



# Murray Hill

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## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

### Upcoming Events...August 1, 2022

This information is provided by The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association. We are sharing it as a service to our members. If this notice does not interest you, please disregard it.

Please share this email with a friend, neighbor or colleague. You can sign up for these emails at [www.murrayhillnyc.org](http://www.murrayhillnyc.org), scroll down the Also Happening column.

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## The MHNA welcomes new business member!



**The MHNA welcomes Bondvet**, a new breed of veterinary clinic, one designed around pets and their people. You can come in for your pet's normal things, like annual exams and vaccines, or those times when your pet seems off and needs veterinary care quick. New clients, get your pet's first nose-to-tail exam for just \$25, and they'll give you a variety of options when it comes to diagnostics and next steps. Their services include a full-service veterinary clinic, urgent care, routine care: wellness exams, vaccines and more, surgeries, dental cleanings, international health certificates, virtual Visits and 24/7 support. Bondvet is located 447 3rd Avenue (31st Street) in Kips Bay and has multiple other locations, 212-518-3225, [bondvet.com](http://bondvet.com). Bondvet offers a discount to MHNA members, use ILOVEMURRAYHILL for a recurring \$25 off your visits (be prepared to show your MHNA membership card when you arrive).

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## Galleria on Third is having a sidewalk sale

Choose from a variety of artwork framed at very reasonable prices, starting at \$20! Don't forget to make an appointment or give them a call at 212-683-2886 before visiting.

Galleria on Third

529 Third Avenue (between 35th & 36th Street)

212-683-2886

[galleriaonthird.com](http://galleriaonthird.com)

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## Support local!

### Restaurant Week—July 18 to August 21

See the participating restaurants in Murray Hill, Kips Bay, Flatiron:

[nycgo.com/restaurant-week/?neighborhood=flatiron-district,kips-bay,murray-hill&page=1](http://nycgo.com/restaurant-week/?neighborhood=flatiron-district,kips-bay,murray-hill&page=1). Docks, Fine & Rare, Rossini's, Villa Berulia, Wagamama, Zuma, Benjamin Prime, 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Deli, and more...make your reservations now!

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### Think Before You Tap That Handy App

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

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

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## Public service announcements

### Beat the Heat!

**The HEAP program can help income-eligible individuals and families stay cool.** The Cooling Assistance Benefit program will cover the cost of an air conditioning unit and the installation. Applications are being accepted now and will remain open through August 31, or until funds are exhausted. Determine your eligibility and learn more at [access.nyc.gov/programs/cooling-assistance-benefit](http://access.nyc.gov/programs/cooling-assistance-benefit). Applications are accepted by mail, by phone and in person at social services offices. Nearest office is [Waverly SNAP Center Government Office](#), 12 West 14th Street.

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Cooling center information [portal.311.nyc.gov/article/?kanumber=KA-02663](https://portal.311.nyc.gov/article/?kanumber=KA-02663) or call 311.

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

Ukrainian New York City residents [can go online](#) for more information or call Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs Immigration Legal Services Hotline at 800-354-0365 for connections to city-funded, free, and safe immigration legal help, including help in applying for Temporary Protected Status.

**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](https://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 graphic features the Federal Trade Commission logo in the top left corner. The main heading is "Donating to help people in Ukraine?". Below this, the text reads: "Check out the group or person before sending money — by cryptocurrency or any other payment method." To the right of this text is an illustration of a hand holding three coins. At the bottom left, there is a button that says "Start here: [ftc.gov/charity](https://ftc.gov/charity)".

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## **Transportation advisories and updates**

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For updates about the Pershing Square East Renovation project, the Infrastructure Replacement project on Second Avenue and surrounding areas, and more, please visit The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association website [murrayhillnyc.org](http://murrayhillnyc.org), Traffic Change Updates section.

[Pershing Square East Reconstruction Newsletter](#), July 2022

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## MTA mobile buses and vans

See full schedule and locations at [new.mta.info/fares/metrocard-mobile-sales](http://new.mta.info/fares/metrocard-mobile-sales)

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## [Beginning August 1, NYC will begin enforcing the expanded school speed camera law](#)

Speed cameras will be turned on 24/7, and violations will be issued for driving faster than 25 mph in these zones.

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## [Drama at the MTA](#) (paywall)

July 27, 2022, *hellgatenyc.com*, By Hell Gate

An "existential" crisis. A board member flipping off the CEO before threatening to torpedo \$15 billion in desperately needed funding. The CEO mocking the former COO. Underground Wi-Fi. Congestion pricing Gods. Covering the Metropolitan Transportation Authority is never dull, but this week was a doozy.

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## Penn Station development update

### Hochul's Penn Station Proposal Passes Key Procedural Vote

Source: Gotham Gazette Eye-Opener email, July 28, 2022 (*gothamgazette.com*)

Governor Kathy Hochul's controversial plan to overhaul the Penn Station area passed a key procedural hurdle on Wednesday as an oversight panel voted unanimously (3-0) to approve a piece of the proposal previously agreed to by the governor and Mayor Eric Adams. It would allow real estate developers to submit "payment in lieu of taxes" (PILOTs) to the state, which are intended to fund a modernization of the cavernous transit hub and surrounding area as part of a state General Project Plan. The governor's plan would allow for real estate developers to build massive office and residential towers around the station, and to forego city property taxes in favor of payments directly to the state to fund Penn Station area improvements. That direct payment structure is what was approved Wednesday by the Public Authorities Control Board. "For far too long, Penn Station has been an overcrowded, cramped, and neglected mess. This vote is a major milestone in our plan to fix Penn Station and transform the surrounding neighborhood," Hochul said in a statement...The plan

has been extremely controversial, with good government groups and many others arguing officials have been inappropriately vague with the numbers on such a massive project. Also at play are over \$1 billion in potential tax breaks to developer Vornado...State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli this week sent a letter to the PACB urging a delay in any votes until officials provided more information on project finances. Officials stressed, however, that the vote was not one to approve the entire project, and some PACB members say they need to see more before committing to voting in favor. The State Senate's representative on the board, Leroy Comrie of Queens, voted in favor of the PILOTs but said... "To be clear, while I will vote yes on today's resolution, I will not vote in favor of any future PILOT agreements for individual above-ground buildings in this project footprint until we have secured necessary federal approvals and the fair share of funding from the federal government and New Jersey," Comrie said. "This project, which is critical to the future of both transportation and development, needs to be a truly future forward thinking endeavor which meets the needs of the 22nd century."

**Related: (opinion) [Derail this Penn redevelopment plan](#)**

July 27, 2022, *nydailynews.com*, by Richard Ravitch, former lieutenant governor of New York, and former chairman of the New York State Urban Development Corp. and Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

The PACB's sole authority is to make sure that taxpayers can afford the projects their government is proposing, yet on their agenda for today's meeting under the "Amount" column for the Penn plan was "N/A." That ludicrously low level of transparency is reason enough to postpone this plan...In fact, a financial analysis of this plan to build 18 million square feet of mostly office space has not been done post-COVID and post the work-from-home revolution. Nor has the state adequately explained why other financing options, such as bonding or other mechanisms to leverage investment from the federal government, won't work...Decades of largesse on layaway put the greatest city in the world on the precipice of an abyss. It nearly killed us — and it could happen again...the board still has the legal authority to determine whether ESD "has demonstrated that there is the commitment of funds sufficient to finance the acquisition and construction of the project." More importantly, in addition, if a PACB member determines that the amount of committed funds is not sufficient to finance a project, then such member is obligated to vote against such project...The Public Authorities Control Board is obligated to vote no on this plan. I hope by the time you read this, they already have, and we can all rest easier knowing Penn Station — and our state's finances — are on the right track.

