



# Murray Hill

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## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

### Upcoming Events...January 17, 2022

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### We observe Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Day today

The Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service is a defining moment each year when Americans across the country step up to make our communities more equitable and take action to create the Beloved Community of Dr. King's dream. While Dr. King believed the Beloved Community was possible, he acknowledged and fought for systemic change. His example is our call to action.

Observed each year on the third Monday in January, MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities. AmeriCorps has been charged with leading this effort for the past quarter century. Learn more at [americorps.gov/newsroom/events/mlk-day](http://americorps.gov/newsroom/events/mlk-day).

Schools, government offices, the Post Office and banks are closed.

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## Traffic & transportation advisories

### The M15 Bus Stop at First Avenue and 31st Street will be moving temporarily

To allow for construction at NYU Langone, the M15 bus stop at First Avenue and 31st Street will be moved for the duration of the project, which is expected to last 2 ½ years. The temporary bus stop will be located at the pedestrian island near the entrance to NYU Langone's Main Lobby (at the crosswalk north of 1st Avenue and 31st Street). The construction will begin at the end of January or beginning of February.

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## Temporary service suspensions

Service on some subway and bus lines is temporarily delayed or suspended from time to time, as a result of MTA staff shortages due to COVID-19. For details visit [new.mta.info](http://new.mta.info).

Information is also available on the [MHNA website](#).

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# How you can help: volunteering, training, job opportunities, surveys, make your views known...

## 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](mailto:info@murrayhillnyc.org).

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## Nationwide Blood Shortage

The need for blood has never been higher. If you would like to donate blood, you can schedule an appointment with the New York Blood Center at [nybc.org/donate-blood/my-landing-page](http://nybc.org/donate-blood/my-landing-page). Two locations in the neighborhood:

Grand Central Donor Center, Chanin Building, 115 East 41st Street, 800-933-2566.

NYPD 13th Precinct (mobile blood donor center), 230 East 21st Street, 212-477-7411.

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January 25-26

## (update) HOPE NYC 2022

Due to the covid surge, the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) will not be using volunteers this year to 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. Please visit [nyc.gov/hope](http://nyc.gov/hope) to learn more.

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## 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](http://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

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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](https://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.

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(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) **Central Business District Tolling Program**  
[new.mta.info/project/CBDTP](https://new.mta.info/project/CBDTP)

Department of Transportation (DOT) [www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/dntwnbkfactsheet.pdf](https://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](https://mta-nyc.custhelp.com/app/cbd_tolling)

Email: [CBDTP@mtabt.org](mailto:CBDTP@mtabt.org)

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

Phone: 646-252-7440

Fax: 212-504-3148

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**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](https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/about/nyc-streets-plan.shtml). Share your feedback at [nycdotsurveys.info/survey/share-thought-nyc-street-plan](https://nycdotsurveys.info/survey/share-thought-nyc-street-plan).

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## **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 continues to decrease in the past week. Data taken on January 15, 2022. The highly contagious Omicron variant is now dominant. Covid data taken from [www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data.page](https://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
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- 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) and wear a mask while at home and for at least 10 days. Notify your doctor if you have covid and 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](#).

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**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](https://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](https://prescriptive.com/individual-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.

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## **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](https://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.

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## **Back to school**

Health officials are urging parents to get their children vaccinated. 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

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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.

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## **[White House announces website to order free COVID-19 tests starting Jan. 19](#)**

January 14, 2022, *thehill.com*, by Peter Sullivan

Each residential address will be limited to four tests. The tests are also expected to take 7-12 days to ship once they are ordered, the White House said....People will be able to order the tests on a new website, [COVIDTests.gov](#), which will go live on Jan. 19.

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**NYC's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) ambulances are currently short-staffed** due to COVID-19. Call 911 only for life-threatening medical emergencies.

