



Murray Hill

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Information that may be of interest...

May 2, 2022

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Eid Mubarak

Eid al-Fitr is observed by the Muslim community on **Monday, May 2**. Eid al-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan (month long fasting) and the beginning of a feast that breaks the fast. NYC public schools will be closed on Monday, May 2.

Photo gallery



More NYC crocodiles! Dundee (red) by Idriss B, in the window of Fotografiska, 281 Park Avenue South (between 21st & 22nd Street), fotografiska.com/nyc. Photo by Elaine Silber.

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.

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.

State Department program *Uniting for Ukraine*

To help fulfill President Biden's promise to temporarily resettle 100,000 Ukrainian refugees, the State Department has established Uniting for Ukraine, in which legal residents of the United States can apply to be sponsors of migrants under a process called Humanitarian Parole. Learn more at uscis.gov/forms/explore-my-options/humanitarian-parole. Welcome.US, a humanitarian group for refugee resettlement, has created a [guide to the process](#) (and offers a [mailing list](#)) for people interested in becoming a sponsor. "Sponsors may apply as individuals, as a group, or as a

representative of a non-governmental agency. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) lists the [eligibility requirements](#) and the [instructions](#) for completing [Form I-134](#) (the Declaration of Financial Support).

[Source: Council Member Gale Brewer’s Update email of 4/28/2022]



The banner features the Federal Trade Commission logo and text: "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". It includes an illustration of a hand holding coins.

COVID-19 updates

The COVID-19 page on the NYC Department of Health website shows the NYC alert level as **Low** (decreasing). www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-main.page.



The graphic is titled "Do You Know NYC's COVID-19 Alert Level?". It explains that the alert levels show the current level of COVID-19 risk and what to do to protect yourself. A green box indicates the "Current Level: Low". To the right is a stylized illustration of a coronavirus particle.

COVID-19 Alert Levels

Alert Level: Low (decreasing). There is low COVID-19 community spread.

- **Precautions:** Stay up to date—get vaccinated against COVID-19 and boosted when eligible; 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.

When Covid community spread is increasing, it's a good practice to test before and after attending gatherings with people whose vaccination status is unknown.

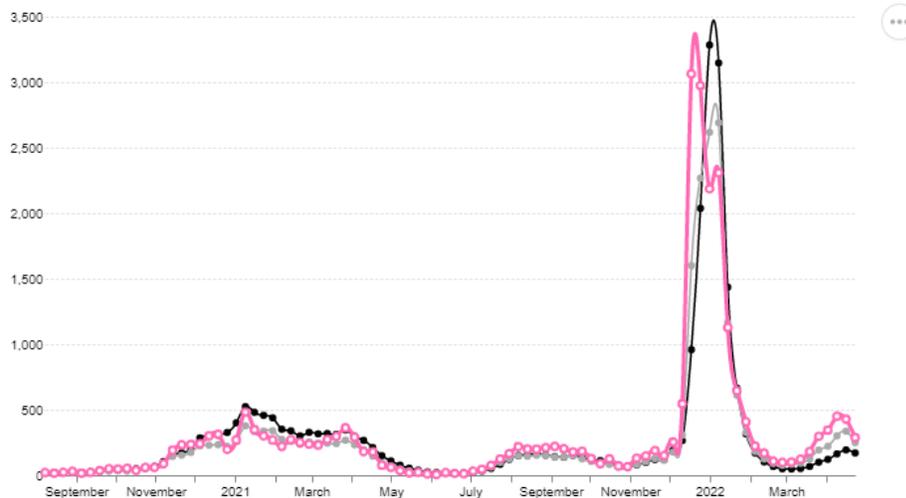
Data taken on **5/1/22** from NYC Department of Health Covid Data pages www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/index.page and www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data-neighborhoods.page.

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**



Find a vaccination site vaccinefinder.nyc.gov (searchable by zip code and vaccination type)

Therapies

High-risk people (seniors and immunocompromised people) are eligible for the new anti-viral pills.

Take a covid 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. The Federal government is making these therapies more widely available.

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.

Medicare will pay for at-home Coronavirus tests, as many as eight tests per month, under Part B Medicare at participating national pharmacy chains.

More Covid-19 information for Murray Hill (zip codes 10016, 10017) towards the bottom of this newsletter at the section [NYC's Reopening](#).

The importance of being vaccinated

As we approach the milestone of one million COVID deaths in the US, medical researcher Dr. Eric Topol noticed that about 920,000 of the confirmed deaths from COVID occurred among those over 50, "which equates to 1 in 125 chance of dying from Covid in this age group." The Kaiser Family Foundation analyzed the effects of COVID vaccinations, calculating that some 234,000 deaths—of the unvaccinated—were avoidable...the CDC published research which showed that unvaccinated 5- to 11-year-olds were hospitalized at twice the rate of vaccinated children.

[Source: Councilmember Gale Brewer's Update email of 4/28/2022]

[If you are getting confused about the ways of reporting on COVID-19, you are not alone!]

The U.S. has a Covid data problem

Source: Bloomberg Prognosis Coronavirus daily email of 4/29/2022

Earlier this year, a few states made a little-noticed change in how they counted Covid-19. In their daily tallies of hospitalizations, New York and Massachusetts began to differentiate between people who were admitted because of the virus, and those who'd come in for something else but tested positive. What they found during the omicron wave was that about half of their patients were admitted "with" Covid but not "for" Covid. It was a sharp departure from earlier in the pandemic, when almost every Covid patient in the hospital was there because of the disease. It's become a

crucial difference. U.S. government officials, health experts and regular people all use hospitalization figures to help calculate the risk of the virus and how to react to it. But outside that handful of states and some university research groups, almost nowhere else is making the distinction. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, for example, still uses the more blunt definition when calculating its Covid “Community Levels” that are used to set recommendations on things like masking around the country. And programs like Medicare do, too, by paying hospitals more for any Covid admission. (Both “with” and “for” hospitalizations add to the burden on hospitals because of isolation requirements, but not to the same level – a patient with severe Covid will consume more staff and equipment resources than somebody with a mild case.)

