



Murray Hill

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Upcoming Events...January 3, 2022

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Traffic & transportation advisories

Alternate Side Parking (street cleaning) regulations will be suspended on Monday, January 3, 2022 for snow operations. Meters will remain in effect. Snow is expected Monday morning and early afternoon. One to 2 inches of snow are expected.

Temporary service suspensions

Service on some subway lines is temporarily suspended from time to time, as a result of MTA staff shortages due to COVID-19. Learn more at new.mta.info.

Information is also available on the [MHNA website](http://www.mhna.org).

Christmas tree disposal

through January 9

NYC Department of Parks Christmas tree disposal "Mulchfest"

Drop off your Christmas tree at Stuyvesant Town (chipping) or Union Square Park (drop off only) through 1/9-22 during park hours, and your tree will get a second life as wood chip mulch. Remove all

ornaments, lights, tinsel, and stands. See details about schedules and locations where the service is offered nycgovparks.org/highlights/festivals/mulchfest.

DSNY Curbside Collections

Weather permitting, the NYC Department of Sanitation will be conducting curbside collections for mulching and recycling of natural Christmas trees from Thursday, January 6 through Saturday, January 15. Remove all lights, ornaments, tinsel and stand before placing at the curb. For more information, please visit DSNY's Curbside Collections website www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/services/food-scrap-and-yard-waste-page/christmas-trees.

How you can help: volunteering, training, job opportunities, surveys...

Join a MHNA committee

[Learn more](#) about the Murray Hill Neighborhood Association committees. If you would like to join a committee please contact info@murrayhillnyc.org.

January 25-26

HOPE NYC 2022

On Tuesday, January 25, the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) will conduct its annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE) Survey, a point-in-time survey undertaken each winter that helps the City estimate the number of unsheltered New Yorkers living on the street on one of the coldest nights of the year. Volunteers are needed from approximately 10pm to 4am on the night of January 25. Please visit nyc.gov/hope to learn more and to register.

DCP Seeks Input for Urban Design Resource Being Created for and with Communities

The NYC Department of City Planning launched an interactive urban design website www1.nyc.gov/assets/planning/download/pdf/planning-level/urban-design/urban-design-principle-one-pager.pdf that will allow the public to give input on updating the Principles of Good Urban Design, a resource that communities can use to help advocate for their needs, both present and future ones. Please visit the interactive website goodurbandesign.nyc to give your feedback. Feedback will be accepted through the end of the calendar year. All feedback will help inform DCP's update to their Principles of Good Urban Design, which will be released in early 2022.

Pandemic updates

The Covid-19 transmission rate for NYC is high. Transmission data shows how much the virus is spreading. Citywide, hospitalizations are increasing, and covid is more prevalent in children than before. **In Murray Hill** (zip codes 10016, 10017) transmission rate is **"high"** but the rate has decreased in the past week. Data taken on **January 1, 2022**. The highly contagious Omicron variant is now prevalent. Covid data taken from www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data.page.

To protect yourself and stop the spread of the virus, precautions should be taken:

- get vaccinated (get the booster when eligible)
- wear a mask in public places
- practice social distancing
- practice hand hygiene
- stay home if sick or if you test positive for covid-19 (stay home for at least 5 days after symptoms are gone) and wear a mask while at home and for at least 10 days. (seek care if seriously ill)
- Get tested if you have been in a gathering with people outside your household.

More details about covid-19 are towards the [bottom of this newsletter](#).

A couple of neighborhood locations for rapid testing, found on the NY State testing search tool coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you. You can search for your zip code on this page. Ask whether there is a charge for the testing.

Healthsource Pharmacy II, 120 East 34th Street, New York, NY 10016, 212-481-6600, Rapid Testing Results in 0-60 Minutes, Appointment Required, Antibody testing icon Testing Available for Children 3+ Years Old. Book convenient, safe, and secure testing at myrx.io from your mobile device or <https://prescriptive.com/individual-myrx-io>. FDA authorized testing from your local trusted clinician.

Midtown New York Doctors Walk-In Urgent Care, 205 Lexington Ave, New York, NY 10016, 212-684-4700. Rapid Testing Results in 15 Minutes.

In-Home Testing for Immunocompromised New Yorkers and Those Ages 65 and Older

Those who are 65 and older or are immunocompromised can schedule a free at-home COVID test. You can find more information about the program at nyhealthandhospitals.org/pressrelease/nyc-test-trace-announces-at-home-testing-for-immunocompromised-and-those-ages-65. Appointments for at-home testing are available seven days per week, from 9am – 7pm. New Yorkers may schedule an appointment by calling 929-298-9400. Please answer your phone if you make an appointment. Testers will want to confirm the appointment, and their phone number may not indicate that they are testers calling.

