



Murray Hill

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Upcoming Events...March 28, 2022

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Kudos!

March is Women's Month and Irish-American History & Heritage Month!



The walking tours of Historic Murray Hill resumed on Sunday, with a new attraction, the Idriss B Zoo on Park Avenue. This sculpture, Dundee the Crocodile, is at 37th Street. Robin Garr was the tour guide.

[New York State website with information about resources and aid for Ukrainians](#)



The banner features the Federal Trade Commission logo in the top left corner. The main text reads: "Donating to help people in Ukraine? Check out the group or person before sending money — by cryptocurrency or any other payment method." To the right of the text is an illustration of a hand holding two gold coins. At the bottom left, there is a white button with the text "Start here: ftc.gov/charity".

Transportation advisories, Open Streets

The Department of Transportation has announced [Open Streets for 2022](#). Below is what we see on the DOT website for Murray Hill/Kips Bay and nearby areas as of March 24; their website has a note that the locations will be updated shortly.

These streets will be closed to vehicular traffic during their Open Street hours and neighborhood partners will provide maintenance (partial listing):

East 32nd Street, Madison Ave - 5th Ave, Friday 4pm-12am, Sat-Sun 12am-12pm, Koreatown Association

West 32nd Street, Broadway - 5th Ave, Friday 4pm-12am, Sat-Sun 12pm-12am, Koreatown Association

East 36th Street, 2nd Avenue - 1st Avenue, Full Closure Saturdays 9:30am-6:30pm, Sundays 9:30am-6:30pm, Alliance for Kips Bay

For more transportation updates, please visit The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association website murrayhillnyc.org, the Traffic Change Updates section.

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? April 1 is the deadline for the final state budget.

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 supertall skyscrapers to be built anywhere in NYC, 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.

WRITE TODAY! If you don't want supertalls in Murray Hill, The Village Preservation group has a letter that can be used to email NYC elected officials to let them know that you oppose lifting the 12 FAR. Link to the prepared (editable) letter <https://p2a.co/68jjpv8>.

Background: Gov. Hochul has put zoning policy 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). 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 if you pay attention to the details you'll see that the bullet point about "density" 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 was taken out of the State Senate and Assembly One-House budgets. It could still come back in the final budget, allowing supertall skyscrapers anywhere in NYC with no requirements for 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.

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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.

State Senators Liz Krueger, Brad Hoylman and others are opposed to lifting the 12 FAR cap.

More State Budget Legislative proposals

(The final State budget is due April 1)

The 421a tax break for new residential buildings and Gov. Hochul's replacement for it are also controversial. Legislators removed the governor's proposed replacement for the controversial 421a tax break for real estate developers from their "One-House Budget." Governor Hochul has introduced a new version of the 421a tax break in her budget, the [485-w plan](#). Mayor Adams supports the 485-w plan.

Learn more about this controversial tax incentive to build affordable housing that has been buried in the budget [in the [Education, Labor and Family Assistant budget bill](#), named the Affordable

Neighborhoods for New Yorkers tax incentive (ANNY)]. It offers two options for the tax break and is similar to the 421a tax break but with more affordability.

[Hochul proposes 421-a 2.0](#)

January 19, 2022, *cityandstateny.com*, by Rebecca C. Lewis

[Adams offers tepid support for a controversial real estate developer tax break](#)

March 25, 2022, *cityandstateny.com*, by Rebecca C. Lewis

Far from the champion his predecessor had been for the program, New York City Mayor Eric Adams has offered little public support for the renewal of 421-a.

Governor Hochul would like to pass amendments to the “bail reform” law in the State budget.

[Gov. Kathy Hochul’s 10-point public safety plan, explained](#)

March 25, 2022, *gothamist.com*, by Jon Campbell

Gov. Kathy Hochul’s last-minute plan to change some of New York’s landmark criminal-justice reforms has roiled state budget negotiations...Hochul and Lt. Gov. Brian Benjamin have characterized the plan as a targeted approach to improve the state’s criminal-justice laws and public safety without gutting the state’s bail reforms. New York eliminated cash bail in 2019 for most misdemeanors and non-violent felonies...