Job opportunities

May 6 (deadline extended)

Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)

The application deadline for people ages 16 – 24 has been extended until next Friday, May 6, for New York’s Summer Youth Employment Program, which provides paid work experiences each summer.

Businesses or nonprofit organizations can employ an intern in this program and the city will pick up the bill. You contribute to the city’s economic recovery, connect to hyperlocal talent, foster mentorship skills among your employees, and gain fresh perspectives from the workforce of the future by doing it. Learn more at www1.nyc.gov/site/dycd/involved/funding-and-support/employer-sign-up1.page. Sign up at worksitpreapp.nycsyep.com/Pages/SystemAccess/Default.aspx by June 6, 2022.

NYS Dept. of Civil Service is hiring test monitors

Test Monitors are responsible for administration of civil service examinations, both in-person and virtual, and are paid \$15 per hour. Examinations are typically administered one or two weekends a month—in addition to examinations held on weekdays—for up to 10 hours a day. Monitors are not required to work every test date nor are they required to work both Saturday and Sunday or weekdays if they are unavailable. Monitors will work in the region in which they live. A two-hour virtual training will be provided for all new monitors followed by a period of shadowing experienced staff. Learn more at cs.ny.gov/testing/monitors.cfm.

Join the Bryant Park Team

Postitions available are at bryantpark.org/about-us?mc_cid=a2732f70ed&mc_eid=1165e24a4c#job-openings.

Join the Manhattan Borough President's Office

Many positions available including Deputy Director of Policy, General Counsel, Senior Urban Planner, Community Liaison, Summer/Fall interns, and more. Learn more and apply at manhattanbp.nyc.gov/opportunities.

PS116 is looking for crossing guards



The poster features a yellow header with the text "NYPD SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD" in bold black letters. Below the header is a collage of five photographs showing crossing guards in various settings: one in a yellow rain suit waving, one in a uniform gesturing, one in a uniform standing on a sidewalk, one in a uniform with a "SCHOOL GUARD" vest, and one in a uniform walking. The background of the lower half is dark blue with yellow and white text.

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



SCAN ME

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.

How you can help

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.

Sign the million more trees petition

Tell City Hall that New Yorkers need more trees! Sign the petition at docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf2P1t3W0dZtqK5dKjiXxqc9HD0zOqByeTLc4uHyOSWSGXuMw/viewform.

For businesses, nonprofits and buildings

May 2 – May 5

(virtual) National Small Business Week Summit

(Free) Hosted by the U.S. Small Business Administration and SCORE, small businesses can learn about federal resources for small businesses, learn new business strategies, meet other business owners and chat with industry experts! This 4-day, action-packed event will include honoring small businesses around the country, educational sessions and online business resources. [Register for the Summit](#).

May 6 (deadline to request a loan increase or reconsideration)

Important EIDL Deadlines

For businesses that have COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL), the deadline to request a loan increase or reconsideration is May 6. The COVID-19 EIDL portal covid19relief1.sba.gov will close on May 16, 2022. Borrowers should download their loan documents from the portal prior to this date.

through May 31

[Mayor Adams Relaunches Initiatives to Cut Red Tape for Building and Small Business Owners, Improve Building Safety](#)

New Yorkers can call 311 to request no-penalty, no-cost inspections of business signs, decks, and retaining walls...The two citywide initiatives—the *No-Penalty Business Accessory Sign Inspection Program* and the *No-Penalty Deck and Retaining Wall Inspection Program*—will give small business owners, homeowners, and other property owners throughout the five boroughs assurance about the condition of their properties, while providing valuable guidance on proper maintenance. Participants can call through May 31 to receive a free inspection by the New York City Department of Buildings (DOB) to determine whether outdoor structures are in good condition with no visibly apparent violating conditions. Following the inspection, DOB will connect with property owners to discuss findings. If any unsafe conditions are discovered, DOB will provide guidance on any issues that need to be fixed without issuing any violations or penalties, allowing owners the opportunity to make corrective repairs and ensure the safety of their property.

Manhattan Small Business Booster Loan Program

Applications are still open for Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine’s Manhattan Small Business Booster Loan Program, which offers up to \$50,000 in zero-interest loans that can be used toward things like small businesses’ equipment, rent, utilities, salaries, and marketing. This partnership with the Hebrew Free Loan Society will help small businesses across Manhattan get back on their feet after a devastating two years. (The Hebrew Free Loan Society is a non-sectarian lender, so you don’t need to be Jewish to participate in the loan program.) Learn more at tfaforms.com/4883836, or you can contact MBP Levine’s office for assistance at 212-669-8300 or info@manhattanbp.nyc.gov.

Mother’s Day is May 8

For Midtown East businesses: Mother’s Day offerings

If you have a Mother’s Day offering email the Grand Central/East Midtown Partnership at info@gcpbid.org and they will help spread the word.

(recorded webinar) Deep Dive into LLCs - Compliance Considerations, Business Liability & Taxation

Do you want to understand more about Limited Liability Companies (LLCs) and determine if this business structure is the right choice for your business? Watch this [recorded webinar](#) for expert insights to help you make the right decision.

If your business is facing a real-time emergency

You may contact NYC Small Business Services (SBS) by calling 311 or 212-618-8810. To connect with the SBS Emergency Response Unit & Intergovernmental Services, email ERU@sbs.nyc.gov.