**Related: July 27, 2022, State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli has asked the State Public Authorities Control Board (PACB) to postpone their scheduled vote** this afternoon on the Governor's Penn Station Plan citing a lack of financial details. [Read the Comptroller's letter.](#)

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## Congestion pricing update

**[MTA appoints board to come up with congestion pricing tolls, exemptions](#)**

July 27, 2022, *amny.com*, by Kevin Duggan

Metropolitan Transportation Authority announced most members of a panel [called the Traffic Mobility Review Board] that will come up with the tolls and discounts. The MTA will also release its environmental assessment of the scheme to charge drivers entering Manhattan south of 60th Street

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to fund transit upgrades, officially dubbed the Central Business District Tolling Program...Governor Kathy Hochul – who controls the MTA – picked five of the six members of the so-called Traffic Mobility Review Board, predominantly representatives for the city’s real estate and business interests. Mayor Eric Adams still gets to pick one representative for the board...The panel will be tasked with devising how much drivers will have to pay to enter the congestion pricing zone along with any credits, discounts or exemptions. The TMRB will be chaired by Carl Weisbrod, a former city planning and economic development chief who now works as a senior advisor with the consultant firm HR&A Advisors. The other four appointees on the board are the former Real Estate Board of New York President John Banks; Scott Rechler, Regional Plan Association chief and the head of developer RXR Realty; Elizabeth Velez, a current MTA board member and the former chairperson of the New York Building Congress; and Kathryn Wylde, who leads the Partnership for New York City, which advocates on behalf of the city’s business community. [Mayoral spokesperson Charles Lutvak said] in a statement. “We must get congestion pricing done so we can reduce traffic and invest in the mass traffic we need to be a competitive city.” ...The MTA expects the feds to give a final approval late this year, and the agency plans to start collecting tolls at the end of 2023 or in early 2024, according to Lieber. The framework the panel comes up with will have to provide \$1 billion in annual revenue so the MTA can bond \$15 billion off of that for its five-year, \$55 billion capital plan to upgrade the subway’s ancient signaling system, new elevators, and an extension of the Second Avenue Subway, among other projects. **The MTA will hold six public hearings on the assessment looking at the environmental impacts of congestion pricing between Aug. 25–31.**

**MTA press release, July 27, 2022: [MTA Announces Major Progress on Congestion Pricing: Traffic Mobility Review Board Empaneled and Environmental Assessment Release Expected Within Two Weeks.](#)**

The agencies will begin collecting public feedback on the Environmental Assessment on or about Aug. 10. Comments will be accepted online as well as email, mail, voicemail, fax and via a series of six hearings, which will be held online and accessible via [mta.info/CBDTP](http://mta.info/CBDTP) at the dates and times listed below. Comments at these sessions will also become part of the formal record.

**Thursday, Aug. 25 5 – 8pm**

**Saturday, Aug. 27 10am – 1pm**

**Sunday, Aug. 28 1 – 4pm**

**Monday, Aug. 29 1- 4pm**

**Tuesday, Aug. 30 5 – 8pm**

**Wednesday, Aug. 31 10am – 1pm**

Should congestion pricing be approved by the Federal Highway Administration, the TMRB would develop recommendations for toll rates, as well as any credits, discounts, or exemptions and then present the recommendations to the MTA Board for consideration before the program is implemented...The TMRB will take into consideration traffic patterns, traffic mitigation measures, operating costs, vehicle types, public impact, public safety, peak and off-peak rates and environmental impacts. Accompanying their recommendations, the TMRB will provide a report on the review and analysis behind its recommendations. Ultimately, the MTA Board (which is also the Board of MTA Bridges and Tunnels, known legally as the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority) will determine the final toll structure after the TMRB’s recommendations. The recommendations must ensure collection of annual net revenues and fees necessary to fund at least \$15 billion for the MTA’s 2020 to 2024 capital program.

**Governor Hochul’s [press release](#), July 27, 2022**

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Information on the GPP, Project Financing, Costs, and Cost-Sharing Available at [esd.ny.gov/penn-station-area-gpp-and-related-documents](https://esd.ny.gov/penn-station-area-gpp-and-related-documents).

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## How you can help



**The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association is seeking new trustees to serve for the 2022-2023 year beginning in September.**

**As a trustee of MHNA, you will have a voice in decisions that affect your neighborhood:**

- Quality of life
- Safety
- Preserving historic Murray Hill

Trustees also will get to know their neighbors, local businesses, and receive regular updates about ongoing issues in the neighborhood.

**We will ask that you:**

- Be a member of the MHNA
- Attend monthly board meetings
- Co-Chair a committee
- Help with our annual street festival

Candidates with interest/skills in website operations, interacting with city and state personnel, and customer service to assist MHNA members are especially invited to apply!

To apply, please send a short bio that includes your ideas for improving Murray Hill, along with your contact information to [info@murrayhillnyc.org](mailto:info@murrayhillnyc.org). It's not too late to apply to be a Trustee for 2022-23, do it today!

[Flyer](#)

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## Join a MHNA committee

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

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## NYC has a blood shortage—Blood donations are needed all summer

Schedule an appointment at [donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/zip](https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/zip) (search by zip code).

[Host a blood drive](#). New York Blood center website [nybc.org](https://nybc.org).

At Grand Central Donor Center

Chanin Building

115 East 41st Street (between Park & Lexington Avenue)

(other locations are also available)

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## ACES is recruiting Volunteer Public Benefit Counselors

The Advocacy, Counseling and Entitlement Services (ACES) Project of the Community Service Society is recruiting retired individuals age 55 years or older to serve as volunteer public benefit counselors dedicated to helping financially disadvantaged people. ACES volunteers screen clients for eligibility and assist with completing applications for public benefits. Volunteers must attend a training that begins October 4, 2022 and will be held through webinars. Upon completion, they are placed in agencies in one of the five boroughs to provide information on government benefits to low-income families, older adults, and individuals with disabilities. There are options for in person or remote volunteer assignments. A personal interview, successful completion of the training, and a commitment of six hours per week for one year of volunteer service is required. Applicants must have advocacy, research, and computer skills, in addition to an interest in assisting low-income populations and learning about public benefit programs. No prior benefit experience is required. Your participation in this program gives you a chance to help others in a truly significant way. For more information, please contact Rebecca Haase at 212-614-5482. To apply or for more information, go to: The ACES Project | Community Service Society of New York at [cssny.org](https://cssny.org). **Apply by September 19.**

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## Summer reading for a laugh

### [New Yorkers Need to Get Over Their Fear of Sharks](#)

July 25, 2022, *hellgatenyc.com*, by A. Shark

Does your government currently treat any other threat to public safety with this kind of boneheaded zeal?

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# COVID-19 updates

## COVID-19—is still here

The COVID-19 alert levels information on the NYC Department of Health website is being re-evaluated. There are currently **high** transmission levels of COVID-19 throughout the city. Data taken on 7/29/2022) at [www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-main.page](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-main.page). The circulating variants are highly contagious.

### NYC Department of Health recommends taking steps to protect yourself:

- **Wear a high-quality mask in all public indoor settings and around crowds outside.**

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

- **Stay up-to-date on [vaccinations](#).**

Visit the NYC COVID-19 and Flu [Vaccine Finder](#) or call 877-VAX4NYC (877-829-4692) to find a vaccination site. Booster doses are available for everyone age 12 and older.

- **[Test](#) before and after travel or gatherings, or if you were recently exposed to someone who has COVID-19.**

Ask your pharmacist if they are participating in the free at-home test kits (8 per month) for your insurance policy.

- **[Stay home if sick](#).**
- **Wash or sanitize your hands frequently.**

[COVID-19: Prevention and Groups at Higher Risk](#)

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## Trends

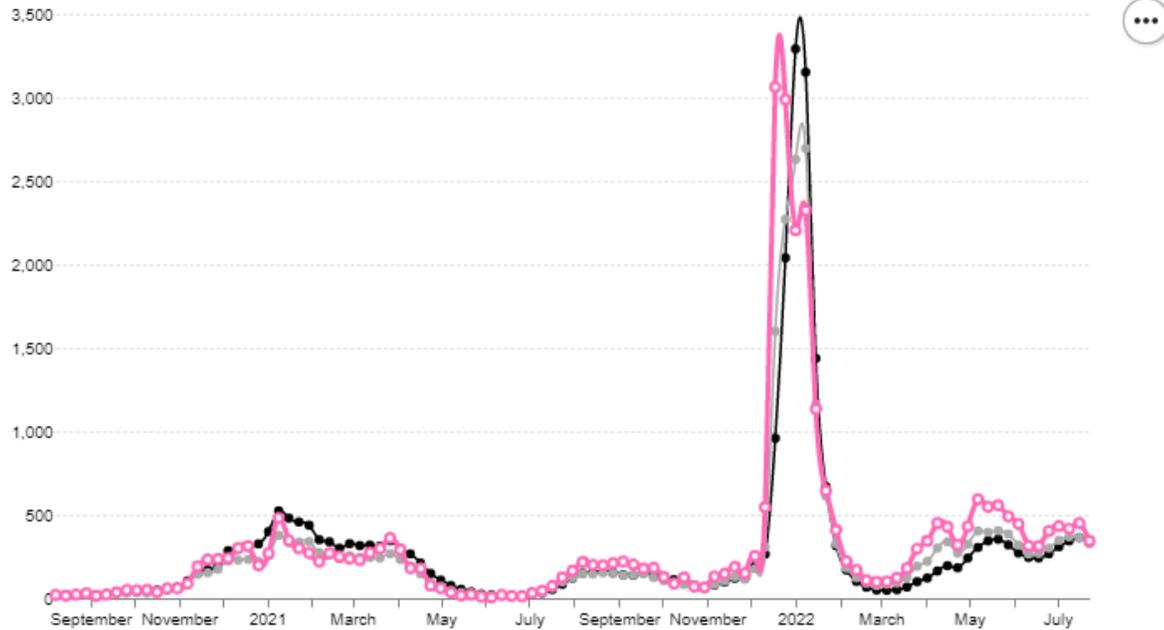
Data taken on 7/29/22 (last data point 7/23/22) from NYC Department of Health Covid Data page [www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data-neighborhoods.page](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data-neighborhoods.page) shows and compares Case Rates for zip code 10016, Manhattan and NYC.

