



Murray Hill

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Information that may be of interest...

April 4, 2022

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Ramadan Mubarek (blessed Ramadan) for those who observe the Muslim Holy Month, from April 2 to May 1.

April 22 is Earth Day. Celebrate our planet and environment during the month of April, and do what you can to be a good steward. Learn more at earthday.org.

Photo gallery

Early signs of spring in the neighborhood!



2nd Avenue



Park Avenue



Park Avenue



Church of Our Saviour, Park Avenue

Transportation advisories

Please visit www.murrayhillnyc.org Traffic Change Updates section to see the work notices for public projects in the neighborhood: the 2nd Avenue (and surrounding areas) infrastructure replacement project, Pershing Square East and more.

Expansion of Commercial Vehicle Curb Access

Community Board 6 has been informed that NYC Department of Transportation will be expanding commercial vehicle curb access on some crosstown corridors between 45th and 54th Street, between 3rd and 9th Avenues (Community District 6's western border is Lexington Avenue in that part of the district). The change is intended to provide space for a variety of commercial vehicles, and it will happen over the next few weeks.

[MTA Chair and CEO Janno Lieber Appoints Richard Davey as President of New York City Transit](#)

New York City Transit Press Release, March 23, 2022

[Uber Will List NYC Taxis On Its App, Company Confirms](#)

March 24, 2022, *patch.com*, Kathleen Culliton

Transit company Uber Technologies reached an agreement with the Taxi Limousine Commission to list city taxi cabs on its app...Riders who hail taxis on Uber can expect the fare to equal that of an Uber X trip, the transit company confirmed...Taxi drivers who pick up Uber riders will receive earnings estimates and will be able to turn down rides that are not worth their time.

[FDR Pedestrian Takeover Plan Could Close Uptown Highway To Cars](#)

March 25, 2022, *patch.com*, by Kathleen Culliton

Plans are brewing in East Harlem to install an Open Street along one of the city's busiest highways – the FDR Drive. Borough President Mark Levine received a pitch Tuesday night from a Community Board 11 member to shut down the highway's northbound lane between East 96th and East 125th streets in the summer months...Complications include the fact that highways are not eligible for Open Streets under current Department of Transportation guidelines...Data from 2019 shows the 30-block stretch saw an annual daily average of 162,561 vehicles per day, placing it among the top 25 most heavily-travelled stretches of highway in New York City that year.

OMNY, the MTA's new contactless fare payment system, will start to roll out for Senior Citizen Reduced-Fare customers (65+) this summer, either as a smartphone app, a contactless tap-and-go credit card, or a custom OMNY card that resembles a MetroCard. Sign up for reduced fare OMNY at reducedfare.mta.info/registration.

Ukraine aid

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

Ukrainians in the U.S. since March 1 are eligible for Temporary Protective Status (TPS) for an 18 month period. CUNY’s Citizenship Now project is ready to help the Ukrainian community apply for this benefit. Call 646-664-6400.



FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Donating to help people in Ukraine?

Check out the group or person before sending money — by cryptocurrency or any other payment method.

Start here: ftc.gov/charity

The banner features the FTC logo, a blue background with a yellow section, and an illustration of a hand holding coins.

Pandemic updates



Do You Know NYC's COVID-19 Alert Level?

The COVID Alert Levels show the current level of COVID-19 risk and what to do to protect yourself.

Current Level:

Low

The infographic includes a circular graphic with a red virus particle and a green border.

COVID-19 Alert Levels

Alert Level: **Low**

There is low COVID-19 community spread. The transmission rate is **increasing** as seen on the Trends chart below. The BA2 subvariant of omicron is dominant (78% of the cases in NYC).

- **Precautions:** Stay up to date—get vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19; consider wearing a face mask in public indoor settings where vaccine status is not known; and get tested if you have symptoms or are at high risk for poor health outcomes. Basic public health precautions, like good hand hygiene and staying home if sick, should be followed.
- **Recommended Government Actions:** Maintain current employer and school vaccine mandates; require face masks in settings with vulnerable individuals and where vaccine status is not verified, such as health care facilities, congregate settings, and public transportation; consider mandating up-to-date vaccination status in certain settings if there is a sustained increase in cases or a new concerning variant.

Performer exemption to Vax to Work expanded. New York City Mayor Eric Adams signed Executive Order 62, effective March 24, 2022, which expands the performer exemption to the city’s private employer vaccine mandates to New York City-based performers. For more information, please visit nyc.gov/vaxtowork.

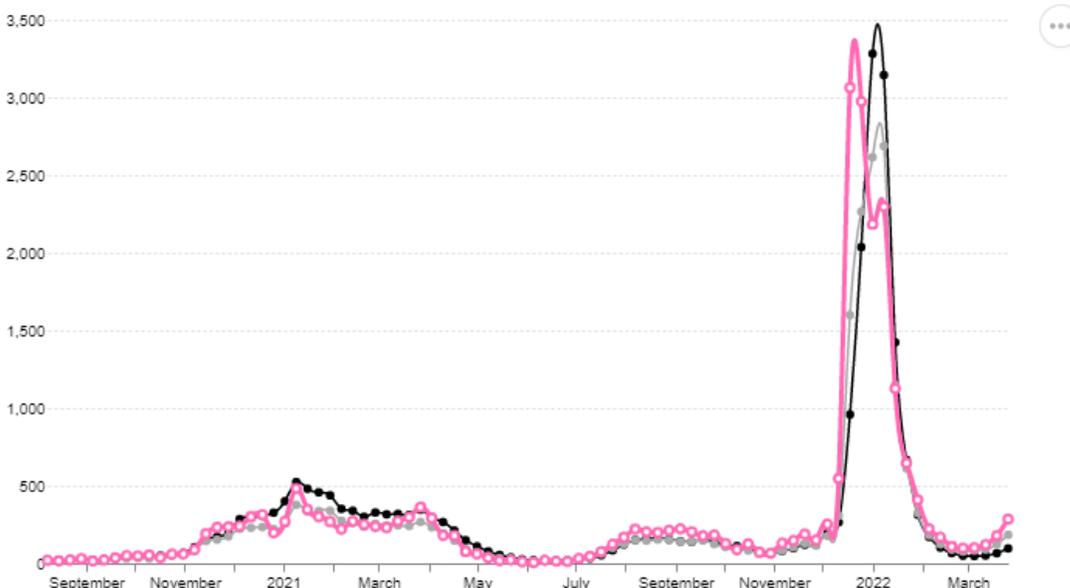
[Key to NYC](#) rules remain suspended. Indoor venues, including restaurants, fitness facilities, and entertainment spaces are not required to check for proof of vaccination before customers enter. Businesses previously covered by Key to NYC rules will still have the flexibility to require proof of vaccination or masking indoors if they choose.

