



Murray Hill

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Upcoming Events...January 31, 2022

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January 31 - February 4

Identity Theft Awareness Week

The U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and its partners host free webinars, podcasts, and other events for Identity Theft Awareness Week. You'll learn how to detect identity theft, help protect against it, and recover if identity theft occurs. And every day next week you'll find a blog post here, covering a trending identity theft topic. And if identity theft happens to you, please visit IdentityTheft.gov, the government's one-stop resource for reporting and recovering from identity theft. Learn more and see the calendar of webinars and online chats at consumer.ftc.gov/features/identity-theft-awareness-week.

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.

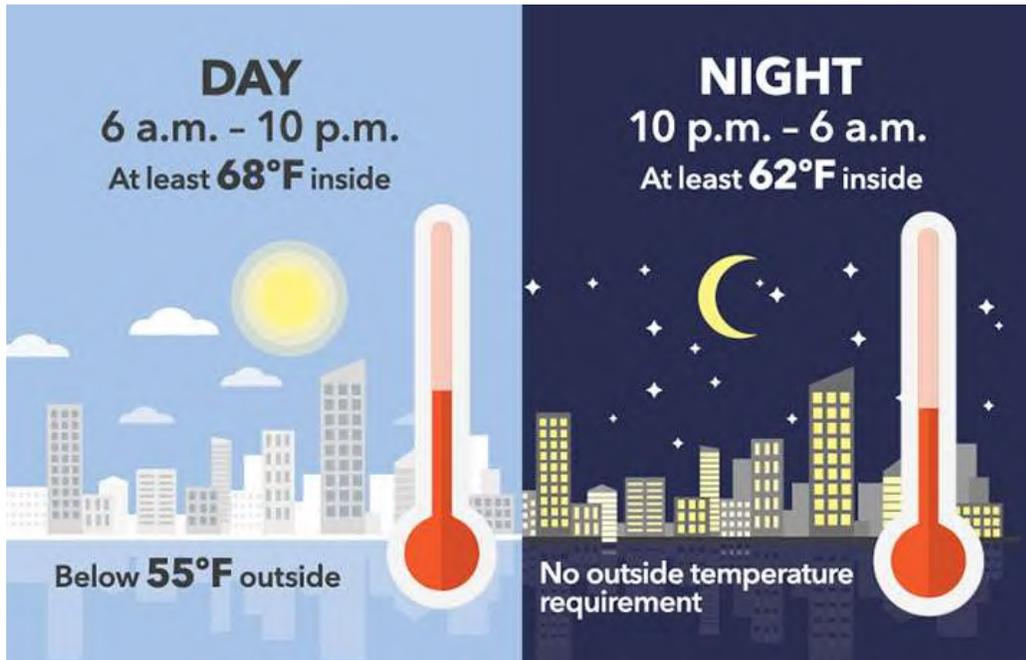
The MTA has resumed full service on all lines.

For up to date information about MTA transportation status visit new.mta.info.

as of January 28

Citi Bike raises prices

Citi Bike rides will increase to \$3.99 for 30 minutes (up from \$3.50) and annual memberships will now cost \$185 (up from \$179). Citi Bike is in the midst of expanding its fleet from 25,000 bikes to 40,000 by the end of 2023. Lyft manages Citi Bike until 2029 under a contract from the City. [Source: CM Gale Brewer's Weekly Update email of January 22, 2022]



Hot water should be provided 24 hours a day.

It's Heat Season!

Here are Some Helpful Reminders from the City's Department of Housing Preservation and Development. If you have issues with heat in your building, you should first contact your building's property management (the building owner, managing agent, or superintendent). If service is not restored after contact with your building's management, call 311, visit 311 online, or use the 311Mobile app (on Android or iOS devices). Hearing-impaired tenants can file complaints through Touchtone Device for the Deaf (TDD) at 212-504-4115. If you see no improvements after contacting your building's management and 311, please reach out to Community Board 6, call 212-319-3750, email help@cbsix.org, or fill out the CB6 get help form. Make sure to have your 311 reference number when contacting CB6.

NYC Emergency Management Winter Weather page www1.nyc.gov/site/em/ready/winter-weather-prep.page.

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.

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. 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.

March 1 5pm (application deadline)

Join a Community Board! The 2022 application is now open

Community Boards are the 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 charter of the city's many unique neighborhoods. Community Boards are composed of 50 volunteer members serving staggered two-year terms—thus, 25 members are appointed (or reappointed) each year. Learn more and apply at

manhattancommunityboards.wufoo.com/forms/p2a2s130qjma1g.

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.

(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

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

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.

