



Murray Hill

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Upcoming Events...February 28, 2022

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February is Black History Month; March is Women's History Month.

Photo gallery

See photos: **Governor Hochul Illuminates New York Landmarks in Solidarity with the People of Ukraine** governor.ny.gov/news/photos-governor-hochul-illuminates-new-york-landmarks-solidarity-people-ukraine

Kudos!



Villa Berulia is celebrating their 41st year in Murray Hill, and March is their anniversary month!

Villa Berulia will be offering special “throwback” pricing for the entire month.

Tuesday – Saturdays

2-course lunch for \$19.81

3-course dinner for \$41

Every Wednesday for the month of March they will be having live music.

There will also be wine and whiskey tastings throughout the month.

Please visit their website for more information at villaberulia.com, or on Instagram @villaberulia.

Villa Berulia (fine dining Croatian & Italian style), 107 East 34th Street (between Park & Lexington Avenue), 212-689-1970.

Make your views known

[Should NYC's mayor maintain control over city schools? State lawmakers want to hear from you](#)

February 21, 2022, *gothamist.com*, by Sophia Change

New York City’s public schools have been under mayoral control since 2002. That’s when state lawmakers handed the reins of the nation’s largest school system to the Bloomberg administration. On Monday, the state legislature announced it will hold a virtual public hearing on March 4th to examine the future of mayoral control of the public school system, which is to expire on June 30th unless the state agrees to extend the policy. The policy has been extended numerous times since it was first enacted in 2002, and requires approval by the state legislature...the purpose of the hearing is to consider the problems, perhaps consider what has worked and determine how best to have our schools run in the coming years.” Governor Kathy Hochul has signaled her support for mayoral control, with a four-year extension of the system included in her proposed budget last month. Mayor Eric Adams has also said he wants to extend mayoral control...“I look forward to working with my colleagues in Albany to best prioritize our students and ensure our schools are the safest and most supportive environments possible,” Adams said...Opponents have said the system of mayoral control has left out key stakeholders like parents and educators, and has done little to improve persistent issues of inequity...The public is invited to testify at the hearing and can pre-register here: nysenate.gov/questionnaires/john-c-liu/new-york-city-education-committee-witness-registration-form.

[Editor’s note: You can submit testimony by email to nyceducation@nysenate.gov. Submission of testimony must be received by March 2nd.]

Mayor Proposes to Slash Staff and Budget for Landmarks Preservation Commission

February 23, 2022, Village Preservation

The City of New York Preliminary Budget, Fiscal Year 2023, Eric Adams, Mayor. Program to Eliminate the Gap (PEG), see Section II - Item 136 Landmarks Preservation Commission, page 20, Item 136 - Landmarks Preservation Commission www1.nyc.gov/assets/omb/downloads/pdf/peg2-22.pdf.

Mayor Adams' recently released draft proposed budget includes a cut to the funding and staffing of the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC). The LPC is already the smallest city agency, charged with overseeing tens of thousands of landmarked properties across New York City, and surveying hundreds of thousands more to ensure that historically significant sites are protected. The Mayor's proposed budget would slash the tiny agency's staffing of approximately 80 positions by six. If you wish to weigh in on this, Village Preservation has a pre-written (editable) letter that you can use at villagepreservation.org/campaign-update/mayor-proposes-to-slash-staff-and-budget-for-landmarks-preservation-commission.

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. The NYC DOT open restaurants webpage www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/pedestrians/openrestaurants.shtml.

If you would like to weigh in on this issue, email your government officials, and Council Member Gale Brewer at 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.

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. 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)

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.

~~(this section was taken out of the budget) **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.

(this section allows supertall skyscrapers anywhere in NYC; how do you define "appropriate"?)

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.

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; this group feels that doing it through the Budget is not appropriate. This (editable) 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.

The MHNA letter opposing lifting NYC's 12 FAR 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.

Or you can send your own email to government officials (your State Senator and Assemblymember, Manhattan Borough President, Public Advocate, Mayor, your NYC Councilmember, your Community Board).

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

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

(comments are still being accepted)

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

Learn more at the following websites:

Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) **Central Business District Tolling Program**
new.mta.info/project/CBDTP

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

You can watch any of the series of public meetings that have been held about the program on the MTA's YouTube channel youtube.com/user/mtainfo under the CBDTP playlist youtube.com/watch?v=GIXsntJrv1c&list=PLZHkn788ZQJN8EclHc8LhDnu2693a-hwW.

April 27 (deadline for comments)

Central Business District Tolling Program: Early Outreach Comment Period

Formal Public Comment Period on the CBDTP Environmental Assessment to Commence in Late Spring/Early Summer. The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) are encouraging the public to provide comments on the early outreach process and project for the proposed Central Business District Tolling Program (CBDTP) proposal, also known as congestion pricing, prior to April 27, 2022. Information on the CBDTP proposal, including links to presentations and public outreach meetings, may be found at <https://new.mta.info/project/CBDTP> Based on extensive early public outreach, the proposal has benefited from more than 7,000 comments in the tri-state area to date.

Where to Comment

Online: new.mta.info/project/CBDTP

Email: CBDTTP@mtabt.org

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

Phone: 646-252-7440

Fax: 212-504-3148 [Attn: The CBDTP Team]

Share your feedback online

DOT citywide listening sessions about the NYC Master Streets Plan

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

How you can help

Join a MHNA committee

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

Nationwide Blood Shortage

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

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

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

Pandemic updates

Transmission rate data shows how much the virus is spreading. **In Murray Hill** (zip codes 10016, 10017) transmission rate is **"high"**. Daily average in NYC (last 7 days) is **1.73%** (decreasing). Data taken on **February 25, 2022**. Covid data taken from www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data.page.

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

- get vaccinated (get the booster when eligible)
- wear a mask in public places
- practice social distancing
- practice hand hygiene
- stay home if sick or if you test positive for covid-19. Notify your doctor if you have covid and seek care if seriously ill.

Get tested if you have been in a gathering with people outside your household.

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

Why are the reported NYC transmission rates and those calculated by New York State and CDC different? The short answer is that the rates are calculated differently. NYC's calculation is more conservative and typically shows a higher rate.

Centers for Disease Control's new mask guidelines: [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html).

CDC's term "[Community level](#)" defined: COVID-19 Community Levels are a new tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area. Take precautions to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 based on the COVID-19 Community Level in your area.

Governor Hochul lifted the statewide indoor business mask and vaccine requirement

The mask requirement will remain optional for businesses, local governments, and counties. The 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.

