Upcoming Events, August 2, 2021

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August is National Breastfeeding Month
And the first week of August is World Breastfeeding Week. Laws have been passed in all 50 States and at the Federal level, ensuring that breastfeeding is permitted in any public place where you have a legal right to be. Learn more about breastfeeding rights that are protected by Federal and New York State law at nycbreastfeedingcouncil.org/index.php/breastfeeding-rights.

Related event: August 5  2pm
(webinar) Visiting Nurse Service of New York (VNSNY) on Breastfeeding
Whether you’re pregnant now, have just had a baby, or are thinking about having a baby, you may be curious about breastfeeding. This presentation provides information about the benefits of breastfeeding for parent and baby, dispels common myths about it, and provides resources to help you succeed. Register at vnsny.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5W4w6qBcTr0w1rulyUmv5A.
Astro Gallery—Gems, Fossils, Minerals—is having a Summer Clearance Sale

Enjoy 50% off your next purchase during Astro Gallery’s annual Summer Clearance Sales Event. Use promo code HOT50 at checkout to save on beautiful fine minerals, incredible fossil and meteorite specimens, eye-catching home decor items and other natural history products. New inventory is being uploaded daily. Order online at astrogallery.com.

Traffic & transportation advisory

42nd Street Shuttle Summer Services Changes
The MTA is entering the final phase of work on improvements to the 42nd Street Shuttle. To accommodate the work, this summer, the shuttle will operate on a single track over six weekends and service will be suspended for 1 weekend and one period of 10 consecutive days. View the full list of service changes new.mta.info/system_modernization/42ndstreet/shuttleservice.

Beat the heat!

The NYC Office of Emergency Management and the Health Department tips on how to beat the heat www1.nyc.gov/site/em/about/press-releases/20210626_pr_nycem-health-dept-advises-new-yorkers-to-beat-the-heat.page. NYC Cooling centers are reopened. Also try the New York Public Library branches. Contact them before you go to verify opening hours. Drink plenty of fluids throughout the day. Avoid dehydration!
How you can help

Do you want a green and clean Murray Hill?
Volunteers are needed for The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association's Green & Clean Committee. We need people with good organizing skills who can help organize our events and program activities. Contact us if you'd like to help with the Keep Murray Hill Clean Program, Tree Replacement Program, cleaning and mulching events and communications. Work with MHNA volunteers, social media and newsletter committees, and take charge of an aspect of the committee's work. You can have an impact on the beautification of our neighborhood! If interested in helping this important cause please email greenandclean@murrayhillnyc.org.

Blood Donations Are Urgently Needed
The NYC blood supply is at a very low level. If you want to donate, a nearby blood center is: New York Blood Center - Grand Central (please make an appointment) 115 East 41st Street, 800-933-2566, nybloodcenter.org

NYC’s reopening

New York State and NYC reached the goal of a 70% vaccination rate for adults, and hospitalizations and deaths are low. As a result, most of the covid restrictions were lifted earlier in the summer. However, the community rate of transmission is now considered to be “substantial” by CDC guidelines. This concerning trend is causing health officials to urge unvaccinated people to get vaccinated and to recommend that all New Yorkers should take precautions, such as wearing masks in indoor public places. For information about specific NY agencies, check with the agency’s website. Federal guidelines are still in effect. Learn more at the links below.

Centers for Disease Control (CDC) covid webpage cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html


CDC map of U.S. Community Transmission covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases_community
COVID-19 rate in zip code 10016

The positive Covid-19 rate for Murray Hill (zip code 10016) has increased since the low point earlier this summer. This disturbing trend throughout the city is being monitored by health officials, and they are now recommending taking precautions such as wearing a mask in indoor public places. Snapshot taken on July 30, 2021.
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.

**IMPORTANT:** There is still no cure for COVID-19. Stop the spread using a layered approach:

- get vaccinated
- wear face coverings if you are not vaccinated or when you are with people who are not vaccinated or (consult your physician for guidance if you or members of your household are immunocompromised)
- maintain distance if you are not vaccinated or if you are with unvaccinated people (6 feet between people)
- practice good hand hygiene
• stay home if sick (seek care if you feel seriously ill)

When community rates of infection are high (the CDC calls this “substantial” or “high” community transmission), take extra precautions, such as mask wearing, limit indoor gatherings and non-essential activities with people who are not vaccinated.