Pandemic updates

The Covid-19 transmission rate for NYC is high. Transmission data shows how much the virus is spreading. The highly contagious and fast-moving Omicron variant is now dominant. **In Murray Hill** (zip codes 10016, 10017) transmission rate is **"high"** but has been decreasing in the past weeks. Data taken on **January 28, 2022**. 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. 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.

If you have Covid, stay home for at least 5 days and wear a mask for at least 10 days when you are with other people.

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

The New York statewide indoor mask mandate is extended to February 10. This mandate applies to businesses that don't require full vaccinations. Governor Hochul will re-evaluate the need for the mandate in the days leading up to February 10. The mandate is being challenged in court, but stays in place during the appeals.

Source: Bloomberg Prognosis email January 29, 2022

The **Pandemic Innovation Task Force**, formed by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, will focus on developing vaccines, treatments, diagnostic tests and other tools. It will help prepare the nation for new versions of the virus that might surface and future biological threats beyond Covid-19.

Related: [Omicron Subvariant Spreads Faster, and Boosters Remain Effective](#)
(paywall)

January 28, 2022, *bloomberg.com*, by Naomi Kresge

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 and if they accept your insurance.

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. According to the website, 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. 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.

[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.

NYC's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) ambulances and some hospitals are currently short-staffed due to COVID-19. Call 911 only for life-threatening medical emergencies, and do not go to hospital emergency rooms just to get tested for covid. Seek care if you feel seriously ill.



If you are in danger of being evicted

Call 311 and ask for the Tenant’s Hotline. Apply for emergency rent relief through the state’s OTDA [ERAP] web portal 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. 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.

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

February 3 1pm

(virtual) Ask the CPA 2022 - Tax Advice for Your Small Business

Presented by SCORE. Tax season will be here sooner than you think! If you have tax questions, we have tax answers. Join SCORE for this LIVE Q&A session with certified CPA and small business tax expert Micah Fraim. A whole hour dedicated to answering your tax-related questions and concerns, offering tax advice you can implement throughout the year. Please submit your questions when you register at score.org/ask-cpa-2022-tax-advice-your-small-business.

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](https://sbsconnect.nyc.gov). Apply through SBS Connect sbsconnect.nyc.gov.

Upcoming events

January 31 12:30pm

Free self-test kits and N95 masks (while supplies last)

Council Member Eric Bottcher (District 3) will join Ryan Chelsea-Clinton Community Health Center to distribute free self-test kits and N95 masks. There's a limit of one kit and one mask per person and the items will be distributed in order of arrival. They'll be handing them out at 645 10th Avenue (between 45th and 46th Streets)



January 31 3 - 5pm

Councilmember Carlina Rivera (District 2) and team will be holding mobile office hours

Location: Kips Bay outside of the Straus Houses Community Center at 225 East 27th Street. Free at-home covid tests and face masks (while supplies last).

open enrollment has been extended

Get Covered NYC (New York City's healthcare marketplace)

Enroll on the 15th to get coverage starting on the 1st of the following month. Need health coverage? Join GetCoveredNYC to learn more about how you can enroll in a plan that fits your budget! GetCoveredNYC helps New Yorkers in the five boroughs enroll in health insurance, including low- or no-cost options, under the Affordable Care Act (also known as Obamacare). You may be eligible for free health insurance coverage! You can call 311 or text CoveredNYC (SeguroNYC en Español) to 877877 to be connected to a GetCoveredNYC Specialist. Enrollment page www1.nyc.gov/site/mayorspeu/resources/getcovered-open-enrollment.page.

through February 14 (Virtual Information Sessions)

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.

through February 13 (tickets and reservations are now open)

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

NYC Broadway Week

2-for-1 tickets to some of the best musicals and plays on stage right now. Prefer to splurge? Opt for upgraded seats at \$125 per ticket.

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.

NYC Hotel Week

You'll get 22% off stays at a variety of the City's most celebrated hotels.

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.

through February 28 Middle School applications

through February 28 High School applications

ongoing Elementary School, 3K and EarlyLearn enrollment

Kindergarten applications are now closed.

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. 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. If you missed Kindergarten enrollment for your child, contact myschools.nyc to find out what your options are.



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January 31 7 - 8pm
(virtual) NYPL January Book Club discussion: *Our Country Friends* by Gary Shteyngart

The New York Public Library and WNYC are partnering to host a virtual book club to bring New Yorkers together and foster community during an unprecedented time of social separation. *Our Country Friends* by Gary Shteyngart. (free) Register at nyp.org/events/programs/2022/01/31/get-lit-january-live-stream-our-country-friends-gary-shteyngart. Borrow the book (and more than 300,000 others) for free through the Library's e-reader app SimplyE, available for iOS and Android devices.