New York City is continuing to require proof of vaccination for indoor dining, indoor fitness, and indoor entertainment spaces covered under the Key to NYC policy www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-vaccines-keytonyc.page.

[All N.Y. hospitals can resume elective procedures due to low COVID rates, Hochul says](#)

February 24, 2022, *nydailynews.com*, by Tim Balk

All New York hospitals can continue nonessential procedures, Gov. Hochul said Thursday, almost three months after she signed an executive order to free up beds in the face of the omicron COVID threat...About 2,300 New Yorkers were hospitalized with COVID as of Thursday, according to state

data, the lowest total since Nov. 19. At a mid-January peak, more than 12,000 infected New Yorkers were receiving hospital care, and about 1,600 were in intensive care.

[NYC to drop outdoor mask mandate for public schools](#)

February 25, 2022, *gothamist.com*, by Gwynne Hogan

Source: Bloomberg Prognosis email of February 27, 2022, *bloombergbusiness.com*

Farewell to restrictions, but not caution

"[N]ew Covid cases and hospitalizations are trending downward across the country and people are eager to return to a new normal," says Vanderbilt University epidemiologist William Schaffner. "Nevertheless, I urge people to be both cautious and careful because, although the rates of new illnesses are moving downward, they are still not low enough to be carefree..." "If you would like to gather with a small group of friends to play a game of bridge, go to a restaurant and the like, first be sure all are vaccinated and then also get a rapid test on the day of the event," says Schaffner. "Assuring that all have negative test results provides additional assurance that the occasion will be low-risk and that the small group of friends or family can remove their masks." People with increased risk of becoming severely ill with Covid should also continue to be extra cautious, he says. That includes people over 65, those with underlying conditions and people who are immunocompromised."

People with Certain Medical Conditions

The Centers for Disease Control have updated the list of certain medical conditions that put people at higher risk of getting very sick from COVID-19 to include additional disabilities, primary immunodeficiency, and physical inactivity. Learn more at [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html).

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).

[NYC ends outdoor mask mandate for schools](#)

February 25, 2022, *ny.chalkbeat.org*, by Reema Amin

New York City students will no longer be required to wear masks outdoors on school grounds, the department announced Friday. Masks will still be mandatory inside of school buildings, officials said in a news release. The change, which goes into effect Monday, means students can participate in recess or other outdoor activities without wearing masks. Officials said they are lifting the outdoor mask mandate because the city's in-school positivity rate has dropped under 1%. Those results, however, come from swabs taken at school and cover a tiny share of the school population.

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced plans to end the state mask requirement in schools starting on March 2, 2022.

The Governor made this decision based on the analysis of several key COVID-19 data trends and after consulting with health and education experts, as well as parents, teachers and school administrators. The announcement also follows recent changes in metrics used by the CDC to determine risk and transmission levels in communities. Other mitigation measures should remain in place.

Source: Gov. Hochul's press release email, February 27, 2022.

NOTE: NYC residents still have to follow NYC covid policies.

[NYC schools could lift mask mandate by March 7](#)

February 27, 2022, *ny.chalkbeat.org*, by Reema Amin

New York City could lift its mask mandate for public schools on March 7, Mayor Eric Adams said Sunday. His announcement came hours after Gov. Kathy Hochul lifted the statewide mask mandate for schools starting March 2. Adams said the city will make a final decision by March 4, after officials "evaluate the numbers" of COVID infection rates, hospitalizations, and vaccination rates.

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

Learn more at murrayhillnyc.org.

[Testing](#)

[Vaccinations](#)

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

[Neighborhood retail, health care \(including pets\) & services that are open](#)
[Neighborhood houses of worship, museums, educational and cultural institutions](#)

For businesses and nonprofits

March 2 8:45 – 10:45 am,

Helping New York's Minority- and Immigrant-Owned Businesses Compete in an Age of Online Shopping

In-person policy symposium and virtual event, sponsored by The Center for an Urban Future. For questions or requests regarding access and accommodation, please contact Stephanie Arevalo at sarevalo@nycfuture.org at least 72 hours in advance of the program. Register for the virtual session at nycfuture.salsalabs.org/helpingminorityownedbusinessesgetonlinevirtual/index.html.

March 10 4 - 6pm

(virtual) Business Model for Artists

Are you an artist, painter, writer/author, photographer, designer, or musician? Have you developed your craft and love creating, but have a hard time turning it into a business? Learn the art of creating a business model to help you turn your talents and art into a business. You will have a chance to start working on your own business model during the workshop – if possible, have a notepad and pen/pencil ready. Presented by The Small Business Development Center at Baruch College, sbdc@baruch.cuny.edu. Register at register.gotowebinar.com/register/8253802213626249997.

March 11 (next deadline)

Manhattan Chamber's Small Business Digital Shopping Guides

The Manhattan Chamber of Commerce Foundation, with support from Wells Fargo, is announcing an initiative to help businesses reach out to a larger group of potential customers. Local businesses can submit information about a discount offer or special product they want highlighted in one of Manhattan Chamber's Small Business Digital Shopping Guides. Sign up for this free offer. mailchi.mp/manhattance/events-33280?e=b6bb400906. Below are the five guidebooks to be distributed in 2022 and the deadlines to submit your information:

Women's History Month (March): Highlight woman-owned businesses in New York. Deadline for submission: March 11.

Pride Month (June): Highlight LGBT-owned businesses in New York. Deadline for submission: June 10.

Hispanic Heritage Month (September): Highlight Latinx-owned businesses in New York City. Deadline for submission: September 16.

Small Business Saturday/Holiday Guide (November): Highlight small businesses located throughout New York City with a special section to showcase legacy businesses that have been here for 50 years or more. Deadline for submission: November 4.

Ongoing

Webinars for businesses

The NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS) is hosting several free webinars providing information and resources for NYC small businesses. Schedule of upcoming webinars eventbrite.com/o/nyc-department-of-small-business-services-5423713077. You can also view recorded webinars on-demand. Additional free webinars are available through SCORE, a U.S. Small Business Administration affiliate. Learn more about the [schedule and how to register](#).

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

Mondays 4pm

(virtual) NYC Nightlife, Elevate: Nightlife Mental Health

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

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.

Job and internship opportunities

Bryant Park/34th Street Partnership IT Internship

Bryant Park Corporation and 34th Street Partnership are seeking applicants for a part-time IT Intern to assist with technical projects ranging from security camera maintenance and public WIFI

administration to end user support. This is a completely in-person job with a flexible schedule--the ideal candidate would be available a few days per week and could start immediately. More information on the role, and how to apply, are available at bryantpark.org/about-us.