**Many hospitals in New York are struggling due to staffing shortages and a high patient volume**, including in NYC. The State Health Department urges you to do the following in order to help reduce the number of people going to hospital Emergency Departments:

- Do not go to the Emergency Department for COVID-19 testing, since this takes up Emergency Department staff and resources. Use COVID-19 testing sites in the community, and people over age 65 and immunocompromised people can also get tested in their homes.
  - Do not go to the Emergency Department if you have very mild symptoms. Treat it like a cold or flu, stay home, isolate yourself, wear a mask when you are around other people, and notify your doctor.
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## [NY Eviction Moratorium Ends Saturday \[January 15\]: Here's What To Know](#)

January 14, 2022, *patch.com*, by Matt Troutman

Advocates fear the ban's end could lead to thousands of evictions in New York City...Mayor Eric Adams on Thursday promised the city will "protect" New Yorkers at risk of losing their homes. The protections afforded New York City tenants are few, but potentially powerful. Here's what they need to know...A moratorium on evictions for renters hit hard by the COVID-19 is set to expire, unless Gov. Kathy Hochul authorizes an extension. Hochul has given little sign she'll push to extend the ban— instead, she's been pressing federal officials to free up additional rent relief funds...What can tenants do? Call 311...ask for the tenant helpline...ask for "right to counsel"...lockouts are illegal...tenants who are locked out of their homes should call 911 or 311...Apply for emergency rent relief through the state's OTDA [ERAP] web portal [otda.ny.gov/programs/emergency-rental-assistance](https://otda.ny.gov/programs/emergency-rental-assistance)...an application will provide temporary protection from eviction...If you have a notice of a court date or an illegal lockout: call 718-557-1379 or 212-962-4795 Monday – Friday, 9 am – 5 pm, call 311 and ask for the Tenant Helpline, email the Office of Civil Justice at [civiljustice@hra.nyc.gov](mailto:civiljustice@hra.nyc.gov). Provide a name, telephone number, and housing court case index number for your eviction case (if known) in your email.

Also learn if you are eligible for **Section 8, also known as the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program** [www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/services-and-information/section-8-voucher-types.page](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/services-and-information/section-8-voucher-types.page).

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

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Learn more at [murrayhillnyc.org](https://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](#)

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## For businesses and nonprofits

Ongoing

### Webinars for businesses

The NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS) is hosting several free webinars providing

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information and resources for NYC small businesses. Schedule of upcoming webinars [eventbrite.com/o/nyc-department-of-small-business-services-5423713077](https://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](#).

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**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](mailto:ERU@sbs.nyc.gov)

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**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](https://backline.care/nyc-nightlife-support-group). ZOOM ID 856 3024 7875.

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**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](https://nypl.org/help/services/startup) for updates.

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**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.

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## 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](https://sbsconnect.nyc.gov).

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## Upcoming events

**Virtual Information Sessions: January 10 - February 14**

**Classes: February 28 - May 28**

### NYPL Tech Connect Office Readiness Series

(free) If you are looking to improve your skills for work, school, or your own business, join TechConnect's 12-week program. Learn how to better utilize Microsoft software like Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and OneDrive. Graduates can become MOS-certified for free. Info sessions are offered through Monday, February 14, and are required to participate. A 12-week program designed to improve skills in the Microsoft Office suite. Learn more at [sites.google.com/nypl.org/techconnect/programs/office-readiness-series](https://sites.google.com/nypl.org/techconnect/programs/office-readiness-series).

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**January 18 6:30pm**

### (virtual) Community Board 6 Housing & Homelessness Committee meeting

This meeting will include a presentation from BRC on a new stabilization bed site at 161 Lexington Avenue (30th Street). Stabilization Beds are for homeless clients seeking and needing less supervision and structure. BRC is a nonprofit organization serving the homeless. Register at [zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_StNoW8DQsJaJsD31Yftk9A](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_StNoW8DQsJaJsD31Yftk9A).

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**January 18 - February 13**

### NYC Restaurant Week

2-course lunch/3-course dinner \$29/\$39/\$59\*

See participating restaurants in Murray Hill/Kips Bay/Midtown East/Nomad

[nycgo.com/restaurant-week/?neighborhood=kips-bay,midtown-east,murray-hill,nomad&page=2](https://nycgo.com/restaurant-week/?neighborhood=kips-bay,midtown-east,murray-hill,nomad&page=2)

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**(tickets and reservations are now open)**

**January 18 - February 13**

### [Broadway Week](#) and NYC Must-See Week

Get huge savings to performing arts, local attractions and museums. The Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment is proud to support NYC & Company in these efforts which will offer visitors and NYC residents an opportunity to enjoy a wide variety of wintertime experiences at major discounted prices. For more information, please visit: [nycgo.com/nyc-winter-outing](https://nycgo.com/nyc-winter-outing).

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## **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](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/buildings/dob/upcoming-events.page).