Back to school

Health officials are urging parents to get their children vaccinated. Starting Jan. 3, coronavirus test kits will be sent home with students who've had contact with the virus at school. Asymptomatic students who test negative can go back to school the next day and will be given a second at-home test within a week. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control calls this the school "test to stay" approach. The city will also do more in-school testing, and will test both unvaccinated and vaccinated students. Parents are still required to send in a consent form to have their child tested at school. De Blasio and health officials assert that classrooms are the safest place for city kids, noting that schools have a lower rate of infection than the city's community rate.

Paxlovid (Pfizer) and Molnupiravir (Merck) are authorized as emergency use treatments by the FDA. At this time, there is a limited supply of these medications, and they are only available by prescription to individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 and are at highest risk for severe illness from the Coronavirus.

[NYC EMS Faces Record Staffing Shortage As 911 Calls For COVID-Like Symptoms Surge](#)

December 29, 2021, *gothamist.com*, by Gwynne Hogan, WNYC

No, it's not in your head. There are more ambulance sirens blaring around New York City. Daily calls to 911 for fevers and coughs have more than doubled since the start of December...A department spokesperson is also reporting that more paramedics and EMTs are currently out sick relative to any other point in the pandemic...New Yorkers [should] reserve calling 911 just for life-threatening emergencies.



More details about covid-19 are at the bottom of this newsletter, including transmission and vaccination statistics for zip code 10016 and 10017.

Learn more at murrayhillnyc.org.

[Testing](#)

[Vaccinations](#)

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

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

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

For businesses and nonprofits

Ongoing

Webinars for businesses

The NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS) is hosting several free webinars providing information and resources for NYC small businesses. Schedule of upcoming webinars eventbrite.com/o/nyc-department-of-small-business-services-5423713077. You can also view recorded webinars on-demand.

Additional free webinars are available through SCORE, a U.S. Small Business Administration affiliate. Learn more about the [schedule and how to register](#).

If your business is facing a real-time emergency, you may contact Small Business Services (SBS) by calling 311 or 212-618-8810. To connect with the SBS Emergency Response Unit & Intergovernmental Services, please e-mail ERU@sbs.nyc.gov

Mondays 4pm

(virtual) NYC Nightlife, Elevate: Nightlife Mental Health

An initiative launched by the NYC Office of Nightlife and the Mayor's Office of Community Mental Health, in partnership with Backline. This new partnership invites members of NYC's nightlife community, including hospitality business owners, workers and performers, to join free weekly Backline support groups to address trauma and stress in the nightlife industry. Learn more at backline.care/nyc-nightlife-support-group. ZOOM ID 856 3024 7875.

January 31 (submission deadline)

(for businesses) New York StartUP! 2022 Business Plan Competition

This fall the Thomas Yoseloff Business Center is launching the 12th Annual New York StartUP! Business Plan Competition for New York-based startup entrepreneurs. Entrants can win \$15,000 to start their business, as well as gain practical insights about starting and growing a business while using the comprehensive small business resources at NYPL's Thomas Yoseloff Business Center. Visit nypl.org/help/services/startup for updates.

January 31

Important January Tax Deadlines

W-2s are due to the IRS and employees by January 31.

1099-NEC forms for nonemployee payments (if totaling more than \$600 in 2021) are due to the IRS and payee by January 31.

Small businesses can get free help with building or upgrading their website

This program is offered by the NYC [Small Business Services Tech Corps Pilot](#). Apply through SBS Connect sbsconnect.nyc.gov.

Upcoming events

Enrollment is now open

The Federal Communications Commission's Affordable Connectivity Program

Households fully enrolled in the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program as of December 31, 2021 will continue to receive their current monthly benefit until March 1, 2022. More information about steps current Emergency Broadband Benefit recipients must take to continue receiving the Affordable Connectivity Program benefit after March 1, 2022 will be available in the coming weeks. Learn more about the Affordable Connectivity Program at fcc.gov/acp.

January 3 11am

(virtual) Meeting of the Independent Redistricting Commission

Purpose: To conduct the business of the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission. Pursuant to Article III Section 5-b and Section 94 of the Legislative Law, the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission has been constituted to determine the district lines for congressional and state legislative offices. This meeting shall be convened to discuss the following agenda: Vote on Proposed Plans to be sent to the legislature. The meeting of the Independent Redistricting Commission shall be open to the Public and shall be streamed online at nyirc.gov. A recording of the meeting shall also be available to the Public. Please note the livestream button will be appear on www.nyirc.gov main page shortly before the meeting. The watch live button will be near the social media icon buttons. You may also click [this link to watch](#).

