



Murray Hill

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

News for Murray Hill...February 27, 2023

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Join The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association

Murray Hill is the Heart at the Center of Manhattan

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Starting Sunday

March 5 – 11

National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW)

National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW) is a time to help people understand their consumer rights and avoid frauds and scams. Avoid scams, prevent identity theft, and report fraud!

The Federal Trade Commission reports that consumer losses to online scams were up 30% in 2022 compared to 2021—**\$8.8 billion in losses!** It can happen to anyone of any age, even to street smart sophisticated New Yorkers.

The NYPD has just established a scam hotline at 646-610-7226, to help those who receive requests for money to verify whether the request is a scam or not.

Do not give out personal or financial information to people who are contacting you through email or phone. Call trusted telephone numbers if you need to verify your account information or status.

Thieves are using iPhone users' passcodes as passports to their digital lives—and IRL financials.

Their low-tech method exploits a simple vulnerability in the software design of over one billion phones active globally. Here's how they do it: A criminal watches the iPhone owner tap the passcode that grants access to the device, often while socializing at night, then steals the phone and quickly changes the password. That locks victims out of their accounts, including anything stored in Apple's cloud. With the passcode, thieves can unlock all the device's stored passwords. Apple said that security researchers determined the iPhone is the most secure consumer mobile device and that the company works hard to protect customers from the rare threat.

[How to Protect Your iPhone Data From Thieves](#) (Wall Street Journal) (paywall)

Transportation and traffic advisories

Park Avenue Tunnel Restoration Project advisory

Water main replacements have to be done in and around the Park Avenue Tunnel. This work was not part of the original plan. As this work has to be coordinated between more than one NYC agency, there were details to work out regarding the water main work that has to take place inside the tunnel. The project is now moving forward. The contractor recently remobilized and began preparatory work inside the tunnel. This work is taking place near the south portal, will last a few weeks and will not cause any traffic interruptions.

When that work is completed, street level preparatory work for the water main replacement, involving utility relocation and deck replacement will begin. This work will take place over the course of about six weekends and will involve temporary lane closures on northbound and southbound Park Avenue. A detailed notice will be issued to the community including the specific dates, detours, and other pertinent information before this work starts.

The water main replacement work will follow and barring any unforeseen issues, this work should take a few months to complete. Once a more definitive schedule is available, an updated estimated completion date will be available. At this time, the work is anticipated to be completed by mid- to end of summer 2023.

There has also been an enormous amount of graffiti inside the tunnel as well as at the north and south portals. NYC DOT is addressing the removal of the markings and should begin removing it from the north and south approaches this week. It has been difficult to deter the graffiti while the

tunnel is closed. The project coordinators have not had much success getting extra patrols from the NYPD, as the NYPD are dealing with staffing shortages. The graffiti inside the tunnel will be removed once the project is completed and the tunnel is ready to reopen.

[Learn more about the project](#)

On Monday, February 27, LIRR full service begins for Grand Central Madison

[Press release](#), February 26, 2023

Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer and MTA Chair and CEO Janno Lieber, along with federal and local elected officials today celebrated the official opening of Grand Central Madison with full Long Island Rail Road service to begin tomorrow, Monday, February 27. The new schedules provide increased service levels by a historic 41 percent and offer direct access to Midtown east, the biggest job hub in the country, provide more frequent, reliable service, including in Queens and Brooklyn, and true reverse-peak service on the Port Jefferson and Ronkonkoma Branches for the first time. "Grand Central Madison is a public transportation feat that will shorten commutes" Governor Hochul said. "Grand Central Madison will dramatically expand service and operate more reliably for commuters and reduce overcrowding at Penn Station. Thanks to our continued partnership with Senator Schumer and the New York Congressional delegation"...The new schedules add 271 LIRR trains per day and increase LIRR systemwide service to 936 trains per day, of which 296 will be to or from Grand Central Madison. The Grand Central Madison project [was] funded in part by USDOT.

Schedules Available via TrainTime App and on [MTA Website](#)

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

Changes in the neighborhood

Some changes are not for the better.



30 Park Avenue, as of 2/8/2023

The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association opposes the recent proliferation of garish LED/neon signs in the Murray Hill Historic District

The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association opposes the recent proliferation of 24-hour garish LED/neon signs in residential historic Murray Hill, especially on Park Avenue. The MHNA sent a letter to Board Presidents and Managing agents of Park Avenue buildings from 34th - 39th Street, as well as to certain individual buildings regarding the LED/neon signs in Murray Hill. They also reported the problem (with images) to Community Board Six and the Landmarks Preservation Commission. A ground floor space in a business in a landmark building on 38th Street replaced their flashing sign with a smaller, less garish sign. If you would like to comment on this issue, please call 311 to report the offensive signage issue. [Read the MHNA's letter.](#)

This notice is also posted on the MHNA website.



Photo by Michael Young

The New York Korea Center. Photo by Michael Young

[New York Korea Center Wraps Up Construction At 122-126 East 32nd Street In Murray Hill, Manhattan](#)

February 25, 2023, *newyorkyimby.com*, by Michael Young and Matt Pruznick

Construction is nearing the finish line on The New York Korea Center, the new seven-story home of the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea at 122-126 East 32nd Street in Murray Hill. Designed by Samoo Architects and Engineers (SAMOO) and developed by Level Group, the 120-foot-tall structure will yield 36,500 square feet and is engineered to achieve LEED Certification. KSK Construction Group is the general contractor for the property, which is located on an interior lot between Park Avenue South and Lexington Avenue...The building will house new cultural and community spaces divided into three zones with separate public areas, semi-public lecture rooms, and private administrative offices and artist studios. The complex will contain a below-grade 200-seat theater, an exhibition space on the second floor, a third-floor library with a capacity of over 20,000 books and DVDs in both English and Korean, an arts and crafts center and cooking facilities on the fourth floor, classrooms and multi-purpose rooms on the fifth floor, and administrative offices on the sixth and seventh floors.

[Bryant Park Bank of America Winter Village closes this week](#)

The Curling Café & Bar closed on February 26. The Cozy Igloos and Bumper Cars close on March 4. The rink and shops close on March 5. Make your last-minute reservations at bryantpark.org/activities/bank-of-america-winter-village-at-bryant-park.

Then new sod will be put on the lawn, with a period of weeks when the lawn will be closed to activities, but you'll be able to watch it grow.



Bellevue South Park and Augustus St. Gaudens Playground Renovations

Source: Councilwoman Carlina Rivera's email (district2@council.nyc.gov), of February 23, 2023
Construction on Bellevue South Park is about halfway through and the newly renovated park is set to open in time for summer. This \$5 million renovation for the park has been a priority for Kips Bay residents for many years, with funding initially allocated in 2017 and many rounds of public engagement to ensure the new park will be able to serve the whole community. The renovations include making the dog run ADA-accessible, and a reconstruction of the basketball court, playground, and sitting areas. The new park will also include additional lighting, safe play surfaces, accessible swings, and community gardens. Carlina looks forward to joining everyone (and their dogs) when the park reopens to garden, play some ball, and relax.

In last year's budget, Carlina allocated \$3.9 million to renovate Augustus St. Gaudens Playground on E 20th Street and 2nd Avenue. This playground serves several schools and many families in the neighborhood. For years it has suffered from an uneven ground below the play equipment that can cause ponding and walking trouble for toddlers playing there. This renovation will address that problem, as well as modernize the play equipment.

The design process is just beginning, and the Parks Department is looking for input from community members on what they'd like to see in the newly renovated playground. Parks held a community scoping session on Wednesday, February 15 on Zoom. Learn more at nycgovparks.org/parks/augustus-st-gaudens-playground/events/2023/02/08/augustus-st-gaudens-playground-community-input-meeting.

February 15, 2023, Governor's Press Release

Garment District to Receive \$4.5 Million

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that the Garment District will receive \$4.5 million in funding as one of the New York City region winners of the first round of NY Forward. Building on the momentum of the State's successful Downtown Revitalization Initiative, the \$100 million NY Forward program adopts the same "Plan-then-Act" strategy as the DRI to support a more equitable recovery for New York's communities. As part of NY Forward Round One, two to three awards will be made to communities in each of the state's ten economic development regions to support development and implementation of revitalization plans for their downtowns.

"We are weaving a collaborative future for industry, transportation and tourism in the Garment District," Governor Hochul said. "I am proud to announce the Garment District as one of New York City region winners of \$4.5 million in NY Forward funding. This investment will enhance the fashion capital of the world with placemaking and public realm improvements that will guide the way through the district's next century."

NY Forward is a central component of the State's economic development efforts, working together with DRI to accelerate and expand the revitalization of New York's downtowns and commercial corridors. NY Forward communities serve the immediate local residents and are more local in nature, as opposed to communities typically funded through DRI that focus on amenities and attractions that serve the regional community. For the New York City region, NY Forward communities are BID-scale business districts where projects are developed with input from local residents.