Upcoming events



through June 30

New virtual exhibit at Gallery35, *Branches*

BRANCHES features work inspired by rain-puddle reflections, wind-warped trees, tide-created grooves as well as gardens, fields, river beds, forests and desert landscapes! Branches observed in far-away Maine, New Mexico, Arizona, Australia, France and locally in NYC have found their way into these artistic visions by 10 Gallery35 artists. Visit the exhibit at gallery35nyc.com/2022/04/28/one-theme-many-visions. Gallery35, 24 East 35th Street (offices only), telephone: 917-566-0708, email: gallery35ny@gmail.com, gallery35nyc.com.

starting April 29

Get to Know the Bryant Park Bees

Our bee friends at the Apiary are settling into their new home. Now it's time to get to know our buzzy neighbors, and our partners at the New York City Beekeepers Association are here to make the introduction! Join them at Beekeeping Classes on select Fridays starting April 29 to learn about honey bee colonies and the vital role they play in the natural environment. Learn more at bryantpark.org/programs/beekeeping.

May 2 1pm

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

Free, 45-minute-long program, hosted by CUNY Graduate Center. 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. A prodigious, much-honored composer and conductor, William Grant Still was a longtime pioneer

on the American music scene. He was the first Black to have an opera produced by a major U.S. company, to have an opera televised on a national network, and to conduct a major symphony orchestra. When violinist Louis Kaufman offered him a commission, Still produced a glowing work that reflected that illustrious performer's passion for the visual arts, and interest in a composition melding popular, blues, and jazzy elements with classical forms and techniques. The composer explained that his *Suite for Violin and Piano* from 1943 was "suggested by" sculptures by several Harlem Renaissance artists. Register at gc-cuny-edu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uk_dwtv4R4S4ec6SDZdlpg.

Applications are open for [Summer Rising](#), the academic enrichment program run by the Dept. of Education for students K – 8. Seats are reserved for students who need to take summer school for promotion. Some locations have limited capacity, so apply soonest for your preferred location.

May 31 – June 13 Gifted and Talented applications will be open.

ongoing Elementary School, 3K and EarlyLearn enrollment

3-K applications are closed (for children born in 2019)

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

Kindergarten applications are closed (for children born in 2017). **(May 6 is the deadline to accept offers.)** Those who applied online can use their [MySchools.nyc](#) account to accept/decline or be put on a waitlist. For questions, email ESEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov.

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

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

Specialized High School test results are available for students who tested in December 2021.

NYC Public School applications

Middle schools won't be allowed to use academic screens, but high schools can. The only screening criteria will be first semester grades from this school year and a work sample (no attendance or state test scores). The screening process will also be managed centrally, rather than by individual schools. High schools will be allowed to use borough and zone geographic priorities.

Offers will be sent in May. Learn more at schools.nyc.gov, at schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade and at MySchools NYC myschools.nyc/en (other languages are available), by phone at 718-935-2009 or at a Family Welcome Center

schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enrollment-help/family-welcome-centers. EarlyLearn is for toddlers to 2 years old and is available for eligible families. Learn more at

schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/earlylearn-nyc. If you missed enrollment for your child, contact myschools.nyc to find out what your options are.

Monday - Friday 12:30 - 2:30pm

[Piano at lunchtime in Bryant Park](#)

Monday through Friday hear a different musician weekly. New York City's finest ragtime, stride, and jazz pianists perform select weekdays in Bryant Park. COVID-19 vaccinations not currently required

but are encouraged for audiences attending these events. Bryant Park will continue to follow New York City and New York State COVID-19 guidelines.

May 3 - 6: Bertha Hope

May 9 - 13: Todd Robbins

May 16 - 20: Luiz Simas

May 23: In Loving Memory of Ayako Shirasaki (1969-2021) Featuring Friends & Family

May 24: Jon Weber

May 25: Tap-A-Long Hosted by Toes Tiranoff

May 26: Jon Weber

May 27: Yuka Aikawa

May 30 - June 3: Pete Malinverni

See full schedule at bryantpark.org/downloads/2022_piano.pdf.

at Bryant Park, Upper Terrace

(between 5th & 6th Avenue and between 40th & 42nd Street, behind the Library)

May 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12 6pm (dance instruction), 7pm (live music and dance)

Bryant Park Dance Parties

Live dance music and instruction:

May 3: New York Salsa with Avenida B Salsa Dura

May 4: Swing Dance to Jazz, R&B, and Blues with The Antoinette Montague Experience

May 5: Cinco de Mayo Party with Mariachi Real De Mexico & Jose Adán Perez

May 10: Flamenco Rumba Night with Nélide Tirado

May 11: African Fusion Night with Sekou and Friends

May 12: Music of the Americas: Colombia, Peru, and Venezuela with Nilko Andreas and LaMar NYC

At each Dance Party event, attendees will meet at the Bryant Park Fountain to learn basic steps with expert instructors from 6 - 7pm. Afterwards, a diverse selection of NYC's best dance bands will perform from 7 - 8:30pm. Dance Party is hosted and produced by Talía Castro-Pozo. COVID-19 vaccinations and masks are not currently required but are encouraged for audiences attending these events. Bryant Park will continue to follow New York City and New York State COVID-19 guidelines. Learn more at bryantpark.org/programs/dance-party.

at Bryant Park

(between 40th & 42nd Street, and between 5th & 6th Avenue, behind the Library)

May 4 12 noon

(virtual) How to Simplify Your Financial Life to Save More and Worry Less

Learn about simple habits and useful tools that can improve your financial life. Register at nypl.org/events/programs/2022/05/04/how-simplify-your-financial-life-save-more-worry-less.

Presented by the New York Public Library Thomas Yoseloff Business Center at SNFL.

(virtual) Webinar: How you can care for your loved ones with dementia

Manhattan Community Board Six/NYU Langone are hosting this Series on Healthy Living in the Community. Dr. Mary Mittelman, Director of the NYU Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Family Support Program, will speak about comprehensive support for family members of people with dementia. Additionally, Dr. Joshua Chodosh, Michael L. Freedman Professor of Geriatric Research at the Department of Medicine at NYU Grossman School of Medicine and Director of the Freedman Research Program on Aging and Cognition, will speak on early signs of dementia. Attendees will be able to ask both presenters questions. Register at us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EQ54yEMGQga0RHlfTSMYRA.