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**Vaccinations**

Vaccinations are free, and are now readily available. All New Yorkers age 12+ are eligible. Public health officials recommend getting vaccinated as soon as you are eligible. Currently the Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are being administered. The J&J is a one-shot vaccine. Only the Pfizer vaccine has been approved for people age 12 - 17. Booster shots may be needed for some people in the fall; guidance is expected soon.

People who have been vaccinated may become infected with covid, but tend to experience mild or no symptoms. The majority of hospitalizations and deaths from covid are happening to unvaccinated people. For this reason, health officials are recommending that everyone who is eligible should get vaccinated.

The NYC Vaccine Finder site now tells you everywhere in NYC that vaccinations are available and the type of vaccination offered [vaccinefinder.nyc.gov](vaccinefinder.nyc.gov).

Pharmacies participating in the vaccinations are Walgreens/Duane Reade, RiteAid, CVS and some independent pharmacies, including HealthSource on 34th Street.

If you prefer to be vaccinated by your primary care physician, some doctors’ offices are getting supplies of the vaccinations. Contact your doctor.

All New Yorkers can be vaccinated at home, and can choose which vaccine to get. Use this form to register [forms.cityofnewyork.us/f/home](forms.cityofnewyork.us/f/home). The NYPD administers the in-home vaccinations.

(no appointment needed) ALL New Yorkers can now get their COVID-19 vaccine without an appointment at city-run and state-run sites across the city. To find a walk-up vaccination site near you, visit [on.nyc.gov/walkupvax](on.nyc.gov/walkupvax) or call 877-829-4692. **Nearby walk-up site: Ford Foundation, 320 East 43rd Street** (entrance also at 321 East 42nd Street) (Monday – Saturday, 9am – 5pm). Additional, site-specific information can be found on [nyc.gov/vaccinefinder]. New Yorkers must show proof of age upon arrival at the vaccination site. **MTA Vaccine Pop-Up Sites at Penn Station and Grand Central Terminal** are still available: Get vaccinated and receive a free 7-day MetroCard. Each day, vaccinations will be provided to 300 individuals at each of the sites, on a first come, first serve basis. The two locations are: Penn Station, 34th Street Corridor, 3 – 8pm and Grand Central Terminal, Vanderbilt Hall, 8am – 1pm.
NYC Adults Vaccinated in ZIP Code 10016.

Kips Bay/Murray Hill/NoMad
ZIP Code(s): 10016
Estimated population: 50912.11
86.62% with at least one dose
44102 residents with at least 1 dose
81.14% fully vaccinated
41312 residents fully vaccinated

East Midtown/Murray Hill
ZIP Code(s): 10017
Estimated population: 15613.27
98.5% with at least one dose
15379 residents with at least 1 dose
88.76% fully vaccinated
13858 residents fully vaccinated

New

With increasing community spread, the most recent CDC guidance is that masks be worn by everyone in indoor public places.

New York city and state government workers will be required to be vaccinated or have weekly covid testing, and some private businesses are indicating that they also will require workers to be vaccinated. The Broadway League will require that performers, workers and audiences be vaccinated and audiences are masked at all 41 theaters. This policy will be adjusted as needed, following the local covid statistics and guidance. With increasing community spread, the most recent CDC guidance is that masks be worn in indoor public places.
New York City $100 Vaccine Incentives—$100 for anyone getting their first dose at sites using vax4nyc.nyc.gov. Once an individual gets vaccinated, they can go to www.vax4nyc.nyc.gov/incentives to redeem their $100 pre-paid debit card. This incentive has proved to be especially liked by people ages 15-24.

For businesses

Applying for PPP forgiveness
On July 28, 2021, the SBA launched a streamlined application portal to allow borrowers with Paycheck Protection Program loans of $150,000 or less through participating lenders to apply for forgiveness directly through the SBA. Learn more at sba.gov/article/2021/jul/28/sba-announces-opening-paycheck-protection-program-direct-forgiveness-portal.

Learn more at murrayhillnyc.org.