## 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**



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**NYC In-Home Vaccination Program** offers Pfizer COVID-19 vaccinations to NYC residents who are homebound or who are age 65 or above. To request an in-home vaccination, fill out this form: [forms.cityofnewyork.us/f/home](https://forms.cityofnewyork.us/f/home) or call 877-829-4692. Please note: Even if you received your first or second dose at a community vaccine site, you can still get any additional doses that you are eligible for at home, including booster shots.

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### Free COVID-19 at-home rapid tests through the federal government

Households are now able to order a third round of free COVID-19 at-home rapid tests from the federal government. You can order the tests online or by calling 1-800-232-0233. If you provide an

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email address when you place the order, you will receive shipping notifications. COVID-19.gov website to learn more about the tests and to order them online [covid.gov/tests](https://www.covid.gov/tests).

Your health insurance (including Medicare) may pay for up to 8 at-home rapid tests per month. Check with your pharmacy to find out if they are participating in this program.

At-home rapid tests are available at local New York Public Library branches, while supplies last.

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## **Therapies**

High-risk people (age 65+ and immunocompromised people) are eligible for the new anti-viral pills. Take a covid test and contact your doctor as soon as possible when having symptoms or testing positive, to request a prescription, if needed. Call 311 to speak to a NYC Health & Hospitals doctor if you don't have a doctor. The anti-viral Paxlovid pill is most effective when prescribed shortly after symptoms begin, and 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 a monoclonal antibody treatment, Bebtelovimab, remains approved in areas where Omicron and its variants are dominant, and is rated as effective against BA.2.

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## **Free Hotline for those who test positive for COVID-19, but don't have a health care provider**

The Hotline, 888-TREAT-NY (888-873-2869) utilizes the Virtual ExpressCare platform operated by NYC Health + Hospitals. It is available 24-hours per day, seven days a week and operated by experienced Health + Hospitals professionals who have the clinical training to prescribe treatment and referrals if needed.

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## **[CDC endorses the Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/novavax.html)**

CDC has endorsed the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation that Novavax's COVID-19 vaccine be used as another primary series option for adults ages 18 years and older. Two doses of Novavax are given in the primary series, 3–8 weeks apart. People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised should also receive 2 doses, given 3 weeks apart (a 3rd primary dose is not currently authorized). Novavax is a protein subunit vaccine. These vaccines package harmless proteins of the COVID-19 virus alongside another ingredient called an adjuvant that helps the immune system respond to the virus in the future.

Learn more at [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/novavax.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/novavax.html).

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Editor's note: As of 7/29/22, Novavax not yet seen on [vaccinefinder](#).

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

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Learn more at [murrayhillnyc.org](#).

[Testing](#)

[Vaccinations](#)

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## Monkeypox

**Monkeypox updates** are available on the NYC Department of Health website [www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/monkeypox.page](#).

As vaccinations become available, eligible people can schedule appointments at [vax4nyc.nyc.gov/patient/s/monkeypox](#). People can also sign up for alerts on vaccination appointments by texting "MONKEYPOX" to 692-692.

Governor Hochul [declared Monkeypox a disaster in the State of New York](#), and announced on July 28 that 80,000 more vaccines will be coming to New York City.

State Senator Brad Hoylman has offered to help if you are having difficulty securing a monkeypox vaccine; contact his office at 212-633-8052 or [hoylman@nysenate.gov](#).

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### [New York declares monkeypox an 'imminent threat,' announces a boost in vaccine supply](#)

July 28, 2022, *gothamist.com*, by Catalina Gonella

The announcement came as State Health Commissioner Mary Bassett announced she had declared the outbreak an imminent threat to public health. The designation allows local health departments combatting the virus to access additional funds for reimbursement once other state and federal funding sources dry up. The move also reflects the rising concern of public health officials about the spread of the disease, particularly in New York City.

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**[open enrollment extended](#)**

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

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

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## **For businesses, nonprofits & buildings**

**ongoing, next Manhattan sessions:**

[August 2, 2022 2 - 3:30pm](#) (live Q&A session)

[August 17 2 - 3:30pm](#) (Industry meeting)

### **Department of Buildings hosts live bi-weekly Q&A session and industry meetings (Manhattan)**

**Live Q&A Sessions - Bi-weekly** online Q&A Session for property owners, registered design professionals, filing representatives and other licensees/registrants provides a space for attendees to ask job specific questions for filings in DOB NOW, the Buildings Information System (BIS), or general questions about permits, Construction Codes, Zoning Regulations, sign offs, certificates of occupancy, place of assembly, equipment installations, violations and civil penalties, etc.

**Monthly Industry Meetings** – a monthly online, borough-specific industry session for registered design professionals to discuss policy and business process questions that are not job specific. The meetings will also include a review of recent updates and policy decisions. See the above link for the schedule.

Learn more, register and see the schedule of upcoming sessions at

[www1.nyc.gov/site/buildings/dob/upcoming-events.page](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/buildings/dob/upcoming-events.page).

**Tuesdays 4 - 7:00pm**

### **[Buildings After Hours](#)**

Department of Buildings offices will be open every Tuesday evening from 4 – 7pm for homeowners, tenants, small business owners, and building managers. During this time, homeowners, tenants, small business owners and building managers are encouraged to visit their local borough office where DOB staff can answer questions and provide needed information. Please continue to use [DOB NOW](#) and [eFiling](#) for all applicable online services. DOB Manhattan office is at 280 Broadway. No appointment needed. Learn more.

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## **Applications are open for Holiday Shops at Bryant Park**

Local artisan goods and gifts curated by Urbanspace...The Holiday Shops at Bank of America Winter Village is one of the top seasonal markets in the country...Urbanspace is currently accepting

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applications for the 2022-2023 season. Apply at [form.jotform.com/220945370198158](https://form.jotform.com/220945370198158). Learn more [urbanspacenyc.com](https://urbanspacenyc.com).

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**September 16 (next deadline)**

### **Manhattan Chamber's Small Business Digital Shopping Guides**

The Manhattan Chamber of Commerce Foundation, with support from Wells Fargo, is announcing an initiative to help businesses reach out to a larger group of potential customers. Local businesses can submit information about a discount offer or special product they want highlighted in one of Manhattan Chamber's Small Business Digital Shopping Guides. Sign up for this free offer.

[mailchi.mp/manhattanc/33280?e=b6bb400906](https://mailchi.mp/manhattanc/33280?e=b6bb400906). Below are the five guidebooks to be distributed in 2022 and the deadlines to submit your information:

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

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

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**September 12 (application deadline)**

### **Hurricane Ida Supplemental Funding Program, NYC Mayor's Office of Housing Recovery Operations**

Were you impacted by Post Tropical Storm Ida? We may be able to help!

- If you own a 1-4 family home that was uninhabitable because of damage from Ida; and
- You applied for FEMA or were not eligible for FEMA assistance because you are a landlord; and
- Have either been denied or received less than the amount needed to complete repairs that would make the home habitable, then
- You may be eligible for assistance up to \$72,000\* to cover the cost of the repairs to make the home habitable\*\* and for mitigation measures to protect against future damage.

\*Subject to program policy guidelines.

\*\*Program habitability is defined as having functioning heat, hot water, electricity, and gas (where applicable) with at least one running tap with potable water and one functioning toilet.

For more information, please contact the NYC Mayor's Office of Housing Recovery Operations

Phone: 212-615-8329

Email: [IdaAssist@recovery.nyc.gov](mailto:IdaAssist@recovery.nyc.gov)

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

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## Ongoing

### Webinars for businesses

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

**SCORE blog [How to Make the Most of Independent Retailer Month](#)** (July)

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### Training Webinar Overdose Prevention and Naloxone

The presence of fentanyl in NYC's drug supply has dramatically increased the number of overdose deaths, and the webinar helped instruct NYC nightlife venue owners and workers on what steps they can take to prevent an opioid overdose and save a life. Participants were urged to become Certified Opioid Overdose Responders and receive an Overdose Rescue Kit with naloxone - a medication that can save someone's life by reversing the effects of an opioid overdose. Presented by The Office of Nightlife and the NYC Department of Health. Watch the virtual Nightlife Training Webinar on YouTube [youtube.com/watch?v=TOnu8UyLivA](https://youtube.com/watch?v=TOnu8UyLivA).

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## Job opportunities

through August 10 (application deadline)

### The 2023 Congressional Innovation Fellowship (mid-career) and Congressional Innovation Scholars (early-career) Fellowships

Seeking talented mid and early-career technologists who are interested in making impact at the highest level - in Congress - starting in January 2023. Recruiting for up to twelve fellows total— 5-7 to serve in Democratic offices and 5-7 to serve in Republican offices. Mid-career fellows will serve from January - December 2023 and receive a stipend of \$86,700 with up to \$11,000 in benefits. Early-career fellows will serve from January - October 2023 and receive an annual-equivalent stipend of \$63,240 with up to \$9,000 in benefits. Learn more and apply at [techcongress.io/apply](https://techcongress.io/apply).