May 5 7pm

NYC Rent Guidelines Board Meeting and preliminary vote on rent increases for rent stabilized apartments

View the livestream at youtube.com/RentGuidelinesBoard.

May 5 7:30pm

Keyboard Conversations with Internationally acclaimed pianist Jeffrey Siegel: *Evocative Visions*

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 accessible format enables audiences to build an understanding of classical music whether newcomer or seasoned listener. In tonight's concert *Evocative Visions*, Mr. Siegel will perform a selection of works from Liszt, Rachmaninoff, Sibelius, Grieg, and Palmgren. Tickets are \$25 (\$20 ASF Members). Purchase tickets at scandinaviahouse.org/events/siegel-evocative-visions. Learn more at scandinaviahouse.org at Scandinavia House
58 Park Avenue (between 37th and 38th Street)

May 6 7 – 9pm

(in-person, outdoors) Petanque Tournament

Put your Petanque skills to the test at Bryant Park's Petanque courts this summer. Every Friday night, La Boule New Yorkaise will be hosting a Petanque tournament that is open to the public and free to enter. Learn more at bryantpark.org/events/2022/05/06/summer-friday-petanque-tournament.
at Bryant Park
(between 40th & 42nd Street, and between 5th & 6th Avenue, behind the Library)

May 6 - 8

Jane's Walk

The Municipal Arts Society will offer its annual three-day festival of free guided walking tours through iconic New York City neighborhoods (virtual and in-person). Learn more at mas.org/janes-walk-2022.

May 7 6 – 10pm

Save Music Street! at Stitch Bar & Blues

Organized by Penn For All Coalition of Neighbors & 30th Street Neighbors. Show your support for the groups opposing the Penn Station Complex redevelopment which will displace existing residents and businesses by joining 30th St neighbors and an amazing lineup of musicians for a rockin' night! Learn more about the music lineup and reserve your spot at eventbrite.com/e/save-music-streetnorth-chelsea-music-ensemble-tickets-309171750027.

at Stitch Bar & Blues
247 West 37th Street

May 10 7pm (6:30pm doors)

Mendelssohn Glee Club's 2022 Spring Concert

(Free) Program: works by Dvorak, Handel, King and Goffin, Nance & Houseman, Rogers & Sondheim, Rogers & Hammerstein, Romberg, Styne & Sondheim. Gene Wisoff, conductor, Hyerim Song, piano accompanist, with Matthew Anchel, Bass, Metropolitan Opera guest artist. Champagne Reception, Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle & Sing-Along To Follow Concert.

Mendelssohn Glee Club (since 1866), mgcnyc.org.

Services: The Church of the Good Shepherd conducts Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 11 am.
at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
240 East 31st Street (between 2nd & 3rd Avenue)

Changes in the neighborhood



[NYC Gilded Age mansion lists for the first time in 40 years, asking \\$33M](#)

April 21, 2022, *nypost.com*, by Shivani Vora

If you're harboring fantasies of living in a Gilded Age New York...The James F.D. Lanier House, an opulent Beaux-Arts early 20th-century home, has hit the market for \$33 million. The home, located at 123 E. 35th St. in Murray Hill, between Park and Lexington avenues, last traded back in 1984 for \$4.2 million, according to public records. The 33-foot-wide brick and limestone mansion—the size of two brownstone rowhouses—is 66 feet tall and spans a palatial 11,638 square feet over eight levels. It's one of the largest single-family homes in New York. What else would be more fitting for James and Harriet Lanier, the prominent Gilded Era socialites who commissioned the property to be built? James, whose full name was James Franklin Doughty Lanier II, was a banker and equestrian that hailed from blue blood...The Laniers hired the acclaimed architectural firm Hoppin & Koen to design their dream home...Designated by the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission as a fine example of Parisian Beaux-Arts style, their masterpiece for the Laniers is also listed in the National Register of Historic Palaces.

[Editor's note: Read the full article to see the many outstanding photographs of the interiors.]

[Midtown hotel portfolio sale suggests big value drop](#) (paywall)

April 28, 2022, *therealdeal.com*, by Rich Bockmann

Massachusetts-based Sonesta International Hotels purchased the Benjamin, the Shelburne Hotel & Suites, the Gardens Suites Hotel and the Fifty Hotel & Suites from Denihan Hospitality Group, the company announced Wednesday...“For Sonesta, this investment marks a significant milestone in our growth as we re-enter the New York City market, which is one of the largest and most dynamic markets in the world,” company CEO John Murray said in an announcement...The price was not disclosed, but lender Ramsfield Hospitality Finance announced that it provided Sonesta with a \$239 million acquisition loan for the deal. The amount suggests the portfolio’s value has dropped significantly...The Sonesta purchase is the latest hotel deal indicating that values in New York City continue to struggle, even as other parts of the country recover...leisure travel is leading the recovery. Business travel—which hotels in New York and other big cities rely on—isn’t expected to return to normal until 2024, according to the Hotel & Lodging Association.

(and just across town)

Mayor Adams Expands Containerized Garbage Pilot

Source: Gotham Gazette email, April 21, 2022

Mayor Eric Adams launched a citywide pilot program [on April 20] for containerizing garbage, expanding across the city an existing program to concentrate household and commercial waste in centralized containers, rather than in the mountains of trash bags that currently litter the city's streets. The city's first containerized garbage receptacles were unveiled by the mayor Monday in Times Square with new Sanitation Commissioner Jessica Tisch and other administration officials as well as several City Council members...the program is being run as a partnership between the city and the Times Square Alliance, the area's business improvement district...Few cities around the world collect garbage like New York, where the Sanitation Department gathers mountains of residential and commercial trash by the bag from the street.

Related: [Trash Containers Finally Come To Times Square; Expansion Planned](#)

Inching closer to shedding its "trash city" nickname, New York unveiled a new set of waste bins that could soon be seen citywide.