Testing

Vaccinations

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

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

Neighborhood houses of worship, museums, educational and cultural institutions

Upcoming Events
applications are open

**The NYS Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)**

Eligible low and moderate-income households can get up to 12 months of their back rent paid, three months of future rent, and other assistance. There are no immigration status requirements to qualify for the program. NYC's Human Resources Administration website offers information about the program, as well as a list of organizations who can help New Yorkers with their applications. [www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/new-york-emergency-rental-assistance-program-erap.page](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/new-york-emergency-rental-assistance-program-erap.page). If you are experiencing difficulty, or have questions about the application process, you can call the following
ERAP "enrollers" for assistance: Catholic Charities Community Services at 888-744-7900, University Settlement at 212-453-4500. You can also get assistance from New York State at 844-691-7368 for assistance with the application.

Applications are open
New York State COVID-19 Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program
The Grant Program provides assistance for small businesses (including small for-profit independent arts and cultural organizations), experiencing financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Flexible grants can be used for operating expenses, including payroll, rent or mortgage payments, taxes, utilities, personal protective equipment, or other business expenses incurred during the pandemic. Application materials Help is available by phone at 877-721-0097. Learn more at nysmallbusinessrecovery.com.

Tuesdays 12pm & Wednesdays 4:45pm
Saturdays 11:30am – 3:30pm
The Grand Central Partnership presents Pershing Square Sounds
A free concert series in Pershing Square Plaza West featuring a variety of live music performances on Tuesdays at lunch time and Wednesdays during happy hour by some of NYC’s top musical talents.

August 3 (12pm to 1:30pm) — Eric Person Quartet - Saxophonist, Contemporary Jazz
August 4 (4:45pm to 6:15pm) — Judd Nielsen & The Neighborhood Crew, Jazz and funk
August 7* (11:30am – 3:30pm) — The Sammy Buttons Experience, Keyboard, Saxophone, Soul
August 10 (12pm to 1:30pm) — Eric Person Quartet - Saxophonist, Contemporary Jazz
August 11 (4:45pm to 6:15pm) — The Freddy Deboe Band, Soul/R&B
August 14* (11:30am – 3:30pm) — The Sammy Buttons Experience, Keyboard, Saxophone, Soul
August 17 (12pm to 1:30pm) Joe Vincent Tranchina Trio - Jazz standards, blues, and bop
August 18 (4:45pm to 6:15pm) The Truants - British Invasion, Rock Covers
August 24 (12pm to 1:30pm) Gabrielle Tranchina Quartet - Jazz vocals with the feel of Latin, Brazilian, and swing
August 25 (4:45pm to 6:15pm) JT Bowen and the Mighty Kings of Soul, R&B
August 31 (12pm to 1:30pm) Bryan Carrot Trio - Contemporary Jazz, Latin, and funk and more. See full schedule at grandcentralpartnership.nyc/pershingsquaresounds

at Pershing Square West (42nd Street at Park Avenue)
*Saturdays to coincide with Summer Streets event.

Wednesdays 12:30 - 1:30pm
Free Outdoor Concerts at 345 Park Avenue (51st Street) on the outdoor plaza
The Rudin Family is bringing its summer lunchtime concert series back throughout the summer.
August 4 – Saints in the City
August 11 – Don’t Wake Daddy
August 18 – Susan D Band
August 25 – Blu Cha Cha
September 1 – Head over Heels
View the full series schedule at grandcentralpartnership.nyc/news/events/dont-miss-these-free-outdoor-concerts-345-park-avenue.

through August 11  (Wednesdays)
Music on the Green with Carnegie Hall at Madison Square Park
In collaboration with Carnegie Hall, Music on the Green is a free concert series inspired by Maya Lin’s 
Ghost Forest art installation that brings artists from Carnegie Hall’s Ensemble Connect to reflect on 
the themes of the exhibition. Full schedule madisonsquarepark.org/community/calendar/event/music-on-the-green-series.

through August 25
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays  7:30 - 8:30am
Tai Chi classes at Bryant Park
Just added: New Tai Chi classes on Wednesdays in August on the Upper Terrace, at other times on 
the Fountain Terrace. Learn and master this Chinese martial art for health and self-defense. Learn 
more at bryantpark.org/programs/tai-chi.

through September 20  7pm
Bryant Park Picnic Performances
Twenty-five live and in-person music, dance, and theater events. All events are free and open to the 
public with limited capacity and audience registration required. Nearly all of the events will be 
available for the public to livestream. See the full schedule at bryantpark.org/series/Bryant-park-picnics and learn more about the NYC Opera performances at bryantpark.org/programs/opera.