(comments are still being accepted)

New York: MTA Central Business District Tolling Program (congestion pricing) proposal

Learn more at the following websites:

Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) new.mta.info/project/CBDTP

Department of Transportation (DOT) www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/dntwnbkfactsheet.pdf

If you would like to comment on the Congestion Pricing proposal:

Online: Submit a comment at mta-nyc.custhelp.com/app/cbd_tolling

Email: CBDTP@mtabt.org

Mail: CBD Tolling Program, 2 Broadway, 23rd Floor, New York, NY 10004

Phone: 646-252-7440

Fax: 212-504-3148

ongoing

Rat Academy Training

For building managers, superintendents, tenants, community gardeners, etc. see training schedule at www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/services/rats-control-training.page.

Learn more at www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/rats.page.

January 10 5pm

Deadline for comments accepted for the DEIS - Proposed Pennsylvania Station Area Civic and Land Use Improvement Project (formerly known as The Empire Station Complex Civic and Land Use Improvement Project)

See public documents on ESD's website at: esd.ny.gov/empire-station-complex. **Comments on the GPP and the revisions proposed by ESD staff and the DEIS (Draft Environmental Impact Statement) are requested.** Comments may be delivered in writing to ESD, 633 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017 (Attention: Stacey Teran), on or before **5pm on Monday, January 10, 2022**; or sent by e-mail to empirestation@esd.ny.gov, on or before 5pm on Monday, January 10, 2022. Written or e-mailed comments received after 5pm on Monday, January 10, 2022 will not be considered. All verbal comments made at the public hearing and all written comments received by ESD prior to 5pm on Monday, January 10, 2022 will be considered by ESD prior to final consideration of the GPP and issuance of the FEIS (Final Environmental Impact Statement).

Second Public Hearing, January 20 5pm. Learn more at esd.ny.gov/sites/default/files/Penn-Station-Public-Hearing-Notice-publish-121621-corrected-link.pdf.

Related: Press release from Governor, November 3, 2021, [Governor Hochul Unveils Commuter-First Vision for Penn Station and Revitalized Surrounding Neighborhood](#)

Related: [MTA chair: 10 new towers may not fund Penn Station expansion \(paywall\)](#)

October 27, 2021, *therealdeal.com*, by Kathryn Brenzel

Citing lowered value of commercial property, Janno Lieber said his focus is overhauling existing transit hub...In a statement Tuesday, Lieber said the MTA has "complete confidence that there will ultimately be a robust market for commercial real estate near Penn Station."..."The MTA's immediate focus is to develop a strategy with our colleagues at Amtrak and NJ Transit to jointly fund improvements to existing Penn Station, which is owned by Amtrak, and to prepare for that future demand."

Share your feedback online

DOT citywide listening sessions about the NYC Master Streets Plan

The New York City Department of Transportation wants to hear from you about the NYC Streets Plan! Learn more at www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/about/nyc-streets-plan.shtml. Share your feedback at nycdotsurveys.info/survey/share-thought-nyc-street-plan.

ongoing

Department of Buildings hosts live bi-weekly Q&A session and industry meetings (Manhattan)

Live Q&A Sessions - Bi-weekly online Q&A Session for property owners, registered design professionals, filing representatives and other licensees/registrants provides a space for attendees to ask job specific questions for filings in DOB NOW, the Buildings Information System (BIS), or general questions about permits, Construction Codes, Zoning Regulations, sign offs, certificates of occupancy, place of assembly, equipment installations, violations and civil penalties, etc.

Monthly Industry Meetings – a monthly online, borough-specific industry session for registered design professionals to discuss policy and business process questions that are not job specific. The meetings will also include a review of recent updates and policy decisions. See the above link for the schedule.

Learn more and see the schedule of upcoming sessions at www1.nyc.gov/site/buildings/dob/upcoming-events.page.



January 1 – February 28

Virtual exhibit at Gallery35: Silhouette Snapshots

Artists Bev Thompson and Marsha Peruo capture silhouettes, shadows and illusions through a unique and creative lens. Their eye captures contrasting light and dark, straight and curved lines, figure-ground textures and color for enhanced contrast. View the online gallery montage and exhibit at gallery35nyc.com/on-exhibit-now. Gallery35, gallery35ny@gmail.com, 30 East 35th Street, 917-566-0708, gallery35nyc.com.

January 6 11am

(virtual) Public Hearing on Open Restaurant Outdoor Heating Expenses Reimbursement

The NYC Department of Small Business Services will hold a public hearing on a proposed rule to add a reimbursement to fund certain outdoor heating expenses incurred by food service establishments. The hearing will happen by video conference. For more information on the hearing and on how to join it, please visit the notice for the hearing files.constantcontact.com/ef416ee8001/f8b0355d-84d6-4d72-ab01-c61d550aa759.pdf. You can submit comments to the DSBS through the NYC Rules website at rules.cityofnewyork.us.

