



# Murray Hill

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## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

### Upcoming Events...February 14, 2022

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The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association  
wishes you a happy Valentine's Day!  
Love your neighborhood!

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#### **Avoid romance scams!**

New data from the Federal Trade Commission show that more consumers than ever report falling prey to romance scammers. Consumers reported losing \$547 million in 2021 alone. Romance scammers draw people in using pictures stolen from around the internet, building false personas that seem just real enough to be true, but always having a reason never to meet in person. Eventually, the supposed suitor will ask for money...While many people report the romance scam started on a dating site or app, reports of romance scams originating from contact through social media were also common.

The FTC provides tips for consumers on how to spot romance scams and protect themselves at [consumer.ftc.gov/articles/what-you-need-know-about-romance-scams](https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/what-you-need-know-about-romance-scams).

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## Hill & Bay Valentine dinner deal!

Two entrees + a bottle of wine = \$70. On Monday, February 14, after 7pm you can order 2 meals and a bottle of wine for \$70 (dine-in only, cannot be combined with other offers, tax and gratuity not included, must be over 21 to purchase alcohol). Reserve a table at [hillandbay.com/reservation](http://hillandbay.com/reservation), [hillandbay.com](http://hillandbay.com), 581 2nd Avenue, 212-245-5554.

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**Fine & Rare is still available for the 4pm seating on February 14.** View valentine menu [fineandrare.nyc/valentines-day](http://fineandrare.nyc/valentines-day). [Make a reservation](http://fineandrare.nyc). Fine & Rare, 9 East 37<sup>th</sup> Street, [fineandrare.nyc](http://fineandrare.nyc).

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## Van Leeuwen Murray Hill

432 3rd Ave, New York, NY 10016  
646-719-1998

Open Sunday-Thursday 12pm-11pm, Friday & Saturday 12pm-12am

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# The Zoo on Park Avenue is here!

On February 12, animal sculptures by IdrissB were installed on Park Avenue between 34<sup>th</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup> Street. This project, three years in the making, was brought to the Murray Hill malls by [IdrissB](#) and the Patrons of Park Avenue (POPA) committee of The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association. Look for the eblast with more details coming soon.



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## Have you been missing your Girl Scout Cookies during the pandemic?

Troop 6000 is the [Girl Scout troop](#) serving the approximately 12,000 girls in the New York City Shelter System, led by trained women also living in the system paired with [community-based volunteers](#). Naturally, they're selling cookies this season...which you can order at [digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/troop6000-161](https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/troop6000-161). (Only 724,000 packages left to go!) You can also use the Cookie Finder [girlscouts.org/en/cookies/how-to-buy-cookies.html](https://girlscouts.org/en/cookies/how-to-buy-cookies.html) to purchase cookies in person.

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### Light up your day!

Johanna Allik skates to *No Time to Die* by Billie Eilish at the Bryant Park Skating Rink. Filmed in partnership with Bank of America Winter Village, Bryant Park, New York City. Produced by Jordan Cowan of On Ice Perspectives. See the 2 ½ minute video on YouTube [youtube.com/watch?v=v7ulek3jzoA](https://youtube.com/watch?v=v7ulek3jzoA).

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## Traffic & transportation advisories

The MTA will launch a four-month pilot project to allow unlimited weekly rides using the OMNY tap-and-go app [omny.info](https://omny.info) which, up until now, had no equivalent to an unlimited weekly MetroCard (or daily or monthly, for that matter). Starting February 28, from Monday to Sunday during each week of the pilot, any subway or bus rider who uses the OMNY contactless payment system and takes 12

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trips within that week—\$33 in fares—will automatically have free trips for the rest of that week. The week-long calendar rolls over every Sunday night.

Still no word on when disabled, senior citizen, or other reduced-fare passengers (including “Fair Fares” [www1.nyc.gov/site/fairfares/index.page](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/fairfares/index.page)) will be able to obtain their discounts on OMNY.

[Source: Councilmember Gale Brewer's weekly email, February 10, 2022]

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## Queensboro (59th Street) Bridge repairs will be ongoing for 2 years, starting February 2022

Starting February 14, 2022 traffic lanes on the upper level will be shut down while work is being done to replace the upper deck of the Ed Koch Queensboro Bridge. One side of the bridge's upper level will be fully closed overnight as needed, and while the side is closed, one lane of traffic will be rerouted on the other side of the bridge, to go in the opposite direction. Look for traffic signs explaining the work patterns.