Trends

These charts compare data for your selected ZIP code to your borough and the city. They show whether the pandemic is getting better, getting worse or staying stable. The virus is considered controlled when neighborhoods have a high test rate, low percent positivity and low case rate.

Case rate Test rate Percent positive

Case rate (per 100,000 people) in **10016**, **Manhattan**, and **all of NYC**



Data taken on 4/2/22 from NYC Department of Health Covid pages www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/index.page.

[CDC Covid data tracker](#)

[CDC Covid data tracker county view](#)

Governor Kathy Hochul announced eligibility for second COVID-19 vaccine booster doses

Booster doses are free and widely available statewide. Eligible New Yorkers may receive an mRNA vaccine—either the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine—for their second booster shot. New Yorkers 50 years and older who received first booster at least four months ago are eligible; adults 18 - 49 years who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and immunocompromised New Yorkers 12 years and older are also eligible for an mRNA booster four months after first booster. State Department of Health and CDC continue to strongly recommend initial booster doses for eligible adults and adolescents. Read the press release governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-eligibility-second-covid-19-vaccine-boosters.

Make an appointment online at vaccinefinder.nyc.gov or call 1-833-697-4829 or 1-877-829-4692 8am - 9pm.

Related: The Food and Drug Administration this week granted emergency use authorization for a second booster of either mRNA-based vaccine, Moderna or Pfizer/BioNTech, for anyone 50 years or older, to be taken at least four months after the first booster. In addition, the FDA authorized second Pfizer/BioNTech boosters for immunocompromised persons 12 years and older. The CDC recommends those who received the Johnson & Johnson one-shot vaccine consider a Moderna or Pfizer/BioNTech mRNA booster now (even if they already got a J&J booster).

Related: [CDC Recommends Additional Boosters for Certain Individuals](#)

Press Release, March 29, 2022

Therapies.

The FDA ruled that the monoclonal antibody treatment Sotrovimab is ineffective against Omicron, and removed it from the approved list in areas where Omicron is over 50% of all cases, which includes the tri-state area. An antibody called Bebtelovimab remains approved, and is rated as effective against BA.2.

High-risk people are eligible for the new anti-viral pills. Take a rapid test and contact your doctor within a couple of days of having symptoms, to request a prescription. The anti-viral Paxlovid pill is most effective when prescribed shortly after symptoms begin, and sharply reduces the chances a COVID illness will become severe. It is prescribed as three pills taken twice a day for five days. Molnupiravir is taken as four pills twice a day for five days. The pills are available for high-risk adults and must be taken soon after symptoms appear.

Source: Councilmember Gale Brewer's weekly email, April 2, 2022 and NY Times article [New Antiviral Pills Help Treat Covid. Here's How to Get Them](#), Knavel Sheikh, March 25, 2022.

Related: Boosted, had Covid. Do I need a shot now?

April 3, 2022, Bloomberg Prognosis Coronavirus Daily email

I'm over 50, triple-vaxxed with Moderna and I had Covid-19 in late February. Should I get a booster shot now or wait three or four months?... If you've had Covid since January or February, says Jessica Justman, an infectious disease specialist and epidemiologist at Columbia University Medical Center, it makes sense to hold off on a booster, no matter how old you are. If you've had Covid since January or February, says Jessica Justman, an infectious disease specialist and epidemiologist at Columbia University Medical Center, it makes sense to hold off on a booster, no matter how old you are...Justman says it's important to discuss such a decision with your own health-care provider in case your past medical history might affect vaccine-timing considerations.

CDC's guidance for people with COVID-19 and Close Contacts

[cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation-infographics.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation-infographics.html).

[Mask mandate for pre-K children in NYC to continue pending appeal](#)

April 2, 2022, *gothamist.com*, by Chau Lam

New York City children ages 2 to 4 must wear face coverings when they return to their classrooms and daycare facilities on Monday, and continue to do so until a higher court reviews a decision by a Staten Island judge to strike down the city's mask mandate, or until the city drops it...Children 5 and older can be vaccinated. Children under 5 are not eligible to receive vaccination against COVID-19.

Related: [City Urges COVID Precautions Again As Cases Begin To Rise](#)

April 1, 2022, *patch.com*, by Anna Quinn

The uptick — fueled by the BA.2 subvariant — led health officials to postpone lifting a mask mandate for children under 5 years old.

[Loss of funding for Covid treatments, vaccines puts the uninsured in a 'catastrophic' place, advocates say](#)

March 17, 2022, *nbcnews.com*, by Erik Ortiz

The White House has warned that a Covid program that reimburses doctors and medical providers the cost of testing, treating and vaccinating the uninsured is set to expire.

The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy last week shined a light on the need for **better ventilation in buildings** to help prevent the spread of COVID and all other airborne viruses.

More Covid-19 information towards the bottom of this newsletter in the section NYC's Reopening.

Free tax prep help

April 18 (deadline to file taxes)

NYC Free Tax Prep for eligible individuals and families

NYC Free Tax Prep is available for individuals who earned \$50,000 or less and families with dependents who earned \$72,000 or less in 2021. The Earned Income Tax Credit, the Child Tax Credit and the Child and Dependent Care Credit could help returns thousands of dollars to individuals and families. Learn more about NYC Free Tax Prep services and eligibility for tax credits at www1.nyc.gov/site/dca/consumers/file-your-taxes.page.

For businesses, nonprofits & buildings

The New York State Tourism Return-to-Work Grant Program was created to incentivize employment growth by providing financial assistance to businesses in the tourism industry that suffered economic hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A total of \$100 million in funding has been allocated to award Grantees for increasing their average employment between January 1, 2022 and June 30, 2022, as compared to a baseline employment period between October 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021. For seasonal businesses, an alternative baseline average employment period will be established for January 1, 2021, to June 30, 2021. Grants will be limited to: For-profit or non-profit businesses, open to and/or servicing the public, engaged in a tourism-related field including, accommodations, arts, entertainment, scenic and sightseeing transportation, tour operators, convention and visitor groups, or other businesses that, in ESD's sole discretion,

qualify as businesses in the tourism industry (View a full list of descriptions and NAICS codes). Learn more at esd.ny.gov/tourism-return-work-grant-program.

New York State COVID-19 Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program is accepting applications as long as funds remain. Learn more at nysmallbusinessrecovery.com.