January 6 7 – 8:30pm

Coop, Condo, and Homeowner Assistance Town Hall (for low- and middle-income owners)

Are you a low or middle-income coop shareholder, condo owner, or small homeowner who has been financially affected by COVID-19 and have fallen behind in your mortgage, property taxes, or monthly maintenance fees? You may be eligible for help from the New York State Homeowner Assistance Fund, which will start accepting applications on January 3rd. The Homeowner Assistance Fund is a federally-funded program administered by the New York State Office of Homes and Community Renewal dedicated to assisting small homeowners, condo owners, and coop shareholders who are at risk of default, foreclosure, or displacement to remain in their homes. Join State Senators Liz Krueger and Brian Kavanagh for a virtual town hall to learn about the fund, see if you are eligible, and get ready to submit an application. Dina Levy, the Senior Vice President for Homeownership and Community Development at NYS Homes and Community Renewal, and Rose Marie Cantanno, the Deputy Director of Consumer Protection at the New York Legal Assistance Group, will provide an overview of the new program, explain the types of assistance available and the application process, and answer your questions. Register at tinyurl.com/NYSHAF-Town-Hall, and you can also submit questions at this link.

through January 18 Kindergarten applications are open

January 10 - February 28 Middle School applications

January 24 - February 28 High School applications

ongoing Elementary School and 3K enrollment

NYC Public School applications

Middle schools won't be allowed to use academic screens, but high schools can. The only screening criteria will be first semester grades from this school year and a work sample (no attendance or state test scores). The screening process will also be managed centrally, rather than by individual schools. High schools will be allowed to use borough and zone geographic priorities. Offers will be sent in May. Learn more at schools.nyc.gov, at schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade and at MySchools NYC myschools.nyc/en (other languages are available), by phone at 718-

935-2009 or at a Family Welcome Center schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enrollment-help/family-welcome-centers.

January 11 12pm

Virtual book talk: *Present Tense Machine* with award-winning Norwegian author Gunnhild Øyehaug and author Jennifer Offill as moderator

Øyehaug will discuss her new novel, *Present Tense Machine*, out January 11 in translation by Karl Dickson from Farrar, Straus and Giroux. On an ordinary day in Bergen, Norway, in the late 1990s, Anna is reading in the garden while her two-year-old daughter, Laura, plays on her tricycle. Then, in one startling moment, Anna misreads a word, an alternate universe opens up, and Laura disappears. Both Anna and Laura continue to exist, but they are invisible to each other and forgotten in each other's worlds. Gunnhild Øyehaug is an award-winning Norwegian poet, essayist, and fiction writer. Her novel *Wait, Blink* was adapted into the acclaimed film *Women in Oversized Men's Shirts*. Øyehaug lives in Bergen, where she teaches creative writing. Jenny Offill is the author of three novels, most recently *Weather* (Knopf, 2020), which was shortlisted for the Women's Prize. She is a visiting writer at Bard College and lives in upstate New York. You may ask questions in the chat or send them in advance to info@amscan.org. [Learn more](#). Free, registration is required at us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MSwp1SPTYaE-0iYTwZ45A. This program is presented by Scandinavia House, 58 Park Avenue, 212-779-3587, scandinaviahouse.org.

January 11 6pm

(virtual) Nordic Book Club: *Dog Park* by acclaimed Finnish-Estonian author Sofi Oksanen

A story of intrigue, betrayal, and murder in the global fertility market. *Dog Park* begins in Helsinki, 2016. Olenka sits on a bench, watching a family play in a dog park, as a stranger sits down beside her. Here they are, together — looking at their own children being raised by other people. Moving seamlessly between modern-day Finland and Ukraine in the early days of its post-Soviet independence, *Dog Park* is a keenly observed, dark, and propulsive novel set at the intersection of East and West, centered on a web of exploitation and the commodification of the female body. Learn more and register at scandinaviahouse.org/events/dog-park-book-club. This program is presented by Scandinavia House, 58 Park Avenue, 212-779-3587, scandinaviahouse.org.

Please Note: Out of an abundance of caution, in response to the recent rise in COVID-19 transmission in New York City, The New York Public Library has paused in-person events

and programs at all locations through January 31, 2022. NYPL will continue to offer online events throughout the month.