During this work, motorists are strongly encouraged to take mass transit or seek alternate routes. The work is expected to continue for 2 years, until late 2023. Expect heavier than usual traffic through the Queens Midtown Tunnel (QMT) while this work is ongoing.

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## How you can help, make your views known

### Should Open Restaurants (outdoor dining) be made permanent?

The New York City Council’s Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection conducted a hearing last week about making Open Restaurants (outdoor dining) permanent. While most people like having outdoor dining as an option (in good weather), many people object to the dining sheds that were erected curbside during the pandemic, the noise and sanitation issues. The rules would have to be carefully thought out to have a sustainable permanent program. We do not yet know when the Council will vote on this amendment. Councilmember Gale Brewer is a member of the committee and reports that the legislation would: task the Department of Transportation (DOT) with administering the program (taking over the sidewalk cafe law), remove the requirement for an establishment to have commercial zoning (required in the “sidewalk cafe” era) in order to participate, DOT’s current plan proposal would allow seasonal roadway dining but not enclosed and permanent structures. The program requirements are still being designed and are subject to City Council oversight and CAPA (the public engagement rules-making process). You can watch a recording of the hearing at [councilnyc.viebit.com/player.php?hash=iqyuT6XDGMaN](http://councilnyc.viebit.com/player.php?hash=iqyuT6XDGMaN).

If you would like to weigh in on this issue, email your government officials, and Gale Brewer at [district6@council.nyc.gov](mailto:district6@council.nyc.gov) with “Open Restaurants” in the subject line.

### Related articles

#### [NYC plans to get rid of outdoor dining sheds once the pandemic ends](#)

February 8, 2022, *nypost.com*, by Reuven Fenton, Maggie Hicks and Bruce Golding

The Department of Transportation's Open Restaurants Program told the City Council that outdoor dining structures won't be allowed to remain after the COVID-19 pandemic...The head of the city

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Department of Transportation's Open Restaurants Program told a City Council committee on Tuesday that the makeshift structures won't be allowed to remain standing after the COVID-19 pandemic eases. "We don't envision sheds in the permanent program. We are not planning for that," program director Julie Schipper testified. "What would be in the roadway [are] barriers and tents or umbrellas, but not these full houses that you're seeing in the street."...Schipper said, "We will not be grandfathering in any of the restaurants and their current structures right now...Under an emergency order signed last year by then-Gov. Andrew Cuomo, restaurants can continue to use sidewalks and streets through early July."

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## **Do you want more supertall skyscrapers in Murray Hill?**

Gov. Hochul slipped legislation into her Executive Budget for FY 2023 that would remove the limitation on residential building height in New York City. The current allowed density for residential buildings statewide is 12 FAR (Floor Area Ratio - a technical zoning term). You can read about FAR on this page [www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/zoning/glossary.page](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/zoning/glossary.page). Below is the exact text in the Governor's budget. It is easy to think that these are all desirable goals, and who wouldn't want more affordable housing, but the devil is in the details. The bullet point about "density" is the one that could open up a Pandora's Box of development, especially in prime neighborhoods like Murray Hill.

### **The FY 2023 Governor's Executive Budget (New York State)**

<https://www.budget.ny.gov/pubs/archive/fy23/ex/book/briefingbook.pdf>

Here are the applicable sections of the budget on page 110 of the Executive budget.

**Expand Housing Supply.** Housing costs continue to rise throughout the state, exacerbated by inadequate housing supply. To improve housing affordability and availability, the Budget advances legislation to expand the State's housing supply, as follows.

**Bolster Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)**—Require municipalities to allow a minimum of one ADU on owner-occupied residentially zoned lots.

**Spur Transit-Oriented Development**—Allow dense multifamily construction in zones around rail transit stops within commuting distance to New York City.

**Allow Appropriate Density**—Repeal of the statutory limitation on the maximum density of the residential area of buildings in New York City, authorizing the City to allow for denser residential development where appropriate.

**Encourage Hotel Conversions**—Allow any Class B hotel located within or near a residential zoning district in New York City to use the existing certificate of occupancy to convert to permanent residences, as long as the units are subject to applicable rent stabilization laws and agreements. Alterations must follow regulations for Class B hotels.