The NYC Department of Sanitation's [Zero Waste Building Maintenance Program](#) is a three-day series of three-hour classes designed to help building maintenance staff run an outstanding recycling program within their buildings. Click on one of the links below to apply. Contact apartmentprograms@dny.nyc.gov with any inquiries.
[Session 1: April 11, 13, 15](#)
[Session 2: May 9, 11, 13](#)
[Session 3: May 23, 25, 27](#)
[Session 4: June 13, 15, 17](#)

NYS Tax Department: New webpage for adult-use cannabis products excise tax tax.ny.gov/bus/auc.

[12 Small Business Tax-Saving Strategies](#)
March 24, 2022, score.org/blog, by Brett Farmiloe

Kudos!

The struggle continues
[Rep. Maloney Commemorates the 50th Anniversary of Congress Passing the Equal Rights Amendment](#)

March 22, 2022 Press Release

"We won't stop until we win, when the ERA is enshrined in the U.S. Constitution," said Rep. Carolyn Maloney in her opening remarks. Congresswoman Maloney is the lead House sponsor of the Equal Rights Amendment and the lead cosponsor of a resolution to recognize that the ERA has met the requirements of the Constitution and become valid to all intents and purposes as a part of the Constitution.

On March 17, 2021, the House of Representatives voted to eliminate the non-binding timeframe for ratification of the ERA, in order to remove any doubt that the ERA has met the constitutional requirements for ratification. The House-passed resolution, H.J. Res 17., introduced by Rep. Speier and Rep. Tom Reed, has a companion bill, S.J. Res. 1, which has not yet been taken up by the Senate for a vote.

On March 8, 2022, **Chairwoman Maloney led a bipartisan group of members in urging Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell to take a floor vote on the ERA.**

Community Board 6 gets another abandoned phone booth removed

Residents of Manhattan Community District 6 contacted the CB6 office about an abandoned phone booth at Lexington Avenue and East 31st Street. The booth had become a dumping place for trash in the neighborhood. CB6 got in touch with the NYC Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (DoITT) about the abandoned booth. With the help of DoITT, the booth was removed and a neighborhood eyesore and dumping ground is gone! CB6 is here to help. If you need help, contact help@cbsix.org, call (212) 319-3750, or fill out their [Get Help](#) form.



Villa Berulia

Italian / Croatian fine dining
Live Music Wednesdays
2-Course Prix Fixe Lunch Special (\$29)
Happy Hour (4 -7pm)
10% discount; prix-fixe meals and bar service not included.
(private room available)
107 East 34 Street
(between Park & Lexington Avenue)
212-689-1970



Maryel School Manhattan Campus will be relocated to a brand new home that will be able to accommodate its students from preschool through 8th Grade. Maryel School-Manhattan Campus will be located at 300 East 35th Street (2nd Avenue) just a few blocks away from their current location. The facility has brand new classrooms, a huge gym, art and music rooms, and St. Vartan's Park just across the street. Maryel School is a private, independent, co-educational and bilingual English/Spanish day school providing a rigorous education for students. Maryel is a place where rich traditions meet modern outlook in an unparalleled international learning environment, and where its holistic education is focused on discovering and developing the unique talent of each student. For information contact them at mail@maryel.org and 212-213-2097, maryel.org.

The AKC Museum of the Dog Board of Directors announced that it has hired Deborah Kasindorf as the Museum's new Executive Director and CEO

In her new role, Kasindorf will provide the leadership to accelerate progress and enable the continued success of the Museum, including revenue generation, enhanced visitor experience and programming, education, sponsorship, marketing, and ongoing enhancements to the Museum's valuable art collection. Former Executive Director, Alan Fausel, will remain with the AKC Museum of the Dog as Adjunct Curator, focused exclusively on preserving, expanding, and improving the Museum's one-of-a-kind collection, plus developing special exhibits to enhance education and visitor experience. museumofthedog.org.

Job opportunities

PS116 is looking for part-time crossing guards

NYPD SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD



SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD

HELP YOUR COMMUNITY WHILE EARNING GOOD PAY AND BENEFITS

School Crossing Guards help children safely cross busy intersections on their way to and from school. Crossing Guards control traffic flow around schools in the morning, at lunch time and at the end of the school day.

PART TIME JOBS ARE AVAILABLE NOW

Some of the benefits include:

- Pay starting at \$15.45/Hour
- Health/Benefits Insurance 20 + hour work week.
- Work close to home



Apply Here

There are no formal education or experience requirements for this job, but all candidates must be able to understand and be understood in English. All candidates are subject to a background investigation and medical screening, which includes drug screening, prior to appointment.

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. Apply at application.nycsyep.com.

Javits Center Tour Guide Job Openings

From April to October each year, the Javits Center offers public tours to provide visitors with an inside look at its operations, while demonstrating the importance of sustainability and the positive impact of the events industry. A tour guide would lead these educational tours on a regular basis, playing an integral role in communicating the mission and goals of the Javits Center and its business partners. A qualified candidate must be able to navigate the entire Javits Center campus (from 34th to 40th streets and between 11th and 12th avenues) and be able to communicate with tour groups for the full length of the tour. Training on an ongoing basis will be provided by staff, along with a handbook that outlines the history and operations of the convention center. Tour guides will receive a uniform (hat, shirt and light jacket) to wear during tour operations. Applicants can submit a resume via e-mail to careers@javitscenter.com. Questions should be directed to Human Resources at careers@javitscenter.com. Learn more at javitscenter.com.

Join the Bryant Park Team

Many job positions are available at Bryant Park/34th Street BID. Learn more and apply at bryantpark.org/about-us?mc_cid=a2732f70ed&mc_eid=1165e24a4c#job-openings.

MaturityWorks offers mature job seekers, 55+, the opportunity to update their skills and get back into the workforce while receiving a stipend. MaturityWorks partners with nonprofits and CBOs to match participants at host sites with the trainees' experience and need for skills. They collaborate with organizations such as Bellevue Hospital, Columbia University, New York Public Library, Educational Alliance, JASA, Jewish Board, Jewish Community Center, and Catholic Charities. Visit workplace.org to learn more.

Make your views known

CB6 wants to hear from you

For two years, Community Board 6 has been holding meetings online via Zoom, which has allowed them to continue holding public meetings safely during the pandemic. Whether community boards continue holding meetings online in the long-term is ultimately a matter for the governor, the state legislature, and the latest variant to decide, but after two years of meetings online, now's a good time to take stock and hear from district residents about what you've liked and haven't liked about this two-year experiment in civic participation and what you'd like to see in the future. If you'd like to share your thoughts, please fill out the survey at airtable.com/shrQgtGzM8xXoK719.