April 20, 2022, *patch.com*, by Nick Garber

Housing & affordability

[Community Land Trusts Would Get First Dibs at Buying Properties Under Revised Council Bill](#)

April 19, 2022, *citylimits.org*, by David Brand

The Community Opportunity to Purchase Act (COPA) has the backing of organizations that preserve affordable housing, but has encountered criticism from the real estate industry and skepticism from

city housing officials...The New York City Council is once again considering a bill to curb speculation by giving nonprofits and community land trusts first dibs on residential properties that come up for sale. Councilmember Carlina Rivera on Thursday reintroduced the Community Opportunity to Purchase Act (COPA) as part of a legislative package intended to preserve and develop affordable housing. Under the bill, which Rivera first introduced in 2020, city-approved nonprofit developers and community land trusts (CLTs) would have four months to make an offer on multi-family properties with at least three units before they hit the market. During that period, owners could not accept another offer...Under the CLT model, a nonprofit organization purchases a property and retains the land while leasing apartments at permanently affordable rates. People can also purchase and maintain ownership of homes on CLT land, but they are barred from reselling at exorbitant prices, thereby cutting out the speculation that has diminished affordable housing options...Rivera's bill would allow only "qualifying" organizations to have the first crack at buying properties. The eligible organizations would include nonprofits that appear on the city's Qualified Preservation Buyers List...Jay Martin, head of the Community Housing Improvement Program, which represents owners of rent-stabilized properties, said the measure would end up delaying sales even though nonprofit groups are unlikely to make a purchase in most cases. He also questioned how the organizations would come up with the money.

Op-ed: [For second homes, it's time for anonymous LLCs to come out from the shadows](#) (paywall)

April 21, 2022, *crainsnewyork.com*, by Emily Gallagher, Brad Hoylman

When anonymous limited-liability companies can gobble up New York City apartments and buildings with almost no oversight, everybody loses—except for oligarchs, tax cheats and bad landlords. That's why we recently introduced legislation to make LLCs more transparent, giving law enforcement at all levels more tools to pursue bad actors hiding behind their paper shields.

Pied-a-Terre...or Thinly Disguised Airbnb?

April 14, 2022, *cooperatornews.com*, by A.J. Sidransky

Co-ops Face a Wave of Pandemic Subletting...Shareholders beware...there's a difference between reconsidering sublets and opening the door, literally, for shareholders to profit from their individual units at the cost of building security and community cohesiveness.

[N.Y. lawmakers urge chief judge to avert 'eviction and homelessness crisis' in Housing Court](#)

April 22, 2022, *nydailynews.com*, by Molly Crane-Newman

State lawmakers on Friday implored New York's Chief Judge Janet DiFiore to avert "an impending eviction and homelessness crisis" by ordering Housing Courts to slow down until all poor tenants have a lawyer...The Daily News has reported that legal service providers representing low-income New Yorkers in Housing Court — where some lawyers are handling up to 80 cases — can't take new clients facing eviction in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, and the Bronx through the rest of April. They do not anticipate the situation will improve by May. The Right to Counsel legislation passed in 2017 afforded financially-challenged tenants the same right to a lawyer as criminal defendants. According to the city's data, 84% of tenants with a free lawyer stay in their home.

[Foreclosures surge 181% to highest levels since March 2020](#) (paywall)

April 22, 2022, *therealdeal.com*, by Suzannah Cavanaugh

Chicago, New York, LA and Houston lead the pack. Some eight months after a nationwide moratorium on foreclosures expired, foreclosure filings soared to the highest level since the pandemic began. Last month, 33,333 properties across the U.S. faced foreclosure, a 181 percent jump from March 2021 and 29 percent pop from February, according to a report by foreclosure tracker Attom attomdata.com/solutions/market-trends-data/foreclosure-activity-report.

Are you at risk of eviction?

If you or someone you know is at risk of or has actually been notified of an eviction proceeding, call 311, Housing Court Answers at 212-962-4795 (M-F, 9am - 5pm)

[Doormen's Union Reaches Tentative Deal Days Before Impending Strike](#)

April 19, 2022, *patch.com*, by Kathleen Culliton

NEW YORK CITY — The doormen's union reached a tentative deal that could circumvent an impending strike in residential buildings across New York City, according to a spokesperson. The Realty Advisory Board and the 32BJ SEIU building workers union said Tuesday afternoon they reached an agreement one day before the current contract expired and workers were ready to strike...the deal must be ratified by union members but includes many asks the doormen demanded, such as employer-paid healthcare, sick leave and vacation benefits and what he called historic pay raises.

Schools and students

School report cards for covid testing

COVID-19 Report Card for [PS 116 Mary Lindley Murray](#). Total Students Enrolled + Teachers/Staff=464. One hundred and two positive tests were reported since September 2020 (75 students, 27 staff). Eleven positive tests in the last 7 days (9 students, 2 staff).

COVID-19 Report Card for [The River School](#). Total Students Enrolled + Teachers/Staff=516. One hundred twenty positive tests were reported since September (98 students, 22 staff). Eight positive tests in the past 14 days (7 students and 1 staff).

COVID-19 Report Card for [Murray Hill Academy](#). Total Students Enrolled + Teachers/Staff=299. Fifty positive tests since September (35 students, 15 staff). No positive tests in the past 14 days.

COVID-19 Report Card for [J.H.S 104 Simon Baruch](#). Total Students Enrolled + Teachers/Staff=1,108. Two hundred and nineteen positive cases since September (212 students, 7 staff). Ten positive tests in the past 14 days (students).

[Bloomberg invests \\$200M in NYC's high-profile charter school networks](#)

April 25, 2022, *nypost.com*, by Cayla Bamberger

Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced Monday he's donating a whopping \$100 million each to two high-profile charter networks: Harlem Children's Zone and Success Academy. The massive investment—billed as a means to help close the achievement gap and meet demand for school choice seats—is part of a larger \$750 million nationwide push Bloomberg has made for charter schools following the COVID-19 pandemic.