August 2  2pm
Webinar Criminal Justice During COVID
What has gone wrong within the New York criminal justice system during the pandemic and how to better prepare for the future, hosted by the Fortune Society and the COVID Justice Coalition. Register at fortunesociety.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dzL BjMocQyuADfFMnuPtRg.
August 2  5pm
(w webinar) Better Understanding the Risk of Delta
Join City Council Member Levine for a live-streamed Q&A with Dr. Wafaa El-Sadr, an international expert in epidemiology and research on the prevention of infectious diseases at Columbia University. They will take your questions on the Delta variant, NYC’s vaccination efforts, and other important COVID related topics. Register at us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_klS1Z47ATf2nAsjWiiYBcw.

Tuesdays  10:30am (through August 17)
StoryTime in Bryant Park with Cali Co Cat
Cali Co Cat and her carousel pals get you jumpin’ and leapin’ with fun, games and stories to boot! Join them at the Upper Terrace for this super fun and free story time for kids! Perfect for kids ages 2-8. Learn more at bryantpark.org/programs/StoryTime.

August 3   5 – 8pm
National Night Out Against Crime NYC
Join this annual family-friendly community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out, which takes place on the first Tuesday in August, enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community.

The 17th Precinct, National Night Out will be in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (47th Street between 1st & 2nd Avenue). There will be food compliments of Ali Baba Turkish Cuisine, live music by B.D. Lenz, carnival games for kids, photo ops with police vehicles, crime prevention information and more. Flyer

The 13th Precinct Community Council & Office of Community Affairs for food, fun, and music at the MS 104 Playground, 20th Street and 2nd Avenue. There will be entertainment, safety/health information, and promotional giveaways.

August 3   6pm
(w webinar) Introduction to Residential Property Management
Presented by the NYC Dept. of Housing Preservation and Development. Learn the basics of managing residential property in New York City, including the roles of key City agencies and what they require. Participants will learn the advantages of owning rental property and assessing one’s own management skills. Learn about navigating the roles and responsibilities of the following key
New York City agencies: Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD); Department of Finance (DOF); Department of Buildings (DOB); Department of Health (DOHMH); Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Register at zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMlcOqqpzwsE9K78WLqpUDadheuxpY0QZ30.

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**SUMMER STREETS 2021**

**Event Map**

August 7 & August 14  7am - 1pm

Summer Streets will open 6.9 miles of Park Avenue and connecting streets, from the Brooklyn Bridge to Central Park, to pedestrians, cyclists and joggers. Enjoy free fitness classes, performances and workshops on car-free streets.

nyc.gov/SummerStreets
#SummerStreets

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**August 7 & August 14  7am - 1pm**

**Summer Streets**

Run, walk, bike, play, eat! NYC's original seven miles of car-free open streets returns for two Saturdays in August! Park Avenue from Brooklyn Bridge to Central Park. NYC DOT hosts free public art installations, performances and activities at five Rest Stops along the route. Partners may include city agencies, nonprofit organizations, performers and visual artists. Activities promote fitness and outdoor recreation. Learn more at www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/summerstreets/html/home/home.shtml.

On both Summer Streets Saturdays, from 11:30am to 3:30pm, Grand Central Partnership will be hosting free musical performances in Pershing Square Plaza as part of our Pershing Square Sounds series.
August 12 3 - 4pm
August 26 3 - 4pm

**New York Public Library Book Club in Bryant Park**
Join fellow enthusiasts and expert literary facilitators to discuss classics and graphic novels in the park’s outdoor Reading Room. Produced in partnership with Penguin Random House. All events are free and open to the public. Free books while supply lasts.


