 patients, said CEO Mitchell Katz.

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.

[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 continues to rise.

Map **Table** By borough

10016

ZIP	Neighborhood	7-day percent positive	New people positive	Median daily test rate (per 100,000)	Adequate testing sample?	Date range
10016	Kips Bay/Murray Hill/NoMad	 3.09%	90	 992	Yes	December 10-December 16

[About the data for this table. Get the data.](#)

Murray Hill (zip code 10016) 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 in our neighborhood continues to rise. The above data is from the NYC Department of Health website COVID-19 tracker 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.

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

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. 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 for COVID-19 and the vaccine distribution will take several months.

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.

New York Cares Coat Drive and Coat Drop-Off

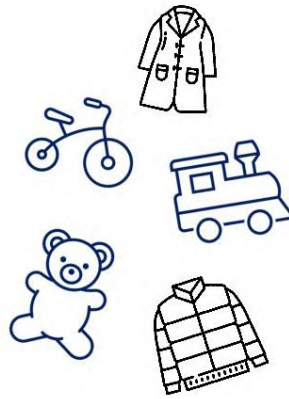
A winter coat is not a luxury. Since 1988 New York Cares has distributed more than 2 million coats. Every \$20 donation allows them to purchase and distribute a new coat to the New Yorkers who need them most. Drop-Off Map Now Available: Donate to the purchase of new coats coatdrive2020.funraise.org is 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.

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Holiday Toy + Coat Drive



Give warmth and cheer to last all year.

Donate to a New Yorker in need of a warm coat or gift for the holiday season through Council Member Powers' dedicated virtual drives, in partnership with New York Cares and Room to Grow.



Donate at:
bit.ly/PowersCoatDrive
bit.ly/PowersToyDrive



212-818-0580 | kpowers@council.gov | council.nyc.gov/district-4 | [@keithpowersnyc](https://twitter.com/keithpowersnyc)

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

Job opportunities

Bryant Park Corporation and 34th Street Partnership are currently accepting applications for the Receptionist / Office Manager /

Research Assistant position. Learn more on their website

34thstreet.org/about-us?mc_cid=2d986062ed&mc_eid=1165e24a4c#job-openings

Test + Trace (T2) are Hiring

Contact tracers: Partners can refer applicants by emailing CBONYC@bachrachgroup.com with applicants' resumes or applicants can apply online at bachrachgroup.com/covid-19-jobs.

Community Based Organizations (CBOs) are Hiring

Resource navigator positions within CBOs: working.nyc.gov/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.

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_VleQf1-5UQKAP1zkOhyBYjn6oiRK/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.

Celebrating 60 Years of The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association—Better Together!

Tell us your story! We are putting together the *Murray Hill Diary*, a place to share your Murray Hill-related stories, memories and surprising encounters that charm, surprise, and stimulate. We plan to publish your stories on a regular basis.

Send your stories to murrayhilldiary@murrayhillnyc.org. Please include when and where the incident occurred. We will not share your full name, and we will not edit your story except for spelling and punctuation. We will contact you if your story is being considered for publication.

You may send more than one story. We want to hear from you!

The *Murray Hill Diary* project is organized by The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association Preservation & Design Committee.

Upcoming events

December 21

Winter Solstice

and

Jupiter and Saturn will form rare "Christmas Star" on winter solstice

December 7, 2020, [astronomy.com](https://www.astronomy.com), by Eric Betz

On December 21, Jupiter and Saturn will appear closer in Earth's night sky than they have since 1226 A.D....Now, you can find them both in the southwestern sky just after sunset, located some 20 degrees above the horizon at 6 P.M. local time. You can watch the event live...courtesy of Lowell Observatory at [astronomy.com/news/2020/12/jupiter-and-saturn-will-form-rare-christmas-star-on-winter-solstice](https://www.astronomy.com/news/2020/12/jupiter-and-saturn-will-form-rare-christmas-star-on-winter-solstice)

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://www.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://www.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.

December 21-January 15 (specialized high schools)

January 18-TBD (high schools)

Applications and registration for High School admissions

In New York City, students apply to high school during their 8th grade year. Current first-time 9th grade students can also apply for high school. Learn more at schools.nyc.gov and at schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/high-school

You must have a MySchools account myschools.nyc/en. Contact a Family Welcome Center if you need assistance schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enrollment-help/family-welcome-centers. You

can begin exploring your high school options in the MySchools directory.