[\\$50M From Michael Bloomberg, Donors Sets Up NYC Charter Summer Schools](#)

April 18, 2022, *patch.com*, by Anna Quinn

Mayor Eric Adams and former Mayor Michael Bloomberg have teamed up to help kids bounce back from the pandemic with a new \$50 million summer school program for charter schools...The \$50 million will provide an average of five weeks additional instruction in math and English for 25,000 more kids, officials said. Applications open online on Monday. Learn more at summerboostnyc.org.

[Understanding mayoral control](#)

April 24, 2022, *cityandstateny.com*, by Amanda Luz Henning Santiago and Sara Dorn
New York City Mayor Eric Adams is continuing his bid for a four-year extension of his control over the city's public school system after the state legislature opted against including the policy in this year's budget...How the mayor gained control of the schools...In 2002, newly elected Mayor Michael Bloomberg was granted mayoral control of the city's schools after making it a central issue to his campaign. This gave Bloomberg the power to appoint the city's schools chancellor and a majority of the members to the Panel for Educational Policy, which runs the city Department of Education...It's up to the state legislature to renew the mayor's authority every year or two, and it's set to expire again in 2022...Before the state legislature granted the city mayoral control, the city's schools were run by 32 community school boards and the Board of Education, which crafted education policies and selected the schools chancellor. Members of community school boards were elected, and prior to 1996, they each appointed a superintendent for their district. Corruption, on both the financial and political level, was rife...While the Board of Education was in charge, the mayor mainly controlled the school system's budget and union contracts...Legislators, education advocates, teachers and parents have been questioning the effectiveness of mayoral control for years.

[What the education panel's rejection of NYC's funding formula means for schools](#)

April 28, 2022, *ny.chalkbeat.org*, by Reema Amin, Alex Zimmerman
What began Wednesday night as a routine vote by the city's Panel For Educational Policy ended with concern among principals, union officials, and even the schools chancellor about the potential delay of school budgets and plans for the upcoming school year. The panel, a mostly appointed board that makes decisions on major contracts and policies, rejected an annual request from the city to approve its 15-year-old school funding formula, which sends more money to schools that are struggling academically, as well as those with higher shares of students with disabilities and English language learners. The formula accounts for about \$10 billion in funding and makes up 65% of a school's budget, most of which goes toward hiring staff...the controversy highlights longstanding concerns about whether the formula is equitable enough, such as it not providing extra support for students who are homeless.

Transportation

[Like Byford before him, MTA's new city transit chief starts in a time of tumult](#)

April 21, 2022, *gothamist.com*, by Stephen Nessen

Richard Davey was named last month as NYCT's new president. He doesn't come with a Byford-like resume of working at rail systems in London, Australia and Toronto. He's spent his career in Boston, a much smaller transit system that doesn't run 24 hours. And he was recently a consultant at Boston Consulting Group, where the MTA was one of his clients...Davey comes as ridership remains 2 million people below pre-pandemic levels and as commuting patterns have been altered, possibly forever. The agency is also trying to address a homeless crisis in the system, along with several high profile crimes.

REMINDER: MTA's OMNY card rolling out for reduced-fare customers

OMNY, the MTA's new wave-and-go contactless fare system for subways and buses, will start to roll out for reduced-fare customers including seniors this summer; they can sign up to be among the first to switch from MetroCard to OMNY. There are four ways to use it:

- contactless credit card
- contactless debit card
- smartphone
- MTA-issued OMNY card (similar to a MetroCard)

Fill out this short form to register mta-nyc.custhelp.com/app/reduced-fare-omny. The MTA will be reaching out this summer with more information about the options and how and when to switch.

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

[**Congressional and state senate primary to be held August 23rd, judge rules**](#)

April 29, 2022, *gothamist.com*, by Elizabeth Kim

New York's congressional and state Senate primary would be pushed to August 23rd, following a Court of Appeals decision on Wednesday that ruled the new district maps drawn by Democrats had been designed with partisan intent...The order by Acting Supreme Court Judge Patrick McAllister will now give the court-appointed "special master" until May 20th to redraft the maps. The ruling gives time for candidates seeking public office to collect the required signatures to get on the ballot...Under the previous court decision, the races for governor, lieutenant governor, state Assembly and local primaries could still be held on June 28th, the original primary date. On Friday, McAllister said it will be up to the state Legislature to decide whether to consolidate all of the elections into one primary on August 23rd. The deadline for overseas and military ballots to be mailed will be July 8th...Candidates who have already petitioned to get on the ballot based on the voided maps will now have to wait to see how the lines get redrawn.

[**Related: NY's top court rejects congressional district maps, primaries likely delayed**](#)

April 27, 2022, *gothamist.com*, by Jon Campbell

New York's top court threw out the state's new congressional district lines Wednesday, ruling Democrats gerrymandered them to their favor and failed to follow proper procedures in adopting the new maps. The Court of Appeals issued a split decision, clearing the way for a court-appointed special master to draw new congressional and state Senate maps...Now, the task of drawing New York's congressional and state Senate lines for the next 10 years will fall to Jonathan Cervas, a postdoctoral fellow at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. He was appointed special master by state Acting Supreme Court Justice Patrick McAllister of Steuben County, where the Republican lawsuit was initially filed. McAllister has given Cervas until May 24 to come up with new lines, with a hearing scheduled for May 6.