March 25 (application deadline)

New York Public Radio Careers: Archives Internship, Summer 2022 (Remote)

Interns at NYPR are given a robust internship program with hands-on responsibilities. The goal of our internship program is to provide our interns with a substantive, meaningful work experience so that each intern concludes the internship period with demonstrable skills in his/her area of interest, plus knowledge of public radio, in general. The NYPR Radio Archives currently maintains a collection of more than 60,000 cataloged broadcast recordings dating from June 1927 to the present. These recordings cover the gamut of the station's activities as one of the nation's earliest public broadcasters. This internship will provide an opportunity for a qualified student to collaborate with the Archives' staff on several ongoing digitization and access projects. NYPR Archives place particular emphasis on readying materials for our multi-year digitization project; this is an exciting opportunity to see from the inside how a large, complex audio digitization project works. Learn more and apply at jobs.jobvite.com/newyork-public-radio/job/oa5AifwR.

March 25 (application deadline)

New York Public Radio Careers: Brian Lehrer Show Internship, Summer 2022 (Remote)

The Brian Lehrer Show is looking for self-starting interns to join our team while we continue to work remotely. Interns at NYPR are given a robust internship program with hands-on responsibilities. The goal of our internship program is to provide our interns with substantive, meaningful work experience so that each intern concludes the internship period with demonstrable skills in his/her area of interest, plus knowledge of public radio, in general. The Brian Lehrer Show is WNYC's Peabody Award-winning news/talk program, The show serves as a town square for New York and beyond, with newsmakers and agenda-setters, journalists, and listeners conversing at length on the local, national and international news and cultural and social trends of the day. Learn more and apply at jobs.jobvite.com/newyork-public-radio/job/oeUzifwJ.

March 28 (application deadline)

New York Public Radio Careers: Digital Asset Management Internship, Summer 2022 (remote)

New York Public Radio's (NYPR) Digital Asset Management Team seeks an intern to help preserve the video recordings of The Jerome L. Greene Space and other video projects from the New York Public Radio Newsroom. Throughout the semester, the intern will get hands-on digital preservation experience working with both digital file-based video recordings and NYPR's newly acquired digital asset management system Cortex. The work will focus on digital file-based video currently stored on at-risk hard disk drives (HDDs). This media will be migrated from HDDs to networked storage, where the intern will assist with processing it into NYPR's digital asset management system for long-term

preservation and access. Together with the Digital Asset Manager, the intern will bring this collection to a more advanced stage of digital preservation following recommendations from the NDSA Levels of Digital Preservation Matrix. The intern will also improve access to this collection following recommendations of the DLF Levels of Born-Digital Access Model. Learn more and apply at jobs.jobvite.com/newyork-public-radio/job/og5AifwX.

Upcoming events

open enrollment has been extended

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

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

through February 28 Middle School applications
through March 11 High School applications (extended)
through March 18 Pre-K applications (for NYC children born in 2018)
through April 14 3-K applications (for NYC children born in 2019)
ongoing Elementary School, 3K and EarlyLearn enrollment
Kindergarten applications are now closed.

NYC Public School applications

Middle schools won't be allowed to use academic screens, but high schools can. The only screening criteria will be first semester grades from this school year and a work sample (no attendance or state test scores). The screening process will also be managed centrally, rather than by individual schools. High schools will be allowed to use borough and zone geographic priorities. Offers will be sent in May. Learn more at schools.nyc.gov, at schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade and at MySchools NYC myschools.nyc/en (other languages are available), by phone at 718-935-2009 or at a Family Welcome Center schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enrollment-help/family-welcome-centers. EarlyLearn is for toddlers to 2 years old and is available for eligible families. Learn more at schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/earlylearn-nyc. If you missed Kindergarten enrollment for your child, contact myschools.nyc to find out what your options are.



February 28 1pm (next event)

NYC Speaks, Community Conversations launches Phase 2

Building on the momentum of 62,000 survey responses, NYC Speaks Community Conversations is now seeking partners to support upcoming Community Conversations that will bring New Yorkers together to discuss the issues most important to them and co-create solutions. There are three ways to get involved in this next phase 1) receive a micro-grant to host multiple NYC Speaks events 2) host your own event 3) attend an event.

MICRO-GRANT OPEN CALL

NYC Speaks offers micro-grants to community organizations to host Community Conversation events during March and April. Please send interested CBOs over to nycspeaks.org/conversations for more information.

February 28 1pm (virtual) Information and Q&A Session

Register at hraadvisors.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Wo6DTfMNTaWMYOz1UxddAA.

March 8 5pm Application Deadline

Apply at

docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScwpGU2C8JxkqfoncJEq8vKVGwRB_66f6WDs5OGly-5-JZKg/viewform.

HOST YOUR OWN EVENT

NYC Speaks invites you to bring together a small group of neighbors, friends, or family to discuss what we heard from New Yorkers and co-create solutions. We'll be launching a toolkit in the coming weeks that will contain everything you need to host your own discussion in-person or virtually. If you are interested in hosting your own meeting, sign up below to be the first to know when the guide is live.

ATTEND AN EVENT

Attend an upcoming community event that will be happening across the city in March and April. Stay tuned for more information. Sign up for updates at hraadvisors.us9.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=569e6215860c116586a158d8f&id=7fdd9a439d.

With your help, we know that everyday New Yorkers can shape the future of our city. Thank you for your partnership!

In partnership,

José Serrano-McClain and Dr. Shango Blake

Co-Executive Directors, NYC Speaks

ongoing

Next session February 28 4 - 6pm

Rat Academy Training

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

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

February 28 7pm

Community Board 6 Land Use & Waterfront Committee Meeting

Update from the Department of Design and Construction on the East Side Coastal Resiliency Project (ESCR), discussion of racial impact studies as part of the land use process, update on the work of CB6's Community Planning Fellow, and more. [Register to join the meeting via Zoom](#). [Meeting agenda](#)

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.

February 28 5pm (deadline for submissions)

HeARTwork Against Hate, an art contest for students in grades 3-12

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through February 28

Virtual exhibit at Gallery35: Silhouette Snapshots

Artists Bev Thompson and Marsha Peru 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. Gallery35, gallery35ny@gmail.com, 30 East 35th Street, 917-566-0708, gallery35nyc.com.



March 1 Mardi Gras!

March 2 Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent.

