



Murray Hill

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Upcoming Events...March 14, 2022

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Kudos!

It's Women's Month! Celebrate Murray Hill woman-owned businesses!



Villa Berulia (woman-owned) 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.



Dr. Barbara Kalvig is the co-founder of **Kalvig & Shorter Veterinary Associates** (woman and minority owned). In Murray Hill, we know her as an advocate for wellness (animal and human), and also for peace, justice and compassion for humanity.

KSV offers a comprehensive range of hospital services for pets, including routine wellness and medical consultations, surgery and dentistry, digital radiology and ECG, cold laser therapy, cryotherapy, pharmacy and in-house laboratory services, state of the art monitoring equipment, daycare, medical bathing, and coordination with emergency care facilities. You can call to schedule internal medicine, cardiology, and surgical consultations with procedures including ultrasound, endoscopy, echocardiography, and a wide range of orthopedic and soft tissue surgeries with Board Certified Specialists who regularly consult for patients of KSV by appointment

If there are any questions you have regarding your beloved pet's care, a member of Team KSV is available to assist you by phone seven days a week

Kalvig & Shorter Veterinary Associates
133 East 39th Street (between Lexington & 3rd Avenue)
212-644-1022
kalvigandshorter.com

Women-owned businesses in Grand Central

For Women's Month, Grand Central Terminal invites you to stop into these women-owned or co-owned shops and eateries inside the Terminal, find the perfect gift or scrumptious bite, and say hello!

Bien Cuit: the French confection destination in Grand Central Market,
grandcentralterminal.com/shop/bien-cuit.

Café Grumpy: for locally brewed, single-origin coffee in the Lexington Passage,
grandcentralterminal.com/shop/cafe-grumpy.

Inaya: featuring lovely hand-crafted wearable art in the Lexington Passage, grandcentralterminal.com/shop/inaya.

Jet Set Candy: for travel-inspired charms and keepsakes, found in the Lexington Passage, grandcentralterminal.com/shop/jet-set-candy.

Paper Source: the one-stop supplier of all the creative ways to express ourselves, found in the 42nd Street Passage, grandcentralterminal.com/shop/paper-source.

Think Before You Tap That Handy App

Did you know that our local restaurants pay a sizable commission to delivery apps like Grub Hub, Seamless and Uber Eats? Those commissions can reach as high as 25%, wiping out any profit a restaurant makes. We polled a few of the most popular eateries in Murray Hill. One of them gets 70% of its orders from Grub Hub. The owner of another told MHNA that the 25% commission he pays is killing his business despite his valiant attempt to keep afloat.

So, we urge you to think before you tap that handy app. Just dial the restaurant directly to place your order. It will make a big difference in keeping our beloved local restaurants alive and thriving.

Make your views known

Do you want supertall skyscrapers in Murray Hill? Deadline is approaching for citywide supertalls decision.

WRITE TODAY! Gov. Hochul's plan to lift the current limit on the size of residential developments in New York City will be determined in the coming days. Hochul's plan would lift the current limit of 12 FAR (floor area ratio) for new residential development allowing New York City to put up supertall skyscrapers anywhere, and clearly the City is aiming to do so in future rezonings of residential neighborhoods. Lifting the limit on FAR would vastly increase density in NYC, particularly in central transit-rich neighborhoods such as Murray Hill. Lifting the FAR in this way would not require or result in a single unit of new affordable housing, and is not needed to convert large commercial buildings to residential uses. The Village Preservation group has a pre-written letter that can be used (and edited if you wish) to write to NYC elected officials if you want to weigh in on this issue. Link to the prepared (editable) letter <https://p2a.co/68jjpv8>.

Background: Gov. Hochul has put legislation into her FY 2023 Executive Budget that would remove the limitation on residential building height and density in New York City. There have been no public hearings, and this significant change to zoning has not been widely publicized. The current allowed density for residential buildings statewide is 12 FAR (Floor Area Ratio - a technical zoning term that determines building density). You can read about FAR at 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 development of supertalls anywhere in NYC, and it would be sure to happen in prime neighborhoods like Murray Hill. The Governor's proposal does not require new buildings to have affordable housing.

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 and does not require affordable housing)

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

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.

Mayor Proposes to Slash Staff and Budget for Landmarks Preservation Commission

February 23, 2022, Village Preservation

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.

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 is about budget cuts for the Landmarks Preservation Commission
www1.nyc.gov/assets/omb/downloads/pdf/peg2-22.pdf.