Proposal No. 1: Giving judges more discretion in serious crimes...**Proposal No. 2:** Making repeat offenders subject to arrest and bail...**Proposal No. 3:** Make more gun crimes, hate crimes and subway crimes subject to arrest...**Proposal No. 4:** Make more gun crimes eligible for bail...**Proposal No. 5:** Enact tougher gun-trafficking laws...**Proposal No. 6:** Changes to discovery reforms...**Proposal No. 7:** Changes to Raise the Age law...**Proposal No. 8:** Boost funding for pretrial and diversion programs...**Proposal No. 9:** Extend and expand Kendra’s Law...**Proposal No. 10:** More funding for mental health treatment.

Related: [Gov. Hochul and Lt. Gov. Benjamin: Don’t blame bail reform; do improve it](#)

March 23, 2022, *nydailynews.com*, by Kathy Hochul and Brian Benjamin

Related: [Spike in violence unrelated to NY bail reforms, Sen. Krueger says](#)

March 18, 2022, *gothamist.com*, by David Giambusso

“The Legislature discussed, debated, conferred on bail reform and the dangerousness standard question for years before we made the changes we did in bail reform,” [State Sen. Liz] Krueger (28th Senate District) said...Krueger and criminal justice advocates say the spike in crime is happening nationwide and is unrelated to the bail changes.

Mayor Proposes to Slash Staff and Budget for Landmarks Preservation Commission

February 23, 2022, Village Preservation

Mayor Adams’ recently released draft proposed [New York City] 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 adequately 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 truly 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 Neighborhood 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 key government officials to let them know that you are opposed to this plan. **The Empire Station Coalition has launched a new petition** directed at Gov. Hochul, Attorney General James, Mayor Adams, Manhattan Borough President Levine, and the heads of the LIRR and NJ Transit. This petition is to let them know that the public is opposed to the plan and it should be stopped. A better transit solution should be developed for Penn Station. You can sign the petition at <https://chnng.it/ZbTP6qkP>. The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association is a member of this coalition.

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.

[The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association's testimony](#) opposing the Penn Station Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan.

[Penn and ink: Part of state plans to overhaul chunk of Midtown are deeply misguided](#)

March 20, 2022, *nydailynews.com*, by Daily News Editorial Board

In 2018, the Legislature adopted the "Pennsylvania Station Public Safety Improvements Act," correctly declaring Amtrak's decrepit depot "antiquated, substandard and inadequate" presenting "an unreasonable safety risk to the public" and urging "action to repair or redevelop such facilities into safe modern, efficient facilities." True, true and true...From that evolved an overlarge state-run plan to tear down several adjacent blocks for a proposed Penn South station, as well as upzoning parcels to the north and east. The scheme, now being advanced by the state Empire State Development Corp., needs to permanently exclude the Penn South blocks from condemnation plans. The neighborhood's only blight is Penn itself.

The goal of this overarching vision, first presented by Gov. Cuomo in 2020 and now very slightly reduced by Gov. Hochul, was threefold: 1) to create additional peak-hour capacity into New York from New Jersey, 2) to fund the new \$11 billion station and the billions more to improve old Penn and 3) to erect new, modern office towers. All three imperatives have radically changed. Peak hour commuter numbers, already wildly overestimated pre-COVID, are gone. In this new permanently semi-remote world, far fewer Dashing Dons will be racing for trains to get to Manhattan for that 9-5 job. Thanks to the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, there is \$24 billion for federal-state Northeast Corridor rail projects, with Uncle Sam paying 80% and another \$6 billion for Amtrak for the Northeast Corridor...Hochul is pushing this lightly edited Cuomo plan, but massive questions swirl about what it'll cost and whether the city will benefit or get the shaft. They need to be answered soon – with the Adams administration fully on board the train. No agreement, no plan. The state should start by dropping the Penn South nonsense, which is utterly irrelevant to building a better Penn Station.

*Proof that the Penn South area is not blighted are articles in the real estate trade journal YIMBY, showing that market forces are strongly oriented towards new development, even without the proposed State-initiated Penn Station complex. Without speedy government action, it will be difficult to preserve landmark-worthy buildings and to preserve and even to increase the number of truly affordable residential and commercial spaces in this transit-rich area.