Like DRI, each NY Forward community will develop a Strategic Investment Plan that includes a slate of readily implementable projects. The Department of State will provide enhanced technical assistance to better support those communities with less internal capacity as part of the NY Forward program and fund projects appropriately scaled to the size of each community. Projects may include building renovation and redevelopment, new construction or creation of new or improved public spaces and other projects that elevate specific cultural, historical qualities that enhance the feeling of small-town charm.

Garment District

The Garment District is strategically located in the heart of Midtown Manhattan, among New York City's busiest transportation hubs and most iconic landmarks. The Garment District was built for the apparel industry nearly 100 years ago and today it is home to an eclectic mix of uses. It is a center for commerce and tourism, which makes it an important economic engine for Midtown Manhattan. The Garment District is among the least populated neighborhoods in New York City, but following a recent rezoning, the district was emerging from its past as a 20th century manufacturing hub to a modern center for commerce and a destination for tourism. Because of its dependence on office workers and tourism, however, the district was devastated when COVID-19 shuttered offices and emptied hotels.

The Garment District seeks to build on its rich history, global name recognition with over 50 hotels and its unparalleled access to local and regional transportation. The community's vision is to realize its potential and transform into a robust 24/7 neighborhood with increased economic opportunities, engaging public spaces and improved safety and quality of life for businesses, tourists and residents.

NY Forward ny.gov/programs/ny-forward.

News from neighborhood businesses & nonprofits

Metropolitan Synagogue Shabbat & Purim Experience

Friday, March 3, 6 - 7pm

Family Concert & Shabbat & Purim Celebration

Join Rabbi Plaut and Sephardi virtuoso and singer Avram Pengas as we celebrate Purim, with a monthly concert of Jewish music and Shabbat / Purim experience.

at Scandinavia House
58 Park Avenue, NYC, 10016
(between 37th & 38th Streets)

Please bring a friend or two — all ages welcome!

RSVP email: inquiries@metropolitansynagogue.org

Metropolitan Synagogue

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1432, New York, NY 10276

212-679-8580

metropolitansynagogue.org

42nd Anniversary Celebration!

Villa Berulia Restaurant

March 7 – 18

Throwback Menu

Dishes from Villa Berulia's original 1981 menu!

Two for Tuesday

Two desserts from the Trolley for the price of one

Wino Wednesday

House bottles of wine for \$42 (selected wines)

Thirsty Thursday

Happy Hour ALL DAY & NIGHT (@ the bar)

Sinfonia di Paste Friday
A flight of 3 different pastas for \$42

LIVE MUSIC

March 9

6:30 - 9:30pm

Rodrigo Bonelli Trio

Grammy nominated percussionist Rodrigo Bonelli, known for his impeccable groove, will feature original works in a variety of Brazilian styles.

WINE TASTING WITH JOSH

March 16 (starting at 7pm)

Featuring a flight of 3 Italian wines & Tapas for \$30

Villa Berulia

107 East 34th Street

(between Lexington & Park Ave)

Tuesday – Friday 11:30am – 10:00pm

Saturday 4:00pm – 10:00pm

212-689-1970

villaberulia.com

NEW RESTAURANT

[Restaurant Review: Korean and Cajun Flavors Rock Together at Kjun](#) (paywall)

February 21, 2023, *nytimes.com*, by Pete Wells

At the chef Jae Jung's tiny spot in the East 30s, a good-times-roll spirit prevails.

Kjun New York Times Critic's Pick★★

Cajun; Creole; Korean \$\$\$

154 East 39th Street (Third Avenue)

347-675-8026

kjun.nyc

through March 5

NYC Off-Broadway Week

2-for-1 tickets to 23 different Off-Broadway productions. For more information, visit the Off-Broadway week page on NYC & Company's website at nycgo.com/off-broadway-week.

February 27 7pm

The Laugh in Peace Comedy Show

A Rabbi, a Muslim, and a Baptist minister walk into a comedy club? You heard it here! Rev. Susan Sparks (senior pastor of the historic Madison Avenue Baptist Church in Murray Hill) takes the stage with her multi-faith comedy partners for a fun-filled night of laughter demonstrating the power of humor to dissolve differences and highlight our commonalities. Tickets are \$20 (Students \$15) and there is a two-drink minimum. Learn more at mabcnyc.org/event/laugh-in-peace-comedy-tour-with-susan-sparks-2/. Details and tickets (including Livestream options) can be purchased on the Triad Theater website triadnyc.com/shows.cfm.

at the Triad Theater

158 West 72nd Street

Wednesdays (during Lent)

Church of the Good Shepherd invites you to Mass, refreshments and Bible discussion

Each Wednesday during Lent, the Church of the Good Shepherd offers Mass at 6pm followed by soup-and-bread and a class-discussion of the Old Testament led by Fr. Stephen Morris. For more information, please contact Fr. Stephen at smmorris58@gmail.com.

at Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal)

240 East 31st Street (between 2nd & 3rd Avenue)

goodshepherdchurchnyc.org

Get ready for St. Paddy's Day!

Sarge's Delicatessen & Diner is ready to start serving up the Corned Beef and Cabbage!

[Order online.](#)

Sarge's Delicatessen & Diner

212-679-0442

548 3rd Avenue (between 36th & 37th Street)

Public service announcement

[Is your eye doctor violating the Contact Lens Rule?](#)

February 21, 2023, *consumer.ftc.gov*, by Colleen Tressler, FTC, Division of Consumer and Business Education

[E]ye doctors must give you a copy of your contact lens prescription at the end of a lens fitting – whether you ask for it or not – at no extra charge. This means you don’t have to buy your lenses from your eye doctor and lets you use your prescription to comparison shop among contact lens sellers for the best deal.

(virtual) The [Consumer Bankruptcy Project](#) of the City Bar Justice Center is wrapping up a webinar series about managing different kinds of student loan debt

Thursday **March 2 1 – 2pm**: [Dealing with Federal or Private Loans: Options for Borrowers](#)

The City Bar Justice Center’s Consumer Bankruptcy Project serves New York City residents with incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level burdened with credit card, medical, and student loan debt. To get help from them, call 212-626-7383. Register at the links above.

Tax preparation help

New Yorkers can call 311 or visit New York City’s [tax prep website](#) to choose the best filing option for themselves and find the most convenient location if choosing in-person or drop-off tax prep. A checklist of what documents New Yorkers need to bring with them to file and multilingual information about the services are available online. In-person services are available in English and many other languages. Consumers who use a paid tax preparer should ask the preparer for a [Consumer Bill of Rights Regarding Tax Preparers](#) (available in multiple languages) and read it before having their taxes prepared.

Check your eligibility and apply for Fair Fares

This past year, Council Member Rivera (Council District 2) helped ensure that the funding for the “Fair Fares” program was baselined, meaning it will be a permanent part of the City’s budget going forward. Fair Fares NYC is a City program created to help New Yorkers with low incomes manage their transportation costs. Using the Fair Fares NYC MetroCard, eligible New York City residents receive a 50% discount on subway and eligible bus fares. Pay-per-Ride, weekly unlimited, and monthly unlimited options are all available. Fair Fares can also provide 50% off MTA Access-A-Ride paratransit trips. Pay-Per-Ride, 7-Day (Weekly) and 30-Day (Monthly) Unlimited Ride options are all available for those using the Fair Fares MetroCard on subways and eligible buses. Access-A-Ride customers do not use a Fair Fares NYC MetroCard; their discount is applied automatically to their Access-A-Ride trips once their Fair Fares and Access-A-Ride accounts are linked. You can use the Fair Fares NYC self-assessment tool and apply online at nyc.gov/site/fairfares/index.page.

COVID-19 updates

Data taken on **2/25/23** from the COVID-19 page on the NYC Department of Health website www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-main.page.

Commissioner's Advisory on Prevention

COVID-19, RSV and flu are spreading in NYC this winter season. The Health Commissioner strongly recommends everyone to wear masks in all indoor public settings to reduce the spread of these viruses.

- Stay up-to-date on [vaccinations](#) for Covid-19 and flu. Vaccine Finder app vaccinefinder.nyc.gov.
Get the updated COVID-19 bivalent booster.
If you have recently been infected with Covid-19, the CDC recommends waiting until three months after your infection to receive a booster.
- Wear a high-quality mask, such as a KN95 or KF94, in public settings.
- [Test](#) before and after travel or gatherings, or if you were recently exposed to someone who has COVID-19.
- [Stay home if sick](#).
[CDC recommends: If you have COVID-19 symptoms:
 - Test
 - Talk—talk to a healthcare professional if you are eligible for treatment
 - Treat—start treatment within 5 days of developing symptoms]
- Wash [or sanitize] your hands frequently.
- Consider additional precautions if you are at [increased risk of severe illness](#).