[**Rep. Carolyn Maloney vies for reelection amid crowded field and third credible challenge in a row**](#) (paywall)

April 25, 2022, *nydailynews.com*, by Michael Gartland

Incumbent Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (D-N.Y.) is facing a primary challenge for the third time in a row this summer, but this year she has a more crowded field to contend with—along with a challenger who inched ever-so-closer to defeating her in the last go-round... In 2020, [Patel]...fell short by less than four percentage points...Two other candidates have potentially complicated the picture for Patel...One is Rana Abdelhamid, a 28-year-old who works for Google and is running to the left of the rest of the field...The other candidate in the picture is Maud Maron, who is running as a moderate...Maloney has represented the 12th Congressional District since 1993. Its boundaries recently changed due to the redistricting process, which takes place every 10 years once the census has been completed. Redistricting in New York State is now broadly being challenged in court, resulting in Maloney's district losing portions of Queens and Brooklyn and gaining wealthier swaths of the West Side, which were previously within Rep. Jerold Nadler's district. "The new district lines — should they stand — should benefit Carolyn Maloney," said Jon Reinish, a Democratic strategist...Maloney...defended her record...and ticked off a list of accomplishments that include

securing health benefits for victims of the 9/11 attacks, recently passing legislation to revamp the U.S. Postal Service, and getting federal funding to complete the construction of the Second Ave. subway line...she said, "I've been a progressive my whole life."

Budget, finances & taxes

Mayor Adams unveiled an Executive Budget of just under \$100 billion

Source: Council Member Gale Brewer's Update email of 4/28/2022

This budget updates his preliminary budget proposal released in February, and boosts funding in these areas...

\$5 billion over ten years for housing (a comedown from his pledge to spend \$4 billion a year on housing).

\$228 million to the NYPD for overtime pay and the anti-gun unit which rolled out in March.

\$55 million to expand deployment of EMTs and mental health workers under the pilot program called Behavioral Health Emergency Assistance Response Division (B-HEARD).

\$171 million to create 1,400 Safe Haven and stabilization beds.

\$7.4 million to fund new dyslexia screening sites and literacy programs.

\$33 million for the Department of Education to launch new career training programs.

Funding to increase childcare subsidies for families of four earning less than \$55,000 a year.

Funding for organics collection programs.

Funding for 578 more correction officers.

View all the Mayor's budget documents at <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/omb/publications/finplan04-22.page>.

Another round of hearings before the Council is the next step on the road to a final budget agreement between the administration and the Council by June 30, 2022.

Related: [Everything you need to know about New York City Mayor Eric Adams' \\$99.7 billion budget](#)

April 26, 2022, *cityandstateny.com*, by Sara Dorn

ECONOMIC RECOVERY. Among the economic initiatives Adams laid out was his pledge to expand the Earned Income Tax Credit with a \$250 million investment from the city. He also highlighted an estimated \$200 million boost to the city's reserve fund...In addition, the executive budget includes more than \$140 million for new capital investments at Hunts Point Produce Market in the Bronx...PUBLIC SAFETY. Adams highlighted his previously announced "Blueprint to End Gun Violence," and "Subway Safety Plan," the latter of which would be coupled with new investments for homeless and mental health services...Dubbed the "B-HEARD" initiative, an acronym for Behavioral Health Emergency Assistance Response Division, Adams proposed \$55 million to deploy additional mental health professionals in certain areas of the city to respond to people experiencing mental health crises, "instead of law enforcement." The budget also includes \$171 million to add 1,400 new Safe Haven and stabilization beds, which offer wrap-around services to homeless individuals, by mid-2023...Adams proposed a slate of partnerships with tech- and science-based industries, including funding for the expansion of a life sciences and health care hub in Manhattan's Kips Bay neighborhood, along with a new facility for "cutting-edge research, workforce training and new startups" on First Avenue. The latter is in partnership with Taconic Partners, DivcoWest and New York University. "Together, these two projects will nearly double lab space in Kips Bay and further

establish it as the hub for life sciences in our city,” he said...CHILD CARE. Adams previewed a plan for expanding child care that he said would be announced in the coming weeks. He laid out a new program for full-time subsidized child care...HOUSING. Adams’ budget proposal includes a \$5 billion investment in improvements to New York City Housing Authority buildings, along with other affordable housing initiatives...SCHOOLS. Adams touted plans to increase funding for the city’s Summer Rising youth program that offers students job training and extracurricular programming when school is not in session. He also highlighted the expansion of summer youth employment programs and his plans to expand the city’s Gifted and Talented program...TRANSPORTATION, STREETS AND PARKS. “This budget includes more than \$900 million to create safer, greener, and cleaner streets across the city and to make sure they are more accessible to seniors and those living with disabilities,” Adams said. The money would be used to build additional bus and delivery lanes...

Related: [NYC City Council preempts Mayor Adams with \\$1.3B spending demands a day before second budget draft](#) (paywall)

April 25, 2022, *nydailynews.com*, by Michael Gartland

The City Council rolled out a laundry list of budget demands Monday in what was clearly an effort to preempt Mayor Adams’ revised spending plan, which he’s expected to announce Tuesday when he delivers his first State of the City address...“I really hope that you all are getting this message from this Council,” Speaker Adams said during a City Hall news conference Monday morning. “We have to see expanding opportunity as an investment in our safety. We have to see prioritizing health and mental health as investments in our safety. And we have to see increasing vital programs and services for our young people as investments in our safety.” ...Last week, Council members demanded a budget that increases expense funding for housing and homelessness by more than \$300 million annually, as well as \$4 billion in increased capital spending on housing.

Related: [Statement from NYC Comptroller Brad Lander on New York City's FY 2023 Executive Budget](#)

Source: Email of April 26, 2022

[T]he City needs to spend its remaining federal COVID funds effectively, starting with the money allocated for our children’s academic, social, and emotional wellness. The Department of Education has billions of dollars intended for student recovery that remain unspent, and this budget does not include a clear action plan for how to make the best use of these funds. In addition, with unemployment among Black and Latino New Yorkers still higher than twice the national average, more of this finite federal funding should be targeted at stimulating our economic recovery...The increased commitments to Safe Havens and stabilization beds are a critical step, but a significant share of these rooms must be private—and must function as a step toward permanent housing—if we are to truly address the needs of unsheltered New Yorkers. Confronting our interconnected homelessness and housing challenges will require significantly more funding for permanent affordable and supportive housing.