This massive plan coming from Albany does not follow NYC zoning rules, it will use Eminent Domain to demolish several city blocks in Midtown for a new complex without adequate defined public goods in exchange, it will displace existing independent small businesses and middle and low-income residents with no provisions to relocate them in affordable spaces, and supertall skyscrapers will be erected that far exceed current allowable height for Midtown. The justification for the wholesale destruction of this neighborhood is based on former Gov. Cuomo's erroneous assertion that the neighborhood surrounding Penn Station is hopelessly blighted.

Penn Station Complex Redevelopment Plan

Although the hearings are finished, and the official deadline has passed for public comments on the Penn Station Complex General Project Plan, you can still contact [Gov. Hochul](mailto:Gov.Hochul), copy your State Senator and Assemblymember, Mayor Adams and ESD (Empire State Development), 633 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017 (Attention: Stacey Teran); or sent by e-mail to empirestation@esd.ny.gov or pennstationarea@esd.ny.gov. Learn more about the ESD at esd.ny.gov/penn-station-area and at esd.ny.gov/sites/default/files/Penn-Station-Public-Hearing-Notice-publish-121621-corrected-link.pdf.

Thank State Senators Brad Hoylman and Liz Krueger for their letter to Empire State Development (ESD) to halt the Penn Station Redevelopment plan until they explain the cost, design, scope, bond liabilities and other currently unknown aspects of the project to the public. They called on ESD to hold off from voting on the plan until the New York City Independent Budget Office releases its independent financial analysis of the project.

nysenate.gov/newsroom/articles/2022/liz-krueger/senators-urge-esd-delay-action-penn-station-plan.

[ReThink Penn Station NYC](#) (opposing group) Many recent articles opposing the ESD plan for the Penn Station Complex.

Empire Station Coalition Press Release, March 10, 2022

The rules of the Penn Station redevelopment game have just changed, and for the better. According to the just released "Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Federal-State Partnership for State of Good Repair Program" the federal government will now foot 80% of the cost of the Penn renovation and expansion projects...MTA CEO Janno Lieber confirmed that the various Penn projects could be eligible for 80% federal funding. This highly destructive plan needs to be completely abandoned.

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.

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=PLZHkn788ZQJN8EcIHc8LhDnu2693a-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 [new.mta.info/project/CBDTP](#). Based on early public outreach, the proposal has received more than 7,000 comments in the tri-state area to-date.

Where to Comment

Online: [new.mta.info/project/CBDTP](#)

Email: CBDTP@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]

You can watch any of the series of public meetings that have been held about the program on the MTA's YouTube channel under the CBDTP playlist.

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.

Sign the “Million More Trees” Petition

The “Million More Trees” petition urges the City to commit to planting, reforesting, and restoring one million trees across the five boroughs by 2030. [Background article](#). [Sign the “Million More Trees” Petition](#).

Pandemic updates

The home page on the NYC Department of Health website shows the NYC transmission rate level as **Low**. www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/index.page.

Below are the Covid positivity rates for NYC, as reported in Gov. Hochul’s Covid update email of 3/12/22 (New York county is Manhattan). Note that positivity rate is thought to be less reliable as a transmission measure, now that people are taking unreported rapid at-home tests. The citywide average on March 11 was 0.92%.

Each New York City borough’s 7-day average percentage of positive test results reported over the last three days is as follows:

Borough in NYC	Wednesday, March 9, 2022	Thursday, March 10, 2022	Friday, March 11, 2022
Bronx	0.75%	0.72%	0.48%
Kings	0.93%	0.95%	0.92%
New York	1.37%	1.35%	1.31%
Queens	0.89%	0.84%	0.76%
Richmond	1.21%	1.13%	1.00%

To protect yourself and stop the spread of the virus, these are the precautions:

- get vaccinated (get the booster when eligible)
- consider wearing a face mask in public indoor settings where vaccine status is not known
- 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.

In NYC, masks are required in health care facilities, congregate settings, and on public transportation. Proof of vaccination and masks may be required by employers, businesses and nonprofits.

Get tested if you have been in a gathering with people outside your household, or if you will be in indoor settings with vulnerable people.

Social distancing is no longer part of the guidance.

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

Free at-home rapid Covid-19 tests

Starting this week, if you already ordered 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests from covidtests.gov, now you can get 4 more free at-home tests shipped to your home. Visit covidtests.gov again to place your second order. As before, just enter your name and mailing address (you can also give your email address if you want status updates on your order). If you haven't yet ordered any at-home tests, you can get a total of 8 tests shipped to your home. You'll just have to place 2 separate orders – each order equals 4 tests.