NOTE: CDC also recommends: Good [ventilation](#)

Proof of vaccination and masks may be required by employers, businesses and nonprofits.

CDC continues to [recommend](#) that people wear masks in indoor public transportation settings at this time.

CDC's travel risk assessment tools cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention email (cdc.gov), **Evolution of Pandemic Efforts**, February 24, 2023

A few weeks ago, the federal government announced plans to end the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) on May 11, 2023. COVID-19 remains a public health priority—it has impacted all aspects of daily life and contributed to a decline in life expectancy. Many people remain at higher risk for severe illness and death. However, we are in a much better place than we were three years ago. Widespread prevention and control measures like vaccination are helping transition to a new era in the pandemic. This is the first in a series of Weekly Review discussions about the end of the PHE and what it means for CDC and the data we report. The end of the PHE doesn't mean that CDC will stop tracking COVID-19 and sharing information and data. Most CDC COVID-19 data activities won't be directly affected, but there will be changes. For example, some hospitalization data are now reported daily but may be reported less frequently in the future, and vaccine administration data might be reduced in some areas. To ensure the public continues to have access to COVID-19 data, CDC is working to determine which data products remain critical for monitoring public health, preparedness, and patient safety.

Trends

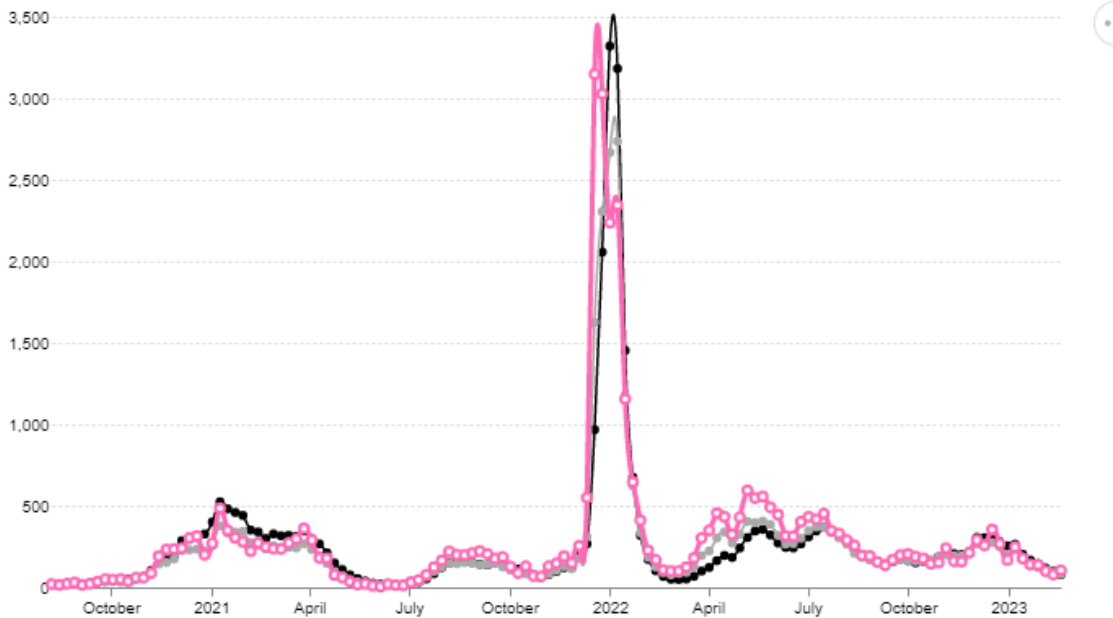
Data taken on **1/25/23** from NYC Department of Health Covid Data page www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data-neighborhoods.page compares case rates for zip code 10016, Manhattan and NYC.

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



Free at-home rapid COVID tests from the Federal government are now available.

Order them at [covid.gov/tests](https://www.covid.gov/tests).

Check with your pharmacist if your health plan covers the rapid at-home COVID-19 test kits (8 per month).

Job board (also grants & training)

February 27 7pm

(virtual) Info Session: Post Production Coordinator Training (free) Spring 2023

This program is a free 8-week training program to develop post-production coordinators that will prepare them to work in high-end scripted programming. Trainees will connect with industry

professionals who will provide them with real-world knowledge, collaborate with peers to apply their learning in scenario-based practicums, and gain tools to enhance their communication, critical thinking, and collaboration skills. At the end of the training, all participants will receive a stipend. This training will take place remotely. Eligibility Requirements: 21+ years old, Eligible to work in the U.S., -Must reside within commuter distance (2 hours or less) of New York City, Strong computer skills (Mac OSX, MS Office, Excel, Google Suite, Google Drive, etc.), Minimum 1-3 years experience in the production industry as Post —Production Assistant or Edit Room Assistant OR equivalent related coordinating/office administrative experience, Bachelor's degree (Communications, TV/Film Production, or a related field of study) OR equivalent work experience, Highly motivated and eager to keep up with new trends in the industry, Must be willing and able to work flexible hours, under tight deadline pressure, Basic knowledge of current post production workflows (Avid, Premiere Pro) and the wide array of media asset types (Recommended), Strong aptitude for troubleshooting, time management, and problem-solving; must be self-driven, detail-oriented; having the ability to work independently, as well as part of a team, to make consistent strides towards accomplishing departmental goals. Feel free to email info@mediamkrs.org with any questions. Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ew7vlweTRcqj3-LdUToVnQ.

Group M Media summer paid internships

Group M has an exciting opportunity for Media Interns to help expand their social media presence and take their digital media strategy to the next level. This 10-week full-time paid internship works alongside other advertising enthusiasts to discover what media has to offer within one of Group M's operating agencies. Learn more and apply at <https://jobs.jobvite.com/careers/groupm-na/job/ozpxmfwb>. There will be info sessions for prospective candidates to learn more about the summer internship program, their media, marketing, and advertising entry-level opportunities, and life at GroupM. It is also an opportunity for students to ask the recruitment team questions regarding the application process and what to expect next. Register for the virtual info sessions at the links below:

[March 22 3-4pm](#)

[April 19 6-7pm](#)

[May 24 3-4pm](#)

CBS New York is hiring their Summer 2023 Newsroom Interns

Interns will be exposed to the fast-paced environment of our newsroom, and the many stories we chase, write and cover for all platforms, including broadcast, digital, and streaming. The internship program will run from June 5, 2023 – July 28, 2023. Learn more and apply at <https://careers.paramount.com/job/New-York-Newsroom-Intern-CBS-New-York-NY-10019/971642300>.

The NBCUniversal Page Program

Find your path and kickstart your career! Be part of the premiere rotational program that gives early career talent a well-rounded experience along with unmatched exposure to the media industry. The NBCUniversal Page Program is a 12-16 month paid program that allows recent graduates the opportunity to contribute to big, new ideas and trailblaze the future of the NBCUniversal company and industry. Learn more and apply at

<https://jobs.smartrecruiters.com/NBCUniversal3/743999886316593-nbcuniversal-page-program-summer-2023-cohort-ny-or-la>.

New York Times Advertising is seeking a Marketing Intern

Join the B2B (Business to Business) Marketing group to help develop compelling narratives that demonstrate unique value to advertisers. Learn more and apply at

https://nytimes.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/NYT/job/New-York-NY/Marketing-Advertising-Intern_REQ-014029-1.

Emma Bowen Foundation internship

Whether you're interested in being a producer, a journalist, a web developer, an engineer, a business executive, a PR agent, a sales representative, or any other career in media or tech, the EBF Internship is here to help you get your start. If selected, you will have the opportunity to immerse yourself in these organizations so you can learn, grow and put yourself on the fast track to career success. Learn more and apply at emmabowenfoundation.org/apply.

April 18 (deadline for applications)

Anonymous Was A Woman Environmental Art Grants

Up to \$20,000 per project to support environmental art projects led by women-identifying artists' projects that inspire thought, action, and ethical engagement. Projects should not only point at problems, but aim to engage an environmental issue at some scale. Learn more and apply at

<https://www.nyfa.org/awards-grants/anonymous-was-a-woman-environmental-art-grants>. This grant is administered by the New York Foundation for the Arts.

March 26 (deadline for applications)

Public Service Fellowship for Graduate Students

NYC Emergency Management has applications open for its John D. Solomon Fellowship for Public Service. This fellowship provides an opportunity for 10 graduate students in the New York City area to complete a nine-month paid fellowship at a New York City government agency or nonprofit organization. Learn more and apply at nyc.gov/site/em/about/how-apply.page.