State Senator Liz Krueger’s email, **State Budget Update**, April 18, 2022

The proposal to remove the 12 FAR density cap on residential development was rejected as was the proposal to change regulation of the vacation rental industry, which would have undermined New

York City's ability to protect its housing from conversion to short-term rentals. This issue is likely to be considered outside the context of the budget, as there are improvements to regulation that could be made to help other regions of the state without undermining New York City's well established regulatory structure.

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

[Mayor Adams Appoints Jessica Tisch as Commissioner of Department of Sanitation](#)

City & State First Read email, April 19, 2022, Heard around town, by Annie McDonough and Jeff Coltin

Jessica Tisch's long-rumored appointment to lead the New York City Department of Sanitation was made official, even though she stepped down as the city's chief information officer in January. City Hall confirmed that for the past few months before being tapped to lead the Sanitation Department, Tisch had been in an apparent under-the-radar tryout, leading the City Cleanup Corps, under the supervision of Deputy Mayor for Operations Meera Joshi...In an email sent to colleagues when she resigned from DoITT at the beginning of the year, Tisch indicated that she intended to continue working with the city. Members of Tisch's family—which runs the Loews Corporation, a massive conglomerate—donated a total of \$10,000 to Mayor Eric Adams' campaign.

[Press release: Mayor Adams Appoints Margaret Anadu Chair of NYCEDC Board of Directors](#), April 21, 2022

New York City Mayor Eric Adams today announced the appointment of Margaret Anadu as chair of the board of directors of the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC). Anadu is a national leader in identifying financially sound investments that provide resources for and support the growth of underserved communities. In her role, Anadu will lead the organization's 27-member board, which helps to guide NYCEDC's agenda as the city's primary economic development vehicle. NYCEDC leverages the city's assets to create good jobs and drive growth, helping to build a more equitable inclusive economy as the city recovers from the pandemic.

Mayor Adams created a new position of Chief Efficiency Officer for NYC, and established reporting requirements for City agencies (each agency will designate a Chief Performance Officer). Learn more at www1.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news/013-002/executive-order-13.

Mayor Adams launched an online Dynamic Mayor's Management Report

dmmr.nyc.gov

The Mayor's Management Report (MMR), which is mandated by the City Charter, shows how each City agency and related projects are doing and allows for year-over-year comparisons. The MMR is released twice a year. The Preliminary Mayor's Management Report (PMMR) provides an early update of how the City is performing four months into the fiscal year. The full-fiscal MMR, published each September, looks retrospectively at the City's performance during the prior fiscal year.

With 19 days left in the session, NY state lawmakers' agendas are crammed

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

As legislators returned to the state Capitol on Monday, they had just 19 session days to settle outstanding policy items not already addressed in the budget. In their first week back from spring break, lawmakers will begin working their way through hundreds of bills before the June 2 end of the legislative session – and before they start campaigning in earnest for the June 28 primaries...The Clean Slate Act is a notable addition to the agenda for the state Senate Codes Committee...The same can't be said on the Assembly side, where its Codes Committee did not include the Clean Slate Act on the agenda for this week...Lawmakers won't address other big ticket items this week, like the "good cause" eviction bill that would make it harder for landlords to evict tenants, mayoral control of New York City schools and the fate of the 421-a tax break for developers to build affordable housing...state Senate Deputy Majority Leader Michael Gianaris suggested last month that it and the developer tax break could potentially get wrapped together in some sort of deal...The nonpartisan environmental advocacy group Environmental Advocates New York praised the state Legislature for the number of climate and environmental protections bills on committee agendas in both chambers, calling it "an Earth Day bonanza."

NY weighs giving pizza joints, other eateries OK to sell cannabis-infused food

April 24, 2022, *nypost.com*, by Carl Campanile

State Sen. Liz Krueger (D-Manhattan), a key architect in writing New York's cannabis law, said having eateries like pizzerias using cannabis was not a hot topic when she worked on the bill – but it's not explicitly prohibited, either. "Of course cannabis with edibles is not a new concept," Krueger said...But the idea isn't without complications. New York's law bars anyone under the age of 21 from purchasing cannabis, so pot pizza could not be served to children. Kids should not even be allowed on sites where cannabis-infused food is served, Krueger said...The lawmaker said the amount of cannabis in foods like pizza would have to be "labeled correctly."...Owners who obtain a license to sell cannabis are barred from also having a liquor license.

Fertile Ground: NYC Could Move Step Closer to Universal, Mandatory Composting

April 22, 2022, *thecity.nyc*, by Samantha Maldonado

The city's Independent Budget Office estimates a citywide composting program could save \$33 million annually – after five years.

Bicycle safety training for youth

Council Member Erik Bottcher introduced a City Council resolution calling on the NYC Department of Education to fulfill its obligation to offer bicycle safety instruction in all schools. New York State Education Law requires all school districts in the State to provide students with instruction in bicycle safety.

NYC's reopening

New York State and NYC have lifted most of the covid restrictions. For information about specific NY agencies, check with the agency's website. Federal guidelines are still in effect. Learn more at the links below.

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

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

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

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

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.

NYS travel advisory 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.

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.

This page on the Department of Health website shows the NYC transmission rate level

www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/index.page.

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

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.

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

[Testing](#)

[Vaccinations](#)

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**](#)

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Landmarks Preservation Commission: www1.nyc.gov/site/lpc/about/contact-us.page

Schedule of hearings, sign-up forms to attend and more.

New York Senate website nysenate.gov.

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Governor Kathy Hochul, New York State, governor.ny.gov, contact page on website
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U.S. Representative Carolyn Maloney, New York's 12th Congressional District: maloney.house.gov, 212-860-0606, website contact form: maloney.house.gov/contact-carolyn/email-me

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