[Ritz-Carlton Hotel And Residences Completes Construction At 1185 Broadway In NoMad, Manhattan](#) [Broadway at 28th Street]

March 25, 2022, *newyorkyimby.com*, by Michael Young

[New Renderings Revealed For 1,200-Foot PENN15 Supertall In Midtown, Manhattan](#) [32nd Street at 7th Avenue]

March 3, 2022, *newyorkyimby.com*, by Michael Young

[Virgin Hotel At 1225 Broadway Close To Topping Out Above NoMad](#) [30th Street at Broadway]

January 1, 2022, *newyorkyimby.com*, by Michael Young

[Macy's Unveils Expanded Vision For 900-Foot Skyscraper And Public Plaza At Herald Square Flagship Store](#) [Broadway at 34th Street]

May 12, 2021, *newyorkyimby.com*, by Sebastian Morris

The OFCP works to build bridges among City government, diverse religious communities and nonprofit organizations to better serve all New Yorkers. OFCP will reflect the diversity of religion, race, gender, ethnicity and sexual orientation of New Yorkers. Faith leaders serves as an important source of guidance throughout the City of New York. This survey is to better understand what your needs are, and how OFCP can serve you.

The Office For Faith-Based and Community Partnerships (OFCP) Survey

docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevc163c-BPSoPkuBcdjPd4TfvTdml_G82QKeopJwjt0tC4ww/viewform.

[Mayor Adams Creates new Office of Faith-Based and Community Partnerships](#)

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 elected city 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.

(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.

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.



*De Lamar Mansion, 233 Madison Avenue at 37th Street, New York
Drawing by Dean Avery (detail)*

ARE YOU A HISTORY BUFF?
A LOVER OF ARCHITECTURE?
INTERESTED IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION?

If so, and you have an interest in sharing your knowledge with others, apply to become a volunteer walking tour guide!

The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association Preservation and Design Committee is seeking volunteer walking tour guides for its award-winning program. Walks are usually conducted on the last Sunday of the month from March through November from 1:30-3pm. Prospective guides should be available a few times during this time period, and, if possible, also available to conduct short tours at the annual street festival. Training sessions will be conducted specific to the history and architectural gems of the neighborhood, and you will receive material for self-study, and visual aids for use on the walks. If interested, kindly reply to preservation@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](#).

The MHNA urges the DDC to remove the temporary wooden structures that were erected around trees for the infrastructure replacement project

The co-chairs of the Preservation & Design Committee and President of The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association on March 24 wrote to urge the NYC Department of Design & Construction to remove the temporary wooden structures that were erected around trees in 2018 for the ongoing infrastructure replacement project (MED607) along 2nd and 3rd Avenue and surrounding side streets. The tree beds where the wooden structures are located have become an unsanitary eyesore and magnet for trash and vermin. Many of the temporary wooden structures are now in disrepair. [Read the letter](#). [See the pictures](#).

Pandemic updates

The home page on the NYC Department of Health website shows the NYC Covid alert level as **Low** (NYC positivity rate is 2%, stable) (www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-alert-levels.page). The NYC Health Department is now using an alert-level system that tracks COVID-19 transmission and health care capacity in the city.

Murray Hill (zip code 10016) 7-day percent positive rate 4.65%.

East Midtown/Murray Hill (zip code 10017) 7-day percent positive rate 3.48%

Data taken on 3/26/22 from www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data.page#maps.

The NYC Health Department is following CDC’s COVID-19 Community Levels and will adjust the guidance based on their criteria.

At this time, follow these prevention tips:

- **Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines: Get vaccinated and boosted.** Vaccines are available for everyone age 5 and older. Booster doses are available for everyone 12 and older.

- Visit the [NYC COVID-19 and Flu Vaccine Finder](#) or call 877-VAX4NYC (877-829-4692) to find a vaccination site.
- [COVID-19: Vaccine](#)
- **Consider wearing a face mask in public indoor settings where vaccine status is not known.** Upgrade to higher-quality masks, including KN95, KF94, N95, or a cloth mask on top of a surgical mask. People who are at high risk of severe illness, who are over 65, or are unvaccinated will most benefit from this added layer of protection.
 - [Guidance for Wearing a Mask](#)
- **Get tested.** Testing is especially important if you have COVID-19 symptoms or were recently in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19, and before and after traveling or getting together with others.
 - [COVID-19: Testing](#)
- **Stay home if sick or recently exposed.** Follow all isolation and quarantine guidance, including wearing a face mask. COVID-19 is highly contagious. You can spread COVID-19 even if you do not have symptoms.
 - [COVID-19: What to Do When Sick](#)
- **Wash your hands.** Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use a hand sanitizer.
 - Watch: [COVID-19: Handwashing Tips](#)

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.

Social distancing is no longer part of the guidance.