**August 26**: Fiction, Kalyn Fogarty, What We Carry: A Novel (Crooked Lane), Hosted by Kelly Coyle-Crivelli, Penguin Random House. At Bryant Park’s Reading Room. Learn more at bryantpark.org/events/2021/08/26/bookclub.

August 15 (deadline)
The Federal Government has extended the health marketplace open enrollment.

December 31 (deadline)

**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. If you would like to consult with a trained representative at no charge prior to selecting your health insurance plan, Navigator Sites are an excellent resource. The following is the contact information for a local Navigator Site: Community Service Society of New York, telephone 888-614-5400.

August 16 (deadline for submissions)

**AKC Museum of the Dog’s "Salute to Search and Rescue Dogs" Art Contest**
This upcoming September will mark the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on 9/11. To commemorate, the AKC and Museum of the Dog want to take time to honor the search and rescue dogs that participated in the rescue and recovery efforts in the aftermath of the attacks. The AKC and Museum of the Dog is asking participants to create a painting that captures the heroism of the search and rescue dogs. Everyone is encouraged to participate, no matter your artistic ability. The top five’s art will be on display on the walls of the third floor of the museum as part of the new exhibit, 9/11 Remembered: Search & Rescue Dogs, opening in September. The winner of the contest will receive a cash prize and their art will be available for purchase at the museum gift shop. Submit your art at museumofthedog.org/events-and-education/calendar/salute-to-search-rescue-dogs-art-contest. AKC Museum of the Dog, 101 Park Avenue. Telephone: 212-696-8360.
August 17  1 - 4pm
(virtual) Education in New York
After a year of remote education, how will New York schools adapt for the upcoming school year? City & State’s Education in New York event will address this question and more. The virtual event will feature keynote remarks by Lester W. Young, Jr., Chancellor, Board of Regents University of the State of New York & Meisha Porter, Chancellor, New York City Department of Education. Panel topics include: Public Schools in a Post COVID-19 World, Higher Education Plans for New York, Erasing Education Disparities in New York. Free. Register at cityandstateny.com/feature/education-new-york-summit. For more information on programming and speaking opportunities, please contact Lissa Blake at lblake@cityandstateny.com.

August 21
Help Keep Murray Hill Clean—join us every third Saturday of the month!
Or adopt a block and tend to your block any time that’s convenient for you! It’s a Green & Clean initiative with the Murray Hill Neighborhood Association. For more information about our Adopt-a-Block program contact greenandclean@murrayhillnyc.org. The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association Green & Clean Committee is also looking for volunteers to help organize our campaigns and events.

August 26  5-6pm
Nutrition for Rehab Online Webinar
(Free) Learn all about nutrition, recovery, and more. Presented by SPEAR physical therapists Eric Finkelstein, PT, DPT and Kruti Shah, PT, DPT, MS host this webinar to teach you about Nutrition and Risk of injury, Recovery, and Performance. The team will discuss some general guidelines and how nutrition pertains to each of these phases of care. They will also be joined by a nutritionist to help
answer any questions and provide specifics on important factors to keep in mind to mitigate injury risk, optimize recovery, and maximize performance. Join in from a laptop, phone, or desktop computer! Register at eventbrite.com/e/nutrition-for-rehab-online-webinar-tickets-159684381283.

August 29 1:30-3pm
Walking Tour of Historic Murray Hill
Join friends and neighbors for a guided walking tour around Historic Murray Hill. See historic landmarks such as the Morgan Library, the Polish Consulate and the Union League Club. Learn about the architectural richness of the buildings, the notable architects who built them and the famous people who lived in them. The tour covers the area from Madison to Third Avenue and 34th to 40th Street, and is both educational and entertaining. You will walk away with a new appreciation of this very special neighborhood. Your tour guide will be Paula Thomson. Paula has been a Murray Hill resident for 40 years. She was a graphic designer at the American Kennel Club, when it was located at 38th & Madison. A licensed NYC tour guide, she has worked the City Sights double-decker buses and instituted the monthly Murray Hill tours. People who attend this in-person tour must wear masks and socially distance. Attendance is restricted to 8 guests. Tickets $10 MHNA members/$20 non-members, includes brochure. We will contact you the morning of the tour if the weather is questionable. Meet at 37th Street & Park Avenue (45 Park Avenue). Register online.