March 1 6pm

(virtual) Community Board 5: Budget, Education & City Services Committee Meeting

Presentation by Department of Health and Mental Health on Safe Injection Sites. Register at zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dozaqnu9RtezInfKjOFiBA.

March 1 6 - 7:30pm (next workshop)

(virtual) NY StartUP! 2022 Workshop 3: Developing Financial Statements

The financials section of your plan shows potential investors whether or not your business is viable. Explore the different components of the financials section of a business plan and how to develop financial statements for your business. This is the 3rd 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: you'll gain valuable knowledge and insight for your business! The same workshop will be offered at different times/dates to accommodate participants' schedules. Click on the dates below to register for that specific time:

Tuesday, March 1, from 6 - 7:30pm, register at nypl.org/events/programs/2022/03/01/ny-startup-2022-workshop-3-developing-financial-statements.

Saturday, March 12 from 10:30am to 12pm, register at nypl.org/events/programs/2022/03/12/ny-startup-2022-workshop-3-developing-financial-statements

Thursday, March 24 from 6 to 7:30pm, register at nypl.org/events/programs/2022/03/24/ny-startup-2022-workshop-3-developing-financial-statements

This is a Business Center Program presented by the New York Public Library Thomas Yoseloff Business Center, 455 Fifth Avenue (40th Street), nypl.org/locations/snfl/yoseloff-business.

March 1 6:30 - 8pm

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

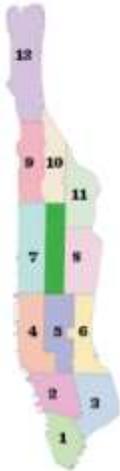
(free) Third parties have played a major role in US history; introducing and elevating such issues as the abolition of slavery, women's suffrage, and more. And in the past few decades, they have made a return to American political life. Come learn about perhaps the most successful third party of the 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. Presented by The Gotham Center for New York City History, CUNY Graduate Center.



March 1 7:30pm

(In-person, free) Book talk with Icelandic author Auður Jónsdóttir, translator Meg Match, director Tinna Hrafnadóttir and moderator Esther Allen on the new novel *Quake*

Published by Dottir Press. Nominated for the Icelandic Literary Prize, *Quake: A Novel* is a haunting novel-in-translation about Saga, a woman who comes to after an epileptic seizure on a sidewalk along busy Miklabraut Street. Her three-year-old son is gone. The last thing she remembers is a double-decker bus that no one else can confirm seeing. With Allen, Jónsdóttir and Match will discuss the writing and translation of the novel in Volvo Hall; following a short clip, Hrafnadóttir will also discuss the making of the film adaptation. This program will take place in-person in Volvo Hall and will also be live-streamed. RSVP required at scandinaviahouse.org/events/quake-book-talk. All attendees are required to present proof of vaccination upon arrival. Attendees are required to follow all Scandinavia House safety protocols, including wearing masks during the program and observing social distancing rules.



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



APPLY NOW! Deadline is March 1st.

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



Learn more: manhattanbp.nyc.gov/communityboards

March 1 (application deadline)

Apply to be a member of your Community Board

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

March 1 (application deadline)

Enhanced STAR property tax exemption

The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance today reminded seniors that the deadline to apply for greater property tax savings through the Enhanced STAR property tax exemption is March 1. To be eligible for the 2022 Enhanced STAR property tax exemption, seniors must: currently receive the Basic STAR property tax exemption; have one owner of the property who will be at least 65 years of age by December 31, 2022; and have had 2020 income equal to or below \$92,000. The New York City Department of Finance (DOF) website provides eligibility information about Basic Star and Enhanced Star and links to submit your application online. Please visit the DOF website at www1.nyc.gov/site/finance/benefits/landlords-star.page.

At the AKC Museum of the Dog



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



March 1 - 15

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

The Segal Film Festival's mission is to invite experimental and established theatre makers to present work created for the screen. The Festival shares 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. View the full lineup at segalfilmfestival.org. 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 Info: 212-817-1860.

Important upcoming election dates

NOTE: Only voters registered with a party may vote to nominate that party's candidate in a Primary Election. You can indicate your party when you register to vote. If you would like to change your party affiliation or change your address, use the voter registration form.

New York City Board of Elections website vote.nyc. Check your voter registration status at vote.nyc/page/am-i-registered or call 1-866-868-3692. Register to vote at vote.nyc/page/register-vote (recommend using online registration whenever possible).

Political calendar from the state Board of Elections

elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/law/2022PoliticalCalendar.pdf and NY State BOE Voting Deadlines calendar elections.ny.gov/VotingDeadlines.html.

Did you know that 16 - 17 year olds are eligible to pre-register to vote in New York? With pre-registration, you're automatically registered to vote when you turn 18!

March 1 - April 7 – Petitioning period for 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

March 2 8:45 - 10:45am

Helping New York's Minority- and Immigrant-Owned Businesses Compete in an Age of Online Shopping.

Sponsored by The Center for an Urban Future. This registration form is for the virtual stream of the in-person policy symposium.

nycfuture.salsalabs.org/helpingminorityownedbusinessesgetonlinevirtual/index.html.

March 2 12pm (next session)

(virtual, weekly events) Retirement A to Z

An eight-part series on Retirement Planning. These programs are designed to introduce you to the many possible sources of retirement income and resources, including social security, medicare, pension options including 401ks, individual retirement accounts, and annuities, as well as the complex issues faced when planning for loved ones with wills and/or trusts. The series aims to provide participants with the information needed to help them secure their finances for the future.

March 2 12pm Trust in Your Trust- Part 1 Wills & Trusts 101. Elder Law Attorney Ronald Fatoullah, Esq., discusses the differences and advantages of Wills and Trusts. The discussion includes: What is a Will?; Who are the parties to a Will?; How basic Wills are structured; What is a Trust?; Who are the parties to a Trust?; How are basic Trusts structured? Gain an understanding of the basics of gift and estate taxes; Revocable vs. Irrevocable Trusts; Simple vs. Complex Trusts; Inter Vivos Vs.

Testamentary Trusts. Register at nypl.org/events/programs/2022/03/02/trust-your-trust-part-1-wills-trusts-101

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

Learn more and register at. Presented by the New York Public Library's Thomas Yoseloff Business Center, in partnership with the Museum of American Finance. NYPL Thomas Yoseloff Business Center 455 Fifth Avenue (40th Street), Fifth Floor, 212-340-0863.