Sign up for the DOE emails schools.nyc.gov/sign-up and they'll notify you when the application opens! You will also get updates, key date reminders, and tips throughout the admissions process.

Specialized High Schools. Apply and register from December 21-January 15. Learn more about specialized high schools at schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/specialized-high-schools. For the eight Specialized High Schools that require testing, apply to any or all of these schools by registering first, and then take the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT). **Testing begins on January 27.** 8th grade public school students will take the SHSAT at their current school. For the one audition Specialized High School, Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts, apply by registering to audition, then submitting audition materials.

High Schools. Registration from January 18-TBD

Geographic (location-based) admissions priorities for high schools will be phased out over the next two years, meaning that the location of a student's home cannot alone determine their chances of getting into a certain school. District priorities for high school admissions will be permanently eliminated this year. All other geographic priorities, such as borough residence requirements, will be eliminated next year. Screened high school programs can use the following criteria this year to rank applicants: a combination of 2018-2019 state test scores, previous years' grades, and/or other measures. You can find any program's academic screening criteria on their MySchools page, in the Admissions Factors section. Learn more at schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/high-school.

December 21 6pm

Virtual meeting: Community Board 5 Transportation & Environment Committee

The general public should register in advance here and public comment is welcome:

bit.ly/37XlIC8. Agenda:

[109 East 42nd Street](#), Project Commodore. Review of the scope of work for the Grand Hyatt redevelopment, located in the Greater East Midtown Special District.

zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_whoEtk_ZxTxGHPoqnhO8dTA

December 23 11am

Virtual workshop from Scandinavia House's Children's Center: julgranskaramell (ornaments to fill with candy)

Experience the Nordic holidays with a series of virtual workshops from Scandinavia House's Children's Center! Learn how to make a julgranskaramell! Meaning "Christmas tree candy" in Swedish, a julgranskaramell is a special type of ornament that Scandinavians hang on their Christmas trees, consisting of small tubes filled with candies that are then brightly decorated with colorful tissue paper. The event will take place simultaneously as a premiere on both YouTube and Facebook; check back closer to the date for links to both. An instructions booklet is provided for this and all events scandinaviahouse.org/app/uploads/2020/12/Childrens-Center-

December 24

Celebrate Advent Season virtually with Church of the Covenant

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

[Flyer](#)

Zoom link: us02web.zoom.us/j/%204894157954. Meeting ID 489 415 7954, Password: 542954

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December 24 and 25

Church of the Incarnation Christmas Worship

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

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

December 24 and January 5

The Armenian Evangelical Church of New York's Christmas services

Online Christmas Eve Service: December 24 at 6pm zoom.us/j/141448739

Online Armenian Christmas Eve Service: Tuesday January 5 at

7:30pm zoom.us/j/141448739

Donations welcome at aecnyc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/christmas

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.

December 28

Good Riddance Day 2020

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. During the annual event on December 28 in Times Square, we've tossed, shredded, and smashed unpleasant, embarrassing, and downright unwanted memories for the past year, wiping the slate clean for a better new year.

Use the hashtag #GoodRiddanceDay to share on Twitter and Instagram what you'd like to destroy from 2020, and the NYC Times Square group will ceremonially shred it for you on December 28 on one of their official Good Riddance Day forms. Or send a video of you writing it down and destroying the paper yourself, in whatever way you want—you could make it into the Times Square official NYE webcast.



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](http://30East35thStreet.com), gallery35ny@gmail.com, 917-566-0708. Visit gallery35nyc.com/on-exhibit.

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
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. Webcast at livestream.com/newyeareve/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 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.

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

ongoing

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.

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.

January 6 6pm

January 7 6pm (Spanish only)

January 12 2pm

Online Elementary School Admissions Event

The NYC Department of Education Office of Student Enrollment presents a virtual Elementary Admissions Event for parents to learn about 3-K, pre-K, and kindergarten and Gifted & Talented admissions. Find out what to expect and how to apply. All New York City families are welcome to attend. Please register for just one event and be sure to indicate your language preference; interpretation services will be provided according to demand. They are here to support you throughout the admissions process! If you have questions, you can call 718-935-2009 or email ESEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov. Register at forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=tyxJGEXvYUWFcQxC5fesB1OjTo59sYNEohYatPPze0RUMIIQQ0ZZNEwxSVMwQkpFOTI2UTZJR1QyTi4u.