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**Create Affordable Neighborhoods**—The Budget establishes the Affordable Neighborhoods for New Yorkers program to provide for the development of much needed affordable housing in New York City

Village Preservation (an activist preservation group) has put together a letter opposing the lifting of the cap on the density of residential buildings in NYC, and this group feels that doing it through the Budget is not appropriate. This letter can be emailed to government officials with a click of a button (see link below to the page that explains the issue with the link to the letter that can be emailed), and you can edit the text if you don't like their wording. **Opposing Gov. Hochul's Proposal to Allow Supersized Development in NYC Neighborhoods** [villagepreservation.org/campaign-update/opposing-gov-hochuls-proposal-to-allow-supersized-development-in-nyc-neighborhoods](https://villagepreservation.org/campaign-update/opposing-gov-hochuls-proposal-to-allow-supersized-development-in-nyc-neighborhoods).

The MHNA letter opposing lifting NYC's 12 FAR [murrayhillnyc.org/photos/News/MHNA\\_ltr\\_FAR\\_Gov\\_Budget\\_20220211.pdf](https://murrayhillnyc.org/photos/News/MHNA_ltr_FAR_Gov_Budget_20220211.pdf).

The New York Landmarks Conservancy opposes lifting the NYC FAR [nylandmarks.org/news/dont-lift-the-cap](https://nylandmarks.org/news/dont-lift-the-cap).

Or you can send your own email to government officials (EDC, City Planning, Councilmember, Manhattan Borough President, Public Advocate, Mayor, Community Board).

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## 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](https://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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**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](https://manhattancommunityboards.wufoo.com/forms/p2a2s130qjma1g).

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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 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](http://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](http://new.mta.info/project/CBDTP)

Department of Transportation (DOT) [www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/dntwnbkfactsheet.pdf](http://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](http://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](http://www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/about/nyc-streets-plan.shtml). Share your feedback at [nycdotsurveys.info/survey/share-thought-nyc-street-plan](http://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. The highly contagious and fast-moving Omicron variant is now dominant. **In Murray Hill** (zip codes 10016, 10017) transmission rate is **"high"** (decreasing). Daily average in

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NYC (last 7 days) **3.58%**. Data taken on **February 11, 2022**. Covid data taken from [www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data.page](http://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](#).

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## **New York State Mask Mandate Update**

As the statewide covid rate of transmission and hospitalizations decline for New York, Governor Kathy Hochul announced that the state's indoor mask mandate and the proof of vaccination requirement for businesses will be allowed to expire. ***It will remain optional for businesses, local governments, and counties.***

***The statewide mask mandate is still in effect in these locations:***

- Schools and childcare
- Mass transit and airports
- Professional health care settings
- Homeless shelters and domestic violence shelters
- Correctional facilities
- Nursing homes and adult care

Governor Hochul's press release: [governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-winter-toolkit-new-phase-covid-response-keep-new-york-safe-open-and](https://governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-winter-toolkit-new-phase-covid-response-keep-new-york-safe-open-and). The governor will reassess the state's guidelines for schools after the winter break.

***The U.S. Centers for Disease Control has not changed its mask guidelines***, due to covid transmission rates and hospitalizations that are still high nationwide.

***New York City has not changed their mask mandate and vaccination requirements. We must follow NYC guidelines.***

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## **Mayor Adams announced free COVID-19 antiviral pills delivered to New Yorkers who test positive for the virus and are at higher risk from the illness.**

The pills approved by the FDA—Paxlovid and Molnupiravir—are taken orally for five days and help prevent symptoms from getting worse. Supply of pills is limited, but eligible New Yorkers with symptoms and who test positive can obtain them by contacting their health care provider, or calling 311 to be connected to medical care.

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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

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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 [nychealthandhospitals.org/pressrelease/nyc-test-trace-announces-at-home-testing-for-immunocompromised-and-those-ages-65](https://nychealthandhospitals.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.

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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

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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.

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### Free at-home covid test kits

The Federal government is sending free at-home covid test kits. Each residential address will be limited to four tests. People will be able to order the tests at [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov).

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### Insurance Reimbursement for At-Home Tests

Your health insurance company will pay you back for 8 at-home tests per month for each person on the plan. Under a new plan announced by the Biden administration, privately insured Americans can be reimbursed for eight at-home coronavirus tests per person per month.

FDA approved at-home test kits [fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-emergency-use-authorizations-medical-devices/in-vitro-diagnostics-euas-antigen-diagnostic-tests-sars-cov-2](https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-emergency-use-authorizations-medical-devices/in-vitro-diagnostics-euas-antigen-diagnostic-tests-sars-cov-2).

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### Do you go to bed hungry?