March 2 5pm ([Jane's Walk orientation event](#))

March 31 (apply to lead a Jane's Walk event)

May 6-8 Jane's Walk

Municipal Art Society (MAS) Jane's Walk

MAS annual Jane's Walk festival. This volunteer-led celebration of urban life, inspired by activist Jane Jacobs, has always been a time to come together and share our love for this city. This year, Jane's Walk NYC will feature a variety of virtual and socially distanced formats, including in-person guided group walks, self-guided in-person walks, virtual talks, social media activations, and more. In-person and virtual experiences generate conversation about the city and celebrate its vibrant past,

present, and future! Who can lead a Jane's Walk? You can! **The 2022 submission form is now live through March 31.** On March 2 at 5:00 PM, we are hosting an orientation event for anyone interested in being part of this year's festival. [Jane's Walk website](#). [Training Guide](#). [Submit a walk](#).

March 3 6 - 11pm

Brickworks Flagship Design Studio Grand Opening on 5th Avenue

On behalf of Brickworks Chairman Robert Millner, Managing Director Lindsay Partridge, and President of Brickworks North America Mark Ellenor, you are invited to a night of brilliance, join in the celebration of the grand opening of the Brickworks flagship 5th Avenue Design Studio in New York City. Dress Attire: Black tie, Manhattan 1930s. Proof of vaccination required upon entry. RSVP at brickworksnewyorkvip.com. For questions please reach out to events@glengery.com.

Brickworks

445 5th Avenue (39th Street)

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, (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 or email DoctorsOrchestraNYC@gmail.com.

at Norman Thomas High School

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

2nd Floor Auditorium.

March 4 10 - 11am

(virtual) Housing Forum

Join City & State and AARP for a virtual forum to discuss New York's housing crisis with key state legislators. With many struggling to stay in their homes or find available housing options, the speakers will address important policy solutions including a statewide right-to-counsel law for tenants facing eviction, policies to allow accessory dwelling units, and more. Panelists: Nader Sayegh, New York State Assembly Member; Anna Kelles, New York State Assembly Member; Harvey Epstein, New York State Assembly Member; Michael J. Fitzpatrick, New York State Assembly

Member; Khaleel Anderson, New York State Assembly Member; Linda Rosenthal, New York State Assembly Member; Latrice Walker, New York State Assembly Member; Brian Kavanaugh, New York State Senator. [Register for free](#) to hear the latest directly from your lawmakers.

March 4 1 - 2pm

(virtual) Investing In Stocks: The Basics

Learn basic investment terms and concepts such as risk and reward, IPOs, P/E ratios, and relative P/E ratios. The discussion includes how to approach investment decisions and alternative stock investments, such as mutual funds and exchange-traded funds (ETFs). Register at nypl.org/events/programs/2022/03/04/investing-stocks-basics. This program is part of the New York Public Library Money & Finance Retirement A to Z Series. Presented in partnership with the Museum of American Finance. The NYPL Library Stavros Niarchos Foundation Library, 455 Fifth Avenue (40th Street), nypl.org/locations/snfl.

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March 4 7pm

(in person) World Premiere of *Calendar Girl*, a new documentary about Fashion Calendar founder Ruth Finley, followed by Q&A

Free; limited seating available. A film Q&A with Danish director Christian D. Bruun follows the screening.

In this quintessential New York story, Christian Bruun looks at the 70-year history of the influential Fashion Calendar, with its iconic pink pages laid out every fashion event in NYC including New York Fashion Week. Behind it was founder Ruth Finley, until in 2014 she retired at age 95 and sold the Fashion Calendar to the Council of Fashion Designers of America. The documentary examines this momentous transition, and reflects on the life, work, and legacy of this trailblazer and the industry Ruth helped create. This is the story of a woman who in the 1940s carved out a place for herself in a man's world and developed a reputation characterized by tenacity, perseverance, fairness, humanity, diplomacy, and decency. She influenced the inner workings of New York fashion, she celebrated and was celebrated by both the industry's powerhouses and rising stars, and she survived its many incarnations. (USA, 2022; 91 min. In English.) Tickets to this event must be reserved in advance at scandinaviahouse.org/events/calendar_girl. All attendees are required to present proof of

vaccination upon arrival. Attendees are required to follow all Scandinavia House safety protocols, including wearing masks during the program and observing social distancing rules.
at Scandinavia House
Victor Borge Hall
58 Park Avenue (between 37th & 38th Street)

March 5-13

NYC Open Data Week and School of Data

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 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 on March 5 and 6. Save the date and kick off your Open Data Week with BetaNYC! Please get vaccinated, bookmark schoolofdata.nyc, and tell your friends!

And, the week wouldn't be complete without the **Data Through Design (DxD)** 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 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.

March 7 5pm (deadline for applications)

Become a 2022 NYC Votes Youth Ambassador!

NYC Votes is looking for New Yorkers ages 14-18 who are passionate about civic engagement, voting, and democracy to join our 2022 Youth Ambassador team. NYC Votes Youth Ambassadors will complete weekly tasks and long-term projects, and engage in regular meetings. This paid opportunity will run from May to August, with an option to stay on through November. Ambassadors will learn about voting and local government while developing leadership, public speaking, and community organizing skills. Final decisions will be released on April 30 via email. Learn more and apply at nycvotes.nyccfb.info/2022_youth_ambassador_application.

ongoing

Next Manhattan sessions

March 8 2 - 3:30pm

March 16 2 - 3:30pm

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.

March 9 2 - 4pm

(in person) Reel to Read Movies: The Devil is a Woman (1935)

The Devil is a Woman (1935) shows Marlene Dietrich at her most glamorous as Concha, collector of hearts. Directed in high style by Josef von Sternberg. Running time 85 minutes. About Reel to Read: The page meets the screen at Reel to Read, a curated series of independent and classic cinema. These free screenings, hand-picked by librarians, local authors, and film experts, include a Recommended Reads list based on the movie. Registration required at nypl.org/events/programs/2022/03/09/devil-woman-1935. Masks are required for persons ages two and up at all NYPL locations.
at Stavros Niarchos Foundation Library (SNFL), Room 303 (fully accessible)
455 Fifth Avenue (40th Street)

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. The Graduate Center, CUNY, 365 Fifth Avenue.