NYC Health + Hospitals Community Health Needs Assessment

NYC Health + Hospitals is conducting a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) so that it can respond to the health needs of seniors in New York City's neighborhoods. This assessment is conducted through a survey. Fill out the survey at nychealthandhospitals.surveymonkey.com/r/NYCCHNA2022. The deadline for responding to this survey is **April 27th**.

Councilmember Erik Bottcher (Council District 3) has announced that Participatory Budgeting is open through April 10 for people in District 3.

Participatory Budgeting (PB) empowers residents to decide how to spend public money in their community. Vote online at participate.nyc.gov/processes/ccdistrict3/f/234/budgets/70/projects.

Should Open Restaurants (outdoor dining) be made permanent?

The New York City Council's Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection conducted a hearing... 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. 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.

Related articles

[CueUp, Coalition United for Equitable Urban Policy Press Release](#), March 23, 2022

Judge Rules for NYC Residents in Open Restaurant Lawsuit Calls for Environmental Impact Review

Judge Frank Nervo calls New York City's actions "arbitrary and capricious" and orders a complete environmental review. The ruling effectively nullifies the City Council's Zoning Text Amendment which would have permitted outdoor dining in nearly every street in the city...The City had been moving rapidly to make the pandemic emergency outdoor dining program permanent. The City Council held a single hearing in early February and two weeks later voted to obliterate decades of zoning regulations that had prohibited outdoor dining in residential districts. The Supreme Court ruling means that the City will effectively have to start over, beginning with a thorough environmental impact review as required by state law.

[Editor's note: The City is expected to appeal this ruling.]

[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.

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.

Public Comment Period on Congestion Pricing (deadline April 27)

The MTA, New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), and New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) encourage the public to continue providing comments on the proposed Central Business District Tolling Program (CBDTP) proposal, also known as congestion pricing, until April 27. You can comment online at new.mta.info/project/CBDTP; email CBDTP@mtabt.org; send mail to CBD Tolling Program, 2 Broadway, 23rd Floor, New York, NY 10004; call 646-252-7440; or send a fax to 212-504-3148 with Attention to CBDTP Team. Information on congestion pricing can be found at new.mta.info/project/CBDTP.

The Empire Station Coalition sent a letter in March to Governor Hochul and Board Members of the Empire State Development Corporation urging them to withdraw the project and to explore other alternatives. The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association is a member of the coalition.

How you can help

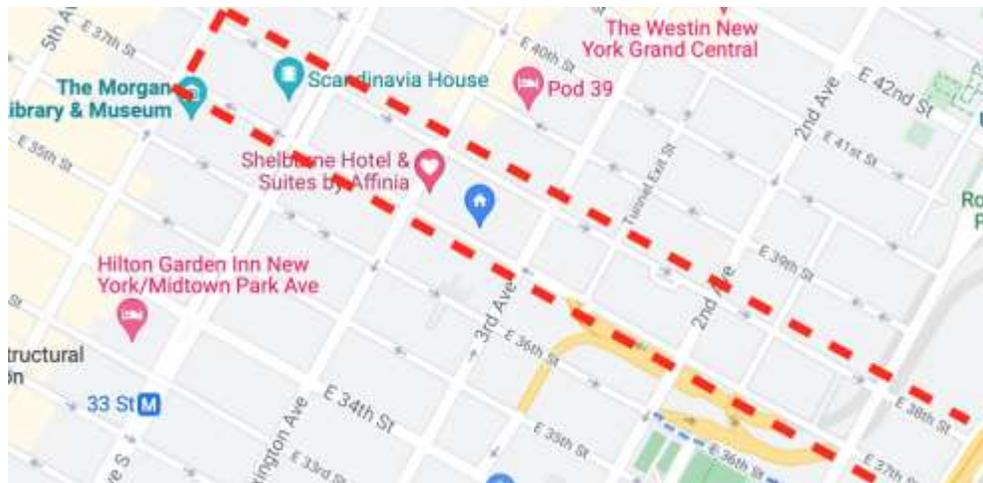


Join the crew for the Murray Hill Spring Cleaning Series!

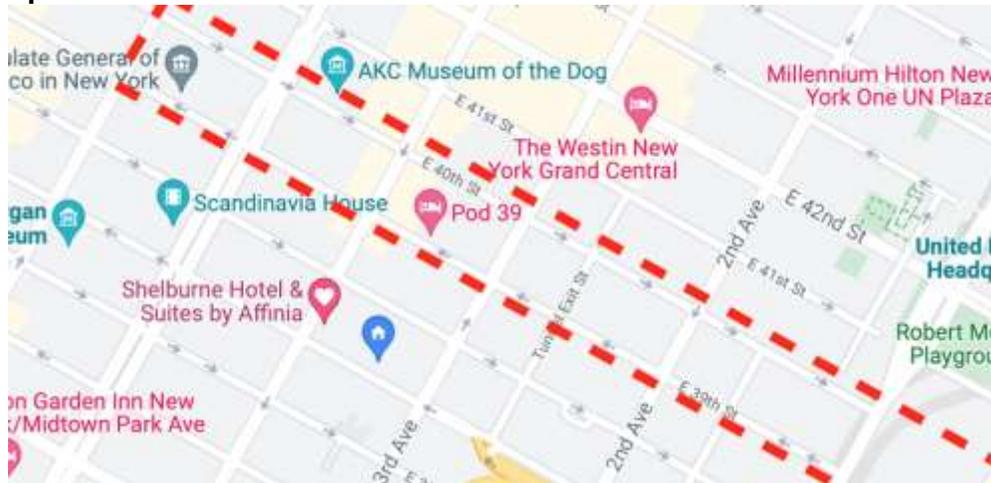
Let's clean up our neighborhood together, block by block! Care for your neighborhood and volunteer! Please bring your grabbers or tongs, recyclable bags, wear gloves and wear your Keep Murray Hill Clean vest! Organized by The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association Keep Murray Hill Clean group.

Saturdays at 9am.

April 9 meet at 37th and 1st Avenue



April 16 meet at 39th Street and 1st Avenue



Save the dates for more cleaning events: April 9, April 16, April 23, April 30 - Earth Day event at St. Vartan's Park. [Flyer](#) [Learn more](#).

Join a MHNA committee

The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association is an all-volunteer organization. We need your help to keep the Association's work going. Volunteering can be for individual events, such as the Street Festival, and also for ongoing activities, such as Membership. Many administrative activities can be done remotely. [Learn more about the different committees](#). If you are interested in joining a committee, please email info@murrayhillnyc.org.



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

Become a volunteer walking tour guide!

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.



Green & Clean Community Intern Opportunity



The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association's **Keep Murray Hill Clean and Green** group is seeking a high school student who lives in the neighborhood and has a love for outdoors, nature and community surroundings. Our assistant will serve as a volunteer intern with stipend pay, through the rest of the school semester and through summer. And will work with the Keep Murray Hill Clean team.