February 10, 2022, Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that **all New Yorkers enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will receive the maximum allowable level of food benefits for February.** All households participating

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in SNAP—including those already at the maximum level of benefits—will receive a supplemental allotment later this month. The payments will be delivered directly to recipients' existing Electronic Benefit Transfer accounts and can be accessed with their existing EBT cards. Like regular SNAP benefits, the supplemental benefits can be used to purchase food at authorized retail food stores. Any unused SNAP benefits will automatically carry over to the following month. Find more information on the emergency supplemental SNAP benefits, including answers to frequently asked questions at [otda.ny.gov/programs/snap/qanda.asp](https://otda.ny.gov/programs/snap/qanda.asp). New Yorkers can check their eligibility for SNAP and apply online by visiting [mybenefits.ny.gov/mybenefits/begin](https://mybenefits.ny.gov/mybenefits/begin).

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### **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](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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through February 18 (apply by this date, or be waitlisted)

**The [New York State Homeowners Assistance Fund \(NYHAF\)](https://nyhomeownerfund.org) portal is accepting applications from eligible homeowners at risk of default, foreclosure, or displacement due to COVID-related hardship** until next Friday, February 18 (any applications after that will be waitlisted). Those who qualify can receive financial assistance to catch up on missed housing payments, reduce mortgage debt to make monthly mortgage payments more affordable, and receive up to six months of future housing payments. Apply at [nyhomeownerfund.org](https://nyhomeownerfund.org) or call 1-844-77-NYHAF.

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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](#)

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[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

**February 12 - 19**

### **National Entrepreneurship Week**

Take advantage of the U.S. Small Business Administration's programs and services to help you start, grow, expand or continue to recover from the pandemic. The SBA business guide offers a variety of resources whether you are just starting your business or are looking to expand [sba.gov/business-guide](https://www.sba.gov/business-guide).

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**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](https://www.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

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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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## 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

## Important election dates

NOTE: Voters must be registered with a party to vote to nominate that party's candidate in a Primary Election. Use the *Voter Registration Form* to indicate your party when you register to vote, if you would like to change your party affiliation or to change your address. We recommend using the online forms where possible. Election rules are set by the State.

New York City Board of Elections website [vote.nyc](https://vote.nyc)

New York State Board of Elections website [elections.ny.gov](https://elections.ny.gov)

Check your voter registration status at [vote.nyc/page/am-i-registered](https://vote.nyc/page/am-i-registered) or call 1-866-868-3692.

Register to vote (Voter Registration Form) at [vote.nyc/page/register-vote](https://vote.nyc/page/register-vote)

Political calendar from the state Board of Elections

[elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/law/2022PoliticalCalendar.pdf](https://elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/law/2022PoliticalCalendar.pdf)

NY State BOE Voting Deadlines calendar [elections.ny.gov/VotingDeadlines.html](https://elections.ny.gov/VotingDeadlines.html).

## February 14

Deadline to change party affiliation for the Primary Election (use the Voter Registration Form to change party)

March 1 - April 7

Petitioning period for Primary candidates

June 3

Deadline for voter registration for Primary Election

June 8

Deadline for change of address for Primary Election

June 13

Deadline to request Absentee Ballot

June 18 - 26

Early voting

## June 28

### Primary Election

August 4 - 10

Judicial Convention

October 14

Deadline for voter registration for General Election

October 18

Deadline for change of address for General Election

October 24

Deadline to request Absentee Ballot

October 29 - November 6

Early Voting

## November 8

### General Election

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**open enrollment has been extended**

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

Enroll on the 15<sup>th</sup> to get coverage starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/mayorspeu/resources/getcovered-open-enrollment.page).

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**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](https://sites.google.com/nypl.org/techconnect/programs/office-readiness-series).

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**through February 19 10am – 7pm**

**February 20 11am – 3pm**

### **The Vanderbilt Hall Pop-Up Shops at Grand Central Terminal**

Six marvelous craftspeople showing one-of-a-kind gifts! Discover unique fashion, accessories, jewelry, and home décor that will add remarkable accents to anyone's home and wardrobe. Artisanal treasures are yours to discover! Learn more at [grandcentralterminal.com/event/vanderbilt-hall-pop-up-shops](http://grandcentralterminal.com/event/vanderbilt-hall-pop-up-shops). (masks required)

Grand Central Terminal

Vanderbilt Hall

42<sup>nd</sup> Street, enter at Park Avenue (Pershing Square West)

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**[NYC Broadway Week](#) through February 27 (extended)**

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.