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**[Historic Districts Council \(HDC\) is seeking a Preservation Advocacy & Community Outreach Manager](#)**

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August 25 (application deadline)

## The New York Public Library is now recruiting for the Library's 2022–23 Teen Reading Ambassadors program!

Students in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades enrolled in a New York City high school for 2022–23 are invited to apply for this paid position providing homework help and activities in our after-school programs, writing and producing a magazine for kids, and more. Being a Teen Reading Ambassador is a great addition to resumes or college applications! Learn more and apply at [nypl.org/remote-learning-resources/teen-reading-ambassadors](https://nypl.org/remote-learning-resources/teen-reading-ambassadors). This is a paid position.

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## Upcoming events



### Important election dates—learn about the candidates and vote!

**The primary elections are when voters choose who will be the candidates for their party in the General Election. Many offices are highly contested in the primaries this year. Help your party win by choosing good candidates in the Primary Election.**

NOTE: Voters must be registered with a party to vote to nominate that party's candidate in a Primary Election (the deadline was February 14 to change party affiliation for the upcoming Primary Election). Use the *Voter Registration Form* to indicate your party when you register to vote, if you would like to change your party affiliation or to change your address. We recommend using the online forms where possible. Election rules are set by the State.

**New York City Board of Elections** website [vote.nyc](https://vote.nyc), email [vote@boe.nyc.ny.us](mailto:vote@boe.nyc.ny.us).

**New York State Board of Elections** website [elections.ny.gov](https://elections.ny.gov)

**Check your voter registration status** at [vote.nyc/page/am-i-registered](https://vote.nyc/page/am-i-registered) or call 1-866-868-3692. It is a best practice to check your voter registration status before every election. This will also show you your District numbers and poll site information for early and election day voting.

**Register to vote** (Voter Registration Form) at [vote.nyc/page/register-vote](https://vote.nyc/page/register-vote)

**Request an Absentee Ballot if you will be on vacation, out of town, unable to get to the polls, or wish to avoid crowds during August voting days:** [vote.nyc/page/absentee-voting-0](https://vote.nyc/page/absentee-voting-0). A new New York State law states that if you have requested an Absentee Ballot, you cannot vote at a polling site machine; you can vote by affidavit at your polling site, and can drop off an Absentee Ballot at any polling site in your county.

**Political calendar** from the state Board of Elections

[elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/law/2022PoliticalCalendar.pdf](http://elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/law/2022PoliticalCalendar.pdf)

**NY State BOE Voting Deadlines** calendar [elections.ny.gov/VotingDeadlines.html](http://elections.ny.gov/VotingDeadlines.html).

[NYC Board of Elections List of candidates](#), August 23 primary election

August 3

Deadline to update your address for the August 23 Primary

August 8

Last day to submit an absentee ballot request for the August 23 Primary (online). You must submit an Absentee Ballot request specifically for this primary election.

August 4 - 10

Judicial Convention

**August 13 – 21**

**Early voting – Primary Election #2**

Offices on the ballot (depending on the District):

U.S. House of Representatives

New York State Senate

**August 23**

**Primary Election #2 – Election Day**

**Deadline to register party affiliation or change party affiliation.** For this election only, if you are registered to vote and want to register with a party or change your party affiliation, you can do so through August 23. Do this by using the [Voter Registration form](#) or you can vote by affidavit on election day.

**Deadline to postmark your Absentee Ballot** or return the ballot in person.

October 14

Deadline for voter registration for General Election

October 18

Deadline for change of address for General Election

October 24

Deadline to request Absentee Ballot

October 29 - November 6

Early Voting

**November 8**

**General Election**

Not complete, but you can use the link below to generate a sample ballot and it has some useful information and links for the candidates. You'll have to enter your address and party affiliation:

who's on your ballot?

**Meet the candidates in 3 steps**

- 1 Visit [nycvotes.org/candidates](http://nycvotes.org/candidates)
- 2 Input your address
- 3 See who's running

**NYC VOTES**

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## Three ballot proposals will be on the ballot for the General Election

The NYC Racial Justice Commission has placed three non-partisan ballot proposals on the 11/8/22 General Election ballot:

- Proposal #1: [Add a Statement of Values to Guide Government](#)
- Proposal #2: [Establish a Racial Equity Office, Plan, and Commission](#)
- Proposal #3: [Measure the True Cost of Living](#)

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## Summer at the Library

The New York Public Library this summer offers free events and programs for all ages, book giveaways, the all-new Make Waves program for kids and teens, reading recommendations, and much more! Learn more at [nypil.org/summer/2022](https://nypil.org/summer/2022). The Library is giving away 500,000 free books for kids and teens at branches this summer! Drop by your local branch and pick up new books to take home for kids and teens—there will also be programs and events where they'll be giving away books for adults.

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**Saturday & Sunday, noon-1:30pm (through August)**

### Camp Kids

Fun, interactive summer destination for kids! Fun filled afternoons with music, magic, puppet shows, and science projects. Bring the littles and join the New York Public Library on summer weekends. Bonus? Arts & crafts between every Camp Kids show! Learn more at [bryantpark.org/activities/camp-kids](https://bryantpark.org/activities/camp-kids).

on the Upper Terrace in Bryant Park (behind the New York Public Library)  
between 40<sup>th</sup> & 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue

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**through August 23 (Mondays and Tuesdays) 10 - 11am**

### (in person) Le Carrousel Extravaganza

(free and family friendly) Free shows and activities for kids! Le Carrousel Extravaganza is a mix of discovering scientific marvels, singing and hopping along, trickery and magic, and puppet shows with tales and fables! Learn more at [bryantpark.org/activities/le-carrousel-extravaganza](https://bryantpark.org/activities/le-carrousel-extravaganza).

at Bryant Park Le Carrousel

(on 40<sup>th</sup> Street side, between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, behind the Library)

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through August 15

## **[Bryant Park Movie Nights](#)**

**The lawn and food and drink concessions open 5pm; film begins at 8pm.** Bring a blanket (or purchase one at the Bryant Park Shop) and sit on the lawn to enjoy food, friends, and a feature film. Movie Nights are presented by Paramount+ with support from Vulture. Expect large crowds and get there early. Movie schedule:

**August 1** *Star Trek VIII: First Contact*, starring Patrick Stewart and directed by Jonathan Frakes

**August 8** *Grease 2*, starring Michelle Pfeiffer and directed by Patricia Birch

**August 15** *The Godfather Part II*, starring Al Pacino and directed by Francis Ford Coppola at Bryant Park

(between 40<sup>th</sup> & 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, behind the New York Public Library)

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Photograph of *Landscape and Memory*: Shaye Weaver/[Time Out New York](#)

**open now**

## **Exhibit at Madison Square Park: *Landscape and Memory***

Once upon a time in New York City, rivers and streams ran through the island of Manhattan, bringing fresh water and life to its inhabitants. Artist Cristina Iglesias' *Landscape and Memory* places five bronze sculptural pools, gently flowing with water arriving in different sequences, into the park's Oval Lawn, harkening back to when the Cedar Creek—now buried underground—coursed across the land where the park stands today. [Learn more about the exhibit](#). Lunchtime tours of the exhibit [madisonsquarepark.org/community/calendar/event/landscape-and-memory-lunchtime-tour](https://madisonsquarepark.org/community/calendar/event/landscape-and-memory-lunchtime-tour). While at the park, check out the *Admiral David Glasgow Farragut Monument* at the north end. Farragut was a Murray Hill resident at [113 East 36th Street](#).

at Madison Square Park, Oval Lawn

(between Fifth & Madison Avenue, and between 23rd & 26th Street)

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## **[Pershing Square Sounds: Summer 2022 Performances](#)**

at Pershing Square Plaza West

Park Avenue (between 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and 41<sup>st</sup> Street)

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## **Tuesdays & Thursdays**

**August 2** 12 - 1:30pm, Eric Person Quartet, Jazz, Saxophone

**August 11** 4:30 - 6pm, The Truants, British Invasion, Garage Rock

**August 16** 12 - 1:30pm, Joe Tranchina Trio, Jazz, Bebop

**August 25** 4:30 - 6pm, CC and the Boys, Country

**August 30** 12 - 1:30pm, Ron Jackson Trio, Seven String Jazz Guit

Presented by Grand Central Partnership. [View the full schedule.](#)

NOTE: There are public chairs, tables and benches and restaurant seating in the plaza, but seating is limited.