August 30 deadline to apply
Affordable Housing Lottery Launches For 232 East 54th Street In Midtown East, Manhattan
July 4, 2021, newyorkyimby.com/2021/07, by Vanessa Londono
The affordable housing lottery has launched for The Gilroy, a 40-story tower at 232 East 54th Street in Midtown East, Manhattan. Designed by Ismael Leyva, the Art Deco-inspired high-rise yields 130 units...Available on NYC Housing Connect are 40 units for residents at 70 to 130 percent of the area
median income (AMI), ranging in eligible income from $45,566 to $167,570... A percentage of units are set aside for: Vision/Hearing, Mobility; preference for a percentage of units goes to: NYC Employee, Community Board Resident. To apply, set up an account at Housing Connect housingconnect.nyc.gov/PublicWeb.

August 31 (deadline to apply)
Applications for the Excelsior Scholarship for the 2021-22 academic school year are now open
The Excelsior Scholarship, in combination with other aid programs, allows eligible full-time students to attend a SUNY or CUNY two-year or four-year college tuition-free. To be eligible for an Excelsior Scholarship for the 2021-22 academic year, household federal adjusted gross income can total up to $125,000. Student must also meet the following eligibility requirements: plan to attend a SUNY or CUNY two or four-year college, complete 30 credits per year towards their program of study (including Summer and Winter terms), be on track to graduate on time with an Associate’s Degree in two years or a Bachelor’s Degree in four years, recipients must also plan to live in New York State for the length of time they received the award. The 2021-22 Excelsior Scholarship application is open to first-time students entering college in the Fall 2021 and current college students who have never received the Excelsior Scholarship. Current Excelsior Scholarship recipients should not complete this application. Apply at webapps.hesc.ny.gov/questionnaire/page.hesc?questionnaireId=58&versionNumber=4. Students eligible for the Excelsior Scholarship under the Senator José Peralta New York State DREAM Act can apply at nysdream.applyists.net/Account/LogOn?ReturnUrl=%2f.

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**July/August 2021**

**A Special Summer Youth Justice Exhibit: NOT JUST US**
Hosted by Gallery35. Seven young photographers ages 14-17 share their works produced during a 10-week photography workshop called *ALL 8*. Using all eight Unitarian Universalist principles as their lens, concepts such as social and environmental justice, equity, compassion, liberty, identity and radical inclusion are transformed through the visual medium, challenging all of us to consider what it means to put our faith into action. [gallery35nyc.com/on-exhibit-now](http://gallery35nyc.com/on-exhibit-now). Gallery35, 30 East 35th Street, gallery35nyc.com, gallery35ny@gmail.com, 917-566-0708.

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**Important Murray Hill Election Dates for 2021**

Check your registration status and poll site, register, apply for an absentee ballot, generate a sample ballot, and track your absentee ballot at the NYC Board of Elections [vote.nyc](http://vote.nyc).

Information about the candidates can be found at [voting.nyc/meet-the-candidates](http://voting.nyc/meet-the-candidates).

Check the status of your absentee ballot at [nycabsentee.com/tracking](http://nycabsentee.com/tracking).

NYC BOARD OF ELECTIONS – UNOFFICIAL election night results for Manhattan (7/2/2021) [web.enrboenyc.us/C1.html](http://web.enrboenyc.us/C1.html). The Voter Assistance Advisory Committee (VAAC) advises the Campaign Finance Board on its voter engagement efforts and recommends legislative and administrative changes to improve NYC elections. If you have comments, you can email them to Jordan Pantalone at [jpantalone@nyccfb.info](mailto:jpantalone@nyccfb.info).

(Official election results for Murray Hill have been posted at [vote.nyc/page/election-results-summary](http://vote.nyc/page/election-results-summary)) The NYC Board of Elections posts election results for ranked choice voting (tentative final results) after the June 22 Primary Election.