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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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**February 24 1 - 4pm**

### **(virtual summit) The Future of Construction in NY**

Developing and Enhancing Construction Systems and Programs Throughout New York. As the world changed with the pandemic, the construction sector changed with it. There's been a rising cost in raw materials with a drop in construction filings and labor sourcing. The new infrastructure bill has a great effect on development activity. This event will bring together experts across sectors to assess the current state of New York's construction systems, break down recent legislative actions, and look towards the future of all things coming up and going on in New York. Hear from government officials and industry leaders to assess the current state of construction systems, break down recent legislation & look toward the future of all things coming up & going on in New York! Panels: The Public-Private Partnerships Bringing Projects to Life in New York, Plans for Infrastructure and Buildings for a Diverse NY, Rebuilding NYC: New Developments for Economic Recovery. (free) Register at [cityandstateny.com/feature/Future-of-Construction-in-New-York-Summit](http://cityandstateny.com/feature/Future-of-Construction-in-New-York-Summit).

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**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](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

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eligible families. Learn more at [schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/earlylearn-nyc](https://schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/earlylearn-nyc). If you missed Kindergarten enrollment for your child, contact [myschools.nyc](https://myschools.nyc) to find out what your options are.

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**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](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CfHKySU2ReqVEM7BJFnsIq). If you require a reasonable accommodation, please contact Maricela Brea at [mbrea@mopd.nyc.gov](mailto:mbrea@mopd.nyc.gov) by close of business on Friday, February 4, 2022.

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**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](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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**February 15 4 - 5:30pm**

### **(virtual) The Great Disappearing Act: The Germans of NYC**

(free) Christina Ziegler-McPherson discusses her new book, *The Great Disappearing Act: Germans in New York City, 1880-1930*. Learn about German Americans, their community and ultimate assimilation during the Great War. This talk will shed new light on one of the largest urban ethnic concentrations in the US, one which has often been overlooked. Register at [eventbrite.com/e/the-great-disappearing-act-the-germans-of-nyc-tickets-229456991037](https://eventbrite.com/e/the-great-disappearing-act-the-germans-of-nyc-tickets-229456991037). This talk is presented by by The Gotham Center for New York City History, CUNY Graduate Center.

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**February 16 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,

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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 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](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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**February 16 7:30pm**

**(virtual) The Great Resignation: Paul Krugman in Conversation with Caitlyn Collins, Michelle Holder, Lawrence Katz, and Derek Thompson**

More than 20 million workers quit their jobs in the second half of 2021. What is behind this trend? Is it mainly low-wage workers no longer willing to tolerate poor working conditions? Early retirements by people not wanting to return to an inflexible office culture? Families struggling with remote learning and childcare? Have nonwhite workers, especially women, been disproportionately affected? What is the impact on the economy of "The Great Resignation" and how can this moment be used to create better conditions for all while addressing inequalities in the workforce?

**Paul Krugman**, distinguished professor of economics at the CUNY Graduate Center, Nobel laureate, and New York Times columnist, leads a panel of experts, including: **Caitlyn Collins**, assistant professor of sociology at Washington University in St. Louis and author of Making Motherhood Work: How Women Manage Careers and Caregiving; **Michelle Holder**, president and CEO of the Washington Center for Equitable Growth, associate professor of economics at John Jay College, and author of Afro-Latinos in the U.S. Economy; **Lawrence Katz**, professor of economics at Harvard University and a research associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research; and **Derek Thompson**, staff writer at The Atlantic and author of Hit Makers: How to Succeed in an Age of Distraction. Presented by The Graduate Center, CUNY, with the Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality. Register at [gc.cuny.edu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_x6sln5KZTVKV-dh8c6JPIQ](https://gc.cuny.edu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_x6sln5KZTVKV-dh8c6JPIQ). CUNY Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue, [gcevents@gc.cuny.edu](mailto:gcevents@gc.cuny.edu), [gc.cuny.edu](https://gc.cuny.edu).

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**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

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**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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**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](https://irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/webinars-for-small-businesses).

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**February 17 4 - 6pm**

**[NYC Job Fair](#)**

Learn about the various job opportunities available at NYC Parks and other city agencies, including FDNY, NYPD, DCAS, and the MTA. This virtual information session will feature 10-minute presentations from each agency or NYC Parks division, followed by a Q&A. Space is limited so be sure to RSVP in advance.

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**February 17 6 - 7:30pm**

**February 19 10:30am – 12pm**

**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. NYPL's Business Library offers a wide range of industry and market research databases to help you identify these key areas. Note: This is the 2nd training workshop for the New York StartUP! 2022 Business Plan Competition. Whether you are participating in the Competition or not, you are welcome to attend this workshop. The same workshop will be offered at different times/dates to accommodate participants' schedules.