March 11 6pm
Metropolitan Synagogue Shabbat Services

Metropolitan Synagogue invites you on Friday night March 11 at 6 pm to in-person Shabbat and Purim services, including Sephardi virtuoso and singer Avram Pengas at their new location, Scandinavia House. All are welcome to join and bring friends for a musically uplifting Shabbat and Purim service— a time to meet and greet friends, old and new. Please RSVP to inquiries@metropolitansynagogue.org if you will be in attendance and have any questions. Proof of vaccination required for entry. metropolitansynagogue.org
at Scandinavia House
58 Park Avenue (between 37th & 38th Street)

March 13 2am
Daylight Savings Time

Clocks are turned forward 1 hour to Sunday, **March 13 3am** local daylight time.

March 15 7pm

***For the Love of Cod*, book talk with author Eric Dregni**

(free) Book talk with author Eric Dregni on *The Love of Cod: A Father and Son's Search for Norwegian Happiness*, from University of Minnesota Press. In this discussion, Dregni will discuss his journey to find Norway's supposed bliss, explored within the novel's comic travelogue. This idiosyncratic father-and-son tour, readers will hear how, or whether, Norwegian happiness translates. Presented by Scandinavia House. Register at goevent.com/ScandinaviaHouse/e/FortheLoveofCod.



March 16 – 17 Purim

Purim is without a doubt the most raucous holiday on the Jewish calendar, thanks to a Talmudic declaration that “A person is obligated to drink on Purim until he does not know the difference between ‘cursed be Haman’ and ‘blessed be Mordechai.’”

Purim is a Jewish holiday which commemorates the saving of the Jewish people from Haman, an Achaemenid Persian Empire official who was planning to kill all the Jews in the empire, as recounted in the Book of Esther. The Persian Empire of the 4th century BCE extended over 127 lands, and all the Jews were its subjects. When King Ahasuerus had his wife, Queen Vashti, executed for failing to follow his orders, he arranged a beauty pageant to find a new queen. A Jewish girl, Esther, found favor in his eyes and became the new queen, though she refused to divulge her nationality.

Meanwhile, the Jew-hating Haman was appointed prime minister of the empire. Mordechai, the leader of the Jews (and Esther's cousin), defied the king's orders and refused to bow to Haman. Haman was incensed, and he convinced the king to issue a decree ordering the extermination of all the Jews. Esther asked the king and Haman to join her for a feast. At a subsequent feast, Esther revealed to the king her Jewish identity. Haman was hanged, Mordechai was appointed prime minister in his stead, and a new decree was issued, granting the Jews the right to defend themselves against their enemies. [Learn more. chabad.org](http://chabad.org).

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. Presented by by The Gotham Center for New York City History, CUNY Graduate Center.

March 18 (deadline to submit ideas for participatory budgeting, District 4)

NYC Council Member Keith Powers (District 4) is soliciting ideas from constituents for projects our community wants funded.

District 4 constituents can propose a capital project, which requires a minimum budget of \$50,000, for something that a City agency can build or upgrade in the district. Please submit ideas to enhance our community's parks, schools, libraries, and more. We will be looking for the best ideas to fund that will solve problems and improve our quality of life across our neighborhoods. Your input matters most as we consider ways to make our city stronger, safer, and better than ever before. To submit a project, please fill out [this form](#). The deadline to submit an idea is March 18th.

March 18 2 - 3pm

(virtual) Winter Concert Series at Kips Bay Library

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

Upcoming concerts:

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

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

March 22 1 - 2pm

(webinar) Establishing a Successful Cannabis Marketplace: Best Practices for A Collaborative Approach

City & State NY presents a panel discussion. Over the next few years, New York's new cannabis industry has an opportunity to create a new market. Legal cannabis cultivation presents a unique opportunity for the farmers as well as creating up to 50,000 new jobs, many of them union jobs. And what's more, the sector is built around ensuring social equity, requiring that half of all licenses go to people from BIPOC communities, women, veterans, and distressed farmers. The panel of experts will provide views from the key market players talking about how New York will benefit from this marketplace. Roundtable Panel: Emily Whalen, Cannabis Practice Lead and Attorney, Brown & Weinraub (moderator), Ngiste Abebe, President, New York Medical Cannabis Industry Association, Vince Ning, Co-Founder and Co-CEO, Nabis, David Urbanowicz, Director, External Affairs and Business Development, Metrc. Register at cityandstateny.com/feature/Establishing-A-Successful-Cannabis-Marketplace.

March 24 6 – 7pm

(virtual) Social Media's Free Speech Problem

The problem of misinformation on social media has ballooned over the last few years, especially in relation to elections. The result has been further polarization of our already divided country. How do we control this false speech while protecting the First Amendment and our democracy? Join The Brennan Center for a live discussion with one of the country's leading experts on election law, Richard L. Hasen, author of the upcoming book *Cheap Speech: How Disinformation Poisons Our Politics – and How to Cure It*, for a look into how social media companies can solve this problem without shutting down the essential free flow of ideas and opinions. RSVP at eventbrite.com/e/social-medias-free-speech-problem-tickets-261831774887. Presented by the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law. Requests for accommodations for events and services should be submitted at least two weeks if possible before the date of the accommodation need. Please email adrienne.yee@nyu.edu or call 646-925-8728 for assistance.



March 24 7:30pm (pre-concert talk at 7pm)

Per Tengstrand and chamber music group Opus @ Princeton University

perform Chopin

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

March 25 (application deadline)

Creatives Rebuild New York grant

A new initiative for artists offering awards based on need and not merit, and aims to provide those working in the arts sector with a guaranteed income that will allow them to continue their practices and to continue to enrich the communities in which they operate. There are two programs: Artist Employment Program 2022 and Guaranteed Income for Artists 2022. Applications will be accepted through March 25. Learn more at creativesrebuildny.org. Recipients will be announced in June. Apply at creativesrebuildny.submittable.com/submit.

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](https://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>.

March 25 (application deadline)

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

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

[44e364f428d1/the-climate-museum-andrew-w-mellon-foundation-post-doctoral-fellowship-in-climat](https://www.climatemuseum.org/44e364f428d1/the-climate-museum-andrew-w-mellon-foundation-post-doctoral-fellowship-in-climat).
The Climate Museum [climatemuseum.org](https://www.climatemuseum.org).



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

The Experimental Self: Edvard Munch's Photography

(Free) Internationally celebrated for his paintings, prints, and watercolors, Norwegian artist Edvard Munch (1863–1944) also took photographs. This exhibition includes Munch's experimental portraiture of friends and family as well as his self-portraiture, including images from what he termed his "Fatal Destiny" portfolio. By probing and exploiting the dynamics of "faulty" practice, such as distortion, blurred motion, eccentric camera angles, and other photographic "mistakes," Munch's photographs are poetic. This exhibition is organized by American-Scandinavian Foundation with The Munch Museum in Oslo. Proof of vaccination required to enter the building.

at Scandinavia House

58 Park Avenue

[scandinaviahouse.org](https://www.scandinaviahouse.org)

212-779-3587

March 31, 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, 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.