Duties include: assisting with social media posts, bulk mailings to volunteer lists, helping to organize clean-up days and communicate with local businesses and government officials. Knowledge of WORD, some EXCEL, and some GRAPHIC DESIGN softwares is necessary. Good communication skills.

Student must have a concern for the environment and want to do problem solving, and an interest in rallying volunteers. Student will gain experience in grassroots organizing and dealing with challenging urban problems, and gain skills in project workflow from start to finish.

We will work with student's school on requirements for possible credit for the experience.

If interested, kindly reply to greenandclean@murrayhillnyc.org.

Upcoming events

Lent and Easter services in Murray Hill

March 2 - April 17

Church of the Covenant

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

April 10 – 17

Church of the Incarnation

209 Madison Avenue (between 35th & 36th Street)

(in person) Holy Week services. The Church of the Incarnation welcomes you to Holy Week services. [Learn more](#)

April 10 – 17

Church of Our Saviour

59 Park Avenue (at 38th Street)

Chapel of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

325 East 33rd Street (between 1st & 2nd Avenue)

(in person) Holy Week services. You are invited. You are welcome. Join them.

[Learn more](#) [Flyer](#)

April 4 7pm

CB6 Transportation Committee meeting

Agenda: discussion on the New York City Open Restaurants Program, hear an inter-city bus stop application, and have a continued review of Manhattan Community Board Six’s street co-naming process. Register at zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ds1-8AlcQPOvSeEECP0wtw.

April 5 9:30 - 10:30am

(virtual) Midtown South Community Council meeting *Discovering Solutions to Resolve Homelessness*

Register at us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqfu2oqzlvE922SEPJlx67kqtET01RJMLL,
Passcode: 535128.

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. at Scandinavia House, Volvo Hall
58 Park Avenue
scandinaviahouse.org

April 5 7pm

CB6 Environment & Parks Committee meeting

Agenda: discuss the removal of tree guards at construction sites, proposed fiscal year 2024 budget requests, and the closure of the Grand Central library branch. You can register for the meeting at us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_I4-c1xLeT7a584SQPAhdVg.



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 Covid-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)

**BERNARD-MARIE KOLTÈS:
SEVEN PLAYS**



April 8 6pm

(in-person and virtual) Book Celebration of the Segal Center's latest publication, *Bernard-Marie Koltès: Seven Plays*

Free and open to the public; first come, first served. An evening at Villa Albertine Cultural Services of the French Embassy and virtually on HowlRound zoom celebrating the Segal Center's latest publication *Bernard-Marie Koltès: Seven Plays*; edited and with an introduction by scholar and translator Amin Erfani (Lehman College, CUNY). The anthology is the first collection of the seven major plays by seminal French playwright Bernard-Marie Koltès (1948-1989) in American English. Translated in over thirty languages, Koltès is considered to be the most important French playwright of the end of the twentieth century. His attention was constantly directed toward the figure of the underdog and marginalized communities. But it is in New York that Koltès is said to have found his "place in this world," and particularly in the gay liberation movement in the late 70s and early 80s. He died at the age of 41 due to complications from the AIDS virus. Translators for Koltès' anthology are: *The Night Just Before the Forests* (Amin Erfani); *Battle of Black and Dogs* (Michaël Attias); *West Pier* (Marion Schoevaert & Theresa M. Weber); *In the Solitude of Cotton Fields* (Amin Erfani); *Tabataba* (Amin Erfani); *Back to the Desert* (Andy Bragen); *Roberto Zucco* (Anna G.R. Miller). Short readings of excerpts directed by Amin Erfani and Frank Hentschker; with New York actors Ben Becher, Josefina Scaro, Michael Wiener, a.o., followed by a conversation with Editor Amin Erfani, a Q & A, and a reception. The evening is co-presented by the Martin E. Segal Theatre Center, The Graduate Center CUNY, Villa Albertine Cultural Services of the French Embassy, New York, and Albertine Bookshop. The Segal Center is part of The Graduate Center, City University of New York, 365 Fifth Avenue, at 34th Street.

at Villa Albertine Cultural Services of the French Embassy
972 5th Avenue (79th Street)



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

through April 14 3-K applications (for NYC children born in 2019)
ongoing Elementary School, 3K and EarlyLearn enrollment
Kindergarten applications are closed.

Middle School applications are closed.

High School applications are closed.

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

NYC Public School applications

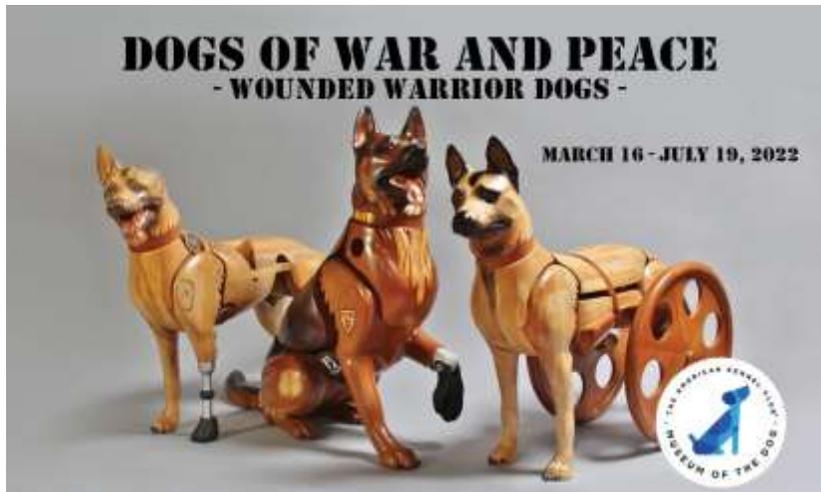
Middle schools won't be allowed to use academic screens, but high schools can. The only screening criteria will be first semester grades from this school year and a work sample (no attendance or state test scores). The screening process will also be managed centrally, rather than by individual schools. High schools will be allowed to use borough and zone geographic priorities. Offers will be sent in May. 3-K results will be available in June. 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 and set up an account with myschools.nyc.



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.



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)

Changes in the neighborhood

Map of Active Sidewalk Shed Permits

www1.nyc.gov/assets/buildings/html/sidewalk-shed-map.html

ACTIVE SIDEWALK SHED PERMITS



Source: Councilmember Gale Brewer's email of 4/2/22. CM Brewer is working to limit the time that sheds can remain in place.