Mayor Adams' Statement on Mask Requirements for 2-4 Year Olds

March 22, 2022, [Press Release](#)

New York City Mayor Eric Adams...released the following statement regarding mask mandates in schools and daycare centers for 2- to 4-year-old children: "It's now been two weeks since we removed the mask mandate for K-12 public school children, and our percent positivity in schools has, thankfully, remained low. Each day, we review the data, and if we continue to see low levels of risk, then, on Monday, April 4, we will make masks optional for 2-4 year old children in schools and daycare settings..." "We will additionally continue to make masks available for any child or school staff member who wishes to continue wearing them."

[COVID case counts more than doubled in NYC schools since last month, data shows](#)

March 24, 2022, *ny.chalkbeat.org*, by Rachel Holliday Smith and Suhail Bhat

Average daily infections per 100,000 students for the week were 13.3 as of March 22, compared with the citywide incidence rate of 9.6 cases per 100,000 people...“A continuing concern is that there’s been a premature relaxation of many of these COVID-19 precautions because the pandemic is still happening right now,” said Bruce Y. Lee, professor of health policy at the CUNY Graduate School of Public Health...But he underscored that broadly, with any type of respiratory virus, schools are “cauldrons for transmission”...The uptick comes as Mayor Eric Adams announced this week that the city’s youngest students, below age 5, will not have to wear masks as of April 4. Masks became optional for the rest of the public school population two weeks ago, on March 7. The prevalence of a new variant of COVID-19, dubbed B.A.2, is climbing, as well, according to recent data. It now makes up 42% of all COVID-19 cases in the state... Jesse Hackell, the head of the state American Academy of Pediatrics’ chapter that covers Manhattan, The Bronx and Staten Island, said that it is too soon to draw “too many conclusions from a week of data.” But, he said, if the schools sustains cases at the current level in the coming days, he hopes “the mayor would reconsider his decision about masks...the mayor has a few weeks to see data and he can pull back,” Hackell added...Vaccination rates for children under 18 remain low compared to the general population. Just 57% of 5- to 17-year-olds have received two doses of the COVID-19 vaccines as of March 22, according to city data. Among the 13-to-17 age group that is eligible to receive a booster shot, only 22% have taken the additional shot.

Mayor Adams Takes Measures to Support Small Businesses and Independent Venues, Levels Playing Field for NYC-Based Performers and Athletes

March 24, 2022, [Press Release](#)

With COVID-19 case counts remaining low and vaccination rates at record heights, New York City Mayor Eric Adams today outlined the next step in the city’s economic recovery and COVID-19 response...Before today, the city’s preexisting private employer vaccine rules generally allowed performers who live outside New York City and athletes who play for visiting teams to perform or play in New York City, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status...Today’s announcement expands those rules to also cover New York City-based performers and professional athletes.

Related: [Fired NYC workers want to sue Adams over athlete vaccine exemption: lawyers](#)

March 24, 2022, *nypost.com*, by Priscilla DeGregory and Bruce Golding

Pandemic capacity restrictions at the [City's senior centers](#) (at 25% capacity) are lifted as of March 28, but masking requirements are still in effect.

[Europe Hit by Covid Wave After 'Brutally' Easing Curbs, WHO Says](#)

March 23, 2022, *bloomberg.com*, by Kanoko Matsuyama

"The countries where we see in particular an increase are the United Kingdom, Ireland, Greece, Cyprus, France, Italy and Germany," Hans Kluge, the WHO's [World Health Organization] director for Europe, said...Europe is trying to leave Covid-19 behind, but the rush to unwind restrictions is now setting the stage for a revival of pandemic risks. Newly confirmed cases climbed to 5.4 million in the past seven days, up from 4.9 million at the end of February, according to WHO data. More than 12,400 people died from Covid in the past week, according to WHO.

[Editor's note: The use of the word "brutal" may seem very strong, but current thinking by some epidemiologists is that when public policy accepts a large number of deaths it disproportionately affects the most vulnerable and underserved populations.]

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](#).

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/manhattance/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.

NYC SBS Survey on the impact of violations

The NYC Dept of Small Business Services is surveying business owners so that SBS can better understand the impact violations have on small businesses. To share additional feedback please email the NYC SBS Regulatory Reform at regreform@sbs.nyc.gov. Take the 5-minute *Small Business Regulatory Survey* at www1.nyc.gov/nycbusiness/article/small-business-regulatory-survey.

Summerlong Festival Brings Dances, Opera And Pride To NYC Streets

March 23, 2022, *patch.com*, by Matt Troutman

Learn more about the **Festival of New York** (from Memorial Day to Labor Day 2022), including how to participate in it at festivalofny.com.