Important upcoming election dates

NOTE: Voters must be registered with a party to vote to nominate that party's candidate in a Primary Election (the deadline was February 14 to change party affiliation for the upcoming 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

New York State Board of Elections website elections.ny.gov

Check your voter registration status at vote.nyc/page/am-i-registered or call 1-866-868-3692.

Register to vote (Voter Registration Form) at vote.nyc/page/register-vote

Political calendar from the state Board of Elections

elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/law/2022PoliticalCalendar.pdf

NY State BOE Voting Deadlines calendar elections.ny.gov/VotingDeadlines.html.

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

April 14 7:30pm

Keyboard Conversations with pianist Jeffrey Siegel

Internationally acclaimed pianist Jeffrey Siegel returns for his Keyboard Conversations® series. Each evening comprises an informal commentary on the music and its composers, a full performance of each work, and a short Q & A session. The format enables audiences to build an understanding of classical music whether newcomer or seasoned listener. Purchase tickets

scandinaviahouse.org/events/music-joy-peace, \$25/\$20 ASF Members. Series pass (4 concerts) \$80 (\$64 ASF Members). Tickets to this event must be purchased in advance online here or at the link below. The series will continue with performances on March 10, and May 5.

at Scandinavia House

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

April 22

Earth Day 2022

Learn more at earthday.org/earth-day-2022

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).

The Morgan Library & Museum

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

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 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.

March 10 6:30pm

(In-Person) Lectures & Discussions, *Woody Guthrie: All You Can Write is What You See*

Join Woody’s daughter Nora Guthrie in this multimedia program with musician/actor/playwright David M. Lutken (*Woody Sez: The Life and Music of Woody Guthrie*) as they trace the life and career of Woody Guthrie through his artistic response to themes of place, politics, and family. Purchase tickets at <https://www.themorgan.org/programs/woody-guthrie-all-you-can-write-what-you-see>.

MHNA members can get a discount for Morgan Library events. See the [MHNA Merchants Discount page](#) for details. Learn more about The Morgan Library events at [themorgan.org](https://www.themorgan.org).

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.



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.

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)

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 universitycenter.org to learn more. See the full calendar at https://sunyopt.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/UEC_Calendar_2021_NB.pdf.

Tuesdays

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright housing legal clinic

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

First Monday of each month (except holidays) 1 - 3:30pm

Manhattan VA Hospital Military Mondays Free Legal Clinic

The attorneys are available by appointment and to walk-in clients on Military Mondays: the first Monday of every month (except holidays) at VA's Manhattan Campus. Valuable legal services are being offered free of charge by high status NYC legal firms to Veterans at, or below poverty level. Pro bono legal services can help Veterans with legal programs relating to social security benefits, housing concerns and child support issues. In cases of immediate need or to make appointments, they recommended calling 917-661-4500 which acts both as an appointment line and a hotline to refer clients to the appropriate avenue for relief. 423 East 23rd Street, 1st Floor Atrium.

Neighborhood events

IMPORTANT NOTE. Many cultural event spaces are reopening. Some events will be virtual or may take place with modifications. Many museums are opening with advance ticketing, timed entry and reduced capacity. Check their websites for details.

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



The New York Design Center at 200 Lex

Hosts virtual events: tours, discussions, online social events, courses, and more.

200 Lexington Avenue, 212-679-9500, nydc.com. See their schedule at nydc.com/events.



AKC Museum of the Dog

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

at AKC Museum of the Dog. Online activities for children at museumofthedog.org/events-and-education/childrens-programs. Online shopping museumofthedog.org/shop

101 Park Avenue (entrance on 40th Street)



Mondays 7pm

Big Apple Chorus open rehearsals (for men and women)

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

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



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

The Morgan Library & Museum

[The Morgan Library & Museum Calendar](#)

The Morgan Library & Museum, 225 Madison Avenue at 36th Street. MHNA members can book tickets for The Morgan's public programs (concerts, talks, films, etc.) at The Morgan's member price. This applies to all single events (except for the Orchestra of St. Luke's concerts). Tap "Member" when ordering online themorgan.org/programs, or if you are ordering by phone mention that you are a MHNA member. Call Visitor Services at 212-685-0008 for phone orders. Stop by to visit The Morgan's Shop and café. The Morgan Library's Free Friday Nights, take place from 5 to 7 pm every Friday. Enjoy exhibitions, the library, and music in the Gilbert Court. Reservations are required at themorgan.org/visit.

MTA Mobile Buses and Vans

new.mta.info/fares/metrocard-buses-and-vans

Community Meetings

Community Board 6 website cbsix.org. Community Board meetings are open to the public, and you can express your views and concerns about various neighborhood issues.

Community Board 5 website cb5.org/cb5m.

NY City Council Hearings

Hearings Calendar legistar.council.nyc.gov/Calendar.aspx

This week's hearings council.nyc.gov/#hearings

If you want to attend or testify at a hearing, register at council.nyc.gov/testify

View hearings council.nyc.gov/livestream

17th Precinct NYPD Community Council meeting is held on the last Tuesday of every Month at 6:30pm at the Sutton Place Synagogue, 225 East 51st Street. Check their website for details. Also look for their Build the Block (neighborhood policing) meetings.

Manhattan Borough President Borough Board Meetings. The 2022 schedule can be seen at manhattanbp.nyc.gov/about/borough-board.



The New York Public Library offers grab-and-go service at select locations. Library cards are free, and enable you to take out books and e-books, attend free classes and more. Apply for a card at nypl.org/library-card. The NYPL will no longer charge late fees, and all prior late fines are cleared.

Grab & Go Service is now available at the [Stavros Niarchos Foundation Library](#), 455 Fifth Ave. at 40th Street), a branch of the New York Public Library and the Kips Bay Library branch. How to use Grab & Go Service nypl.org/blog/2020/07/08/nypl-grab-go-service, or call Ask NYPL at 917-275-6975 to place a hold.

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

[Online events and classes](#)

[Schwarzman Building](#)

476 Fifth Avenue (42nd St and Fifth Ave)

[Calendar](#) (many events are family friendly) Check their calendar for workshops on computers and popular software such as Excel and Word, book talks, programs for kids, films, etc. Some of the Mid-Manhattan Branch programs and collections have been relocated to the Schwarzman Building. ***The Polonsky Exhibition of The New York Public Library's Treasures***, Gottesman Hall, free timed tickets available at nypl.org/spotlight/treasures. The exhibition features items from the NYPL renowned research collections. This will be a permanent exhibit with rotating items.