CB6 Discusses Potential Casino at the Water Club

Recently, the Water Club, a private events venue located on our district's waterfront, expressed interest in operating a casino at their premises in response to a New York State Gaming Commission request for information. At its most recent meeting, the Community Board 6 Business Affairs & Licensing Committee discussed the [prospect of a casino at the Water Club](#). The lively discussion was [covered by the New York Post](#). This discussion was continued at the CB6 Land Use & Waterfront Committee meeting on Monday, March 28th, at which the committee passed a resolution opposing the use of the Water Club for anything other than public use. Additional media coverage of this issue can be found at [nytimes.com/2022/03/30/nyregion/casinos-manhattan-licenses.html](https://www.nytimes.com/2022/03/30/nyregion/casinos-manhattan-licenses.html). CB6's resolution will be before our Full Board at our Wednesday, April 13th meeting. You can register to attend at zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KFIOgqzqHRB6rnPYon9_Kuw.

Updates on NYC Parks Department Capital Projects in Manhattan Community District 6

At the March 1, 2022 meeting of the CB6 Environment and Parks Committee, the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation presented updates regarding the status of various capital projects in CB6:

- **The Asser Levy Playground** project will be completed by the spring and the area should be available to the community in the next few months.

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- **Bellevue South Park Reconstruction.** Construction will begin on May 2nd. The Parks Department said their original intent was to keep the central walkway open but upon looking further into this, it was determined that it will not be feasible because construction will take place on both sides of the walkway. You can find more information about this project at nycgovparks.org/planning-and-building/capital-project-tracker/project/8826.
 - **Peter Detmold Park Water Service Reconstruction.** The design work has been completed and this project has entered the procurement phase. They are expected to award the contract and to register the contract by early September. If the Parks Department gets a good bid, they will be able to start construction by the end of this year. You can find more information about this project at nycgovparks.org/planning-and-building/capital-project-tracker/project/9830.
 - **Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza Reconstruction.** The Parks Department put the project out for bid 2 or 3 times, but the bids keep coming in above the budget. They are in the process of trying to cut things out of the scope of work to bring down the cost of the project.
 - **Tudor Grove and Mary O'Connor Playground Reconstruction.** The NYC Parks Department has accepted bids and are evaluating the low bidder. There are questions about the qualifications of the bidder so there is a chance they may have to re-bid the project to get a bid. You can learn more about this project at nycgovparks.org/planning-and-building/capital-project-tracker/project/9327.
 - **St. Vartan Park Playground Reconstruction.** They are nearing the completion of the design work which should be done by the end of this month at which point the procurement phase will begin. There is a chance that the construction will start at the end of the year but it will likely happen early next year. Learn more at nycgovparks.org/planning-and-building/capital-project-tracker/project/9248.
 - **Asser Levy Recreation Center HVAC System Reconstruction (Hurricane Sandy).** They will be completing the design work by June at which point they will enter the procurement phase. The construction is likely to begin in Spring 2023. Additional information about whether this is to repair the HVAC for the entire building or not is coming. You can learn more about this project at nycgovparks.org/planning-and-building/capital-project-tracker/project/9384.
 - **The Albano Playground Reconstruction** project was held up for a number of years because the property is actually owned by the MTA. After Council Member Carlina Rivera's office intervened, they agreed to go through with the project. All construction documents have been updated and should be done in April. It will then enter the procurement phase at which point construction will start early next year. You can find more information about this project at nycgovparks.org/planning-and-building/capital-project-tracker/project/6365.
 - **Constance Baker Motley Recreation Center.** There are three separate projects in the works. The first is the Sidewalk Vault Reconstruction project (this is in the design phase). The second is the Citywide HVAC Controls Building Automation Systems Installation project (this is in the procurement phase). Lastly, the third is to for the Fitness Room Reconstruction project which includes the pool's ceilings and the men's locker rooms (the design process will start this spring). You can find more information about these projects at nycgovparks.org/parks/constance-baker-motley-recreation-center/projects.
 - **East River Esplanade Reconstruction** (East 36th Street to East 38th Street), they are currently in the design phase which is due to be completed in October. You can learn more about this project at nycgovparks.org/planning-and-building/capital-project-tracker/project/9375.
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- Although this is not a capital project, the NYC Parks Department is looking to add a **dog run at New Wave Pier**. They are hoping to get this done in the next 2 to 3 months and CB6 will keep us updated.

[Source: April 2022 Newsletter email, Community Board 6]

[Le Meridien Hotel Completes Construction At 292 Fifth Avenue In NoMad, Manhattan](#)

March 29, 2022, *newyorkyimby.com*, by Michael Young

Construction is complete on Le Meridien Hotel, a 21-story mixed-use tower at 292 Fifth Avenue in NoMad. Designed by Gene Kaufman Architect and developed by the McSam Hotel Group, which purchased the property for \$42.4 million in March 2017, the structure yields 187 hotel rooms and an unspecified number of residential units on the upper levels. The development is located between West 30th and West 31st Streets.



The new rendering for 58 West 39th Street, courtesy of Peter Poon Architects. [Editor's note: the cantilevering means that the developers purchased air rights over the adjacent building.]

[H Hotel W39 Nears Halfway Mark At 58 West 39th Street In Midtown, Manhattan](#)

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

Construction is nearing the halfway mark on H Hotel W39, a 28-story hotel tower at 58 West 39th Street in Midtown. Designed by Peter F. Poon Architects and developed by Wei Hong Hu of H Hotel LLC, the 447-foot-tall structure will yield 65 rooms spread over 41,500 square feet along with meeting rooms and a fitness center. City Cross Construction Corp. is the general contractor for the property, which is located on a narrow plot between Fifth and Sixth Avenues, just one block below Bryant Park.

Schools and students

School report cards for covid testing, which have been so good previously, show a large increase in positive tests over the last 2 weeks.

COVID-19 Report Card for [PS 116 Mary Lindley Murray](#). Total Students Enrolled + Teachers/Staff=464. Ninety positive tests were reported since September 2020 (66 students, 24 staff). No positive tests in the last 14 days.

COVID-19 Report Card for [The River School](#). Total Students Enrolled + Teachers/Staff=516. One hundred and nine positive tests were reported since September (89 students, 20 staff). Twelve positive tests in the past 14 days (11 students, 1 staff).

COVID-19 Report Card for [Murray Hill Academy](#). Total Students Enrolled + Teachers/Staff=299. Forty-nine positive tests since September (35 students, 14 staff). Three positive tests in the last 14 days (1 student, 2 staff).

COVID-19 Report Card for [J.H.S 104 Simon Baruch](#). Total Students Enrolled + Teachers/Staff=1,108. One hundred eighty-six positive cases since September (179 students, 7 staff). Four positive tests in the past 14 days (4 students).