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**through January 18 Kindergarten applications are open**

**January 10 - February 28 Middle School applications**

**January 24 - February 28 High School applications**

**ongoing Elementary School, 3K and EarlyLearn 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](http://schools.nyc.gov), at [schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade](http://schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade) and at MySchools NYC [myschools.nyc/en](http://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](http://schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enrollment-help/family-welcome-centers). EarlyLearn is for toddlers to 2 years old and is available for eligible families. Learn more at [schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/earlylearn-nyc](http://schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/earlylearn-nyc).

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**January 18 5:45pm (focus on CTE High Schools in Brooklyn and Staten Island)**

**January 19 5:45pm (focus on CTE High Schools in the Queens)**

**January 20 5:45pm (focus on CTE High Schools in Bronx and Manhattan)**

## **(virtual) NYC Career and Technical Education (CTE) Virtual High School Fairs**

You are encouraged to register for as many sessions as you can attend. Register at

[docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScUXrs2R\\_1jo2jN91ySEO-5pv7fgjNqMjm2SQLV1Dc1h7IHDg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScUXrs2R_1jo2jN91ySEO-5pv7fgjNqMjm2SQLV1Dc1h7IHDg/viewform).

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January 18 8pm

**(virtual) National Danish Book Club and Literary Event Series discusses *We, The Drowned* by Carsten Jensen**

(Free) Hailed in Europe as an instant classic, *We, the Drowned* is the story of the port town of Marstal, Denmark, whose inhabitants sailed the world from the mid-nineteenth century to the end of the Second World War. The National Danish Book Club and Literary Event Series is brought to you by American-Scandinavian Foundation, Scan Design Foundation, Museum of Danish America, Northwest Danish Association, National Foundation for Danish America, National Nordic Museum, University of Wisconsin Madison, and the University of Washington Scandinavian Studies Department. Book Club Discussions will be moderated by Faculty Associate Nete Schmidt from the University of Wisconsin Madison. Register at [scandinaviahouse.org/events/national-danish-book-club-the-carsten-jensen](https://scandinaviahouse.org/events/national-danish-book-club-the-carsten-jensen). This notice is courtesy of Scandinavia House, 58 Park Avenue, 212-779-3587, [scandinaviahouse.org](https://scandinaviahouse.org).

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January 19 - March 9 12pm

**(virtual, 8 weekly events) Retirement A to Z**

An eight-part series on Retirement Planning. These programs are designed to introduce you to the many possible sources of retirement income and resources, including social security, medicare, pension options including 401ks, individual retirement accounts, and annuities, as well as the complex issues faced when planning for loved ones with wills and/or trusts. The series aims to provide participants with the information needed to help them secure their finances for the future. Learn more and register at [nypl.org/node/608188](https://nypl.org/node/608188). Presented by the New York Public Library's Thomas Yoseloff Business Center, in partnership with the Museum of American Finance. 455 Fifth Avenue (40th Street), Fifth Floor, 212-340-0863.

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January 19 12 Noon

**(virtual) Winter Concert Series: Broadway**

Join Kips Bay Library for a special Broadway concert presented by Concerts in Motion! Unwind with vocalists Lily Hickey and Tanesha Gray and percussionist Rolando Morales-Matos. Plus, don't miss out on upcoming jazz and Motown concerts. Register at

[nypl.org/events/programs/2022/01/19/winter-concert-series-broadway](https://nypl.org/events/programs/2022/01/19/winter-concert-series-broadway). Upcoming concerts:  
Jazz: Friday, February 15 12 - 1pm, register at [nypl.org/events/programs/2022/02/15/winter-concert-series-jazz](https://nypl.org/events/programs/2022/02/15/winter-concert-series-jazz)

Motown: Friday, March 18 2 - 3pm, register at [nypl.org/events/programs/2022/03/18/winter-concert-series-motown](https://nypl.org/events/programs/2022/03/18/winter-concert-series-motown)

Kips Bay Library, 446 Third Avenue, 212-683-2520, [kipsbay@nypl.org](mailto:kipsbay@nypl.org).

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## **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 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](https://tinyurl.com/2022SeniorRoundtableSeries).

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**January 20 3:30pm**

### **For Faith-Based institutions that are considering developing affordable housing**

A free online workshop about ways Houses of Worship can more fully utilize their property and resources to develop affordable housing, as well as for other purposes - and at the same time strengthen and stabilize their congregation and their community. You can register at [us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vfu2tpzsiGNAenAWAY21GzkFQ4sLJIBCO](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vfu2tpzsiGNAenAWAY21GzkFQ4sLJIBCO). Please also contact Council Member Gale Brewer at [district6@council.nyc.gov](mailto:district6@council.nyc.gov) for a guide on the same topic.