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**August 2** 5 - 8pm

### **National Night Out Against Crime (17<sup>th</sup> Precinct)**

(free and family friendly) National Night Out is an annual event throughout the U.S. and Canada, to enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while sustaining a true sense of community, by bringing us together for an family-friendly event. Burgers and dogs grilled by NY's Finest, Bouncy House for the kids, photo ops with police vehicles, live music by B.D. Lenz All Stars, crime prevention info, community organization giveaways. Everyone's welcome!

at Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza

East 47th Street between 1st and 2nd Avenue

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**August 2** 5 - 8pm

### **National Night Out Against Crime (13<sup>th</sup> Precinct)**

(free and family friendly) Meet and greet NY's Finest, food, Bouncy House for the kids, children's activities, caricaturists, DJ, and more.

at Augustus St. Gaudens Playground

328 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (between 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Street)

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**August 3, 10, 17, 24** 10 - 10:45am

### **(in person) New AKC Museum of the Dog children's program: Stuffy Storytime**

Storytime program on Wednesday mornings before opening at the Museum. For children 2-8 years old with an adult learning partner, participants are encouraged to bring their favorite stuffed dog with them to join in the fun. The program includes listening to a story that highlights a particular breed, visiting the galleries to find artworks showcasing the same breed, and completing a dog-themed craft project.

**August 3** *Charlie the Ranch Dog* by Ree Drummond and Diane deGroat

**August 10** *Noodle and the No Bones Day* by Jonathan Graziano and Dan Tavis

**August 17** *Sheep Dog and Sheep Sheep* by Eric Barclay

**August 24** *Best in Show* by Karen LeFrak and Andrew Day

This program is included with general admission and free for Members. Book your tickets at

[museumofthedog.org/plan-your-visit](http://museumofthedog.org/plan-your-visit).

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at AKC Museum of the Dog  
101 Park Avenue (40th Street)  
212-696-8358  
[museumofthedog.org](http://museumofthedog.org)

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**August 3 12:30pm**

**(in-person and virtual) LIVE from NYPL: Rumaan Alam, Threa Almontaser & Emily St. John Mandel with Idra Novey**

(Free) Authors and previous National Book Award nominees Rumaan Alam, Threa Almontaser, and Emily St. John Mandel discuss writing and reading inspired by New York City in this talk moderated by novelist, poet, and translator Idra Novey. for this special lunchtime literary event. Presented in partnership between LIVE from NYPL, the National Book Foundation, and the Bryant Park Reading Room. Register at [showclix.com/event/craftingthecity/tag/nyplconnect](http://showclix.com/event/craftingthecity/tag/nyplconnect).  
at Bryant Park, behind the New York Public Library on 42nd Street (between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue)

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**August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 6:30pm**

**(virtual lecture series) History and Causes of the Business Cycle**

Free lecture series presented by the Henry George School of Social Science. What causes the boom & bust cycle and can we prevent it? As the US economy advances deep into the current property-market led economic turmoil, this course will present an in-depth analysis of the history and causes of business cycles. The 5-week lecture series will draw on the work of economists and public policy experts on the potential mitigating effects of governmental interventions and propose changes in taxation and public policy. Instructor: Edward Dodson. A link to join will be provided via email before the start of each session. Register at [hgsss.org/history-and-causes-of-the-business-cycle](http://hgsss.org/history-and-causes-of-the-business-cycle). Henry George School of Social Science, 149 East 38th Street, Phone: 212-889-8020, [hgsss.org](http://hgsss.org), [info@hgsss.org](mailto:info@hgsss.org).

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**In August 12:30 – 1:30pm**

**Broadway in Bryant Park**

The most popular shows on and off Broadway perform their biggest hits in the park. Join hundreds of fans on the lawn and enjoy favorite Broadway tunes for lunchtime performances in August.

**August 4** 106.7 LITE FM Host: Delilah: Pre-show: "STOMP!", Disney on Broadway "Aladdin", "The Lion King"

**August 11** 106.7 LITE FM Host: Cubby & Christine: Pre-show: "Kimberly Akimbo", "Dear Evan Hansen", "Phantom of the Opera", "Hadestown", "Chicago"

August 25 106.7 LITE FM Host: Rich Kaminski: Pre-show: Special Performance by Taiwan Tourism Bureau, "Six", "Beetlejuice", "A Strange Loop", "Moulin Rouge! The Musical"

at Bryant Park lawn

Between 40<sup>th</sup> & 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue (behind the Library)

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**August 4 3 – 4pm**

### **(virtual) Investing: What Your Money Can Do for You**

This class, presented by the New York Public Library Business Center’s Money Matters series, provides an introduction to the world of investing, including why you should be an investor and different types of investments and their uses. Learn how to recognize the potential risks and rewards of different investments. Register at [nypl.org/events/programs/2022/08/04/investing-what-your-money-can-do-you](https://nypl.org/events/programs/2022/08/04/investing-what-your-money-can-do-you).

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**August 4 6:30pm (multiple dates)**

### **(in-person) Memoir with David Seigerman**

(free) Workshops geared to improve your writing skills. Learn to craft extremely short fictional stories, with Arlaina Tibensky. Produced in partnership with Gotham Writers. Register for the workshop at [eventbrite.com/e/bryant-park-reading-room-writers-workshops-tickets-371417749487](https://eventbrite.com/e/bryant-park-reading-room-writers-workshops-tickets-371417749487).

Additional dates:

August 11 TV Writing with Laura Cahill

August 18 Fiction with Varud Gupta

August 25 Character with Alexander Steele

[Learn more](#)

at Bryant Park Reading Room

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

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**August 4 – August 25 (Thursdays) 6:30 - 7:30pm**

### **5th Avenue Fitness**

Searching for a new outdoor workout scene? Get active with Bryant Park’s free fitness programming.

[Core Rhythm Fitness](#) presents an all-in-one workout that covers Pilates, High Intensity Interval Training, and Grounding Meditation. Participants should bring their own mat, towel, and water bottle.

Registration is not required. Learn more at [bryantpark.org/activities/5th-avenue-fitness](https://bryantpark.org/activities/5th-avenue-fitness).

Classes are held on the Fifth Avenue Terrace in front of the New York Public Library on Fifth Avenue, between 40th and 42nd Street.

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**(all performances begin at 7pm)**

### **[Bryant Park Picnic Performances](#)**

Enjoy world-class performing arts on the lawn, no tickets required—with ample seating available and free picnic blankets for audience members to borrow. Attendees may bring their own food or purchase from on-site food and beverage vendors near the Lawn.

**August 5 - [Greenwich House Music School: Mireya + Alea](#)**

**August 12 - [New York City Opera: La Traviata](#)**

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and more. Learn more at [bryantpark.org/series/bryant-park-picnics](https://bryantpark.org/series/bryant-park-picnics).  
at Bryant Park  
(between 40th & 42nd Street and between 5th & 6th Avenue, behind the New York Public Library)

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**August 6, 13 & 20 7am – 1pm**

### **Summer Streets 2022**

(in person, free and family friendly) This event takes place on Park Avenue in Manhattan between the Brooklyn Bridge and East Harlem. Everyone is invited to play, run, walk, and bike along Park Avenue and its connecting streets. NYC DOT [Department of Transportation] hosts free public art installations, performances and activities at Rest Stops along the route. Partners include lifestyle and consumer brands, city agencies, community organizations, performers and artists. Activities promote fitness, recreation, arts, culture — and fun! Free Citi Bike day passes available on August 6th with code SUMMER22. Learn more at

[www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/summerstreets/html/home/home.shtml](http://www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/summerstreets/html/home/home.shtml).

Park Avenue will be closed to vehicle traffic.

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**August 6 (various locations & times) Save the date!**

### **Dance Party NYC**

One day, five boroughs—join the New York Public Library for a joyous citywide festival of music and movement! Part of NYPL's Summer at the Library, Dance Party NYC will take place at more than 80 venues across the city. Check out events at many library locations—including a K-pop dance party on the plaza of the iconic Stephen A. Schwarzman Building on Fifth Avenue and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. Learn more at Festival of New York [festivalofny.com](http://festivalofny.com).

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**ongoing**

### **NYC Department of Health Rat Academy Trainings**

Community Training: This free course is open to anyone who wants to learn about rat management.

(virtual) [August 9 5 - 7pm](#) - Rat Academy for Community Gardeners

(virtual) [August 10 5:30 - 7:30pm](#)

(virtual) [August 16 5 – 7pm](#)

Learn more at [www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/services/rats-control-training.page](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/services/rats-control-training.page).

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**August 10 4:30 - 5:30pm**

**(virtual) NYC is promising to overhaul literacy in NYC schools. What will it take?**

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(free) Join Chalkbeat New York as they tackle these questions and more in a live virtual panel discussion on literacy. Big literacy changes are coming to New York public schools. Learn what's different and why. Education department officials say they will require all elementary schools to adopt a phonics-based reading program—a potentially seismic shift in how tens of thousands of public school students are taught to read. Before the coronavirus hit, less than half of the city's students in grades 3-8 were considered proficient readers, according to state tests. The pandemic has only multiplied concerns that students have been knocked off track. What should parents, students, and educators know about the changes to reading instruction officials are promising this fall? What do experts recommend when it comes to teaching young learners how to read? How can parents know if their children are getting solid reading instruction, and how can they advocate if they're not? Learn more and RSVP at [eventbrite.com/e/nyc-is-promising-to-overhaul-literacy-in-nyc-schools-what-will-it-take-tickets-388346744567](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nyc-is-promising-to-overhaul-literacy-in-nyc-schools-what-will-it-take-tickets-388346744567).