Affordability & homelessness

[Adams' homeless sweeps have hit hundreds of encampments – only 5 people have accepted shelter](#)

March 30, 2022, *gothamist.com*, by Elizabeth Kim and Gwynne Hogan

Related: [Mayor Asks Homeless To Trust Him As City Clears 240 Encampments](#)

March 30, 2022, *patch.com*, by Anna Quinn

"I'm supposed to allow this to stay?" Adams asked. "I'm supposed to act like I don't see this?"

Report: [Family Homelessness in New York City: What the Adams Administration Can Learn from Previous Mayoralities](#)

Institute for Children, Poverty and Homelessness, March 9, 2022

Policing & police reform

Weekly crime reports

17th precinct

www1.nyc.gov/assets/nypd/downloads/pdf/crime_statistics/cs-en-us-017pct.pdf

13th Precinct

www1.nyc.gov/assets/nypd/downloads/pdf/crime_statistics/cs-en-us-013pct.pdf

Elections & voting

NYS Redistricting: A Steuben County judge's March 31 ruling threw out the newly drawn legislative maps.

[State Supreme Court judge rules NY's district maps unconstitutional](#)

March 31, 2022, *cityandstateny.com*, by Sara Dorn

Justice Patrick McAllister said political bias was clear in the maps "beyond a reasonable doubt."

[Elections officials say keep on petitioning, despite ruling tossing the maps](#)

April 1, 2022, *cityandstateny.com*, by Jeff Coltin

Petitions are still due next week, pending appeal to keep the new district maps.

Related: Governor Kathy Hochul and Attorney General Letitia James issued the following joint statement in response to the New York Supreme Court's rejection of the state's current redistricting plans: "We intend to appeal this decision."

Budget, finances & taxes

The State budget is not yet finalized (deadline was April 1)

What to Watch For As A New York State Budget Deal Is Reached

April 1, 2022, *gothamgazette.com*, by Ethan Geringer-Sameth

New York officials are in the final stages of negotiating what is likely to be a roughly \$220 billion state budget for the next fiscal year, which begins Friday, April 1. While the Legislature will not pass the budget bills by the start of the fiscal year, a deal between Governor Kathy Hochul and the two houses of the Legislature is expected within a few days. The budget contains hundreds of funding and policy priorities that will impact government services at the state and local levels and the short- and long-term fiscal health of New York. Marquee issues include funding for child care, the CUNY and SUNY systems, responding to climate change, affordable housing, and much more. The largest chunks of the state budget are always local education aid, Medicaid, and running state government itself.

Decisions may include next steps on contentious political issues like changes to recent criminal justice reforms, the 421-a real estate tax break, a potential Buffalo Bills stadium subsidy, health care for undocumented New Yorkers, mayoral control of New York City schools, and many others. Some policy issues may be kicked beyond the budget into the legislative session to follow that is scheduled until June, when primary elections for statewide and state legislative seats will also occur. At \$216.3 billion, Hochul's executive budget proposal released in January factored in massive pandemic federal aid to New York as well as higher than expected tax revenue, and included significant savings as well as no projected out-year gaps. Two months later, the Senate and Assembly one-house budget resolutions, non-binding statements of priorities and bargaining tactics, called for additional billions to be spent on programs leaders say are needed to address numerous crises and help empower New Yorkers...

The parties are hoping to get to agreements over the next few days in order for legislators to vote through the budget bills on some combination of Sunday and/or Monday. Any later than Monday could disrupt state payroll...It comes as the economy continues its recovery and amid uncertainty about COVID-19's ongoing impact on New Yorkers' health and beyond. Unemployment remains high compared to national and pre-pandemic levels, especially in New York City. Some industries have exploded during the pandemic, like healthcare, life-sciences, and tech, while others – tourism, in-person retail, bars and restaurants – continue to struggle...Movement toward "universal child care" was one of Adams' budget priorities – namely asking state lawmakers to pass two tax incentives to help create more space for providers. One is a tax abatement for retrofitting existing space for child care and the other is a tax credit for companies that cover child care...There is also a fight over the fate of the controversial real estate tax break for creating some affordable housing in new development in the city, often known as 421-a. The program is widely criticized as a give-away to developers, though industry leaders and some elected officials like Hochul and Adams argue it is necessary to produce housing, and Hochul is proposing to reform it with her version, called 485-w, with a few changes around greater affordability requirements and higher worker wages. The measure has support from Mayor Adams and some key legislators, but faces strong opposition among many others, including Senate Finance Chair Liz Krueger...Adams is seeking other measures to make it easier to create affordable housing. He has backed the conversion of distressed hotels to housing and raising the Floor Area Ratio cap, which would allow more density and is something Hochul included in her budget but does not appear to have strong support in the Legislature...Levels of funding and their specific focus for the major public university systems, SUNY and CUNY, are a significant point of negotiation in the state budget...The gas tax holiday is opposed by a broad

coalition of transit, climate, community-based, and good-government advocates who say it disproportionately benefits the wealthy and places burdens on mass transit riders. The tax raises roughly \$2 billion in state revenues annually.

Government, executive orders, legislation, rules, policies (including pending)

[Biden rescinds controversial Title 42 order limiting asylum](#)

April 1, 2022, *thehill.com*, by Rebecca Beitsch and Rafael Bernal

The Biden administration on Friday rescinded Title 42, the Trump-era policy that allows for the rapid expulsion of migrants at the border and blocks them from seeking asylum...The order from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) lifts Title 42 on May 23...White House communications director Kate Bedingfield said Thursday...“As a reminder, economic need and flight from generalized violence is not a basis for asylum, but rather asylum is for those with a well-founded fear of persecution”...border agents have another Trump-era tool at their disposal: the Remain in Mexico program, known formally as the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP). The Biden administration re-started the program due only to a court order. Officials said Friday that more migrants would likely be enrolled into the program that requires asylum seekers to wait in Mexico until their court date in the U.S.-based immigration system.