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**January 20 5 - 8pm**

**February 22 5pm (deadline for comments)**

### **Empire State Development Second Public Hearing: 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](https://esd.ny.gov/empire-station-complex).

The link for the virtual public hearing is [us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUucO-grD4vGN3tlsmBnhLyP93suzVYUDAh](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUucO-grD4vGN3tlsmBnhLyP93suzVYUDAh), the number for calling in is 646-558-8656 and the meeting ID is 813 7622 5529. Additional information explaining how to participate in the virtual public hearing is available on ESD's website. This hearing was originally noticed for January 13, 2022 but has been changed to January 20, 2022. Comments on the GPP and the revisions proposed by ESD staff and the DEIS are requested. Comments may be made orally at the virtual second hearing on January 20, 2022; delivered in writing to ESD, 633 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017 (Attention: Stacey

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Teran), on or before 5pm on Tuesday, February 22, 2022; or sent by e-mail to [empirestation@esd.ny.gov](mailto:empirestation@esd.ny.gov) or [pennstationarea@esd.ny.gov](mailto:pennstationarea@esd.ny.gov), on or before 5pm on Tuesday, February 22, 2022. Written or e-mailed comments received after 5pm on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 will not be considered. Learn more at [esd.ny.gov/sites/default/files/Penn-Station-Public-Hearing-Notice-publish-121621-corrected-link.pdf](https://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](#)**

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**January 22 12pm**

**(virtual) 2021 Segal Center Awards for Civic Engagement in the Arts**

Join the short awards ceremony on howlround at [howlround.com/happenings/livestreaming-ceremony-2021-segal-center-awards-civic-engagement-arts](https://howlround.com/happenings/livestreaming-ceremony-2021-segal-center-awards-civic-engagement-arts).

Presented by The Martin E. Segal Theatre Center, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, 365 Fifth Avenue, at 34th Street.

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**January 22 2pm**

**(virtual) The Familiar and the Absurd: A panel discussion from Copenhagen with authors Ida Marie Hede, Ursula Scavenius, Steven Zultanski & Tom Conaghan**

(free) Virtual Danish Literary Panel with Copenhagen-based authors Ida Marie Hede, Ursula Scavenius, & Steven Zultanski moderated by editor and writer Tom Conaghan. The authors will discuss their newly translated books each exploring themes of the body and intimacy from unique sci-fi perspectives. Adorable by Ida Marie Hede (translated from Danish by Sherilyn Nicolette Hellberg) describes a porous world, which is our world too, where grime, bacteria, and even death are intimately bound up with health and renewal. The Dolls by Ursula Scavenius (translated from Danish by Jennifer Russell) is a collection of four stories from a world both fantastically strange and gruellingly familiar where isolation, ruin, prejudice, and misinformation soar in an irresistible, susurrant fugue of displaced families yearning to belong. Relief by Steven Zultanski is a book of 11 poems that revolve around familiar experiences of discontinuous time: illness, recovery, habit, sleep, talk, forgetfulness. This event will take place as a Zoom webinar; please ask questions in the chat or send them in advance to [info@amscan.org](mailto:info@amscan.org). Learn more and register at [scandinaviahouse.org/events/danish-virtual-literary-panel](https://scandinaviahouse.org/events/danish-virtual-literary-panel). This program is presented by Scandinavia House, 58 Park Avenue, 212-779-3587, [scandinaviahouse.org](https://scandinaviahouse.org).

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**The Morgan Library & Museum**

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

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](http://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](http://themorgan.org/exhibitions/van-eyck-to-mondrian).