Applications Open for Summer Youth Employment Program (and for employers to host youth employees)

Young people aged 14-24 can now apply to the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development's Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). SYEP is the nation's largest youth employment program, connecting NYC youth with career exploration opportunities and paid work experience each summer. Participants have the opportunity to explore their interests and career pathways, develop workplace skills, and engage in learning experiences that help develop their social, civic, and leadership skills. To apply, visit nyc.gov/syep. Employers can also apply to hire NYC youth through SYEP.

Bryant Park is looking for games hosts, a project director and a graphic design intern

Learn more at bryantpark.org/about-us/job-openings.

East Side Coastal Resiliency (ESCR) jobs

EAST SIDE COASTAL RESILIENCY



Work With Us Virtual Quarterly Information Event New Year, New Career Tips to Secure New Opportunities

Audience:

Entry to intermediate job seekers

Learn from experts:

- update your resume
- highlight your experience
- interview for success
- increase your standout potential

Submit your resume directly to receive complimentary review and feedback

Tuesday

February 28, 2023

5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Pre-register now to receive a virtual call link and event updates

www.nyc.gov/escr/work



Make your views known

New York State Independent Redistricting Commission Assembly district comment period is open

Virtual and in-person testimony is available for all hearings. Choose the hearing time or location that is most convenient for you and give your input on the future of the State Assembly lines. The Manhattan hearing has taken place, but you can still submit comments.

[Draft Assembly Lines plan.](#)

[Submit comments or sign up to testify.](#)

Learn more at the IRC website nyirc.gov/home.

Editor's note: This redistricting proposal combines parts of the current Manhattan Assembly Districts 73 and 74 (along the East River) with Queens district 36.

Related: CB6 Opposes Proposed Change to New York State Assembly District Boundaries

Source: Community Board 6 newsletter email, February 2023

The New York State Independent Redistricting Commission (NYS IRC) released its [proposed map for the New York State Assembly](#). In that map, most of our constituents north of East 42nd Street [would] be redistricted to a majority-Queens New York State Assembly District. At its January 9th meeting, the [CB6] Budget & Governmental Affairs Committee [passed a resolution](#) opposing the attempt to place parts of our East Side community within a Queens Assembly District. The resolution was ratified by our Full Board two days later, and we submitted the resolution as testimony to the NYS IRC. The redistricting proposal will face a series of public hearings before a final version is submitted in April – including a February 7th hearing at Hunter College's Kaye Playhouse. CB6 encourages district residents to attend the February 7th hearing and to tell the NYS IRC that all of Manhattan Community District 6 should be in an all-Manhattan Assembly District.

March 7 (comment-by date)

[See Walls: Army Corps' Citywide Coastal Storm Plan Takes Shape, Steals Views](#)

A series of renderings offer a glimpse at a proposal that could be what a resiliency expert called "the largest transformation of our waterfront since the Robert Moses era."

January 27, 2023, *thecity.nyc*, by Samantha Maldonado and Stephon Johnson

Comment writing template rebuildbydesign.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Comment-Writing-Template.pdf. Instructions: Fill out this template and submit to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers by March 7, 2023 via email to NYNJHarbor.TribStudy@usace.army.mil or by mail to NYNJHAT Study Team, Planning Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at 26 Federal Plaza, 17th Floor New York, NY 10279-0090. All mail postmarked by March 7, 2023 will be included in the public record. For more information about the project, visit NY & NJ Harbor & Tributaries Focus Area Feasibility Study (HATS) (army.mil) at nan.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Projects-in-New-York/New-York-New-Jersey-Harbor-Tributaries-Focus-Area-Feasibility-Study.

How you can help

Join a MHNA committee

The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association is an all-volunteer organization. We need your help to keep the Association's work going. Volunteering can be for individual events, such as the Street Festival, and also for ongoing activities, such as Membership. Many administrative activities can be done remotely. [Learn about the different committees.](#)

The **Membership Committee** is looking for a volunteer with Excel spreadsheet skills to help with month-end membership processing. Can be done remotely. Time commitment: approximately 2-3 hours once a month. Must be a MHNA member.

The **Website Committee** is looking for a volunteer who will learn how to enter eblasts and articles in the website forms and to enter them on an as-needed basis. Can be done remotely. Knowledge of MS Word is helpful. Computer skills are necessary. Time commitment: varies. Schedule can be flexible. Must be a MHNA member.

If you are interested in joining a committee, please email info@murrayhillnyc.org.

March 17 (application deadline)

The 2023 application cycle for Manhattan Community Boards is open

Current Community Board members who wish to serve another term must reapply. Community Boards provide New Yorkers with an opportunity to participate in local democracy and decision making, helping to shape the future of Manhattan. Community Boards touch every aspect of life: parks, sanitation, education, land use, and public health. Learn more and apply at manhattanbp.nyc.gov/communityboards. See also [How to Join a Community Board, and What to Know Before You Apply](#) (TheCity.nyc)

Ukraine aid

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

State Department program Uniting for Ukraine

To help fulfill President Biden’s promise to temporarily resettle 100,000 Ukrainian refugees, the State Department has established Uniting for Ukraine, in which legal residents of the United States can apply to be sponsors of migrants under a process called Humanitarian Parole. Learn more at uscis.gov/forms/explore-my-options/humanitarian-parole. Welcome.US, a humanitarian group for refugee resettlement, has created a [guide to the process](#) (and offers a [mailing list](#)) for people interested in becoming a sponsor. “Sponsors may apply as individuals, as a group, or as a representative of a non-governmental agency. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) lists the [eligibility requirements](#) and the [instructions](#) for completing [Form I-134](#) (the Declaration of Financial Support).

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

Ukrainians in the U.S. since March 1, 2022 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.

Look out for scams



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 two coins. At the bottom left, there is a white button with the text "Start here: ftc.gov/charity".

Congestion pricing updates

[MTA’s rollout of congestion pricing delayed again](#) (paywall)

February 24, 2023, *crainsnewyork.com*, by Caroline Spivack

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority has delayed its rollout of congestion pricing by a few more months, shaving \$250 million in expected revenue from its capital plan for 2024.

Penn Station neighborhood updates

Coalition Files Amicus Brief Challenging Penn Station Plans

Source: The New York Landmarks Conservancy email (info@nylandmarks.org), February 21, 2023
The New York Landmarks Conservancy, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Preservation League of New York State filed an amicus brief today supporting a lawsuit challenging New York State's proposed demolition of several blocks around Penn Station.

The amicus brief was filed in New York State Supreme Court in support of a lawsuit brought by the Penn Community Defense Fund, City Club of New York, Re-Think NYC and residents of 251 West 30th Street.

The preservation organizations challenged the Empire State Development Corporation's (ESD) claim that the area is blighted, calling that claim "an extreme abuse" that could "imperil vast swathes of the State of New York."

"We are pleased to join our colleagues in challenging the State's attempt to level blocks of Midtown Manhattan full of historic buildings, varied commercial activities and residents that exemplify the diversity and energy of New York," said Conservancy President Peg Breen.

ESD argues that the majority of buildings in the area are 50 years old, or older. Since buildings have to be 50 years old to be included in the National Register of Historic Places, the brief notes that "ESD is effectively arguing that historic districts are inherently blighted."

If permitted to proceed, the State plan would demolish eight historic buildings, ranging from a Gothic-inspired 1872 church to a 1908 building integral to the original Penn Station complex. At least another dozen historic buildings could be damaged by the nearby demolition and construction activity.

"If a successful commercial area with numerous irreplaceable historic assets, limited physical defects, consistent economic growth and a high occupancy rate can be deemed blighted and destroyed without judicial intervention," the brief states, "what alternate set of facts is there that would merit judicial reprieve?"

The preservation groups all support an improved Penn Station. But they believe it can be achieved without reviving urban renewal. The State plan envisions giant commercial towers surrounding the station. The Conservancy has consistently opposed this proposed real estate deal.

Join The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association

Murray Hill is the Heart at the Center of Manhattan

Be a part of it!

[Join the MHNA here](#)

For businesses, nonprofits and buildings

February 27 12 - 1:30pm

(virtual) Why Your Marketing's Not Working (and How to Fix It)

NOTE: This program contains proprietary information and will not be recorded. The reality is that most marketing doesn't work and most business owners don't know how to fix it. So, they struggle, waste money, and end up feeling frustrated and discouraged. But, it doesn't have to be that way! Join Root Marketing Founder & Principal, Heather Frechette-Crowley – a StoryBrand Certified Guide – as she shares marketing principles proven to engage customers and grow businesses. You will walk away knowing how to capture your audiences' attention and convert them to clients. Stop worrying about your marketing and get back to doing what you love! Hosted by the New York Public Library SNFL Business Center. Register at nypl.org/events/programs/2023/02/27/why-your-marketings-not-working-and-how-fix-it.