Register for the February 17 workshop at <https://www.nypl.org/events/programs/2022/02/17/ny-startup-2022-workshop-2-developing-your-marketing-plan>.

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Register for the February 19 workshop at <https://www.nypl.org/events/programs/2022/02/17/ny-startup-2022-workshop-2-developing-your-marketing-plan>.

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**February 17 6:30pm**

**(virtual) Manhattan Community Board Six - Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Agenda: Discussion of District Attorney Alvin Bragg's memo, "Achieving Fairness and Safety" and more. Register at [zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_WvyPtCw-QMuuNP4fwkxjTg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WvyPtCw-QMuuNP4fwkxjTg).

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**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](https://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)

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***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 17 6 - 7pm**

### **(virtual) Penn Station Area Panel Discussion**

The panel discussion explores the buildings that are threatened, the voices of the community, and efforts to fight a plan that threatens the very soul of the area. Join the Historic Districts Council for an advocacy forum. Panelists will address the urgent preservation issues arising from the proposed Penn Station Area development and share calls to action to help us all make our voices heard in opposition to the plan. Speakers include HDC Advisor George Calderaro; Layla Law-Gisiko, Chair of Community Board 5's Landmarks Committee; Brad Vogel, noted preservationist and attorney, who is a member of the City Club of New York's Preservation Committee; and Seri Worden, Senior Field Director in New York City for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Register at [act.myngp.com/Forms/4085675465020541952?midqs=7cQU\\_WA7aA3BLbyrXygEYw==](https://act.myngp.com/Forms/4085675465020541952?midqs=7cQU_WA7aA3BLbyrXygEYw==).

**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](https://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](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.

**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

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...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.

[Letter from the NYC Planning Commission](#) to the Empire State Development Corporation, January 27, 2022.

[Community Board 5 Resolution](#) regarding the Penn Station Empire Station Complex GPP DEIS.

**The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association Preservation & Design Committee** sent a letter to Governor Hochul opposing the Penn Station area redevelopment plan that would demolish several blocks surrounding Penn Station. [Read the letter](#)

## **The Morgan Library & Museum**

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

**opening February 18 through May 22**

### ***Woody Guthrie: People Are the Song***

The author of more than three thousand folk songs, Woody Guthrie (1912–1967) is one of the most influential songwriters and recording artists in American history. He is an icon of the Depression era and wrote the world's most famous protest song, "This Land Is Your Land," but he was not only a songwriter, and his subject matter extended well beyond labor politics. His creativity included lyrics, poetry, artwork, and largely unpublished prose writings, and it encompassed topics such as the environment, love, sex, spirituality, family, and racial justice.

**through May 15**

### ***Holbein: Capturing Character***

Hans Holbein the Younger (1497/98–1543) was among the most skilled, versatile, and inventive artists of the early 1500s. He created captivating portraits of courtiers, merchants, scholars, and statesmen in Basel, Switzerland, and later in England, and served as a court painter to Tudor King Henry VIII (1491–1547). Enriched by inscriptions, insignia, and evocative attributes, his portraits comprise eloquent visual statements of personal identity and illuminate the Renaissance culture of erudition, self-fashioning, luxury, and wit.

**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](http://themorgan.org).

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**February 21**

### **@NYPDCadets orientation for the NYPD Cadet Corps**

This is a paid internship that provides qualified college students with a chance to experience a career within the NYPD. For more info visit [NYPDCadets.org](http://NYPDCadets.org).

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**February 22 - 25**

### **Kids Week: Skate, create, and participate in an array of kid-friendly activities**

Most programs are designed for kids ages 4-6, but all ages are welcomed. Learn more at [bryantpark.org/programs/kids-week](http://bryantpark.org/programs/kids-week). See the map at [bryantpark.org/the-park#park-map](http://bryantpark.org/the-park#park-map).

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[February 23 Noon - 1pm](#)

[March 9 Noon - 1pm](#)

[April 13 Noon - 1pm](#)

## **Governor Hochul Announces New Resources to Aid Workers with Long-Haul COVID-19 Workers' Compensation Claims**

Those with a work-related injury or illness have two years from the date of becoming injured or ill to file a workers' compensation claim, so the deadline is approaching for workers who contracted COVID-19 due to their employment in the early days of the pandemic. Filing a claim is important because workers' compensation benefits in an established claim include lifetime medical care for the treatment of the work-related injury or illness. Even workers who have had a good outcome after COVID-19 can file a claim to protect their future rights to these medical benefits, should they ever need them. Workers should know that while not all claims will be accepted, there is no risk or harm in filing a claim, even if it ends up getting denied.