(now open) The [Stavros Niarchos Foundation Library \(SNFL\)](#) (formerly called the [Mid-Manhattan Library](#)) open for Grab & Go Services, browsing and computer services, and more, 455 Fifth Avenue (at 40th Street). [Calendar](#), Roof café.

The [Science, Industry and Business Library \(SIBL\)](#) has moved to the Stavros Niarchos Foundation building and is now called the **Thomas Yoseloff Business Center**. Some research materials have been relocated to the Schwarzman Building. Many free events and workshops for small businesses, individuals and families. [Calendar](#)

Virtual counseling

For individuals and families: The Financial Coaching Corps program supports the financial stability of individuals and families in the community. One-on-one sessions with a financial coach provide tools and skills for money management. [Learn more and sign up for a free session with a local counselor.](#)

For businesses. Three services are always available:

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

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

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

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

And if you don't have a Library card or don't live in NYC, you can still make an appointment and NYPL Librarians will help you with your research. [Learn more.](#)

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

446 Third Avenue

[Calendar](#) (many events are family friendly)

[Grand Central Library](#)

135 East 46th Street (between Lexington & 3rd Avenue)

(many events are family friendly)

[Calendar of Events in Bryant Park](#)

Some in-person activities are being held. Check the Calendar for details.

Bryant Park Tours. Wednesdays 11am-12pm, bryantpark.org/programs/park-tours

Knowledgeable guides will share everything they know about the history of the park, how it operates today, and a range of other topics. Registration is encouraged, as tours are limited to 10 people. eventbrite.com/e/bryant-park-public-tours-registration-16061264675.

Bryant Park is located between 40th-42nd Street, and between 5th & 6th Avenue, behind the Library. Performances, yoga, exercise classes, dance movement classes, Tai Chi, family friendly activities, game nights, ping pong, juggling and more. See the Bryant Park calendar for the full listing of events at bryantpark.org.

CUNY Graduate Center Calendar

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

CUNY Graduate Center

365 Fifth Avenue (between 34th and 35th Street)

Baruch College Performing Arts

Some events are free. **Lawrence N. Field Center for Entrepreneurship**

(events & workshops relating to business) eship@baruch.cuny.edu

55 Lexington Avenue (at 25th Street) "The Tower", Suite 2-140

New York Small Business Development Center at Baruch College (NYSBDC) provides small business owners and entrepreneurs in New York with confidential business counseling, training, and business research at no cost. New York SBDC Business Training nyssbdc.org/training/listtraining.aspx [Note: You can filter on Midtown Manhattan].

Scandinavia House

58 Park Avenue (between 37th & 38th Street), 212-779-3587, scandinaviahouse.org,

info@amscan.org. Art exhibits, performances, talks, book club, childrens' activities, Smörgås Chef restaurant, shop featuring Scandinavian clothing, jewelry, housewares, books, food, and more.



**GRAND CENTRAL
OFFICIAL TOURS**

Grand Central Terminal

Every day at 12:30pm (temporarily unavailable)

[Official Grand Central Terminal Tour](#)

This 75-minute tour, led by Municipal Art Society docents, highlights the history, architecture and operation of the world's largest train terminal.

MHNA members get the MAS member price

Cost: \$30 adults / \$20 MAS members, seniors and more (register online)

Meet at GCT's Main Concourse

Every Friday 12:30pm (suspended until further notice)

Walking Tour of the Grand Central Neighborhood

The Grand Central Partnership offers a no-reservations-required free walking tour that provides a survey of many architecturally and historically significant sights around Grand Central Terminal. For additional information visit grandcentralpartnership.nyc/things-to-do/tours or contact info@gcpbid.org.

Meet in the street-level atrium

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

Community Church programs for youth

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

beginning October 21 7 - 8pm

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

The program meets every third Thursday of the month.

NYC reopening

New York State and NYC reached the goal during the early summer 2021 of a 70% vaccination rate for eligible people, and hospitalizations and deaths were low. As a result, most of the covid restrictions were lifted at that time. However, due to the highly contagious Omicron variants, the community rate of transmission is now considered to be "high." The best defense against hospitalization and death is to get vaccinated, and get the booster shot when eligible. Precautions should be taken, such as wearing masks in crowded places. Proof of vaccination is required for most public indoor venues. For information about specific NY agencies, check with the agency's website. Federal guidelines are still in effect. Learn more at the links below.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Covid-19 Transmission rate

Data taken from NYC's covid website www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data-neighborhoods.page on **February 25, 2022**. The transmission rate in our neighborhood remains high (decreasing).

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
- **113.94** 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
- **113.94** new cases per 100,000 people in the last seven days.

Vaccinations

Covid-19 vaccinations are free, and are easily available. Check vaccinefinder.nyc.gov to find places that are offering vaccinations, including 3rd doses and boosters. All New Yorkers age 5+ are eligible. Currently the Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are being administered. The J&J is a one-shot vaccine. Only the Pfizer vaccine has been approved for people age 12 - 17. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has approved Pfizer vaccines for children age 5-11 years. They will receive 2 low dose vaccinations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

NYC Adults Vaccinated in ZIP Code 10016, 10017.

The percent of NYC adult residents partially and fully vaccinated by modified ZIP Code. Source: www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data-vaccines.page. Snapshot taken on February 25, 2022.

Kips Bay/Murray Hill/NoMad	
ZIP Code(s): 10016	
Estimated population: 50912.11	
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99% with at least one dose	
55649 residents with at least 1 dose	
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94.66% fully vaccinated	
48194 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	
21007 residents with at least 1 dose	
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99% fully vaccinated	
16503 residents fully vaccinated	

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

All New Yorkers can get tested for coronavirus.

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

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

For Murray Hill/Kips Bay

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

IMPORTANT: Protect yourself and 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.

You can also find these weekly newsletters online in PDF (printable) format at www.murrayhillnyc.org in the News section, look for Weekly Eblasts 2022.

[Read our Privacy Statement](#)

**If you are not a member
or your membership has lapsed
please [join/renew](#) now**

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And, don't forget to tag @MHNAnc
in your Murray Hill-inspired Instagram photos!

Visit the MHNA website murrayhillnyc.org
Contact the MHNA by email at info@murrayhillnyc.org

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with "Remove" in the subject.