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

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through August 13

**Peter Kuper's INterSECTS: Where Arthropods and Homo Sapiens Meet**

Open now! Explore giant new illustrations by award-winning cartoonist and 2020–21 Cullman Center Fellow Peter Kuper in this immersive exhibition tracing the evolution of insects over 400 million years and narrating their intersection with humans. During his fellowship, Kuper frequently found himself virtually alone in the vast Beaux-Arts rooms and hallways of the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building and began imagining arthropods occupying this unexpectedly and unprecedentedly vacant environment. Those imaginings come to life in this exhibition, which also investigates the contributions of entomologists and other naturalists represented in the Library's vast collections. Learn more, including downloadable coloring sheets at [nypl.org/events/exhibitions/intersects](http://nypl.org/events/exhibitions/intersects).

at the New York Public Library  
Stephen A. Schwarzman Building  
Rayner Special Collections Wing  
42nd Street (between 5th & 6th Avenue) (accessible entrance)  
(or enter on 5th Avenue at 41st Street)

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**January 25 6:30pm**

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## **(virtual) Caribbean Connections Book Club: *Saga Boy: My Life of Blackness and Becoming* by Antonio Michael Downing**

(free) Join the staff of the New York Public Library's Stavros Niarchos Foundation Library (SNFL) for a discussion of *Saga Boy: My Life of Blackness and Becoming* by Antonio Michael Downing. Downing's memoir, which tells of his early life in the "lush rainforest of Trinidad," where he was born and raised by his grandmother, is a heart-wrenching but uplifting story of a lonely immigrant boy who overcomes adversity and abandonment to reclaim his Black identity and embrace a rich heritage. Antonio Michael Downing grew up in southern Trinidad, Northern Ontario, Brooklyn, and Kitchener. He is a musician, writer, and activist based in Toronto. His debut novel, *Molasses*, was published to critical acclaim. In 2017, he was named by the RBC Taylor Prize as one of Canada's top emerging authors for nonfiction. He performs and composes music as John Orpheus. Register at [nypl.org/events/programs/2022/01/25/caribbean-connections-book-club-saga-boy-my-life-blackness-and-becoming](https://nypl.org/events/programs/2022/01/25/caribbean-connections-book-club-saga-boy-my-life-blackness-and-becoming). Stavros Niarchos Foundation Library, 455 Fifth Avenue (40th Street), 212-340-0863.

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**January 26 1 - 2pm**

## **(virtual webinar for older adults) Healthy Living in the Community: Staying Active As You Get Older**

Manhattan Community Board Six and NYU Langone present a series on healthy living. Typically, as we age, our body naturally loses muscle and bone mass, making activities of daily living harder to complete over time. But exercise provides an effective way to maintain strength and muscle and bone health, with added benefits—it enhances sleep, improves sense of well-being, and even helps to improve cognitive function. In this webinar for older adults, Kate Baird, a clinical exercise physiologist and Sports Health expert at NYU Langone's Sport Performance Center, will discuss in more detail 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. Free. Register at [zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_mo3\\_\\_qqcTNCQyuleMLfDng](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mo3__qqcTNCQyuleMLfDng).

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**January 27 7:30pm \*The January 27 performance of Keyboard Conversations® has now been rescheduled to April 14.\***

## **Keyboard Conversations with pianist Jeffrey Siegel**

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](https://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)

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## **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](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/services/rats-control-training.page).

Learn more at [www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/rats.page](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/rats.page).

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**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).

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**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](http://manhattanbp.nyc.gov/funding/cultural-tourism-grants). Apply at [grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=manhattanborough](http://grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=manhattanborough).

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**February 11 6pm \*\*rescheduled from January 21\*\***

## **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](mailto:inquiries@metropolitansynagogue.org) if you will be in attendance and have any questions. Proof of vaccination required for entry. [metropolitansynagogue.org](http://metropolitansynagogue.org).

at Scandinavia House

58 Park Avenue (between 37th & 38<sup>th</sup> Street)

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**through 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](http://grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=manhattanborough). The MBP's office hasn't yet opened

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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](http://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](http://manhattanbp.nyc.gov/funding/capital-funding). If you have questions, contact Vanessa Diaz-Lopez ([vdiaz-lopez@manhattanbp.nyc.gov](mailto:vdiaz-lopez@manhattanbp.nyc.gov), 212-669-4814) or Nelson S. Andino ([nandino@manhattanbp.nyc.gov](mailto:nandino@manhattanbp.nyc.gov), 212-669-8145).

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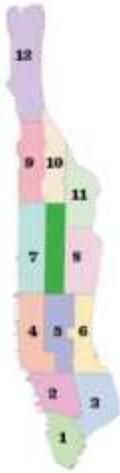


through February 28

### **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](http://gallery35nyc.com/on-exhibit-now). Gallery35, [gallery35ny@gmail.com](mailto:gallery35ny@gmail.com), 30 East 35th Street, 917-566-0708, [gallery35nyc.com](http://gallery35nyc.com).