[At Hearing, Garodnick Lays Out Adams Administration Planning Values, Talks Budget and Policy](#)

March 24, 2022, *gothamgazette.com*, by Ethan Geringer-Sameth

In a presentation to the New York City Council Wednesday, newly-appointed Department of City Planning Commissioner Dan Garodnick discussed the Adams administration's proposed budget and values for how land should be used to shape the city's future...The Department of City Planning is focused on a few key areas to address the overlapping crises of housing availability and affordability, climate, and health, Garodnick told members of the City Council. The goal is to continue creating new housing, build coastal resiliency, adjust central business districts, and make local investments with and without rezoning, he said while touting new capital funding mechanisms that are still "in formation."...An overarching goal, he said Wednesday, is to engage every neighborhood in the city in land-use talks and ease the experience of rezoning applicants...Adams has pledged to pursue rezonings, especially focused on affordable housing, in wealthier areas of the city...In response to questions, Garodnick said the Adams administration would continue neighborhood rezonings but didn't say what areas are under consideration. During the campaign, the new mayor pointed to swaths of the west side of Manhattan as among the areas he would look to upzone to increase housing in the city, including more affordable housing in wealthier, transit-rich neighborhoods...The Adams administration is also examining...commercial-to-residential conversions. With so much of the city's workforce working remotely DCP is looking at possible changes to the city's biggest commercial corridors whose economies are no longer supported by a daily influx of commuters...Garodnick said..."we want to afford a certain level of flexibility for commercial buildings to evolve so that a building owner is not just boxed in to one use."...New York

City's population is expected to grow by roughly 300,000 people to 9.1 million by 2030. The population growth, on top of existing affordable housing shortages and shrinking household sizes, means the city needs to do much more to meet the demand for housing...Adams is expected to present a housing plan in the coming weeks or months, led by Chief Housing Officer Jessica Katz, in collaboration with Garodnick's planning department and other city entities...Housing affordability was a concern of multiple Council members, who asked Garodnick about plans to adjust the formula under de Blasio's landmark Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH) program.

Stories we are following

[Two '15-Minute' Delivery Apps Have Collapsed In the Wake of Russian Sanctions](#)

March 11, 2022, *curbed.com*, by Clio Chang

In the weeks since the U.S. began sanctions against Russia, two Russian-backed 15-minute grocery-delivery apps have collapsed in New York City...two Russian-backed 15-minute grocery-delivery apps have collapsed in New York City...Buyk...Fridge No More.

[NYC's out-migration fueled NY state's record population drop in 2020-21](#)

March 24, 2022, *empirecenter.org*, by E.J. McMahon

A huge outflow of residents from New York City accounted for nearly all of New York State's record single-year population loss following the Covid-19 outbreak, according to annual estimates released today by the U.S. Census Bureau. During the 12-month period ending July 1, 2021, the city's population dropped by 305,665 people, or 3.5 percent, erasing nearly half of its 629,057 increase in population over the previous decade, as counted by the decennial census of 2020...Most of the city's out-migrants went to other states, including neighboring Connecticut and New Jersey, as reflected in those states' population estimates.

Public service announcement

[Cybersecurity advice to protect your connected devices and accounts](#)

March 23, 2022, *consumer.ftc.gov*, by Alvaro Puig

Our devices store a lot of personal information, so it's a good idea to take a few minutes to make sure your computer, phone, and other connected devices are protected...Update your software...Protect your accounts...Back up important data.

NYC's reopening

New York State and NYC reached the goal of a 70% vaccination rate for adults, and the community rate of infection, hospitalizations and deaths are low. As a result, most of the covid restrictions have been lifted. For information about specific NY agencies, check with the agency's website. Federal guidelines are still in effect. Learn more at the links below.

Centers for Disease Control (CDC) covid webpage [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)

Federal laws and regulations regarding covid [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cdcresponse/laws-regulations.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cdcresponse/laws-regulations.html)

CDC Interim Guidance for Fully Vaccinated People [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.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](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

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

New York State reopening guidance for businesses [forward.ny.gov](https://www.forward.ny.gov) and [governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2021-05/NYS_CDCGuidance_Summary.pdf](https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2021-05/NYS_CDCGuidance_Summary.pdf). Learn more at [forward.ny.gov/active-industry-guidance](https://www.forward.ny.gov/active-industry-guidance).

New York State information about reopening, covid rates and zones, vaccination program, covid restrictions and guidance, travel advisory, etc. [coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home](https://www.coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home).

NYS travel advisory [coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory](https://www.coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory).

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](https://www.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

The NYC Citywide Information Portal with resource guides for businesses and individuals, including COVID-specific resource guides for New Yorkers
www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/resources/resources-for-new-yorkers.page and [311 portal.311.nyc.gov](https://www.311.nyc.gov).

Covid-19 rate of transmission for Murray Hill (zip codes 10016, 10017). The data is from the NYC Department of Health website COVID-19 tracker www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data.page. Data was viewed on March 6, 2022, but it is not clear if this page is still being updated.

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

New York State COVID-19 tracker forward.ny.gov/percentage-positive-results-county-dashboard.

Why are the covid numbers for New York City and New York State different? NYC and NYS calculate the covid positivity rate differently. The NYC numbers tend to be more conservative.

Vaccinations

Vaccines are now readily available and are free. **The NYC Vaccine Finder** tells you everywhere in NYC that vaccinations are available and the type of vaccination offered vaccinefinder.nyc.gov.

Walgreens, RiteAid and CVS participate in the Federal vaccination program, as well as some independent pharmacies. They will be listed on the vaccinefinder.nyc.gov app. Check with your pharmacy to find out if they are offering vaccinations. You can also check with your primary care physician.

Vaccination data can be found on www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data-vaccines.page. We have asked NYC DOH to verify that this page is still being updated.

All New Yorkers can get tested for coronavirus.

Sites run by New York State are free coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you. You can also check with your doctor, pharmacies and walk-in urgent care to find out if they do testing and if there will be charges. NYC free testing locations: www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/get-tested/covid-19-testing.page, call 212-COVID19, or text COVID TEST to 855-48.

For Murray Hill/Kips Bay

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

IMPORTANT: There is still no cure for COVID-19. To stop the spread take a layered approach:

- get vaccinated
- wear face coverings if you are unvaccinated or when you are with unvaccinated people
- maintain distance (6 feet between people if unvaccinated)
- practice good hand hygiene
- stay home if sick (seek care if you feel seriously ill)

When community rates of infection are high, limit non-essential activities, travel and indoor gatherings with people who are not in your household.

See murrayhillnyc.org for additional COVID-19 information, including

[Reopening](#)

[Testing](#)

[Vaccinations](#)

[Neighborhood houses of worship, museums, educational and cultural institutions](#)

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

[Neighborhood retail, health care \(including pets\) & services that are open](#)

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>.

The MHNA Discount Program

Please be prepared to show proof of membership when you ask for a discount. Full list of discounts at the links below.

[Restaurant and Food Discounts](#)

[General Discounts](#)

Our government representatives

When contacting your representative, be sure to state your address so that they know that you are a constituent. You can see the District maps and sign up for their emails on their websites.

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NYC Council Member Julie Menin, Council District 5: council.nyc.gov/julie-menin, 212-788-6865, District5@council.nyc.gov.

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