January 12 3 - 7pm (look for information about the rescheduled event)

(free and in-person) *The Gift*: a special one-day event at The New York Public Library

The premiere of *The Gift*, an immersive installation that animates contemporary astrophysics research to open up metaphorical space for grief, care, and renewal. Participants gather in a music-filled reading room, where they encounter an all-ages illustrated book—based on the astrophysics research of Dr. Natalie Gosnell. This tender story and playful experience heeds the call of biologist Emily Martin, to “wake the sleeping metaphors of science.” The self-guided immersive installation lasts about 10 minutes. You can register in advance at showclix.com/event/thegift2022/tag/nypleventsenewsletter or visit at any time between 3 and 7pm. If the room is at capacity, you will be asked to wait until space permits. The Gift is a collaborative project between Laia, Dr. Natalie Gosnell, and Andrew Kircher. The book's artwork is by Amy Myers and design by Katie Hodge. The original score is by Tina-Hanaé Miller with arrangement by Solomon Hoffman.

at the New York Public Library Stephen A. Schwarzman Building, 42nd Street & 5th Avenue
Edna Barnes Salomon Room (3rd Floor)

State Senator Liz Krueger’s 2022 Virtual Roundtable Series for Boomers and Seniors: Aging in Place, Living Well in the Community

The majority of older people want to age in place, and it is possible to do so with the right support and planning. This multi-part roundtable series will bring together experts and thought leaders to help us understand some of the vital components needed to age well in our community, including good health care, an accessible apartment, a plan for aging solo, and supportive technology. There will be seven sessions:

Thursday, January 13, 7 – 8:30pm, Good Medical Care As We Age

Thursday, January 20, 10 – 11:30am, The 4 Ms: A Framework for an Age Friendly Health Care System

Wednesday, January 26, 10 – 11:30am, Health Care Proxies and Living Wills

Thursday, February 17, 10 – 11:30am, This is Living: The Age Friendly Home

Thursday, March 31, 10 – 11:30am, Aging Alone Together

Thursday, April 28, 10 – 11:30am, Technology Really Can Help

Thursday, May 19, 10 – 11:30am, Advocating for the Change We Want

RSVP for any or all of the sessions in this year's series at tinyurl.com/2022SeniorRoundtableSeries.

January 14 (letter of intent deadline)

February 24 (grant application deadline)

Manhattan Borough President's capital funding grants

The full application is now open for City of New York entities (including public schools). Apply at

grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=manhattanborough. The MBP's office hasn't yet opened the application for all other categories of applicants (nonprofits, charter schools, etc.), but those entities can submit a request for letters of intent. These letters of intent will help incoming Borough President Mark Levine become familiar with interested organizations and their projects. Submit your organization's letter of intent at grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=manhattanborough by Friday, January 14. (The full application for these organizations will open in January 2022.) Learn more at manhattanbp.nyc.gov/funding/capital-funding. If you have questions, contact Vanessa Diaz-Lopez (vdiaz-lopez@manhattanbp.nyc.gov, 212-669-4814) or Nelson S. Andino (nandino@manhattanbp.nyc.gov, 212-669-8145).

January 15

The NYS Eviction Moratorium ends.

The Morgan Library & Museum

Timed admissions. Proof of vaccination required for visitors age 5 and older. Purchase tickets at themorgan.org / Morgan Library members free. Fridays free from 5 – 7pm. [Reservations required](#).

through January 16, 2022

Another Tradition: Drawings by Black Artists from the American South

through January 23

Imperial Splendor: The Art of the Book in the Holy Roman Empire, ca. 800–1500. Learn more at themorgan.org/exhibitions/imperial-splendor.

Van Eyck to Mondrian: 300 Years of Collecting in Dresden. Learn more at themorgan.org/exhibitions/van-eyck-to-mondrian.

The Morgan Library & Museum
225 Madison Avenue (between 36th & 37th Street)
212-685-0008
themorgan.org.

January 21 6pm

Metropolitan Synagogue Shabbat Services

Metropolitan Synagogue is excited to return to in-person Shabbat services with Sephardi virtuoso and singer Avram Pengas at their new location, Scandinavia House. Join them for a musically uplifting Shabbat service and a time to meet and greet friends, old and new. All are welcome and bring your friends! Please email inquiries@metropolitansynagogue.org if you will be in attendance and have any questions. Proof of vaccination required for entry.

at Scandinavia House
58 Park Avenue (between 37th & 38th Street)

January 26 1 - 2pm

(virtual) Webinar Series on Healthy Living in the Community: Staying Active As You Get Older

Kate Baird, a clinical exercise physiologist and Sports Health expert at NYU Langone's Sport Performance Center, will discuss the many health benefits of exercise and will demonstrate some easy activities seniors can do right at home to improve strength, flexibility, and cardiovascular fitness. All are welcome to attend. Please register at zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mo3_qqcTNCQyuleMLfDng. This series is co-sponsored by Community Board 6 and NYU Langone.