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**through August 13**

**Peter Kuper's INTERSECTS: Where Arthropods and Homo Sapiens Meet**

Explore giant new illustrations by award-winning cartoonist and 2020–21 Cullman Center Fellow Peter Kuper in this immersive exhibition tracing the evolution of insects over 400 million years and narrating their intersection with humans. During his fellowship, Kuper frequently found himself virtually alone in the vast Beaux-Arts rooms and hallways of the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building and began imagining arthropods occupying this unexpectedly and unprecedentedly vacant environment. Those imaginings come to life in this exhibition, which also investigates the contributions of entomologists and other naturalists represented in the Library's vast collections. Learn more, including downloadable coloring sheets at [nypl.org/events/exhibitions/intersects](https://nypl.org/events/exhibitions/intersects).

at the New York Public Library

Stephen A. Schwarzman Building

Rayner Special Collections Wing

42nd Street (between 5th & 6th Avenue) (accessible entrance)

(or enter on 5th Avenue at 41st Street)

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**August 15 - 22**

**(in person and virtual) NYC Council Redistricting Commission hearings**

The commission released draft maps on July 15: The maps are available for public review online at [nyc.gov/districting](http://nyc.gov/districting). To suggest a location for the Districting Commission to conduct public outreach, or to invite the Commission to attend an event and provide a presentation on the redistricting process, please email [NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov](mailto:NYCRedistricting@redistricting.nyc.gov). The preliminary plan, including an interactive map, is available online at [www1.nyc.gov/site/districting/maps/maps.page](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/districting/maps/maps.page).

The New York City Districting Commission is charged with redistricting the fifty-one City Council districts according to the 2020 Census and other criteria mandated by the New York City Charter. [Learn more about redistricting](#). There will be several more public hearings. Hearings are open to the public. The purpose of the hearings is for the NYC Districting Commission to hear testimony from the public concerning the initial phases of its work in drafting a new districting plan for the 51 New York City Council Districts. According to their announcement, the commission will vote on Council maps July 18, then conduct another round of hearings in August: on the 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th & 22nd, then take a final vote September 15 and submit their plan to the City Council. Individuals wishing to submit written testimony in connection with this public hearing may do so at [PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov](mailto:PublicTestimony@redistricting.nyc.gov). Individuals wishing to speak at any hearing will be provided up to three minutes of speaking time. Learn more at [www1.nyc.gov/site/districting/index.page](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/districting/index.page).

**August 15 4pm, TBD**

**August 16 4pm, TBD**

**August 17 4pm, TBD**

**August 18 4pm, TBD**

**August 22 4pm, TBD**

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**August 19 (deadline for entries)**

**Contest! Teens! The New York Public Library Wants Your Writing & Art for a New Magazine**

The Library invites submissions for a new magazine by and for teens. Through original writing and artwork, share who you are, what you care about, and how you're using your voice to make a difference. All pieces selected for publication will be awarded a \$100 gift card! Having your work published is also a great addition to your resume or college application. The deadline for entry is Friday, August 19. [nypl.org/summer/2022/teens](http://nypl.org/summer/2022/teens). **Learn more and apply at** [surveymonkey.com/r/RJ37K6V](https://surveymonkey.com/r/RJ37K6V).

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**August 19 (Submission date)**

**October 14 (Awards announcement)**

**2022 Writing Contests for students: Henry George in the 21st Century**

The 2022 Henry George Writing Contests are intended to encourage students to explore the ideas advocated by Henry George and how they resonate in the 21st century. There will be two separate contests: one for college/graduate students and one for high school students. Participants are highly

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encouraged to explore George's most salient themes including, but not limited to: Monopolies, Free trade, Land value taxation, Social and economic inequality, Natural resources, Economic rent, Corporate welfare (i.e. city development policy, tax breaks, bailouts). It is understood and acceptable that some of the topics may be related to one another. Who is eligible to enter: current college and graduate students, high school students. Monetary prizes: The top 3 essays from each contest will be awarded monetary prizes (see below for more details) and will be considered for posting on the Henry George School of Social Science's website and related social media platforms. Learn more about the contest and how to apply at [hgsss.org/2022-writing-contests](http://hgsss.org/2022-writing-contests).

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Phone: 212-889-8020  
Fax: 212-367-0940  
Email: [info@hgsss.org](mailto:info@hgsss.org)  
[hgsss.org](http://hgsss.org)

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**through August 24 (twice weekly classes)**

### **Bryant Park yoga**

The series runs from with classes at 10am Tuesday mornings on the Upper Terrace, and 6pm Wednesday evenings on the lawn. Classes are free and open to the public with pre-registration strongly suggested. Participants are required to bring their own mats. The park will be livestreaming Wednesday evening classes on its Instagram page @bryantparknyc. Learn more and register at [bryantpark.org/programs/yoga](http://bryantpark.org/programs/yoga).

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**August 25 – 31 (save the dates)**

### **MTA Congestion Pricing hearings**

Topic: The Environmental Assessment looking at the environmental impacts of congestion pricing.

Thursday, Aug. 25 5 – 8pm

Saturday, Aug. 27 10am – 1pm

Sunday, Aug. 28 1 – 4pm

Monday, Aug. 29 1- 4pm

Tuesday, Aug. 30 5 – 8pm

Wednesday, Aug. 31 10am – 1pm

### **MTA website on the Central Business Tolling Program (Congestion Pricing)**

[new.mta.info/project/CBDTP](http://new.mta.info/project/CBDTP). Dates for the formal public comment period on the Environmental Assessment will be announced soon. Email: [CBDTTP@mtabt.org](mailto:CBDTTP@mtabt.org), Mail: CBD Tolling Program, 2 Broadway, 23rd Floor, New York, NY 10004, Phone: 646-252-7440, Fax: 212-504-3148 [Attn: The CBDTP Team].

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**open now!**

**(virtual) SEE YOU SEE ME—A Youth Justice Art Show (through August 31)**

Youth ages 14-17 use photography to explore concepts of identity expression and identity oppression. In a national climate where laws around individual rights are tightening, See You See Me offers personal perspectives of identity from youth rooted in the first Unitarian Universalist principle—the inherent worth and dignity of every person. This exhibition challenges viewers to connect with the deep impact of systemic oppression particularly on young, emerging identities and to consider the limitless possibilities of human potential that can be unlocked when we affirm that everyone has inherent worth and dignity. This is the 3rd annual youth justice art show presented at Gallery35. View the exhibit at [gallery35nyc.com/2022/07/01/our-3rd-youth-justice-art-show](https://gallery35nyc.com/2022/07/01/our-3rd-youth-justice-art-show). Gallery35, 24 East 35th Street (offices only), 917-566-0708, [gallery35ny@gmail.com](mailto:gallery35ny@gmail.com).

**through September 9 (Monday to Friday 11:30am - 7:30pm / Saturdays 10:30am - 1:30pm)  
(in person, free) Exhibit at Instituto Cervantes: Language in the Street. 400  
years of linguistic landscape.**

We walk around the city talking, and without realizing it, we never stop reading. This exhibition recovers a part of the writing that was visible in the Spanish streets from 1500 to 1900. Advertisements, posters and banners formed the linguistic landscape seen everywhere in a mostly literate society. To sell, to offend, to entertain, to regulate or subvert regulation were some of the reasons that the street became text. When a community has a written culture, it always overflows the private sphere and can be seen in the public space as an expression of power and of counter-power.  
at Instituto Cervantes New York  
211 East 49th Street (between 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue)  
Tel.: 212-308-7720  
[nyork.cervantes.es/en](https://nyork.cervantes.es/en)

**September 20 (deadline for applications)**

**Affordable apartment waiting List is now open for Henry Phipps Plaza South,  
Kips Bay, Manhattan**

Henry Phipps Plaza South is accepting applications for the studio, one, two, three, and four-bedroom apartments for the waiting list. Interested parties can complete an application online at: [waitlistcheck.com/NY3141-3915](http://waitlistcheck.com/NY3141-3915). If you have a disability and need assistance with the application process or to request a paper application, please contact Phipps Rentals at 646-388-8227. Paper applications must be mailed to 2 East 28th Street, PMB 428, New York, NY 10016, and must be postmarked by September 20, 2022. Duplicate applications will not be accepted. Qualifications will be based on Section-8 and Low-income Housing Tax credits, federal guidelines and additional selection criteria. Please note that applications will be selected via a lottery and placed on the waiting list. Applicants will be interviewed based on the future availability of vacant units.