**Free informational webinars.** Participants do not need to register in advance, and can join the sessions via the links above, which will also be accessible through the Board's dedicated COVID-19 webpage at [wcb.ny.gov/covid-19](http://wcb.ny.gov/covid-19).



**through August 13**

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

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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### **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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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](http://grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=manhattanborough). Learn more about the grants and eligibility 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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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](http://cooperhewitt.org/design-competition-design-challenge).

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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/2021/12/31/silhouette-snapshots](https://gallery35nyc.com/2021/12/31/silhouette-snapshots). Gallery35, [gallery35ny@gmail.com](mailto:gallery35ny@gmail.com), 30 East 35th Street, 917-566-0708, [gallery35nyc.com](https://gallery35nyc.com).

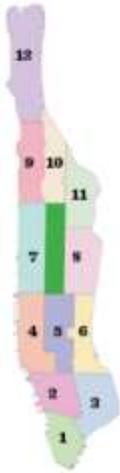
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**March 1 6:30 - 8pm**

### **(virtual) The Liberal Party, and the Rise and Fall of Social Democracy in NYC**

(free) Third parties have played a major role in US history; introducing and elevating such issues as the abolition of slavery, women's suffrage, and more. And in the past few decades, they have made a return to American political life. Come learn about perhaps the most successful third party of the last century, New York City's Liberal Party, which for decades after World War II served as kingmaker in the Empire State. Register at [eventbrite.com/e/the-liberal-party-and-the-rise-and-fall-of-social-democracy-in-nyc-tickets-229464503507](https://eventbrite.com/e/the-liberal-party-and-the-rise-and-fall-of-social-democracy-in-nyc-tickets-229464503507). Presented by The Gotham Center for New York City History, CUNY Graduate Center.

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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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**MARK LEVINE**

**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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**March 1 - 15 Save the date!**

### **(virtual) 7th international Segal Center Film Festival on Theatre and Performance (FTP 2022)**

In the time before Corona, the Segal Film Festival had evolved into the premier US event for new film and video work focusing on theatre and performance. Its mission was to invite experimental and established theatre makers to present work created for the screen. It is time to share an overview of some of the most compelling works created for the screen around the world during the pandemic. The film festival will serve as a memory capsule of theatre created in the years of 2020 and 2021. All events are FREE. The Martin E. Segal Theatre Center, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, is located at 365 Fifth Avenue, at 34th Street. [theSegalCenter.org](https://theSegalCenter.org) Info: 212-817-1860.

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**March 3 7:30pm**

### **(in person) Doctors' Orchestral Society of New York Norman Annenberg Memorial Concert**

Program: Verdi: *Overture from Nabucco*, Bruch: *Violin Concerto No. 1 in G minor, Op. 26*, soloist Siwen Xu, Saint-Saëns: *Symphony No. 1 in E flat major, Op. 2*. Music Director, Kyunghun Kim. Admission is free, donations are welcome. The DOE requires all guests to be vaccinated and masked and to fill out this form the day of the event prior to admission [healthscreening.schools.nyc/?type=G](https://healthscreening.schools.nyc/?type=G), (for location you can select 'other' and enter Norman Thomas High School). The auditorium is quite large and will allow for plenty of social distancing. The concerts are free and open to the public and are made possible by the generosity of financial supporters and orchestra members. Donations are greatly appreciated. The orchestra is a non-profit organization with a 501(c)3 tax exempt status and donations are 100% tax deductible. Checks may be sent to: Doctors Orchestra of NY, c/o Charlie Shafran, 7 West 96th Street, Apt 5A, New York, NY 10025 or donate via PayPal. For information visit their website [doctorsorchestra.org](https://doctorsorchestra.org) or email [DoctorsOrchestraNYC@gmail.com](mailto:DoctorsOrchestraNYC@gmail.com).

at Norman Thomas High School

111 East 33rd Street (NE Corner of Park Avenue)

2nd Floor Auditorium.

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**March 5-13**

### **NYC Open Data Week and School of Data**

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The Open Data Week (virtual and in person) will be jam-packed with events celebrating open data as a free, public resource about NYC. Join BetaNYC to learn about open data, build skills, and make new connections.