February 1 – 6

Welcome the Year of the Tiger and celebrate the Lunar New Year at Bryant Park!

Find the silk lanterns, make a wish, and watch a lion dance performed by the New York Chinese Cultural Center lion dancers. The Bryant Park Lunar New Year display premieres on Tuesday, February 1 and remains up through the **celebration on Sunday, February 6**. Wishing Tree is at 2pm and the lion dance will begin at 3pm on the Northwest corner of the Rink Deck. Learn more at bryantpark.org/programs/lunar-new-year-celebration.

at Bryant Park

Between 5th & 6th Avenue and between 40th – 42nd Street (behind the Library)

Related: [Ring in the Year of the Tiger with these fun and colorful cultural events in NYC](#)

January 27, 2022, *timeout.com*, by Shaye Weaver

Full guide to Lunar New Year in NYC timeout.com/newyork/chinese-new-year

February 1 4:59pm EST (application deadline)

Spotify Summer Internship: Digital Media Producer

For current undergraduate or graduate students pursuing a degree in Digital Media Courses and planning to graduate in 2022. Paid summer internships last for 10-13 weeks and start at the beginning of June. Learn more and apply at lifeatspotify.com/jobs/summer-internship-digital-media-producer.

February 1 6pm

NY StartUP! 2022 Workshop 2: Developing Your Marketing Plan

Marketing plays a crucial role in the success of any business. Learn how to develop a marketing plan for your business. The key to a successful marketing plan is an understanding of the environment in which your business operates - your customers, your competition, and your industry. The New York Public Library's Business Library offers a wide range of industry and market research databases to help you identify these key areas. Register at nypl.org/events/programs/2022/02/01/ny-startup-2022-workshop-2-developing-your-marketing-plan.

February 2 (new singer auditions for voice placement)

Rehearsals Wednesday evenings, 7 - 9pm

May 1 3pm Concert

St. George's Choral Society Spring 2022 Rehearsals and Concert: Music of Johannes Brahms

Program: Music of Johannes Brahms, Ein deutsches Requiem, op. 45, with Brahms' four-hand piano arrangement, Nänie, op. 82, sung by chamber singers. Sing with the St. George's Choral Society. New singer auditions for voice placement will be held on February 2. All individuals rehearsing or performing with St. George's Choral Society will be required to provide proof of vaccination. Masks are required at all St. George's Choral Society rehearsals and events. Learn more about membership at stgeorgeschoralsociety.org/member-guidelines and view the [detailed rehearsal schedule](#). St. George's Choral Society was founded in 1817, and in the 1980s, the Choral Society was reimagined as a community chorus combining voices of all faiths to sing both sacred and secular music. The Choral Society incorporated as an independent organization in 2009. Under the guidance of artistic director, Dr. Matthew Lewis, the choir now rehearses at St. George's Church and performs at the Church of the Incarnation, at the corner of Madison Avenue and 35th Street. In-person rehearsals are at St. George's Chapel, 5 Rutherford Place (one block east of Third Avenue between 16th and 17th Streets).

February 2 11am

(virtual) Book talk: David Chalmers: *Reality+ from the Matrix to the Metaverse*

Can we have a meaningful life in a virtual world? A leading philosopher takes a mind-bending journey

through virtual worlds, illuminating the nature of reality and our place within it. Studded with illustrations that bring philosophical issues to life, *Reality+* is a major statement that will shape discussion of philosophy, science, and technology for years to come. Presented by NYC Media Lab. Register at eventbrite.com/e/david-chalmers-reality-from-the-matrix-to-the-metaverse-tickets-244083860397.

February 2 12pm (next session)
(virtual, 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.

February 2 12pm Medicare 2022

February 9 12pm What You Should Know About Your Retirement Plan

February 16 12pm Individual IRAs & Employer-Sponsored IRA Plans

February 23 12pm Annuities

March 2 12pm Trust in Your Trust- Part 1 Wills & Trusts 101

March 9 12pm Trust in Your Trust Part 2- Wills & Trusts 102

Learn more and register at 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.