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).

More details about covid-19 are at the bottom of this newsletter.

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 29-30

(virtual) Women's Business Summit

In celebration of Women's History Month, join the SBA's Office of Women's Business Ownership and the Nasdaq Entrepreneurial Center for this event. The free event will include panels, inspirational chats, and 'Ask an Expert' workshops to help you build, scale, and grow your business. Panels and discussion topics include: Innovation and Investment, Building an Equitable Recovery Framework for Women Entrepreneurs, From Essential Worker to Essential Entrepreneur: CARE Economy Entrepreneurship Opportunities, The \$100B Marketplace: Contracting Opportunities for Women-led Firms, Exporting & E-Commerce, The Changing Landscape for Entertainment and Hospitality Industries. Register at eventbrite.com/e/womens-business-summit-registration-253276836837.

June 10 (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/manhattancc/events-33280?e=b6bb400906. Below are the five guidebooks to be distributed in 2022 and the deadlines to submit your information:

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](https://www.eventbrite.com/o/nyc-department-of-small-business-services-5423713077). You can also view recorded webinars on-demand. Additional free webinars are available through SCORE, a U.S. Small Business Administration affiliate. Learn more about the [schedule and how to register](#).

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

Training Webinar Overdose Prevention and Naloxone

The presence of fentanyl in NYC's drug supply has dramatically increased the number of overdose deaths, and the webinar helped instruct NYC nightlife venue owners and workers on what steps they can take to prevent an opioid overdose and save a life. Participants were urged to become Certified Opioid Overdose Responders and receive an Overdose Rescue Kit with naloxone - a medication that can save someone's life by reversing the effects of an opioid overdose. Presented by The Office of Nightlife and the NYC Department of Health. Watch the virtual Nightlife Training Webinar on YouTube [youtube.com/watch?v=TQnu8UyLivA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQnu8UyLivA).

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.

Download The Free [2022 Grant List & Guide E-Book](#)

The Karleen Leveille Entrepreneurship Center's Grant List & Guide E-Book contains over \$3 million dollars in free grant money from over 100 sources! Whether you are an individual creator, entrepreneur, non-profit, business or even a pet lover, there are grants to support your goals.

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, internship and selling opportunities

Bryant Park/34th Street Partnership have several job openings

Bryant Park Corporation and 34th Street Partnership are seeking applicants for several jobs. More information on the roles, and how to apply, are available at bryantpark.org/about-us, tap Job Openings.

April 22 (deadline for applications)

NYC Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) jobs.

Applications are online or can be completed in person at a participating community-based organization during the application period. Call 311 or DYCD Community Connect at 1-800-246-4646. There are two six-week cohorts beginning July 5 and running through August 20. Teens 14-15 years old learn about career opportunities and work on paid projects; ages 16-24 work in paid summer jobs in a variety of industries throughout NYC. Learn more at www1.nyc.gov/site/dycd/services/jobs-internships/summer-youth-employment-program-syep.page.



May 6 - 8
May 13 - 15
May 20 - 22

Urbanspace's Spring Makers Market returns to Bryant Park

Urbanspace is accepting applications to participate in Makers Market at Bryant Park. The Market will feature 85 local makers setting up pop-up stalls over the course of three weekends in May. They are looking for vendors who are creating one-of-a-kind handmade items you can't find in stores. All businesses who apply to the Makers Market should be local to New York or the Tri-State area and feature products that are 100% designed by them and produced locally. Spaces are limited. Apply now! Learn more and apply at urbanspacenyc.com/makersmarket-at-bryant-park.

Upcoming events

Lent and Easter services in Murray Hill

March 2 - April 17

Church of the Covenant (virtual)

The Church of the Covenant welcomes you to the 2022 Season of Lent and Women's History Month! [Flyer](#) [Learn more](#)

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 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 and EarlyLearn enrollment

Kindergarten applications are closed.

Middle School applications are closed.

High School applications are closed.

NYC Public School applications

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 enrollment for your child, contact myschools.nyc to find out what your options are. The DOE announced that the sibling priority is being expanded for students applying to middle school, meaning middle school applicants will have priority to attend their sibling's school. Families who would like to add a sibling's school to an application or make changes to their choices can do so by contacting their child's elementary school counselor or a Family Welcome Center by **Tuesday, March 15**. Families can contact siblings@schools.nyc.gov for support.

Ongoing

Next session [March 15 2 – 4pm](#)

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.