**BetaNYC's flagship conference School of Data** [schoolofdata.nyc](https://schoolofdata.nyc) brings together the City's technology, data, and design communities in one place for a weekend of back-to-back programming. This year the Jacobs Urban Tech Hub is hosting us at Cornell Tech [urban.tech.cornell.edu](https://urban.tech.cornell.edu) on March 5 and 6. Save the date and kick off your Open Data Week with BetaNYC! Please get vaccinated, bookmark [schoolofdata.nyc](https://schoolofdata.nyc), and tell your friends!

And, the week wouldn't be complete without the **Data Through Design (DxD)** [datathroughdesign.com](https://datathroughdesign.com) art exhibition. Mark your calendars! You're invited to an in-person opening with the artists on March 4 at The Hall BK [thehallbk.com](https://thehallbk.com) and to drop by the gallery space all week to check out the open data artwork. [Sign up and get on the event email list.](#)



**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, Fridays & Saturdays 6am & 7am**

**Wednesdays 6am**

### **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 10 7:30pm

**(virtual) On Freedom, with author Maggie Nelson in Conversation with Wayne Koestenbaum**

Maggie Nelson (Ph.D. in English, 2004) has been called “one of our most radical and forward-looking thinkers” (The Guardian). Her latest book, *On Freedom: Four Songs of Care and Constraint*, was named a New York Times Notable Book of 2021, which “shows her at her most original and brilliant.” In this blend of memoir and philosophical meditation, she examines the complex concept of freedom in four realms: art, sex, drugs, and climate. Nelson, a 2016 MacArthur Fellow who teaches at the University of Southern California, is the author of many works of nonfiction and poetry, including the bestselling *The Argonauts* (Book Critics Circle Award winner); *Bluets*; and *Jane: A Murder*. She speaks about *On Freedom* with Wayne Koestenbaum, distinguished professor of English, French, and comparative literature at the CUNY Graduate Center and author of more than 20 books including, most recently, *Ultramarine*. Presented with the Center for the Humanities and the Leon Levy Center for Biography. Free; Reservations Required at [gc.cuny.edu/All-GC-Events/Calendar/Detail?id=61511](http://gc.cuny.edu/All-GC-Events/Calendar/Detail?id=61511). The Graduate Center, CUNY, 365 Fifth Avenue.

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March 17 6 – 8:30pm

**(virtual) After the Fiscal Crisis: NYC and the Path to Neoliberalism**

(free) Benjamin Holtzman discusses his new book, *The Long Crisis: New York City and the Path to Neoliberalism*. In his book, Benjamin Holtzman reexamines this transformative period from the end of World War II to the 1970s, and locates the collapsing faith in government and the shift to “market-based solutions” not in the growing power of business and conservatism at the national level, emphasized in most accounts, but in the efforts of liberals in northern Democratic cities to preserve public services. Register at [eventbrite.com/e/after-the-fiscal-crisis-nyc-and-the-path-to-neoliberalism-tickets-229467943797](https://eventbrite.com/e/after-the-fiscal-crisis-nyc-and-the-path-to-neoliberalism-tickets-229467943797). Presented by by The Gotham Center for New York City History, CUNY Graduate Center.

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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](http://nyc.gov/nycpsfilmfestival) 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>.

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March 25 (application deadline)

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

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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](https://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](https://climatemuseum.org).

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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](https://scandinaviahouse.org)  
212-779-3587

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**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](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

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

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**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).

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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](https://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](https://nydc.com). See their schedule at [nydc.com/events](https://nydc.com/events).

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

[museumofthedog.org](https://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

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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](https://museumofthedog.org/events-and-education/childrens-programs). Online shopping [museumofthedog.org/shop](https://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](https://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](https://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:

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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.

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

### NY City Council Hearings

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

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

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

View hearings [council.nyc.gov/livestream](https://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](https://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](https://nypl.org/library-card). The NYPL will no longer charge late fees, and all prior late fines are cleared.

**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](https://nypl.org/blog/2020/07/08/nypl-grab-go-service), or call Ask NYPL at 917-275-6975 to place a hold.

**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](https://nypl.org/research/lpa/tech-kits). Grab & Go Locations [nypl.org/locations/grab-and-go](https://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)

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.

## 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](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-main.page)

**NYC Small Business Services** [www1.nyc.gov/site/sbs/index.page](http://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 **February 11, 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
- **191.17** 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
  - **191.17** 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://www.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 February 11, 2022.

<b>Kips Bay/Murray Hill/NoMad</b>
ZIP Code(s): 10016
Estimated population: 50912.11
99% with at least one dose
54788 residents with at least 1 dose
93.18% fully vaccinated
47441 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

20699 residents with at least 1 dose

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99% fully vaccinated

16271 residents fully 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.

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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.

#### 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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