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

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.

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.

Jobs, 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.

The YMCA of Greater New York is seeking people who want to make a difference. New York City’s YMCA is here for all New Yorkers—and they are dedicated to empowering youth, improving health and strengthening community across the city. The Y is seeking employees for jobs ranging from summer day camp counselors, teen coordinators, swim instructors, personal trainers, executive director, accountant, mechanic and more. Learn more and apply at ymcanyc.org/ymca-career-opportunities-and-job-search.

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.

Psyop, Animation Intern

This internship will provide "hands on" experience and exposure to the Psyop Production environment, providing an opportunity to learn alongside working professionals in the Animation/VFX industry. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a college or university. Intern should be available to work 40 hours per week for 10 weeks, Experience or working knowledge of Maya is needed, Experience with Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign and After Effects is a bonus. Apply at glassdoor.com/job-listing/animation-intern-psyop-JV_IC1132348_K00,16_KE17,22.htm?jl=1007677877037.

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 April 14 3-K applications (for NYC children born in 2019)

ongoing Elementary School and EarlyLearn enrollment

Pre-K applications are closed (for NYC children born in 2018)

Kindergarten applications are closed. Offers will be available in April.

Middle School applications are closed. Offers will be released in May.

High School applications are closed. Offers will be released in June.

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, you can add your child to the wait list with your myschools.nyc account. 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 can contact

siblings@schools.nyc.gov for support. If you need a school for your child now, learn what to do on the New Students page schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enrollment-help/new-students.

ongoing, **next sessions**

March 28 4 – 6pm

March 31 6 – 7:30pm

(virtual) 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.

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



through April 10

Macy's Flower Show

With special Flower Show programming. Learn more at macys.com/s/flower-show.
at Macy's Herald Square
Sixth Avenue at 34th Street

March 28 7pm

Community Board 6 Land Use & Waterfront Committee meeting

Agenda: Discussion on the prospect of operating a casino at the Water Club, an events venue located at 500 East 30th Street, discussion on the proposed lifting of the 12 Floor Area Ratio cap, and more. Register to watch the meeting virtually at zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nUG3-TMcQASmkFv9eDY4vQ.

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

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

March 29 6:30pm

(In-Person and virtual) Talk: Harvey Fierstein & Alison Stewart at NYPL

(free) The New York Public Library and WNYC's book club hosts Alison Stewart and actor Harvey Fierstein at the rooftop event space at their newly renovated central circulating library for a discussion and audience Q&A about his memoir. Register at showclix.com/event/get-lit-harvey-fierstein (in-person tickets are sold out, livestream tickets are available) at Stavros Niarchos Foundation Library (SNFL)

March 29 6:30pm

(in-person and virtual) NYPD 17th Precinct Community Council meeting

To attend in person: The meeting will be held at the Sutton Place Synagogue, 225 East 51st Street, between Second and Third Avenues. Attendees must show proof of vaccination and booster. Masks are optional.

To attend via Zoom: Register in advance at [us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlvdOqprzsqHdblpSEJFs6HcCzh84SzcfbM](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/tZlvdOqprzsqHdblpSEJFs6HcCzh84SzcfbM). You will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining. During the meeting, please type your questions into the chat function within Zoom.

If you have questions ahead of the meeting that you would like the precinct to address, please forward them to Nora Reichard (norareichard@gmail.com) by Tuesday, March 29, at noon.

Agenda:

- Shooting at 42nd Street and First Avenue
- Slashing at 49th Street and Second Avenue
- Bank Robbery at 57th Street and Third Avenue
- Shoplifting/Robberies of Local Merchants
- Residential Burglary Pattern
- Homeless in Bank Vestibules/Police Officers Assaulted
- Crime in Homeless Shelters
- Hate Crimes
- Recent Protests
- St. Patrick's Day Recap
- Traffic Safety/Enforcement
- Q&A

March 30 5 - 6pm

(virtual) Go Big! Power Moves for Leveling Up Your Business, Career or Side Hustle

(free) Special Women's History Month Event – featuring a panel discussion with leaders who took risks and turned big ideas into big realities. What does it mean to "go big" in your business, career, and creative endeavors? Join women.nyc, [WE NYC](https://we.nyc) (women-owned businesses), and [BE NYC](https://be.nyc) (Black