February 4 6 pm
(virtual) Literary talk with bioarchaeologist Dr. Cat Jarman on her new book
River Kings: A New History of the Vikings from Scandinavia to the Silk Roads

(free) Literary talk with bioarchaeologist Dr. Cat Jarman to celebrate the release of her new book *River Kings: A New History of the Vikings from Scandinavia to the Silk Roads* out on February 1, 2022 from Pegasus Books! Learn about an epic story from the Viking Age that traces the historical path of an ancient piece of jewelry—found in a Viking grave in England—to its likely origin thousands of miles

east in India. Dr. Jarman traces the path of this ancient piece of jewelry back to eighth-century India. Along the way, she discovers that the Viking route to England was far more varied than we previously thought; with them came people from the Middle East, not just from Scandinavia. The reason for this unexpected interaction between the East and West may well have been a slave trade running through the Silk Road, all the way to Britain. You can ask questions in the chat or send them in advance to info@amscan.org. Registration is required at scandinaviahouse.org/events/river-kings-new-history-vikings-book-talk. Presented by Scandinavia House, 58 Park Avenue, scandinaviahouse.org, 212-779-3587.

February, 10 10 - 11am
(virtual forum) Long Term Care

City & State and AARP are sponsoring a discussion with key state legislators. They will address important topics including strengthening nursing home oversight, ensuring a strong healthcare and homecare workforce, ways to support family caregivers, ensuring availability of home and community-based services and more. (free) Register at cityandstateny.com/feature/2022-AARP-Long-Term-Care-Webinar.

Willner Chemists online sale through February 11

Up to 35% off list price at willner.com. For those who prefer in-person shopping, Willner Chemists, the nutritional professionals since 1911, is located at 100 Park Avenue (41st Street), 212-682-2817.



February 10 5:20 - 7:50pm
Tartan Kilt Skate Returns to The Rink

The American Scottish Foundation will be back in Bryant Park for their third annual celebration of

Scottish culture: Tartan Kilt Skate! Stop by and catch musical performances from the NYU Pipe Band, as well as members from Shot of Scotch. Learn more at bryantpark.org/events/2022/02/10/tartan-kilt-skate.

at Bryant Park (the Rink)

Between 5th & 6th Avenue (behind the Library) and between 40th & 42nd Street.

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 if you will be in attendance and have any questions. Proof of vaccination required for entry. metropolitansynagogue.org at Scandinavia House

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

Through February 11 (survey extended)

NYC Speaks Survey

Shape the future of your city alongside thousands of fellow New Yorkers. Tens of thousands of New Yorkers have already taken the survey. Take the survey at nycspeaks.org.

February 14 10am

NYC Civil Service is hiring

Information about the City of New York's career opportunities and pathways for growth, and learn to navigate the exam process and determine which exam(s) you should take. Register at us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CfHKySU2ReqVEM7BJFnsIq. If you require a reasonable accommodation, please contact Maricela Brea at mbrea@mopd.nyc.gov by close of business on Friday, February 4, 2022.

February 15 12 - 1pm

(virtual) Winter Concert Series at Kips Bay Library

Join Kips Bay Library for a special Broadway concert presented by Concerts in Motion!

Upcoming concerts:

Jazz: Friday, February 15 12 - 1pm, register at 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](#)

Kips Bay Library, 446 Third Avenue, 212-683-2520, kipsbay@nypl.org.

February 17 10 – 11:30am

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.

Upcoming sessions:

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.

February 17 1pm

(virtual) IRS Small Business Workshops, Northeast Area: CT, MA, VT, NH, ME, NJ, NY, RI

The IRS is hosting Zoom meetings for small business organizations and owners in February and March, especially those that conduct business in languages other than English. These 2-hour events will include presentations from IRS leadership covering the top tax issues affecting small business owners regarding income, deductions, employment taxes and recordkeeping. Additional topics: getting ready for the 2022 filing season, tax scams targeting small businesses and how the IRS is reorganizing to better serve small business taxpayers. These events will include a listening session to hear your concerns, feedback and suggestions. How can the IRS improve your experience as a small business owner? Learn more and see full schedule of all workshops at irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/webinars-for-small-businesses.



February 17 7:30pm (pre-concert talk at 7pm)

Per Tengstrand and chamber music group Opus @ Princeton University perform Chopin

Per Tengstrand and chamber music group Opus @ Princeton University will return for the final three concerts of the season. Program: *Piano Concerto No. 1 in E minor, Op. 11* by Frédéric Chopin. Tickets are \$30 (\$25 ASF Members) Purchase tickets at scandinaviahouse.org/events/music-on-park-ave-february-17. The Music on Park Avenue series hosted by Scandinavia House will continue with performances on March 24, and April 21.
at Scandinavia House, Victor Borge Hall
58 Park Avenue (between 37th & 38th Street)



This massive plan coming from Albany does not have to follow NYC zoning rules, it will demolish several city blocks in Midtown for a new complex, and supertall skyscrapers will be erected that far exceed current allowable height for Midtown.

February 22 5pm (deadline for comments)

Empire State Development 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 General Project Plan and the revisions proposed by ESD staff and the DEIS 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 Tuesday, February 22, 2022; or sent by e-mail to empirestation@esd.ny.gov or 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.