**October 8** Voter Registration deadline for the November General Election

**October 23 - 31** Early voting for the General Election

**October 26** Absentee ballot request deadline (online or by mail) for the General Election

**November 1** Absentee ballot request deadline (in person) for the General Election. For Manhattan, the Board of Elections office is at 200 Varick Street, 10 Floor, Tel 1-212-886-
Recurring events

Free Vision Screenings: University Eye Center
Screenings are by appointment only. Infants under 18 months can have a complete eye exam done for free instead of a screening. Phone 212-938-4001 Monday - Friday (9am - 5pm) and Saturday (8:30am - 4:30pm). Location: University Eye Center, SUNY College of Optometry, 33 W. 42nd Street. Every month they offer free vision screenings. Call 888-601-8811 for more information or visit universityeycenter.org to learn more. See the full calendar at https://sunyopt.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/UEC_Calendar_2021_NB.pdf.

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.

(second Tuesday of each month) 4-6pm
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/1FAIpQLSe3qy5LrnKZKXrZN1HN824H0NYB2Ny6GFAp4b2Pkg0kdGdL-w/viewform
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.

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

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**Neighborhood events**

**IMPORTANT NOTE.** Many cultural event spaces are reopening. Some events will be virtual or may take place with modifications. Many museums are opening with advance ticketing, timed entry and reduced capacity. Check their 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 Jill Novenski 212-683-4988 X 117 or jnovenski@ccny.org. [ccny.org](http://ccny.org).
at The Community Church of NY
40 East 35th Street (RE Classrooms)

The New York Design Center at 200 Lex
Hosts virtual events: tours, discussions, online social events, courses, and more.
200 Lexington Avenue, 212-679-9500, nydc.com. See their schedule at nydc.com/events.

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.
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](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**
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). Tap "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 legislar.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

17th Precinct NYPD 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 offers grab-and-go service at select locations as part of their gradual reopening. Library cards are free, and enable you to take out books and e-books, attend free classes and more. Apply for a card at nypl.org/library-card.

Grab & Go Service is now available at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Libraries (formerly called Mid-Manhattan Library, 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.

The New York Public Library’s research centers will reopen for limited onsite access to the computers and collections starting Monday, May 10, 2021.

Tech kits for performing artists are now available through New York Public Library grab-and-go locations. Learn about the kits, which include audio- and video-recording equipment, and how to borrow one at nypl.org/research/lpa/tech-kits. Grab & Go Locations nypl.org/locations/grab-and-go.

Online events and classes

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. Some of the Mid-Manhattan Branch programs and collections have been relocated to the Schwarzman Building.

(now open) 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 building and is now called the Thomas Yoseloff Business Center. Some research materials have been relocated to the Schwarzman Building. Many free events and workshops for small businesses, individuals and families.
Calendar
Virtual counseling
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: Consultations: If you need help doing research for your business, or figuring out what Library resources can help with your business projects, NYPL Librarians are providing 30-minute video consultations that are free, confidential, and completely tailored to your needs. Book your consultation at nypl.org/help/services/smallbiz/consultation. And if you don’t have a Library card or don’t live in NYC, you can still make an appointment and NYPL Librarians will help you with your research. Learn more.

For workers who are looking to change jobs or find a job: The NYPL Librarians can tell you about tools to help with your job search.

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. Performances, yoga, exercise classes, dance movement classes, Tai Chi, family friendly activities, game nights, ping pong, juggling and more. See the Bryant Park calendar for the full listing of events at bryantpark.org.

CUNY Graduate Center Calendar
Music-in-Midtown Free and open to the public.
Free Public Events at The Gotham Center for New York History
GC Presents
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 relating to business)  eship@baruch.cuny.edu
55 Lexington Avenue (at 25th Street) "The Tower", Suite 2-140

**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].

Scandinavia House
58 Park Avenue (between 37th & 38th Street), 212-779-3587, scandinaviahouse.org, info@amscan.org. Art exhibits, performances, talks, book club, childrens’ activities, Smörgås Chef restaurant, shop featuring Scandinavian clothing, jewelry, housewares, books, food, and more (open by appointment). Reopening October 2021.

Grand Central Terminal
**Every day at 12:30pm (schedule may change, check website for updates)**
**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 (suspended until further notice)**
Walking Tour of the Grand Central Neighborhood
The Grand Central Partnership offers a no-reservations-required free walking tour that provides a survey of many architecturally and historically significant sights around Grand Central Terminal. For additional information visit grandcentralpartnership.nyc/thingsto-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)