February 28 3pm

(In-Person) Introduction to Patents

Get an overview of patent concepts, including the 3 kinds of patents and a comparison with other types of intellectual property protection. Learn about the basic requirements for obtaining a United States patent and how to go beyond simple keyword searching to search by patent classification with the free search tools available from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (www.uspto.gov) and the European Patent Office (worldwide.espacenet.com). Register at <https://www.nypl.org/events/programs/2023/02/28/person-introduction-patents> at the New York Public Library Stavros Niarchos Foundation Library Thomas Yoseloff Business Center
455 Fifth Avenue
nypl.org/business
5th Floor, Room 504

Candid free webinars for nonprofits

March 2 2 – 3:30pm

(virtual) Leveraging Community Assets to Enhance Your Nonprofit's Impact

(free) Register at learning.candid.org/training/2023-03-02-leveraging-community-assets-to-enhance-your-nonprofits-impact.

March 9 2 – 3:30pm

(virtual) Introduction to Finding Grants

(free) Register at learning.candid.org/training/2023-03-09-introduction-to-finding-grants.

March 10 3pm (bids are due)

The Parks Department has issued a Request For Bids for 5-year mobile food concessions in certain NYC parks

[View the 48-page bid document](#). Call or email the Project Manager for Manhattan, Glenn Kaalund (Glenn.Kaalund@parks.nyc.gov, 212-360-3482) with questions.

Manhattan locations on pages 34 – 38. Locations in our neighborhood:

Robert Moses Playground Processing Unit
East 41st Street between 1st Avenue & FDR Drive
M158-C 1/1/2023 12/31/2027

Asser Levy Recreation Center
Non-Processing Unit

Outside the pool area at Asser Levy Pool, at East 23rd Street and Asser Levy Place. Exact location subject to approval.

Tuesdays 4 - 7pm

[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.

DOB Manhattan sessions (ongoing):

(free, virtual) [February 28 2 - 3:30pm](#) (live Q&A session)

(free, virtual) [March 15 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.

Ongoing

(virtual) [March 21 2 – 4pm](#)

(virtual) [March 31 3 – 5pm](#) (for community gardeners)

NYC Department of Health Rat Academy Trainings

Community Training: This free course is open to anyone who wants to learn about rat management. See the schedule and learn more at www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/services/rats-control-training.page.

The CTE Industry Scholars Program, in partnership with the NYC DOE, provides NYC public high school students with work-based learning opportunities—a.k.a. internships—with companies/organizations citywide. They're particularly in need of hosts in the engineering, healthcare, and IT industries. Companies or nonprofits who'd like to host an intern can learn more and apply at cteisp.com.

FOR BUILDINGS WITH GARAGES

[New Garage Inspection Requirements](#)

February 23, 2023, *cooperatornews.com*, by A.J. Sidransky

Local Law 126/2021 was enacted by the New York City Department of Buildings (DOB), and mandates periodic inspections and reporting of all parking structures in the city...The first step is to conduct a conditions assessment of a parking structure and appurtenances...The inspector then files the compliance report with the building department...The report must include an executive overview that consists of a summary of findings, conclusions and recommendations, and a determination as to whether a parking structure is categorized as safe...Under Local Law 126, a parking garage that is classified as unsafe or safe with repairs and/or engineering monitoring, (SREM), will be required to shut down until the repairs are done.

FOR BUILDINGS

Proposed Law Would Require Co-ops to Give Reasons for Denials

February 23, 2023, *cooperatornews.com*, by A.J. Sidransky

A new proposal to promote even more transparency in co-op share transfers currently sits before the City Council...It mirrors the requirements of a proposed state law which never got to a vote last year...The bill under consideration requires that co-ops provide a timeline for their consent or denial for the purchase and transfer of shares. The bill further requires that co-op boards with 10 or more apartments maintain a standardized application for purchase...individual buildings can draft their own application form, but once adopted, that standard form must be used for any and all purchases

within that building...co-ops would be required to confirm the receipt of requested and required application materials within 10 days of receiving those materials. The co-op must also confirm whether an application is accepted (either conditionally or unconditionally) or rejected within 45 days of receipt - though boards may request one additional 14-day extension...The most controversial aspect of the bill is that it mandates that the co-op provide a statement of what exactly was found deficient in the purchase application. The corporation must also provide the number of times consent to purchase was withheld over the past three years.

Source: Councilwoman Carlina Rivera's email (district2@council.nyc.gov), of February 23, 2023

This month, the Mayor announced an expanded program called the **Opportunity Fund**, a part of Small Business Services' broader efforts to help small businesses in our district. The new Opportunity Fund will support a more inclusive and diverse economy by enabling business owners to apply for loans ranging from \$2,000 to \$250,000; pay a below-market fixed interest rate of 4 percent, regardless of loan size; pay only interest for the first six months for start-up businesses, regardless of loan size; use the loan to refinance existing high-interest debt, expand customer base, hire new employees, and more; and access free long-term business supports through the Department of Small Business Services. Local community development financial institutions (CDFI) partners, including Accompany Capital, Ascendus, BOC Capital, Harlem Entrepreneurial Fund (HEF), NDC, Pursuit Community Finance, Renaissance Economic Development Corporation (REDC), and Trufund will provide application assistance and no-cost financial advice, utilizing a novel model of local engagement to reach businesses in greatest need. You can learn more about the Fund by calling SBS's Hotline at 888-SBS-4NYC, in addition the city will offer webinars to help businesses learn about the application process and the steps involved.

[USPTO introduces new tool to help creators identify their intellectual property](#)

January 18, 2023, Press Release

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Kathi Vidal announced the launch of the agency's new Intellectual Property (IP) Identifier tool. This user-friendly, virtual resource— designed for those who are less familiar with IP— enables users to identify whether they have IP and the IP protections they need to support and advance their business, invention, or brand. The IP Identifier serves as an important foundation for an innovator, entrepreneur or creator's IP journey. In addition to the tool helping identify a person's or company's intellectual property, it provides easily digestible information on intellectual property – patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets.

<https://ipidentifier.uspto.gov/#/identifier/welcome>

Upcoming events

February 27 12 – 1:30pm

Press conference: CUNY Research Consortium on Communities of Interest

In partnership with @DistrictingNYC, CUNY Research Consortium will release a report on how communities of interest are evolving in NYC. Register to attend and share with your network:

[eventbrite.com/e/how-communities-of-interest-are-evolving-in-new-york-city-tickets-539707869767](https://eventbrite.com/e/how-communities-of-interest-are-evolving-in-new-york-city-today-tickets-539707869767).

The NYC Districting Commission will host a press conference at The CUNY Graduate Center to roll out the newsworthy report to the New York City Districting Commission from the CUNY Research Consortium on Communities of Interest. The goal of the press conference is to highlight key findings in the study conducted by scholars throughout CUNY, providing new methodologies in analyzing NYC population trends by race and other socio-demographic indicators illustrating how NYC populations and communities of interest are evolving over time. Each author would have 3 to 5 mins each to share highlights from their section with a Q & A from Press.

Agenda:

- Message from the Commission – John Flateau
- Overview – John Mollenkopf (CUNY)
- The people of African Decent in New York City- Zulema Blair (CUNY)
- The evolution of Hispanic Subgroups in New York City- Viviana Rivera-Burgos (CUNY)
- Asian New Yorkers- Tarry Hum (CUNY)
- Emerging Communities in New York City- Keena Lipsitz (CUNY)
- Legal analysis of Communities of Interest- Jeff Wice

at The City University of New York Graduate Center

Elebash Recital Hall

365 5th Avenue (34th Street)

February 27 7pm

(virtual) Manhattan Community Board 6 Land Use & Waterfront Committee Meeting

Agenda: Update on the East Side Coastal Resiliency project, Update on the East Midtown Waterfront Esplanade, and more. Register at

us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jq1qC10nQ8WlvVdpoyOYpQ.

February 28 12pm

(virtual) Money matters: Annuities

Annuities come in many forms, including fixed, variable, and fixed-indexed varieties. Annuities are widely sold financial products, but they are often misunderstood. In this session, Gerri Walsh provides an overview of annuities including the general characteristics of each type of annuity and questions to ask before you buy. Presented by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). Part of Retirement A to Z, an 8-part series presented by the New York Public Library Business Center in partnership with the Museum of American Finance. Register at nypl.org/events/programs/2022/02/28/annuities.

February 28 6:30pm

(hybrid) NYPD 17th Precinct Community Council meeting

If you have questions ahead of the meeting that you would like the precinct to address, please forward them to Nora Reichard (norareichard@gmail.com) by Tuesday, February 28, at noon. On the Agenda: New Pattern Involving Theft of Apple Headphones, Increase in Commercial Burglaries, Increase in Robberies, Update on Traffic Enforcement, Q&A.

To attend via Zoom, advance registration is required at <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAodOGgpzpjHtDZNID8zuFHKP8qu8MBsoh9>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining. During the meeting, please type any questions you have into the chat function within Zoom.