January 27 7:30pm

Keyboard Conversations with pianist Jeffrey Siegel: *Music of Joy and Peace*

Internationally acclaimed pianist Jeffrey Siegel returns for his Keyboard Conversations® series. Each evening comprises an informal commentary on the music and its composers, a full performance of each work, and a short Q & A session. The format enables audiences to build an understanding of classical music whether newcomer or seasoned listener. Purchase tickets scandinaviahouse.org/events/music-joy-peace, \$25/\$20 ASF Members. Series pass (4 concerts) \$80 (\$64 ASF Members). Tickets to this event must be purchased in advance online here or at the link below. The series will continue with performances on March 10, and May 5.

at Scandinavia House

58 Park Avenue (between 37th & 38th Street)

January 28 (application deadline for public space programming)

April 28 (application deadline for Open Streets)

The NYC Dept. of Transportation is now accepting applications

For new and returning [Open Streets](#) (deadline is 4/28/22).

For [Public Space Programming](#), which are free arts, culture, fitness, or educational experiences (deadline is 1/28/22).

January 28 (application deadline)

Manhattan Borough President's Cultural Tourism Grants

The Manhattan Borough President administers Cultural Tourism Grants in partnership with the NYC & Co. Foundation. These small grants support arts and culture organizations and promote tourism to all neighborhoods in Manhattan hosting music, theater, walking tours, festivals, and film screenings. Learn more at manhattanbp.nyc.gov/funding/cultural-tourism-grants. Apply at grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=manhattanborough.

At the AKC Museum of the Dog



Once you reserve your free ticket to AKC Museum of the Dog's *9/11 Remembered* exhibit, you will be sent an email containing the link to the virtual tour. Please email info@museumofthedog.org if you need assistance. This is a **free** virtual tour, but donations are greatly appreciated. Access the tour at akcmotd.ticketing.veevartapp.com/tickets/view/list/911-remembered-search-and-rescue-dogs-virtual-tour. And don't forget to check out the shop at the Museum of the Dog museumofthedog.org/shop for your holiday gift items!



open through March 6, 2022

Bank of America Winter Village at Bryant Park

Enjoy New York City's only free admission ice skating rink, the Holiday Shops, and rinkside eats and drinks. This 17,000 square foot rink features free admission ice skating, high quality rental skates, and free skating shows, events, and activities. The Rink is open daily through March 6, 2022. [Sign up for their newsletter and for ticket updates](#) throughout the season. [Learn more.](#)

Tuesdays & Thursdays 6am & 7am

Freestyle Skate at the Bryant Park Ice Rick

For experienced skaters, freestyle skate sessions before the Rink officially opens. Try out tricks, bring a coach, or just enjoy the peaceful quiet morning! Tickets can be booked online at bryantpark.org/amenities/bank-of-america-winter-village-at-bryant-park.



through March 26, Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 12 - 6pm

The Experimental Self: Edvard Munch's Photography

(Free) Internationally celebrated for his paintings, prints, and watercolors, Norwegian artist Edvard Munch (1863–1944) also took photographs. This exhibition includes Munch's experimental portraiture of friends and family as well as his self-portraiture, including images from what he termed

his "Fatal Destiny" portfolio. By probing and exploiting the dynamics of "faulty" practice, such as distortion, blurred motion, eccentric camera angles, and other photographic "mistakes," Munch's photographs are poetic. This exhibition is organized by American-Scandinavian Foundation with The Munch Museum in Oslo. Proof of vaccination required to enter the building.

at Scandinavia House

58 Park Avenue

scandinaviahouse.org

212-779-3587

Recurring events

Free Vision Screenings: University Eye Center

Screenings are by appointment only. All ages welcome. 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 universityeyecenter.org to learn more. See the full calendar at https://sunyopt.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/UEC_Calendar_2021_NB.pdf.

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.

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.

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.

Get free and discounted admission to museums, theaters, and other cultural attractions across the city through NYC and Company's ***It's Time for Culture*** deals. Learn more at nycgo.com/neighborhood-getaways/culture/?page=2



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.

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 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 2nd Floor. Please call or email first to confirm schedules and holidays. Just come and sing with us, no reservation necessary (but proof of Covid vaccinations is required for everyone's safety). For more information visit bigapplechorus.org. Telephone: 212 287-5250.
at the Norman Thomas H.S. Auditorium
111 East 33 Street, 2nd Floor



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



[The Morgan Library & Museum Calendar](#)

The Morgan Library & Museum, 225 Madison Avenue at 36th Street. MHNA members can book tickets for The Morgan's public programs (concerts, talks, films, etc.) at The Morgan's member price. This applies to all single events (except for the Orchestra of St. Luke's concerts). 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. Stop by to visit The Morgan's Shop and café. The Morgan Library's Free Friday Nights, take place from 5 to 7 pm every Friday. Enjoy exhibitions, the library, and music in the Gilbert Court. Reservations are required at themorgan.org/visit.