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Ready to make a difference?  
**Join your local  
Community Board!**



**APPLY NOW! Deadline is March 1st.**

Manhattan's 12 Community Boards are the independent and representative voices of their communities – **the most grass-roots form of local government**. The Boards are pivotal in shaping their communities and work to enhance and preserve the character of the city's many unique neighborhoods. Manhattan's 12 Community Boards are composed of 50 volunteer members serving staggered two-year terms- thus, 25 members are appointed (or reappointed) each year.



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**Learn more:** [manhattanbp.nyc.gov/communityboards](http://manhattanbp.nyc.gov/communityboards)

**March 1 (application deadline)**

**Apply to be a member of your Community Board**

Community Boards are the ultimate grassroots form of local government, and you can join a Community Board to represent your neighbors on critical issues like land use, municipal services, and City budget. Applications are due Tuesday, March 1. Learn more about Community Boards at [manhattanbp.nyc.gov/communityboards](http://manhattanbp.nyc.gov/communityboards). Apply at [manhattancommunityboards.wufoo.com/forms/p2a2s130qjma1g](http://manhattancommunityboards.wufoo.com/forms/p2a2s130qjma1g).

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**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](mailto: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](https://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](https://museumofthedog.org/shop) for your holiday gift items!

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**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](https://bryantpark.org/amenities/bank-of-america-winter-village-at-bryant-park).

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**March 25 (deadline for applications)**

### **(For young film makers) Applications are now open for the 4th Annual New York City Public School Film Festival**

Celebrating the talent and diversity of student voices throughout the five boroughs. The [New York City Public School Film Festival](#) was created as a partnership between The NYC Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment and the NYC Department of Education to provide opportunities for students to have their work recognized by industry leaders and explore careers in filmmaking. Films

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will be selected for the festival by a panel of educators and media professionals, and screened at events on May 20th and 21st, 2022.

DOE middle and high school students can apply now through March 25, 2022 at <http://nyc.gov/nycpsfilmfestival>.

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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](http://scandinaviahouse.org)

212-779-3587

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## **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](http://universityeyecenter.org) to learn more. See the full calendar at [https://sunyopt.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/UEC\\_Calendar\\_2021\\_NB.pdf](https://sunyopt.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/UEC_Calendar_2021_NB.pdf).

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Tuesdays

**Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright housing legal clinic**

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

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**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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## 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](http://nycgo.com/neighborhood-getaways/culture/?page=2)

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### **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](http://nydc.com). See their schedule at [nydc.com/events](http://nydc.com/events).

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### **AKC Museum of the Dog**

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

at AKC Museum of the Dog. Online activities for children at [museumofthedog.org/events-and-education/childrens-programs](http://museumofthedog.org/events-and-education/childrens-programs). Online shopping [museumofthedog.org/shop](http://museumofthedog.org/shop)

101 Park Avenue (entrance on 40th Street)

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**Mondays 7pm**

**Big Apple Chorus open rehearsals (for men and women)**

Free and open to the public. If you can carry a basic tune you can join New York City's longest running non-classical men's and women's a cappella singing group, a diverse group of all ages and backgrounds. Monday rehearsals for the BAC will be held online via Zoom for a few weeks during the current covid surge. Please let BAC know if you are interested in attending a rehearsal by filling out the form at [bigapplechorus.org/contact](http://bigapplechorus.org/contact). They will send you information on how to access the Zoom rehearsals. Normally, open rehearsals are held almost every Monday in Murray Hill. Please call or email first to confirm schedules and holidays. Just come and sing, no reservation necessary (but proof of Covid vaccinations is required for everyone's safety). For more information visit [bigapplechorus.org](http://bigapplechorus.org). Telephone: 212 287-5250.

Rehearsal location: The Noman Thomas H.S. Auditorium  
111 East 33 Street, 2nd Floor

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**Henry George School of Social Science**

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

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### **[The Morgan Library & Museum Calendar](#)**

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

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### **MTA Mobile Buses and Vans**

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

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### **Community Meetings**

**Community Board 6 website** [cbsix.org](http://cbsix.org). Community Board meetings are open to the public, and you can express your views and concerns about various neighborhood issues.

**Community Board 5 website** [cb5.org/cb5m](http://cb5.org/cb5m).

#### **NY City Council Hearings**

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

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

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

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

**[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.

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**Manhattan Borough President Borough Board Meetings.** The 2022 schedule can be seen at [manhattanbp.nyc.gov/about/borough-board](http://manhattanbp.nyc.gov/about/borough-board).