To attend in person:

The meeting will be held at the Sutton Place Synagogue
225 East 51st Street (between 2nd and 3rd Avenues).

Attendees must be prepared to show proof of vaccination and booster. Masks are preferred and highly recommended, but not mandatory.

March 1 6pm

(virtual) Council Member Gale Brewer's Housing Clinic: Researching your landlord and building

Register at

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclduCrpzMsGddpa_BqxGhhbZmD_L6mXwFA.

March 1 12pm

(virtual) Medicare 2023

Are you new to Medicare? Just turning 65 or soon to be retiring? Or recently lost your employer coverage after age 65? Join us for an overview of the Medicare program and your coverage options, including Medigap/Medicare Supplement insurance, Medicare Advantage/Medicare Health Plans and Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage. Learn about programs that may help with your Medicare costs. Bring your questions and get the latest information. Presented by HIICAP: The Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program at the NYC Department for the

Aging. Hosted by the New York Public Library. Register at nypl.org/events/programs/2023/03/01/medicare-2023.

March 1 7pm

(in person) New Nordic Cinema: Swedish dramedy Comedy Queen (dir. Sanna Lenken, Sweden, 2022)

Sasha doesn't want to cry – and she's deeply angry at her mother for taking her own life. To escape a similar fate, the 13-year-old compiles a survival list. First up: cut off her long hair. Second: don't read any more books. Third: never take care of something that's alive. And fourth: become a stand-up comedian to make her papa laugh again. Tickets \$13 (\$8 ASF Members). Purchase tickets at scandinaviahouse.org/events/comedy-queen.

at Scandinavia House

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

212-779-3587

scandinaviahouse.org

March 2 1pm

(hybrid) CUNY Graduate Center's Music in Midtown: Beethoven: Master of Variations

Free, no registration required, open to the public. Cellist Susan Salm and pianist and The Graduate Center faculty member Norman Carey will perform Ludwig van Beethoven's *Sonata No. 1 in F major*, *Seven Variations on "Bei Männern, welche Liebe,"* and *Sonata No. 5 in D Major*. [See the full schedule](#). (virtual) streaming at gc.cuny.edu/events/beethoven-master-variations-music-in-midtown-series.

(live performance) at CUNY Graduate Center

Elebash Hall

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

March 2 5:30pm

(virtual) The Climate Crisis: a conversation with NYLCV President Julie Tighe, hosted by NYC Council Member Erik Bottcher

Please join CM Erik Bottcher for an online conversation and Q&A about the climate crisis with Julie Tighe, President of the New York League of Conservation Voters. The global scientific community continues to issue increasingly dire warnings about the threats that climate change poses to humanity and the natural world. Yet, our society is failing to take the drastic steps needed to avoid

planetary catastrophe. With the sea level along the U.S. coastline projected to rise, on average, 10 - 12 inches in the next 30 years, New York City is at extreme risk. It is vital that New Yorkers take a leading role in the fields of green energy, sustainability, conservation and resiliency. Register at us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkc--srDssHtRWcL3tRD501mbzb5Kw-OQM.

Upon registration, you will receive a form to submit your own questions, along with your personalized Zoom link. This is one of a series of community conversations hosted by CM Erik Bottcher. Watch recordings of previous forums:

[NYC Health Commissioner Dr. Ashwin Vasani](#)

[NYC Chief Housing Officer Jessica Katz and NYC Planning Chair Dan Garodnick](#)

March 3 1pm

(virtual) Book talk: Jennifer Homans, Mr. B: George Balanchine's 20th Century

George Balanchine, arguably the greatest choreographer of all time, was also a cultural titan of the 20th century. A co-founder of the New York City Ballet, the Russia-born Balanchine brought ballet in the U.S. to the forefront of modernism. Ms. Homans has had full access to his papers and many of his dancers in researching and writing her comprehensive history of Balanchine's life and times. As part of the LP2 Fridays@1 speaker series, Ms. Homans will be interviewed by LP2 member and Dance/NYC board member Ed Brill. Register at [gc-cuny.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_lw_lI24LQqqBERIoHm98bg](https://cuny.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_lw_lI24LQqqBERIoHm98bg). Hosted by the City University of New York Graduate Center.

Last week—through March 4!

The Scandinavia House exhibition *On the Arctic Edge*

On the Arctic Edge presents three contemporary photo-based artists whose work traverses the regions of the Arctic Circle to probe themes ranging from time and memory, to landscape and the built environment, to science and mythology, to our changing climate. The exhibition was chosen as a "Must See" by Artforum and lauded by Musée Magazine as inviting "visitors to step into the silence of an endless winter, to drift through the snowfall and search for clarity hidden behind the tempest."

Photographer and interdisciplinary artist Clare Benson's series *Until There Is No Sun* is a poetic investigation of the Arctic's duality: the relationships between light and seeing, earth and sky, science and ancient myth. Created over nearly a year living in the far north of Arctic Sweden working in coordination with space physicists, Sami indigenous reindeer herders, and scientists studying the eyes of Arctic reindeer, her photographs, videos, and collected artifacts on view include the time-lapse capture video work *A Thousand Suns*. Marion Belanger photographs the cultural landscape, particularly where geology and the built environment intersect, exploring concepts of persistence and change and ways that boundaries demarcate differences. Her series *Rift/Fault* studies shifting land-based tectonic edges of the North American Continental Plate in Iceland and California, examining their unpredictable and uncontrollable behavior. NYC-based fine-art photographer Steve Giovinco's lyrical night landscapes in the recent series *Inertia* look at the land, ice, and communities

of Southern Greenland. Each artist is an ASF Fellow having received financial support from the American-Scandinavian Foundation from funds donated by Scandinavian Seminar. Over the last 100 years, ASF has awarded over 5,500 fellowships and grants to Americans and Scandinavians, in the Foundation's longest-standing commitment to cultural and educational exchange.

March 7 12pm

(virtual) Trust in Your Trust- Part 1 Wills & Trusts

Elder Law Attorney Ronald Fatoullah, Esq., discusses the differences and advantages of Wills and Trusts. The discussion includes: What is a Will?; Who are the parties to a Will?; How basic Wills are structured; What is a Trust?; Who are the parties to a Trust?; How are basic Trusts structured? Gain an understanding of the basics of gift and estate taxes; Revocable vs. Irrevocable Trusts; Simple vs. Complex Trusts; Inter Vivos Vs. Testamentary Trusts. Part of Retirement A to Z, an 8-part series presented by the New York Public Library in partnership with the Museum of American Finance. Register at nypl.org/events/programs/2022/03/07/trust-your-trust-part-1-wills-trusts.

Now open!

The Morgan Library exhibit, *Claude Gillot: Satire in the Age of Reason*

Around 1700, as an increasingly pious Louis XIV withdrew to Versailles, Paris flourished. The dynamic artistic scene included specialists such as Claude Gillot (1673–1722) who forged a career largely outside of the Royal Academy, designing everything from opera costumes to tapestries. Gillot specialized in scenes of satire. Gillot's amusing critiques and rational perspective heralded the advent of the Age of Reason while his innovative approach attracted the most talented artists of the next generation, Antoine Watteau and Nicolas Lancret, to his studio. With over seventy drawings, prints, and paintings, including an exceptional contingent from the Louvre, Claude Gillot: Satire in the Age of Reason explores the artist's inventive and highly original draftsmanship and places his work in the context of the artistic and intellectual activity in Paris at the dawn of a new century. The catalogue accompanying the exhibition will provide the first comprehensive account of Gillot's career, and is the first volume on the artist in English. Learn more at themorgan.org/exhibitions/gillot.

Open through May 28, 2023

Schools and students

FOR STUDENTS

March 3 (entry deadline)

The NYC Department of Environmental Protection's [Water Resources Art and Poetry Contest](#)

Second through 12th-grade students in the New York City watershed are invited to create original art and compose poetry that reflects an appreciation for our shared water resources on one of five central themes of the contest:

- Water, a Precious Resource
- NYC Drinking Water
- NYC Wastewater Treatment
- Harbor Water Quality & Healthy Marine Ecosystems
- Water Stewardship and Climate Change

Learn more and apply at nyc.gov/site/dep/environment/water-resources-art-poetry-contest.page. If you have questions, contact artandpoetry@dep.nyc.gov.

NYC Public School applications

Need a School for Your Child Now? Learn what to do on the [New Students](#) page.

Learn more at the NYC Board of Education website schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade, including how to apply if you need a school for your child now, and the *Admissions Guide*. Get help with enrollment at schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enrollment-help.