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

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.

Manhattan Borough President Borough Board Meetings (2022 schedule TBD)

manhattanbp.nyc.gov/about/borough-board.



New York
Public
Library

The New York Public Library offers grab-and-go service at select locations.

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. The NYPL will no longer charge late fees, and all prior late fines are cleared.

Please Note: Out of an abundance of caution, in response to the recent rise in COVID-19 transmission in New York City, The New York Public Library has paused in-person events and programs at all our locations through January 31, 2022. NYPL will continue to offer online events throughout the month.

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. *The Polonsky Exhibition of The New York Public Library's Treasures*, Gottesman Hall, free timed tickets available at nypl.org/spotlight/treasures. The exhibition features items from the NYPL renowned research collections. This will be a permanent exhibit with rotating items.

(now open) The [Stavros Niarchos Foundation Libraries](#) (formerly called the [Mid-Manhattan Library](#)) open for Grab & Go Services, browsing and computer services, and more, 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. Roof café.

[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 businesses. Three services are always available:

Virtual Consultations with a Business Librarian. Do you have questions about your business that require research? NYPL Librarians can help and point you in the direction of the resources to help you. libcal.nypl.org/appointments/snfl-business

Job Search Coaching and Resilience Coaching. Feeling stuck and isolated? Looking for a job? Looking for a better life? NYPL coaches offer free and confidential coaching sessions to help you get unstuck and accomplish your goals -- no matter how big or small.

nypl.org/education/adults/career-employment/virtual

Financial, Credit, and Medicare Counseling. NYPL counselors are available to help with free and confidential sessions to answer your questions about your current financial situation, credit issues, medicare and provide the info and guidance you need. nypl.org/help/getting-oriented/financial-literacy/counseling

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](#).

Kips Bay Library (Grab & Go service available, cooling center)

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](#). The CUNY Graduate Center remains closed to everybody except students, faculty, and staff. Reopening plans have not yet been made public, nor when guests will be welcomed back. Their cafeteria is also closed during the pandemic. Free and open to the public in non-pandemic times. [Free Public Events at The Gotham Center for New York History](#). [GC Presents](#). The Martin E. Segal Theater Center, streaming talks and performances during the pandemic on HowlRound howlround.com and Facebook facebook.com/SegalCenter.

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 (temporarily unavailable)

[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/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)

Community Church programs for youth

See the full schedule at ccny.org/children-and-youth

beginning October 21 7 - 8pm

(virtual - Zoom) **Inter-congregational, national online program UU Kids Connect for grades K-8**

The program meets every third Thursday of the month.

NYC reopening

New York State and NYC reached the goal during the early summer 2021 of a 70% vaccination rate for eligible people, and hospitalizations and deaths were low. As a result, most of the covid restrictions were lifted at that time. **However, due to the highly contagious Delta and Omicron variants, the community rate of transmission is now considered to be "high."** The best defense against hospitalization and death is to get vaccinated, and get the booster shot when eligible. Precautions should be taken, such as wearing masks in crowded places. Proof of vaccination is required for most public indoor venues. 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

Federal laws and regulations regarding covid cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cdcresponse/laws-regulations.html

CDC Interim Guidance for Fully Vaccinated People cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html

CDC map of U.S. Community Transmission covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases_community

U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) webpage on covid vaccines fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/covid-19-vaccines

U.S. Department of State COVID-19 Travel Guidance for U.S. Citizens
travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/ea/covid-19-information1.html

If you are planning travel for the fall and winter holidays, you are urged to check your passport expiration date and renew now, if needed.

Federal resources for small businesses that are impacted by covid covid-sb.org.

New York State reopening guidance for businesses forward.ny.gov and governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2021-05/NYS_CDCGuidance_Summary.pdf. Learn more at forward.ny.gov/active-industry-guidance.

New York State information about reopening, covid rates and zones, vaccination program, covid restrictions and guidance, travel advisory, etc. coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home.

New York City covid webpage (for individuals and businesses) www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/index.page.

New York State Business Pandemic Recovery Initiative. The Empire State Development page with information about grants, tax credits, and technical assistance programs for businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Learn more at esd.ny.gov/business-pandemic-recovery-initiative.