March 15 6pm

(virtual) NYPD 13th Precinct Community Council Meeting

Join the NYPD 13th Precinct Community Council and the 13th Precinct Community Affairs officers at the Community Council Meeting. You must register to participate in the zoom meeting. To register, please email nypdprecinct13@gmail.com and give your phone number and email address in order to receive the zoom meeting information. You may send questions before hand to Detective Vincent Arlotta at vincent.arlotta@nypd.org or P.O. Gregory Creamer at gregory.creamer@nypd.org.



Ready to make a difference? Join your Local Community Board!



Deadline Extended to March 15th!

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 15 (application deadline extended)

Apply to be a member of your Community Board

Community Boards are the 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. Learn more about Community Boards at manhattanbp.nyc.gov/communityboards. Apply at manhattancommunityboards.wufoo.com/forms/p2a2s130qjma1g.



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 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

June 3

June 8

June 13

June 18 - 26

June 28

August 4 - 10

October 14

October 18

October 24

October 29 - November 6

November 8

Petitioning period for Primary candidates

Deadline for voter registration for Primary Election

Deadline for change of address for Primary Election

Deadline to request Absentee Ballot

Early voting

Primary Election

Judicial Convention

Deadline for voter registration for General Election

Deadline for change of address for General Election

Deadline to request Absentee Ballot

Early Voting

General Election

March 14 6:30pm

Community Board 8 Congestion Pricing Task Force

Agenda TBA. For access to the Zoom meeting, sign in by clicking this link:

forms.gle/9S6srjeHjhemngkW6.

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.

ongoing

Next Manhattan sessions

March 16 2 - 3:30pm

March 22 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 16 – 17

Purim

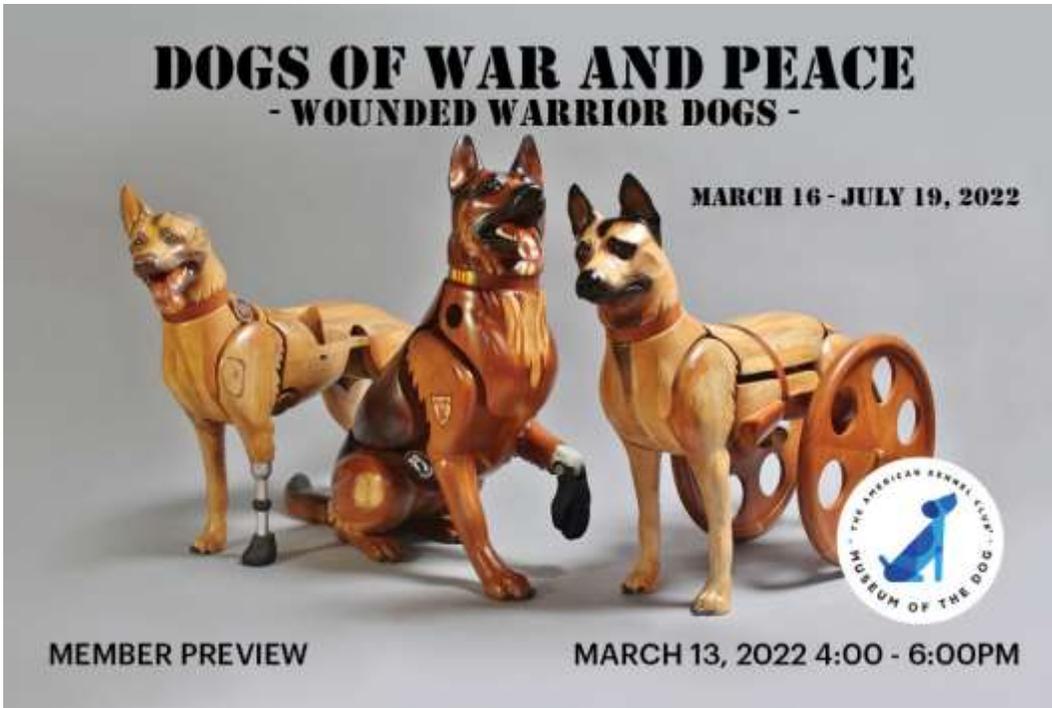
Purim is the most raucous holiday on the Jewish calendar, thanks to a Talmudic declaration that “A person is obligated to drink on Purim until he does not know the difference between ‘cursed be Haman’ and ‘blessed be Mordechai.’” Purim is a Jewish holiday which commemorates the saving of the Jewish people 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. [Learn more.](#) chabad.org.