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**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](http://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](http://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](http://nypl.org/research/lpa/tech-kits). Grab & Go Locations [nypl.org/locations/grab-and-go](http://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](http://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). [Calendar](#), Roof café.

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 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](http://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](http://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](http://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)

(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](http://bryantpark.org/programs/park-tours)

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Knowledgeable guides will share everything they know about the history of the park, how it operates today, and a range of other topics. Registration is encouraged, as tours are limited to 10 people. [eventbrite.com/e/bryant-park-public-tours-registration-16061264675](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bryant-park-public-tours-registration-16061264675). Bryant Park is located between 40th-42nd Street, and between 5th & 6th Avenue, behind the Library. 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](http://bryantpark.org).

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## **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](http://howlround.com) and Facebook [facebook.com/SegalCenter](https://www.facebook.com/SegalCenter).

CUNY Graduate Center  
365 Fifth Avenue (between 34th and 35th Street)

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## **Baruch College Performing Arts**

Some events are free. **Lawrence N. Field Center for Entrepreneurship** (events & workshops relating to business) [eship@baruch.cuny.edu](mailto: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](http://nyssbdc.org/training/listtraining.aspx) [Note: You can filter on Midtown Manhattan].

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## **Scandinavia House**

58 Park Avenue (between 37<sup>th</sup> & 38<sup>th</sup> Street), 212-779-3587, [scandinaviahouse.org](http://scandinaviahouse.org), [info@amscan.org](mailto:info@amscan.org). Art exhibits, performances, talks, book club, childrens' activities, Smörgås Chef restaurant, shop featuring Scandinavian clothing, jewelry, housewares, books, food, and more.

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## 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](http://grandcentralpartnership.nyc/things-to-do/tours) or contact [info@gcpbid.org](mailto:info@gcpbid.org).

Meet in the street-level atrium

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

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## Community Church programs for youth

See the full schedule at [ccny.org/children-and-youth](http://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.

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## 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](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)

**Federal laws and regulations regarding covid** [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cdcresponse/laws-regulations.html](https://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](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html)

**CDC map of U.S. Community Transmission** [covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases\\_community](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://covid-sb.org).

**New York State reopening guidance for businesses** [forward.ny.gov](https://forward.ny.gov) and [governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2021-05/NYS\\_CDCGuidance\\_Summary.pdf](https://governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2021-05/NYS_CDCGuidance_Summary.pdf). Learn more at [forward.ny.gov/active-industry-guidance](https://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](https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home).

**New York City covid webpage** (for individuals and businesses)  
[www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/index.page](https://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](https://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](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-main.page)

**NYC Small Business Services** [www1.nyc.gov/site/sbs/index.page](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/sbs/index.page).

The NYC Citywide Information Portal [www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/resources/resources-for-new-yorkers.page](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/resources/resources-for-new-yorkers.page) and 311 [portal.311.nyc.gov](http://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>.

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## Covid-19 Transmission rate

Data taken from NYC's covid website [www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data-neighborhoods.page](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data-neighborhoods.page) on **January 15, 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
- **1494.17** 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
- **1494.17** new cases per 100,000 people in the last seven days.

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## Vaccinations

Covid-19 vaccinations are free, and are easily available. Check [vaccinefinder.nyc.gov](http://vaccinefinder.nyc.gov) to find places that are offering vaccinations, including 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 34<sup>th</sup> 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](https://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](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data-vaccines.page). Snapshot taken on **January 15, 2021**.

<b>Kips Bay/Murray Hill/NoMad</b>	
ZIP Code(s): 10016	
Estimated population: 50912.11	
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99% with at least one dose	
53987 residents with at least 1 dose	
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92.27% fully vaccinated	
46977 residents fully vaccinated	

## East Midtown/Murray Hill

ZIP Code(s): 10017

Estimated population: 15613.27

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99% with at least one dose

20324 residents with at least 1 dose

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99% fully vaccinated

16116 residents fully vaccinated

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

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**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](https://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](https://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](https://governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-excelsior-pass-first-nation-validate-passes-issued-us-states-based).

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## 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](https://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](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/get-tested/covid-19-testing.page), call 212-COVID19, or text COVID TEST to 855-48.

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**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.

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**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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