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**September 21 3 – 5pm**

### **New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) Free Summer Legal Clinics for Advance Planning**

These are free legal clinics for New Yorkers of modest means. Attendees can create any of the following documents: Health Care Proxy, Living Will regarding medical wishes, Power of Attorney, and Appointment of Agent to Control Disposition of Remains.

The September 21 legal clinic is being held in midtown Manhattan near the Rockefeller Center in the late afternoon. If you are interested in attending, please complete the following online form: [survey.legal/doOF2GvvyGOF](http://survey.legal/doOF2GvvyGOF) or call 212-613-6514 and leave a voicemail with your name and phone number.

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**Murray Hill**  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

**September 29 (Save the date!)**

### **The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association Annual General Meeting**

Look for more information in future emails.

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**October 15 (Save the date!)**

### **The 2022 Murray Hill Neighborhood Association Street Festival**

After a two year pause, we are excited to celebrate Murray Hill with our annual festival along Park Avenue. The most exciting addition to this year's Street Festival will be The Zoo on Park Avenue—colorful polygonal animal sculptures by artist Idriss B. along the Park Avenue Mall. We encourage our neighbors and all city residents to come meet the animals, take photos, and tag us on Instagram @mhnanyc!

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We will also feature many of the traditional tents and activities that make our Street Festival stand out—including the book sale, bake sale, flea market, and silent auction. Please email Ashley Petrylak at [info@murrayhillnyc.org](mailto:info@murrayhillnyc.org) if you are interested in renting space or volunteering!

on Park Avenue (west side) between 34th and 40th Streets.

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**November 1 5pm (application deadline)**

### **Women’s Fund Grants**

[The NYC Women’s Fund for Media, Music and Theatre](#) (“Women’s Fund”) - administered by the [New York Foundation for the Arts](#) (NYFA) in partnership with the City of New York [Mayor’s Office of Media and Entertainment](#) (MOME) – provides grants to encourage and support the creation of content that reflects the voices and perspectives of all who identify as women. \$2 million will be offered in this fourth round which launched on July 26, 2022. The application process closes on November 1 at 5pm.

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### **The Morgan Library & Museum**

225 Madison Avenue (between 36th & 37th Street)

212-685-0008

[themorgan.org](http://themorgan.org)

Timed admissions. Proof of vaccination required for visitors age 5 and older. Purchase tickets at [themorgan.org](http://themorgan.org) / Morgan Library members free. Fridays free from 5 – 7pm. [Reservations required](#). See the [MHNA Merchants Discount page](#) for details about discounts to Morgan Library events and membership.

### **The Morgan Library’s redesigned garden is open**

Visitors to the Morgan will be able to see the garden and exterior of the buildings.

**through September 11**

### ***Writing a Chrysanthemum: The Drawings of Rick Barton***

Very little is known about Rick Barton (1928–1992), who, between 1958 and 1962, created hundreds of drawings of striking originality. His subjects range from the intimacy of his room to the architecture of Mexican cathedrals, and from the gathering places of Beat-era San Francisco to the sinuous contours of plants. Drawing almost exclusively in pen or brush and ink, he captured his subjects in a web of line that was sometimes simple and economical, but more often complex and kaleidoscopic. With the exception of small displays in cafés and bookshops in the 1950s and ‘60s, this exhibition of sixty drawings, two accordion-fold sketchbooks, and five printed works, is the first time Barton’s art is being seen by the public. Learn more at [themorgan.org/exhibitions/rick-barton](http://themorgan.org/exhibitions/rick-barton).

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Watercolor painting by Hughson Hawley (1850–1936), *J. Pierpont Morgan's Library (1902)*, The Morgan Library & Museum collection. *J. Pierpont Morgan's Library: Building the Bookman's Paradise* exhibit.

through September 18

### ***J. Pierpont Morgan's Library: Building the Bookman's Paradise***

In 1902, the American financier and collector J. Pierpont Morgan (1837–1913) commissioned architect Charles Follen McKim (1847–1909) of the firm McKim, Mead & White to design a freestanding library next to his home on East 36th Street in New York. With rarely seen architectural drawings, period photographs, and significant rare books and manuscripts from Morgan's collection, this exhibition traces the design, construction, and early life of J. Pierpont Morgan's Library. It honors the designers, tradesmen, artists, and builders who created the Library more than a century ago and celebrates the completion of the exterior restoration and enhancement of this landmark building, which now anchors the campus of the Morgan Library & Museum. In 1908, an unnamed correspondent from the *London Times* visited the completed Library and published the first public account of its lavish interiors and the splendid rare volumes held within. "The Bookman's Paradise exists," the writer announced, "and I have seen it...I have entered the most carefully, jealously guarded treasure-house in the world, and nothing in it has been hidden from me." In-person docent-led exhibition tours every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday at 12:30pm, beginning on June 21. Learn more at [themorgan.org/exhibitions/bookmans-paradise](http://themorgan.org/exhibitions/bookmans-paradise).

through October 2

### ***Please Send to Real Life: Ray Johnson Photographs***

A widely connected pioneer of Pop and mail art, Ray Johnson (1927–1995) was described as "New York's most famous unknown artist." Best known for his multimedia collages, he stopped exhibiting in 1991, but his output did not diminish. In 1992–1994, he used 137 disposable cameras to create a large body of work that is coming to light only now. Staging his collages in settings near his home in Locust Valley, Long Island—parking lots, sidewalks, beaches, cemeteries—he made photographs that pull the world of everyday "real life" into his art. In his "new career as a photographer," Johnson began making collages in a new, larger format that made them more effective players in his camera tableaux. The vast archive he left behind at his death included over three thousand of the late photographs. Now, his final project makes its debut alongside earlier photo-based collages and works of mail art: fruits of a romance with the camera that spans the four decades of the artist's career. Learn more at <https://www.themorgan.org/exhibitions/ray-johnson>.

through October 2

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### **Exhibit: *One Hundred Years of James Joyce's Ulysses***

One Hundred Years of James Joyce's "Ulysses" explores Joyce's trajectory from lyric poet to modernist genius. It considers key figures in his career; artists and writers who responded to the novel; and the family who shaped him as a man and writer. At the exhibition's heart is Joyce's imagination as he created his masterpiece, explored in manuscripts, plans, and proofs, with major contributions from the James Joyce Collection, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York. This presentation celebrates a significant gift to the Morgan by Sean and Mary Kelly, who over several decades accumulated one of the foremost Joyce collections in private hands. Learn more at [themorgan.org/exhibitions/ulysses](http://themorgan.org/exhibitions/ulysses).

**through October 23**

### **Exhibit: *Dawn till Dusk: Studies of Light in Marine Sketches***

This display brings together plein air marine studies by Norwegian, French, Danish, and German artists. Rather than follow a chronological or geographic order, the works are arranged by time of day, illustrating the varying effects of light on water—from the sunlight at dawn through the scintillating glow of moonlight at dusk. Dawn till Dusk highlights works from the collection of oil sketches given jointly to the Morgan and the Metropolitan Museum of Art by Trustee Eugene V. Thaw. Learn more at [themorgan.org/exhibitions/dawn-till-dusk](http://themorgan.org/exhibitions/dawn-till-dusk).

**through October 30**

### **Exhibit: *Collections Spotlight***

Objects on view in J. Pierpont Morgan's library reflect the past, present, and future of building collections in four curatorial departments, comprising illuminated manuscripts from the medieval and renaissance eras, five hundred years of printed books, correspondence and literary manuscripts, as well as printed music and autograph manuscripts by composers. These selections, which rotate three times a year, provide an opportunity for Morgan curators to spotlight individual items in different ways—to consider their historical and aesthetic contexts, artistic techniques, and some of the stories behind these artifacts and their creators. The current East Room installation of Collections Spotlight focuses on examples of Morgan's major acquisitions leading up to the construction and decoration of the historic building. In the Rotunda is a special presentation, Inside the Bookman's Paradise, which features preliminary drawings and elevations by Alessandro Marcocchia, August Reuling, and H. Siddons Mowbray for the library's interiors.

**through January 8**

### **Exhibit: *Belle DaCosta Greene and the Women of the Morgan***

This exhibit explores the institution's first director and her professional correspondence, catalogued only recently, offering new insight into how Greene maneuvered in a world of books and manuscripts dominated by men. It also reveals the stories of other women who worked with Greene at the Morgan Library, including Meta Harrsen, Marguerite Duprez Lahey, Dorothy Miner, Violet Napier (née Burnie), and Ada Thurston.

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## **Neighborhood events**

**IMPORTANT NOTE.** Check the websites for details on admissions and covid policies.

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### **The New York Design Center at 200 Lex**

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

200 Lexington Avenue, 212-679-9500, [nydc.com](http://nydc.com). See their schedule at [nydc.com/events](http://nydc.com/events).