- [Kindergarten](#). You can add kindergarten G&T programs to your kindergarten application.
 - [Head Start](#). For qualifying families: Head Start provides safe, positive learning environments for children ages 3-4.
 - [3-K](#). Apply when your child turns three.
 - [Pre-K](#). Apply when your child turns four.
 - [Gifted & talented](#). Eligible children entering kindergarten, grades 1, 2, or 3 can participate in G&T admissions.
 - [High school](#).
 - [Middle school](#).
 - [Specialized High Schools](#).
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Policing

Highlights from the [17th Precinct State of Command Report for 2022](#)

Most Dangerous Intersections—Collisions (in our neighborhood)

- 3rd Ave & East 37th Street
- 2nd Ave & East 36th Street
- 2nd Ave & East 34th Street

Collisions and fatalities decreased, but pedestrian injuries increased.

Total crimes, including rape, burglary and grand larceny increased. Other categories of crime decreased. Precinct staff decreased.

Weekly crime reports

17th precinct

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

13th Precinct

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

Housing, zoning, planning, preservation & affordability

Council Member Gale Brewer presented bill, [Intro 714](#), to establish a New York City Land Bank at the February 23 Committee on Housing and Buildings oversight hearing. A land bank would maintain title to city-owned land and work with non-profit developers to build 100% affordable housing on that land—instead of selling that property to developers for a smaller percentage of affordable units. It's an approach that's been used in cities across the country—there are more than 250 land banks nationwide—to reactivate vacant or underused property for important civic purposes. Council Members Julie Menin, Erik Bottcher, Keith Powers, Carlina Rivera also co-sponsored this bill.

Elections, voting & appointments

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The Electoral Count Reform Act

[How Electoral Votes Are Counted for the Presidential Election](#)

February 16, 2023, brennancenter.org, by Daniel I. Weiner and Katherine Scotnicki

The Electoral Count Reform Act addresses vulnerabilities exposed by the efforts to overturn the 2020 presidential election...In December 2022, Congress passed the Electoral Count Reform Act to overhaul the poorly drafted 1887 Electoral Count Act, which governs the process of appointing presidential electors and tallying their votes. The law seeks to fix confusing and ambiguous provisions in the original law that helped pave the way for the unprecedented attempt to overturn the 2020 presidential election, culminating in the January 6 assault on the Capitol...The Electoral College is the body that elects the president and vice president of the United States every four years. It is established by Article II of the Constitution, which also provides that each state may select a number of electors equal to the number of its U.S. representatives and senators. The 23rd Amendment, ratified in 1961, assigns three additional electors to the District of Columbia, bringing the total number of electors to 538. To win, a presidential ticket must obtain a majority – 270 if all electors vote. Otherwise, the 12th Amendment provides that the House of Representatives chooses the president, with each state delegation receiving one vote, and the Senate chooses the vice president by majority vote...Every state and the District of Columbia currently select electors by popular vote. A vote for a presidential ticket is thus technically a vote for the electors who have pledged to vote for that ticket...The Electoral Count Reform Act makes clear that a state may not change its method of selecting electors after Election Day...The new law also bars a presidential election from being postponed past Election Day – set by statute as the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November...Once state officials tally and certify presidential election results, the state’s “executive” must issue a “certificate of ascertainment” formally appointing the winning slate of electors no later than six days before the members of the Electoral College vote in mid-December... Before the Electoral Count Reform Act, it was unclear which state officials had the power to appoint electors...The reform act fixed this problem by making clear that “executive” refers to a state’s governor (and the mayor of Washington, DC) unless state law provides otherwise...if a candidate for president or vice president sues in federal court to challenge the issuance or failure to issue a certificate appointing electors, the case will go to a special three-judge federal court, with the possibility of an appeal straight to the Supreme Court...The Electoral College “meets” on the first Tuesday after the second Wednesday in December...The Electoral College does not literally meet as a single body. Rather, each state’s electors gather in their state capitol to cast their votes. They then transmit those votes, together with copies of the certificates of ascertainment appointing them, to the president of the U.S. Senate (i.e., the vice president), state officials, and the archivist of the United States...The new law ensures that the votes of each state’s electors will go directly to Congress...Notably, the Constitution does not bind electors to vote for the winner of their state’s popular vote, notwithstanding state law. Thirty-three states and the District of Columbia require electors to vote as they are pledged to: for the popular vote winner. Among these states, 14 provide for electors who vote against their pledge – so-called “faithless electors” – to be removed or for their votes to be nullified...On January 6, following the presidential election and the Electoral College meeting, Congress convenes in a joint session to count and certify the electoral votes, as the 12th Amendment requires. The Senate’s presiding officer, typically the vice president, leads the joint session and is responsible for opening votes and announcing the final results. The actual counting is done by “tellers” – members of the House and Senate appointed by the majority and minority parties...As the vice president announces the electoral votes, members can object to them in writing...Each objection is entitled to a separate period of debate and its own vote. To be sustained, an objection requires majority support in both chambers...Electoral Count Reform Act...[raised] the threshold for consideration of an objection to one-fifth of each chamber...the vice president’s role in the joint session is limited to “ministerial duties,” and she or he does not have the authority to determine the validity of electoral votes or otherwise “adjudicate or resolve disputes.”

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

[New York Launch of Online and Automatic Voter Registration Delayed Until at Least May](#)

February 20, 2023, *gothamgazette.com*, by Ethan Geringer-Sameth

The state's new automatic voter registration system was meant to launch New Year's Day, but officials with the State Board of Elections claim emergency voting measures associated with the pandemic have forced the timeline back. The program is intertwined with an electronic registration system, meant to usher in widespread online voter registration, that is even further delayed – currently more than two years behind scheduled April 2021 launch. State election administrators are now eyeing a May start date for online enrollment...The DMV is the first agency required by law to adopt automatic voter registration, or AVR, which will enroll eligible voters when they file personal information with what will be a series of participating agencies (unless the individual opts out)...The board now has that money, \$16.6 million, according to a spokesperson for Governor Kathy Hochul.

STATE

February, 21, 2023, A state judge has **sided with New York Republicans, ordering a full state Senate vote on future Court of Appeals nominees**, per Frank Runyeon.

Source: City & State email, "Albany Agenda," February 21, 2023, *cityandstateny.com*

STATE

[Hector LaSalle's Chief Judge Shot Ends With Historic Rejection by State Senate](#)

February 15, 2023, *nysfocus.com*, by Sam Mellins

IN A SURPRISE floor vote on Wednesday, the state Senate brought Judge Hector LaSalle's candidacy for New York's chief judge to an end. The move concluded a months-long battle between Governor Kathy Hochul and opponents who saw her pick as too conservative to head New York's highest court. It also mooted a lawsuit from Senate Republicans seeking to force the vote...LaSalle would have been the first Latino chief judge of the Court of Appeals. Several Latino political power brokers in New York – including Representative Adriano Espaillat, state Senator Luis Sepúlveda, and influential lobbyist Luis Miranda – aggressively supported his nomination...But they were outflanked by a broad coalition that rallied against LaSalle, including dozens of law professors, major labor unions, reproductive rights groups, criminal justice reform advocates, and many liberal and progressive state senators. They argued that LaSalle's record as a judge was unfriendly towards unions, reproductive rights, and people accused of crimes. The seven-member Court of Appeals currently has three judges who lean conservative and three who lean more liberal, meaning that the next chief judge could determine which bloc controls the court going forward. All three of the more liberal judges applied for the chief judge spot, but were not shortlisted by the panel that screens applicants for the Court of Appeals, New York Focus previously reported...Hochul selected LaSalle in December from a list of seven candidates prepared by the screening panel. He was generally considered to be one of the more moderate candidates...With his nomination rejected, the

panel must now prepare a new list of seven candidates, from which Hochul will again select one for the Senate's consideration.

CITY

[Meet NYC's First 'Public Realm' Officer](#)

February 16, 2023, *patch.com*, by Matt Troutman

Ya-Ting Liu, a prominent advocate, will oversee a \$375 million public space plan as well as the city's permanent outdoor dining program....Mayor Eric Adams had teased the new position within his "State of the City" address. He made it official Thursday by appointing Liu and signing an executive order..."New Yorkers need to know there is one person at City Hall whose number one goal is to improve their quality of life by creating incredible, new public spaces and ensuring the ones we have are clean, equitable, and safe," [Mayor Adams] said in a statement...Liu is a prominent advocate who had previously worked for Transportation Alternatives...Liu will lead...a project called Broadway Vision that will bring more pedestrian and cyclist spaces across 40 blocks on the famed stretch of street....She'll also...expand pedestrian spaces on Fifth Avenue from Bryant Park to Central Park.

Budget, finances & taxes

STATE

Highlights from the State Budget Hearings

Source: State Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal's email of February 24, 2023

Transportation: On February 6, **State Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal called for the repeal of Madison Square Garden's (MSG) \$43 million annual property tax break.** MSG has not been subject to NYC property taxes since 1982, when the state legislature passed an exemption that was intended to last only ten years.