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 and submit your proposal at betanyc.forms.fm/odw-2021-cfp/forms/8411 by Jan 7, 2021.

January 7 1pm

Virtual book talk: *The Women I Think About at Night: Traveling the Paths of My Heroes* by Mia Kankimäki

Mia Kankimäki discusses her new novel, *The Women I Think About at Night: Traveling the Paths of My Heroes*, out now in English translation by Douglas Robinson, with moderator Heli Serviö. Mia Kankimäki's novel blends travelogue, memoir, and biography as she recounts her travels around the world to retrace the steps of ten remarkable female pioneers from history. Bored with her life and feeling stuck in her mid-40s, Mia Kankimäki decided to leave her job, sell her apartment, and travel the world to follow the paths of female explorers and artists from history who inspired her, ranging from Karen Blixen to Yayoi Kusama to the forgotten Renaissance women painters of the Uffizi Gallery in Florence. The event will take place as a Zoom webinar; please ask questions in the chat or send them in advance to info@amscan.org. Registration is required scandinaviahouse.org/events/virtual-book-talk-women-think-night.

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

January 11

Applications and enrollment for NYC Middle Schools opens

The middle school application for students entering middle school in fall 2021 will open the week of January 11. In New York City, most students apply to middle school during their fifth grade year. For one year, the NYC Department of Education middle schools will not use academic records, auditions, or other screens or assessments to evaluate or admit students, and will maintain priority for students living in the district. These changes are meant to increase diversity in the schools. Learn more at schools.nyc.gov and at schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/middle-school. Contact a Family Welcome Center if you need assistance schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enrollment-help/family-welcome-centers.

Create your MySchools account at myschools.nyc/en so you'll be ready to apply when the application opens. **Sign up for the DOE middle school admissions emails** schools.nyc.gov/sign-up and they'll notify you when the application opens! You will also get updates, key date reminders, and tips throughout the admissions process.

January 31 (deadline)

Enroll by December 31 for coverage beginning January 1, 2021

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.

February 1 (application deadline)

COVID rent relief program expanded

Related article: [Cuomo unveils revamped COVID rent relief after two-week wait, advocates call for 'blanket' eviction](#)

moratorium

December 17, 2020, [nydailynews.com](https://www.nydailynews.com), by Denis Slattery

Gov. Cuomo unveiled a revamped rent relief program meant to help tenants struggling amid the coronavirus pandemic on Thursday, just two weeks before federal funds for the measure are set to expire...New applications will be accepted...through Feb, 1, 2021...Applicants must have lost income between April 1 and July 31 and household income pre-pandemic must have been at or below 80% of the Area Median Income.

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).

February 12 8-9pm

Free livestream event [Night with the Museum](#) presented by the Museum of the Dog

This event is presented by the Museum of the Dog (MOD) and honors the Museum's longtime friend and Board Member Ron Menaker. You won't want to miss their celebration of the Hollywood Dogs exhibition, remarks from host and Museum Director Alan Fausel, testimonials from community members on the Museum's impact and a silent auction!

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. Property owners who have questions about the renewal applications should contact the Department of Finance at recertify@finance.nyc.gov, or call 311.

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](#).

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 manhattanc.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.

January 12 6pm (second Tuesday of the month)

NYC Council Speaker Corey Johnson Housing Clinic

By appointment only (20-minute appointments). Housing attorneys will be available to speak with you. RSVP at google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVfVeCeYTJrKT3w4loo_3u3VA1IAgAHMzZx4v3Im-r38bKDw/viewform.

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.

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. Online shopping museumofthedog.org/shop
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](http://111East33rdStreet.com) (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](http://111East33rdStreet.com)



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at Henry George School of Social Science
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 Mobile Buses and Vans

new.mta.info/fares/metrocard-buses-and-vans

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](http://225East51stStreet.com). Check their website for details. Also look for their Build the Block (neighborhood policing) meetings.



New York
Public
Library

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 and borrow materials from research collections nypl.org/research/appointments#research-borrowing-programs.

Grab & Go Service is now available at the [Stavros Niarchos Foundation Libraries](http://StavrosNiarchosFoundationLibraries.com) (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.

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Schwarzman Building

[476 Fifth Avenue](http://476FifthAvenue.com) (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](http://455FifthAvenue.com) (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. Check the [Calendar](#) for details.

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.

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

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 [Note: You can filter on Midtown Manhattan].



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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