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

[Hochul's Penn Station Plan Is the Worst Kind of Urban Renewal](#) (paywall)

January 26, 2022, *curbed.com*, by Justin Davidson

It must be tempting, when you're gazing at a city from above, to dream of clearing the board and setting up the pieces from scratch...A similar spirit animates Governor Kathy Hochul's plan to raze a thick wedge of midtown around Penn Station (roughly between Sixth and Ninth Avenues from 30th to 34th Streets) and replace it with a set of shiny extra-large office towers...Public hearings have rung with objections on preservationist, procedural, financial, political, and urbanistic grounds, but what's really united a disparate bunch of opponents is the proposal's casual arrogance. Only the state, it suggests, has the wisdom, the clout, and the lack of sentimentality to cope with the area's ancient dysfunctions...What's being lost in these streets is the remnants of New York messiness, the small businesses that needle into whatever poky premises they can afford, the hodgepodge of unfashionably old addresses, the unprettiness of a workaday city. A purveyor of handmade cigars on West 31st Street, around the corner from Molly Wee Pub...This is one of the central head-scratchers of the entire project, an unalloyed faith in the continued dominance of Class A office space as an economic engine.

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](#).

Just opened!
through June 5

Gwendolyn Brooks: A Poet's Work In Community

This exhibition celebrates the life and work of American poet Gwendolyn Brooks (1917–2000). Though Brooks is generally well-known for her poetry, few recognize her expansive social and political impact. The first Black author to win a Pulitzer Prize in any category, Brooks led a decades-long career marked by her engagement with struggles for racial justice. Comprising more than forty manuscripts, broadsides, and first editions, *A Poet's Work In Community* explores Brooks's roles as a poet, teacher, mentor, and community leader. It traces the effect of the resulting relationships on her work and the work of others.

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



Just opened at the New York Public Library main branch (Schwarzman Building) 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.

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)

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.

through February 24 (grant application deadline)

Manhattan Borough President's capital funding grants

The full application for capital funding grants is now open for City of New York entities and nonprofits. Apply through the grant portal system

grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=manhattanborough. Learn more about the grants and

eligibility 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).

February 28 11:59pm ET (entry deadline)

The Cooper Hewitt 2022 National High School Design Competition

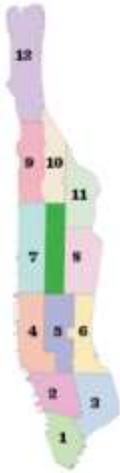
A challenge to high school students around the country to join in envisioning the future we want to live in and designing for a more peaceful and just world. The design competition is open to all teens ages 13 through 19 who are high school students in grades 9 through 12, or who are homeschooled students working toward a high school degree anywhere in the United States. You can enter as an individual or as a team of up to three people. Learn more and enter the competition at cooperhewitt.org/design-competition-design-challenge.



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. Gallery35, gallery35ny@gmail.com, 30 East 35th Street, 917-566-0708, gallery35nyc.com.



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.



Learn more: 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. Apply at manhattancommunityboards.wufoo.com/forms/p2a2s130qjma1g.

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.

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

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>.

March 25 (application deadline)

The Climate Museum Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Climate and Inequality

The Climate Museum seeks applications from humanities scholars who wish to engage the public on climate change and inequality, to fill two two-year full-time Post-Doctoral Fellowships funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The Fellowships will run from August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2024. The fellowships include a stipend of \$73,000 a year, as well as health and dental insurance. Learn more and apply at theclimatemuseum.submittable.com/submit/6208ab94-aa6d-44ad-b47a-44e364f428d1/the-climate-museum-andrew-w-mellon-foundation-post-doctoral-fellowship-in-climat. The Climate Museum climatemuseum.org.



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

April 14 7:30pm

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, \$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)

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).

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. 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. 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. Telephone: 212 287-5250.

Rehearsal location: The Noman 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

[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. The 2022 schedule can be seen at manhattanbp.nyc.gov/about/borough-board.



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). [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

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)
(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.



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 28, 2022**. 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
- **502.39** 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
- **502.39** 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 **January 28, 2022**.

Kips Bay/Murray Hill/NoMad
ZIP Code(s): 10016
Estimated population: 50912.11
99% with at least one dose
54522 residents with at least 1 dose
92.76% fully vaccinated
47225 residents fully vaccinated

East Midtown/Murray Hill
ZIP Code(s): 10017
Estimated population: 15613.27
99% with at least one dose
20520 residents with at least 1 dose
99% fully vaccinated
16180 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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