Entrepreneurs) for this special Women's History Month Event – featuring a panel discussion with leaders who took risks and turned big ideas into big realities. Whether you want to move up quickly at your present company, make the transition to a new field, or start a business, this event will provide you with clear insights on how to reach your career objectives. Featuring a presentation and panel discussion with thought leaders: Julia Pimsleur (moderator and speaker) is a scaling coach, author, speaker and founder of Million Dollar Women; Gayle Jennings-O'Byrne (panelist) is a venture capitalist who founded WOCstar Capital and its investment fund, the WOCstar Fund, an early-stage fund that invests in the future of consumption and innovation; Alejandra Duque Cifuentes (panelist) currently serves as Executive Director of Dance/NYC and a nonprofit leader and advocate working to advance a more just, equitable, and inclusive arts and cultural ecology; Christine Lane (panelist) is head of innovation and experience at DDB North America. Throughout her career she has launched a start-up, helped invent new products, designed and developed media labs, and built digital-industrial training programs for entrepreneurs in the Middle East, Asia, and Africa. RSVP at eventbrite.com/e/go-big-power-moves-for-leveling-up-your-business-career-or-side-hustle-tickets-293382564147.

March 30 7:30pm

(virtual) City of Science: Demystifying Drug Discoveries - Michael Brown in Conversation with Kevin Gardner

Renowned physician-scientist Michael Brown (1985 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, shared with Joseph Goldstein) reveals firsthand insight into the process of discovering new drugs. Describing his own research on how our bodies sense cholesterol, which led to the development of statin drugs, Brown discusses how the seed of an idea in the laboratory develops into a widely available life-saving drug. Brown, who is the Paul J. Thomas Professor of Molecular Genetics and director of the Jonsson Center for Molecular Genetics at UT Southwestern Medical School, speaks with Kevin Gardner, director of the Structural Biology Initiative at the Advanced Science Research Center at the CUNY Graduate Center and Einstein Professor of Biology and Biochemistry at the City College of New York and the CUNY Graduate Center. Presented by The Graduate Center, City University of New York. Register at gc-cuny-edu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3sHfv-SbTyGR3sTYh6nGaw?mc_cid=8c8466276f&mc_eid=bacefdf1e7.

March 31 9am - 5pm

(virtual and in-person) The Future of New York City: Charting an Equitable Recovery for All

A day-long hybrid event hosted by The Federal Reserve Bank of New York will feature some of the city's—and the nation's—key leaders and thinkers on topics including the future of remote work, the role of cities in a post-pandemic economy, and the role of transportation in the city's future. The global pandemic was a historic blow to both New York's people and its economy. This event will focus on charting a path to an inclusive recovery, featuring presentations and discussions on why New York City has thrived through pandemics, depressions, wars, and recessions; how to foster a recovery that reduces urban inequality; and big ideas from local innovators. Among the speakers are

New York Fed President and CEO John C. Williams, who will deliver opening remarks; Stanford University Professor of Economics Nicholas Bloom, Harvard University Professor of Economics Edward Glaeser; National Urban League President and CEO Marc Morial; and U.S. Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy Christopher Coes. Audience: This hybrid event is open to the public and media. Limited in-person seating will be available by invitation only. All remarks are on the record and the event will be livestreamed with a recording to be made available afterwards. Learn more and register at newyorkfed.org/newsevents/events/regional_outreach/2022/0331-2022.

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 RSVP at tinyurl.com/seniorroundtable3-31-22.

Thursday, April 28, 10 – 11:30am, Technology Really Can Help

Thursday, May 19, 10 – 11:30am, Advocating for the Change We Want

March 31 2:30 - 4:30pm: [Overview of Housing Court](#)

April 6 2:30 - 4:30pm: [Housing Vouchers](#)

April 7 2:30 - 4:30pm: [Rent Arrears Assistance](#)

(virtual) [HousingCourtAnswers.org](https://www.housingcourtanswers.org) is offering many useful workshops.

March 31 6 - 8pm

(Virtual) Tenant Resource Fair

Presented by: the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), St. Nicks Alliance, and Communities Resist. Learn about: Housing protection during COVID-19, rent protection for low-income rent-regulated seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities, as well as tenant rights in rent-regulated apartments, HPD's housing lottery "Housing Connect" process, housing discrimination protections, when to use Housing Court, eviction protection programs, and more! Learn more and join the fair at www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/events/virtual-tenant-resource-fair/342124/1.

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 2 and April 3 (try-out dates)

Become a NYC Parks Lifeguard!