New York City Department of Health (DOH) covid webpage www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-main.page

NYC Small Business Services www1.nyc.gov/site/sbs/index.page.

The NYC Citywide Information Portal www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/resources/resources-for-new-yorkers.page and 311 portal.311.nyc.gov have created COVID-specific resource guides for New Yorkers. These resource guides contain information related to emotional well-being, rent and housing, NYCHA residents, and more. Get information and resources to help protect yourself and others from COVID-19 <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-main.page>.

Covid-19 Transmission rate

Data taken from NYC's covid website www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data-neighborhoods.page on **January 1, 2021**. The transmission rate in our neighborhood remains high.

Your Neighborhood: **10016: Kips Bay/Murray Hill/NoMad**

Transmission data shows us how much the virus is spreading. Recent transmission in your ZIP Code and surrounding area:

- **High** transmission
- **1970.57** new cases per 100,000 people in the last seven days.

Your Neighborhood: 10017, 10165, 10167, 10168, 10169, 10170, 10171, 10172, 10173, 10174, 10177: East Midtown/Murray Hill

Transmission data shows us how much the virus is spreading. Recent transmission in your ZIP Code and surrounding area:

- **High** transmission
- **1970.57** new cases per 100,000 people in the last seven days.

Vaccinations

Covid-19 vaccinations are free, and are easily available. Check vaccinefinder.nyc.gov to find places that are offering vaccinations, including 3rd doses and boosters. All New Yorkers age 5+ 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. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has approved Pfizer vaccines for children age 5-11 years. They will receive 2 low dose vaccinations.

A third dose is recommended for immunocompromised people who took the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines.

Booster shots are available for people over 18 years of age who took the Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines. The CDC has also approved booster shots for people over 18 years old, 2 months or more after the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, or 6 months after the second Moderna or Pfizer vaccine. It is permissible to mix and match vaccines. Check with your doctor, pharmacist or vaccination site if you have questions.

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.

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 ask to be vaccinated at home, and can choose which vaccine to get. Use this form to register nyc.gov/homevaccine.

NYC Adults Vaccinated in ZIP Code 10016, 10017.

The percent of NYC adult residents partially and fully vaccinated by modified ZIP Code. Source: www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data-vaccines.page. Snapshot taken on December 19, 2021.

Kips Bay/Murray Hill/NoMad

ZIP Code(s): 10016
Estimated population: 50912.11

99% with at least one dose
53123 residents with at least 1 dose

91.54% fully vaccinated
46605 residents fully vaccinated

East Midtown/Murray Hill

ZIP Code(s): 10017
Estimated population: 15613.27

99% with at least one dose
19954 residents with at least 1 dose

99% fully vaccinated
15995 residents fully vaccinated

NYC and many businesses and organizations are offering incentives for their workers to get vaccinated.

Proof of vaccination. Proof of vaccination is required at many NYC and state indoor venues with gatherings of people. Proof of vaccination can be the vaccination card (or copy of the card) you receive when you are vaccinated, the **Excelsior Pass Plus** or **Excelsior Pass** applications (New York State free official applications, which you can get at epass.ny.gov/home), and the free NYC app **NYC Covid Safe**, which can be downloaded from Apple's App Store or Google Play. You cannot get replacement vaccination cards at this time, but you can get an official record noting you have been vaccinated. Go here for more information www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/services/cir-parents-guardians.page. You may also be asked to show proof of identification.

Update to the Excelsior Pass program. The Excelsior Pass Scanner App can validate passes from U.S. States that issue *SMART Health Cards*, including California, Hawaii, Louisiana, Virginia, and soon, Washington State. This change will enable businesses to use the app for seamless and contactless entry with more patrons from outside of New York.

Learn more at governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-excelsior-pass-first-nation-validate-passes-issued-us-states-based.

All New Yorkers can get tested for coronavirus.

Sites run by New York State are free coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you. You can also check with your doctor, pharmacies and walk-in urgent care to find out if they do testing and if there will be charges.

NYC free testing locations: www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/get-tested/covid-19-testing.page, call 212-COVID19, or text COVID TEST to 855-48.

For Murray Hill/Kips Bay

Bellevue, First Avenue at 26th Street, (free) no appointment necessary; wait times are unpredictable. Be sure that they set up your patient portal so that you can get your results quickly. Test results come back in 1-2 days, usually in less than 24 hours.

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

- get vaccinated, get a booster when eligible
- wear face coverings if you are not vaccinated or if you are in crowded places
- socially distance
- 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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or your membership has lapsed
please [join/renew](#) now

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And, don't forget to tag @MHNAnc
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Visit the MHNA website murrayhillnyc.org
Contact the MHNA by email at info@murrayhillnyc.org

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