March 16 7:30pm (doors at 7:15pm)
(in-person and live streaming) Piano on Park presents *En Suite* CD release concert, with pianist Audrey Abela

French Pianist Audrey Abela performs music from her new release *En Suite*, an album encapsulating the elegance of French music. Program: Debussy - Suite Bergamasque, Chopin - selected works, Ravel - Le Tombeau de Couperin. Join in person (limited to 20 attendees, COVID-19 vaccine certificate required) Piano on Park or live from your home at www.pianoonpark.com/webcast. RSVP to attend at eventbrite.com/e/audrey-abela-en-suite-cd-release-concert-tickets-274200319537.
[Donation for musicians.](#)

at
Cyrus von Hochstetter/Piano on Park
10 Park Ave



March 16 – July 19

Museum of the Dog exhibit Dogs of War and Peace: Wounded Warrior Dogs

(in person) Ten life-sized, carved-wood allegorical memorials by sculptor James Mellick will be on display from his Wounded Warrior Dogs and Over the Rainbow Bridge collections, along with the museum’s permanent collection, which includes sculptures, paintings, collars, vests, photographs, and more. Telephone 212-696-8360, purchase tickets at museumofthedog.org.

at AKC Museum of the Dog
101 Park Avenue (40th Street in the plaza)



March 17 starting at 11am
NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade

The New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade returns to Fifth Avenue this year! Watch the parade live-streamed from Fifth Avenue at nycstpatricksparade.org and on WNBC.com running from approximately 11am – 5pm. The Parade marches up Fifth Avenue beginning at East 44th Street and ending at East 79th Street. There will be many street closures along the parade route; for details refer to NYC Department of Transportation's advisory www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/motorist/weektraf.shtml.

The NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade is one of New York City's greatest traditions. The first parade was on March 17, 1762 – fourteen years before the signing of the United States Declaration of Independence. The first NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade was comprised of a band of homesick, Irish ex-patriots and Irish military members serving with the British Army stationed in the colonies in New York. This was a time when the wearing of green was a sign of Irish pride but was banned in Ireland. In that 1762 parade, participants reveled in the freedom to speak Irish, wear green, sing Irish songs and play the pipes. Today, the NYC Parade marches up 5th Avenue and is reviewed from the steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral by His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York.

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 20 7am (start time)

2022 United Airlines NYC Half Marathon

The race will begin in Prospect Park. Once runners exit the park, they will head north on Flatbush Avenue towards the Manhattan Bridge. Runners will cross the Manhattan Bridge and follow FDR Drive to 42nd St and make their way into Central Park where they will finish around 67th Street. Learn more at the NY Road Runners website nyrr.org/races/2022unitedairlinesnychalf.

March 22 [1pm hearing](#) OR [5pm hearing](#)

March 29 [1pm hearing](#) OR [5pm hearing](#)

March 31 [1pm hearing](#) OR [5pm hearing](#)

(virtual) Public Statement Hearings on Con Edison Proposed Rate Increases

Con Ed is seeking approval from the NYS Public Service Commission (Commission) for a 17% increase in electric delivery rates and a 28% increase for gas. The Commission will hold a series of virtual public hearings to solicit input and comments from affected communities. Participants not able to register or login to the hearing electronically may join by phone. Additional details on how to participate at the public hearings and how to submit comments are available in the [Notice of Public Statement Hearings](#). Information about the case can be found on the case page [22-E-0064](#) or [22-G-0065](#) on dps.ny.gov website. Any person wishing to provide a public statement must pre-register by 4:30pm on the day before the hearing you wish to attend. Use the links below to register electronically or call 1-800-342-3330 to register by phone. Speakers will be called in the order in which they registered. To register, click on the link to the hearing for which you wish to pre-register.

March 22 [1pm hearing](#) OR [5pm hearing](#)

March 29 [1pm hearing](#) OR [5pm hearing](#)

March 31 [1pm hearing](#) OR [5pm hearing](#)

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 22 5 - 6pm

(virtual) NYU Langone Health Heart Lecture Series: A Casual Conversation About Cardiovascular Health

Join NYU Langone cardiologist Dr. Dennis A Goodman and NYU Langone experts in heart health and diabetes for a discussion on conditions related to cardiovascular health, including high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes and prediabetes, and blood clotting disorders. The panel of experts will answer your questions about heart health in a live Q&A interactive setting. Registration is required at nyulangone.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3M4I6V8ORx24qBupaTlbbw.