Try-out dates are available at Chelsea Recreation Center. Help keep New York City's beaches and pools safe and develop skills that will last a lifetime. As a lifeguard, you'll have the chance to develop job skills, become part of a team, earn NYC Lifeguard certification, and practice your swimming. One of the best jobs in New York City, lifeguarding gives people the opportunity to work in a rewarding and challenging environment during the busy summer months. Lifeguards work five to six days each week, and first-year lifeguards earn a minimum of \$16 an hour, for a weekly salary of about \$800. Sign up to book your slot to try out as a lifeguard with NYC Parks at nycgovparks.org/reg/life-guard-test.

in April

(virtual workshops) Empowerment Self-Defense

You'll walk away with tools to apply to a range of interpersonal situations, from physical skills to verbal, emotional and social techniques like assertiveness, de-escalation, situational awareness and

self-care practices for healing from violence. Register for one workshop or the entire series. These community workshops are free to NYC residents! You can also make a request for your workplace or organization. For more information, email: selfdefense@caeny.org. Register for each event at caeny.org/empowermentselfdefense.

April 4 1pm

(virtual) Music from Copland House: Underscored, *Suite for Violin and Piano* (1943) by William Grant Still

(free) A prodigious, much-honored composer and conductor, William Grant Still was a longtime pioneer on the American music scene. The composer explained that his *Suite for Violin and Piano* from 1943 was suggested by sculptures by several Harlem Renaissance artists. A 45-minute-long program, featuring Music from Copland House's complete performance of Still's work, followed by a live Q&A between viewers and artists. Music from Copland House featured artists: Curtis Macomber, violinist; Michael Boriskin, pianist. Presented by The Graduate Center, City University of New York, 365 5th Avenue. Register at https://gc-cuny-edu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uk_dwtv4R4S4ec6SDZdlpg.

ongoing, next Manhattan sessions:

April 5 2 - 3:30pm

April 13 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.

April 5 7pm

(in person) *Glacier Elegies* panel discussion with artists Jaanika Peerna and Riitta Ikonen in conversation with curator and advisor Zoë Foster

(free) In celebration of the launch of Jaanika Peerna's newly published monograph *Glacier Elegies* (Terra Nova Press, 2022), artists Jaanika Peerna and Riitta Ikonen and curator and advisor Zoë Foster will discuss art and environmental practices related to the book with Foster, the editor of *Glacier Elegies*. Much of Jaanika Peerna's recent work is a lament to glaciers and natural ice. The book touches on ecological grief and looks at how Peerna and other key contemporary artists have

used the subject of ice to highlight the global climate emergency, with essays by Robert MacFarlane, Janet Passehl, Celina Jeffrey, and an interview by Joana P. R. Neves. Likewise, Riitta Ikonen highlights themes such as climate change and the pollution of the Baltic Sea through her work. Presented by Scandinavia House. RSVP at scandinaviahouse.org/events/glacier-elegies.

scandinaviahouse.org

at Scandinavia House, Volvo Hall
58 Park Avenue

April 5 (Comment-By Date)

April 5 (Hearing Date)

Proposed Rules Change: Flat Rates for Airport Trips

The Taxi and Limousine Commission is proposing amendments to the rules that would create a taxi flat fare of \$39 for trips between LaGuardia Airport and Manhattan, south of West 110th St and East 96th St, and increase the taxi flat fare for trips between Kennedy Airport and Manhattan to \$65. Learn more at rules.cityofnewyork.us/rule/flat-rates-for-airport-trips.

Send comments by Email: tlcrules@tlc.nyc.gov, Fax: 1-212-676-1102, Mail: Taxi and Limousine Commission, Office of Legal Affairs, 33 Beaver Street Room/Floor: 22nd Floor ; New York, New York 10004.

April 6 10 - 11am

April 14 6 - 7pm

April 26 2 - 3pm

Virtual training for responding to an opioid overdose with naloxone

This training is presented by the NYC Department of Health. Click the link to learn more and register. For questions about naloxone, email naloxone@health.nyc.gov. Learn more at www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/naloxone.page.