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### **AKC Museum of the Dog**

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

at AKC Museum of the Dog. Online activities for children at [museumofthedog.org/events-and-education/childrens-programs](http://museumofthedog.org/events-and-education/childrens-programs). Online shopping [museumofthedog.org/shop](http://museumofthedog.org/shop)  
101 Park Avenue (entrance on 40th Street)

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**Mondays 7pm**

**Big Apple Chorus open rehearsals (for men and women)**

Free and open to the public. If you can carry a basic tune you can join New York City's longest running non-classical men's and women's a cappella singing group, a diverse group of all ages and backgrounds. Normally, open rehearsals are held almost every Monday in Murray Hill. Please call or email first to confirm schedules and holidays. Just come and sing, no reservation necessary (but proof of Covid vaccinations is required for everyone's safety). For more information visit [bigapplechorus.org](http://bigapplechorus.org). Telephone: 212 287-5250. Call 212-287-5250 or email [info@bigapplechorus.org](mailto:info@bigapplechorus.org) for information about rehearsal locations.



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

# The Morgan Library & Museum

## [The Morgan Library & Museum Calendar](#)

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

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## Community Meetings

**Community Board 6 website** [cbsix.org](https://cbsix.org). Community Board meetings are open to the public, and you can express your views and concerns about various neighborhood issues.

**Community Board 5 website** [cb5.org/cb5m](https://cb5.org/cb5m).

### NY City Council Hearings

**Hearings Calendar** [legistar.council.nyc.gov/Calendar.aspx](https://legistar.council.nyc.gov/Calendar.aspx)

**This week's hearings** [council.nyc.gov/#hearings](https://council.nyc.gov/#hearings)

**If you want to attend or testify at a hearing**, register at [council.nyc.gov/testify](https://council.nyc.gov/testify)

**View hearings** [council.nyc.gov/livestream](https://council.nyc.gov/livestream)

**[17th Precinct NYPD Community Council](#)** meetings are generally held on the last Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm (virtual and in-person at the Sutton Place Synagogue, 225 East 51st Street). No meetings are held in July, August, or December. Check their website for details at [17thprecinctcc.org](https://17thprecinctcc.org).

Also look for the NYPD Build the Block (neighborhood policing) meetings.

**Manhattan Borough President Borough Board Meetings.** The 2022 schedule can be seen at [manhattanbp.nyc.gov/about/borough-board](https://manhattanbp.nyc.gov/about/borough-board).

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## The New York Public Library

Library cards are free, and enable you to take out books and e-books, attend free classes and more. Apply for a card at [nypl.org/library-card](https://nypl.org/library-card). The NYPL will no longer charge late fees, and all prior late fines are cleared.

**Grab & Go Service** is now available at select locations. Grab & Go Locations [nypl.org/locations/grab-and-go](https://nypl.org/locations/grab-and-go), or call Ask NYPL at 917-275-6975 to place a hold.

**Tech kits for performing artists** are now available through New York Public Library grab-and-go locations. Learn about the kits, which include audio- and video-recording equipment, and how to borrow one at [nypl.org/research/lpa/tech-kits](https://nypl.org/research/lpa/tech-kits).

### [Online events and classes](#)

#### [Schwarzman Building](#)

476 Fifth Avenue (42nd St and Fifth Ave)

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

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

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

#### **Virtual counseling**

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

[session with a local counselor.](#)

**For businesses.** Three services are always available:

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

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

[nypl.org/education/adults/career-employment/virtual](http://nypl.org/education/adults/career-employment/virtual)

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

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

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

446 Third Avenue

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

### **[Grand Central Library](#)**

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

### **[Calendar of Events in Bryant Park](#)**

**Bryant Park** is located between 40th-42nd Street, and between 5th & 6th Avenue, behind the Library. Performances, yoga, exercise classes, dance movement classes, Tai Chi, family friendly activities, game nights, ping pong, juggling and more. See the Bryant Park calendar for the full listing of events at [bryantpark.org](http://bryantpark.org). Bryant Park's summer amenities are open to the public daily from 11am – 7pm: Putting & Kubb, ping pong, games, chess, art cart, petanque. at Bryant Park

(between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 40<sup>th</sup> to 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, behind the Library)

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## **[CUNY Graduate Center Calendar](#)**

**[Music-in-Midtown.](#)** Free and open to the public, in-person programming is gradually resuming. [Free Public Events at The Gotham Center for New York History.](#) [GC Presents.](#) The Martin E. Segal Theater Center, streaming talks and performances during the pandemic on HowlRound [howlround.com](http://howlround.com) and Facebook [facebook.com/SegalCenter](https://facebook.com/SegalCenter).

CUNY Graduate Center

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

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## **Baruch College Performing Arts**

Some events are free. **Lawrence N. Field Center for Entrepreneurship**  
(events & workshops relating to business) [eship@baruch.cuny.edu](mailto:eship@baruch.cuny.edu)  
55 Lexington Avenue (at 25th Street) "The Tower", Suite 2-140

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

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## **Scandinavia House**

58 Park Avenue (between 37<sup>th</sup> & 38<sup>th</sup> Street), 212-779-3587, [scandinaviahouse.org](http://scandinaviahouse.org),  
[info@amscan.org](mailto:info@amscan.org). Art exhibits, performances, talks, book club, childrens' activities, Smörgås Chef  
restaurant, shop featuring Scandinavian clothing, jewelry, housewares, books, food, and more.



## **Grand Central Terminal**

**Every day at 12:30pm (temporarily unavailable)**

### **Official Grand Central Terminal Tour**

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

MHNA members get the MAS member price

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

Meet at GCT's Main Concourse

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

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## Walking Tour of the Grand Central Neighborhood

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

Meet in the street-level atrium  
at 120 Park Avenue (southwest corner of East 42nd St and Park Avenue)

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## Community Church of New York

Check Community Church's website for locations, services and programs [ccny.org](https://ccny.org). Programs for youth [ccny.org/children-and-youth](https://ccny.org/children-and-youth).

# COVID-19 useful links

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

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

**CDC COVID Data Tracker Community levels** [covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view?list\\_select\\_state=all\\_states&list\\_select\\_county=all\\_counties&data-type=CommunityLevels](https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view?list_select_state=all_states&list_select_county=all_counties&data-type=CommunityLevels).

**CDC Covid-19 Travel** [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html)

**U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) webpage on covid vaccines** [fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/covid-19-vaccines](https://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](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/ea/covid-19-information1.html)

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

**Federal resources for small businesses that are impacted by covid** [covid-sb.org](https://covid-sb.org).

**New York State reopening guidance for businesses** [forward.ny.gov](https://forward.ny.gov) and [governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2021-05/NYS\\_CDCGuidance\\_Summary.pdf](https://governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2021-05/NYS_CDCGuidance_Summary.pdf). Learn more at [forward.ny.gov/active-industry-guidance](https://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://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home).

**New York City covid webpage** (for individuals and businesses) [www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/index.page](https://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://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](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-main.page)

**NYC Small Business Services** [www1.nyc.gov/site/sbs/index.page](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/sbs/index.page).

**The NYC Citywide Information Portal** [www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/resources/resources-for-new-yorkers.page](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/resources/resources-for-new-yorkers.page) and 311 [portal.311.nyc.gov](https://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>.

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## Vaccinations

All New Yorkers age 5+ are eligible. Currently the Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are being administered. The J&J is a one-shot vaccine and is now recommended only for those who cannot take the other vaccines. Only the Pfizer vaccine has been approved for people younger than age 17.

Covid-19 vaccinations are free, and are easily available. Check [vaccinefinder.nyc.gov](https://vaccinefinder.nyc.gov) to find places that are offering vaccinations, including 3<sup>rd</sup> doses and boosters.

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

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

**Proof of vaccination.** Proof of vaccination may be required at NYC indoor venues with gatherings of people. Proof of vaccination can be the vaccination card (or copy of the card) you receive when you are vaccinated, the **Excelsior Pass Plus** or **Excelsior Pass** applications (New York State free official applications, which you can get at [epass.ny.gov/home](https://epass.ny.gov/home)), and the free NYC app **NYC Covid Safe**, which can be downloaded from Apple's App Store or Google Play. You cannot get replacement vaccination cards at this time, but you can get an official record noting you have been

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vaccinated. Go here for more information [www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/services/cir-parents-guardians.page](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/services/cir-parents-guardians.page). You may also be asked to show proof of identification.

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## 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](http://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](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/get-tested/covid-19-testing.page), call 212-COVID19, or text COVID TEST to 855-48.

### For Murray Hill/Kips Bay

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

**Order Free Rapid At-Home test kits from the government** at [covidtests.gov](http://covidtests.gov).

Your medical insurance may pay for at-home rapid tests, up to 8 per month per person. Ask your pharmacist.

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

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

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Contact the MHNA by email at [info@murrayhillnyc.org](mailto:info@murrayhillnyc.org)

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with "Remove" in the subject.