March 24 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:

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 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://www.nyc.gov/html/doe/html/about-us/html/new-york-city-public-school-film-festival) was created as a partnership between The NYC Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment and the NYC Department of Education to provide opportunities for

students to have their work recognized by industry leaders and explore careers in filmmaking. Films will be selected for the festival by a panel of educators and media professionals, and screened at events on May 20th and 21st, 2022.

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

March 25 (application deadline)

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

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



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

The Experimental Self: Edvard Munch's Photography

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

at Scandinavia House

58 Park Avenue

scandinaviahouse.org

212-779-3587

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.

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](#).



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)

through April 15

Free Tax Prep Services

The New York City Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (DCWP) coordinates the City's Annual Tax Season Initiative. If you earned \$72,000 or less in 2021, you can file your taxes for free with NYC Free Tax Prep. IRS-certified VITA/TCE volunteer preparers are available to help you file. Changes to tax credits may mean more money for you when you file. Claiming Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, or Child and Dependent Care Credit could return thousands of dollars to families and individuals in 2022. Tax Prep services are being offered in person and virtually. For more information about NYC Free Tax Prep services and eligibility for tax credits, visit access.nyc.gov/programs/nyc-free-tax-prep.

April 15 5pm (deadline to apply)

Apply to Join the Manhattan's Solid Waste Advisory Board (2022 - 2024 term)

Created in 1989 under Local Law 19, the MSWAB advances ideas, insights, and initiatives to achieve NYC's Zero Waste x 2030 goal. This is a significant commitment to your community, requiring attendance and involvement at monthly membership meetings, committee assignments and events that will require a minimum of five hours per month, so please make sure this commitment is right for you. Apply at manhattancommunityboards.wufoo.com/forms/xvx66xg1xin78c.

April 22 (applications deadline)

NYC Summer Youth Employment Program jobs

Applications are online or can be completed in person at a participating community-based organization during the application period. Call 311 or DYCD Community Connect at 1-800-246-4646. There are two six-week cohorts beginning July 5 and running through August 20. Teens 14-15 years old learn about career opportunities and work on paid projects; ages 16-24 work in paid summer jobs in a variety of industries throughout New York City. Learn more at www1.nyc.gov/site/dycd/services/jobs-internships/summer-youth-employment-program-syep.page. Apply at application.nycsyep.com.

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).



through April 30

Gallery35 opens a new virtual exhibit, *Movement*

From the tiniest particle to the vast cosmos, *Movement* is everywhere! Gallery35 artists became more and more excited by the idea of depicting *Movement*, understanding that art doesn't need to be a literal picture but might be many things, perhaps as simple as the gesture of the artist's hand and brush. Please visit Gallery35's online exhibit and enjoy the artists' diverse visions! gallery35nyc.com/2022/03/01/artists-explore-movement-in-art. Gallery35, gallery35ny@gmail.com, 30 East 35th Street, 917-566-0708, gallery35nyc.com.

The Morgan Library & Museum

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

through 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.

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.

See the [MHNA Merchants Discount page](#) for details about discounts to Morgan Library events and membership. Learn more about The Morgan Library events at themorgan.org.

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

Tuesdays

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright housing legal clinic

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

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

Manhattan VA Hospital Military Mondays Free Legal Clinic

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

Neighborhood events

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



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. 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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at Henry George School of Social Science
149 East 38th Street (between Lexington & 3rd Avenue)



[The Morgan Library & Museum Calendar](#)

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

MTA Mobile Buses and Vans

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

Community Meetings

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

Community Board 5 website cb5.org/cb5m.

NY City Council Hearings

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

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

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

View hearings council.nyc.gov/livestream

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

Manhattan Borough President Borough Board Meetings. 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 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

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](https://www.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>.

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.

The vaccinfinder app will show pharmacies in the neighborhood that offer vaccines. 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 (and boosted) 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 **March 13, 2022**.

Kips Bay/Murray Hill/NoMad
ZIP Code(s): 10016
Estimated population: 50912.11
56.1% fully vaccinated with an additional dose
28561 residents fully vaccinated with an additional dose
94.65% fully vaccinated
48187 residents fully vaccinated
99% with at least one dose
55722 residents with at least 1 dose

East Midtown/Murray Hill

ZIP Code(s): 10017
Estimated population: 15613.27

57.72% fully vaccinated with an additional dose
9012 residents fully vaccinated with an additional dose

99% fully vaccinated
16517 residents fully vaccinated

99% with at least one dose
21070 residents with at least 1 dose

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.

Order Free Rapid At-Home test kits from the government at covidtests.gov.

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.

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