April 6 6:30 - 8pm

(in person) The Imagination Business: New Careers in Animation

(free) Animators are in the business of bringing ideas to life in new and surprising ways—and they are continually reimagining the possibilities of their profession. Don't miss the chance to hear from creatives and key players in animation about all the ways you can put your imagination to work. Presenters: Dominick Bedasse, Storyboard Artist, Titmouse; Frank Lee, Associate Director, Motion Design, Gartner; Amanda Sparso, CG Lighter, Psyop; Cat Gulácsy, Senior Talent Acquisition Specialist, Calling All Talent; Industry Outreach Advisor, The Animation Project. Presented with the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment. This program is supported, in part, by public funds from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the City Council. All those entering SVA Theatre need to be fully vaccinated, plus a booster shot for those eligible to receive it, and must show proof of vaccination and government-issued ID upon entrance. Visitors of SVA Theatre must wear an acceptable face covering over their nose and mouth at all times. RSVP at eventbrite.com/e/the-imagination-business-new-careers-in-animation-tickets-301639320327.

at SVA Theatre



April 7 7:30 - 8:30pm

(in-person & virtual) Piano on Park Live presents: an intimate recital with the acclaimed pianist and Bard Conservatory faculty Terrence Wilson

Terrence Wilson - piano. Program: Szymanowski: *12 Études, Op. 33*, Schubert: *Sonata in C minor, D. 958*, Prokofiev: *Sonata No. 7, Op. 83*. Join in person (limited to 20 attendees, COVID-19 vaccine certificate required). RSVP to attend at eventbrite.com/e/terrence-wilson-piano-tickets-304850454917. The concert will also be streamed live at

pianoonpark.com/concerts/terrencewilson. About the artist: Acclaimed by the Baltimore Sun as “one of the biggest pianistic talents to have emerged in this country in the last 25 years” pianist Terrence Wilson has appeared as soloist with numerous symphony orchestras and chamber orchestras. He also appeared virtually on online platforms due to Covic-19 pandemic restrictions. Wilson has received numerous awards and prizes, including the SONY ES Award for Musical Excellence, an Avery Fisher Career Grant, and the Juilliard Petschek Award. He has also been featured on several radio and television broadcasts.

in-person, at Piano on Park
10 Park Avenue, Apt 22D



April 8 6pm

Metropolitan Synagogue Shabbat Services with Passover Seder Music

Metropolitan Synagogue invites you on Friday night April 8 at 6pm to in-person Shabbat services with Passover seder music, 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 service with Passover music—a time to meet and greet friends, old and new. Please write back to inquiries@metropolitansynagogue.org if you will be in attendance and have any questions. Proof of vaccination required for entry.

at Scandinavia House

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



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 19 - June 2

Tuesdays 8 - 9am

Wednesdays and Thursdays 5 - 6pm

Bryant Park Birding Tours

Discover the surprising diversity of birds that call Bryant Park home during migratory season with guided tours by NYC Audubon, led by environmental educator and urban naturalist Gabriel Willow. Bryant Park is a hotspot for avian visitors and birders alike. Tours will take place during spring migration season. No pre-registration is required. Learn more at bryantpark.org/programs/birding-tours.

Meet at Heiskell Plaza, Bryant Park (near the corner of 6th Avenue and 42nd Street)



April 21 7:30pm (pre-concert talk at 7pm)

(in person) Per Tengstrand and chamber music group Opus @ Princeton University perform Tchaikovsky

Per Tengstrand and chamber music group Opus @ Princeton University will return for the final concert of the season. Program: the iconic beginning of Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's *Piano Concerto No. 1 in B-flat minor, Op. 23*, one of the most popular tunes ever written, Tchaikovsky's entire first concerto from beginning to end, as well as a smorgasbord of chamber music pieces. Tickets are \$30 (\$25 ASF Members) Purchase tickets scandinaviahouse.org/events/music-on-park-ave-april-21. at Scandinavia House, Victor Borge Hall
58 Park Avenue (between 37th & 38th Street)

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.

May 25–31

Fleet Week New York 2022

Multiple ships and more than 2,000 members of the sea services are set to visit the five boroughs between is May 25 and May 31. The week-long event will include public ship visitations, a variety of military demonstrations and a mix of new events. Learn more at nynavyleague.org/fleet-week-2022.



through 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)



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.



New York
Public
Library

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](https://nypl.org/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 COVID Data Tracker Community levels covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view?list_select_state=all_states&list_select_county=all_counties&data-type=CommunityLevels.

CDC Covid-19 Travel cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html

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>.

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.

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.

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.

[Read our Privacy Statement](#)

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or your membership has lapsed
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And, don't forget to tag @MHNAnc
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Contact the MHNA by email at info@murrayhillnyc.org

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