Related: [Madison Square Garden could move across street, exec tells Midtown neighbors](#) (paywall)

February 24, 2023, *crainsnewyork.com*, by Nick Garber

A Madison Square Garden Entertainment executive made a startling claim during a public hearing on the arena's operating permit: The company might be willing to move the Garden after all.

STATE

[Fiscal Policy Institute issued its 2024 State Budget Briefing Book.](#)

CITY & STATE

[**6 State Budget Proposals Where Hochul and Adams are At Odds**](#)

February 23, 2023, *gothamgazette.com*, by Samar Khurshid

Governor Kathy Hochul and Mayor Eric Adams have a strong working relationship...But with the recent release of the governor's budget plan, the two first-term Democrats find themselves at odds over various cuts, cost shifts, and unfunded mandates for New York City that the mayor is none too pleased about...the mayor had several gripes about the governor's budget, including inadequate funding for the migrant asylum-seeker crisis in the city; a proposal to increase the city's contribution to the MTA; needed funding associated with her plan to lift the charter school cap in the city; lack of additional funding for a class size reduction mandate that is about to go into effect; hundreds of millions in cuts to Medicaid support; and a continuing sales tax intercept that saps \$150 million from the city each year.

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Budget hearings on each City agency's budget will begin in the Council on March 6. [Listing of scheduled hearings](#), courtesy of Council Member Gale Brewer. Some highlights (see the link for details): Landmarks Preservation Commission: March 9 10:30am, Public Safety, Police Department: March 20 10am, Cultural Affairs, including Libraries: March 20 10:30am, Parks & Recreation: March 22 10am, Small Business: March 22 10:30am, Sanitation: March 22 2pm. Economic Development: March 23 10:30am.

CITY

[**Adams and Largest Municipal Union Reach Tentative Agreement, With 16.21% Raises Through 2026**](#)

February 17, 2023, *thecity.nyc*, by Claudia Irizarry Aponte

The mayor and the union representing more than 100,000 public sector workers also agreed to a pilot program on remote work. The deal stands to set the pattern at City Hall for more union contracts to come...The city reached a tentative \$4.4 billion contract deal with District Council 37, the city's largest municipal labor union representing about 100,000 workers, on Friday. in an agreement that includes a plan allowing remote work. The deal – the first between Mayor Eric Adams' administration and a major city union – is retroactive to 2021, an includes a 16.21% raise through 2026, a child care trust fund with a \$3 million annual city contribution, a \$3,000 members' bonus, and a guaranteed \$18-per-hour wage for all members.

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[**Independent Budget Office analysis of Mayor Adams' 2024 preliminary budget and financial plan**](#) (PDF).

Government, executive orders, legislation, rules, policies

FEDERAL

New office to track, report and respond to unidentified aerial phenomena (UAPs)

Source: Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's email, *Kirsten's New York Minute*, February 24, 2023

In her positions on the Armed Services and Intelligence Committees, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand fought successfully to create a new office to track, report and respond to unidentified aerial phenomena (UAPs). That work came to fruition in the past two weeks, with the Chinese spy balloon and three other incidents involving unidentified objects.

FEDERAL

New York City Representatives Nadler, Velázquez, and Goldman Introduce the *Safe and Quiet Skies Act* to Regulate Commercial Air Tours

Source: Congressman Jerry Nadler (CongressmanNadler@mail.house.gov), email of February 24, 2023

Washington, DC – Last week, Representative Jerrold Nadler (NY-12) introduced the Safe and Quiet Skies Act (H.R. 1071), along with [other] Representatives...This legislation will direct the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to adopt National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) recommendations to increase safety and reduce community disruption of commercial air tours. The bill mandates strict regulation of commercial air tour operations to address disruption, including requiring that commercial air tours fly about a 1,500-foot altitude and requiring that commercial air tours over occupied areas be no louder than 55 dbA. The Safe and Quiet Skies Act also prohibits tour flights over military installations, national cemeteries, national wilderness areas, national parks, and national wildlife refuges.

STATE

State Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal's [Social Media Transparency Act \(S895\)](#) would require platforms to clearly publicize their content moderation practices and follows California's similar legislation.

CITY

[Overhaul of private trash pickup in NYC delayed until 2024](#)

February 22, 2023, *gothamist.com*, by Michelle Bocanegra

New York City's overhaul of its commercial waste collection program will be pushed back until the second half of 2024, Sanitation Commissioner Jessica Tisch said on Wednesday morning, delaying reform of an industry long criticized for its inefficiency and mistreatment of workers...The city will

instead roll out a pilot program in one section of the city in late 2024...the city had to go through procurement for 65 contracts...Commercial waste reform...Advocates have raised environmental concerns and pushed for safer conditions for workers and more traffic safety...Under the new plan, there will be a maximum of three carters per zone...Tisch said capping the number of haulers at three per zone would still create enough competition to offset any potential for exorbitant price increases on small businesses that receive the trash pickup...The delay did not sit well with some officials.

Stories we are following

[Are headlights brighter than they used to be?](#)

February 25, 2023, *thehill.com*, by Russell Falcon

LED (light-emitting diode) headlights are increasingly replacing the previously popular types of lights used for vehicles – halogen and high-intensity discharge (HID) lights – as the go-to. And you're likely noticing the difference...Mark Rea, professor at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York, explains that even though LED headlights are regulated the same way as other types, LED lights feel brighter to human eyes for very real physical reasons...The NHTSA made a final ruling in February 2022 to allow automakers to install adaptive driving beam headlights on new vehicles. The ruling amends Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108., which is the rulebook for headlight brightness...Our headlamp standard balances two important, and competing, interests – adequate forward illumination so that drivers can see at night and limiting glare to other drivers.

[Editor's note: And are sirens louder than they used to be?]

[News outlets demand access to Jan. 6 footage McCarthy gave to Tucker Carlson](#)

February 25, 2023, *thehill.com*, by Jared Gans

A group of news outlets are demanding that they receive access to tens of thousands of hours of surveillance footage from the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection that House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) gave to Fox News host Tucker Carlson earlier this week...Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) has slammed McCarthy's decision, saying that he is "needlessly" exposing the Capitol to security risks in showing how it is protected and giving information to people who might want to attack the Capitol in the future...[Attorney Charles] Tobin said that the outlets agree with McCarthy that the public's interest is in the release of the footage and cited a federal appeals court case that found the government cannot selectively exclude certain outlets from information that is otherwise publicly available...Tobin also sent an expedited request under the Freedom of Information Act on behalf of the 10 organizations, The Associated Press and The New York Times for the footage.

Manhattan Is Losing \$12 Billion a Year Because of Hybrid Work

Nowhere is the economic cost of remote work more pronounced when it comes to spending than in the world's leading financial center: New York...We found that despite all the hand-wringing about empty office cubicles, employees are actually back at their desks. They're just not returned in full force. The in-person workweek has shrunk to three days, with workers typically commuting in on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and sometimes Monday. On Friday, however, the office is a ghost town. This change is costing Manhattan at least \$12.4 billion a year in the form of reduced commuter spending...That poses a problem for cities like New York, which have infrastructure built to support central business districts and the workers that once spent five days a week there...Now city leaders, businesses and everyone else will have to figure out how to cope with an ecosystem that's been thrown off balance...it'll take time to adjust to the new reality and solutions will vary. The change also comes with opportunities. For example, spending growth in New York's outer boroughs is outpacing that of Manhattan, which city leaders could use to their advantage.

Related: [New York City workers are spending \\$4,661 less annually near their offices: study](#)

February 13, 2023, *gothamist.com*, by Gwynne Hogan

Manhattan commuters are spending \$4,661 less around their offices per year than before the pandemic due to remote work, according to a study from WFH Research, a group that tracks trends in working arrangements. Manhattan commuters are spending \$4,661 less around their offices per year than before the pandemic due to remote work, according to a study from WFH Research, a group that tracks trends in working arrangements...Manhattan commuters are spending \$4,661 less around their offices per year than before the pandemic due to remote work, according to a study from WFH Research, a group that tracks trends in working arrangements...Office workers were spending 32.9% fewer days in their Manhattan offices than before the pandemic, the WFH study found...The COVID-19 pandemic upended decades of commuter trends, and made hybrid work a new reality. ...Kathryn Wylde, the president and CEO of the Partnership, said the WFH Research study captures a short-term reality, rather than the beginning of the end for Manhattan business districts...She predicted the borough would evolve to incorporate more housing in downtown areas and have a greater mix of residential and commercial uses...Remote work will be a permanent factor, but other activities will replenish the foot traffic and consumer spending...“The challenge today is that the pandemic accelerated an Industrial Revolution from the service economy to the digital world. "...

WFH study: [wfhresearch.com/wp-](https://wfhresearch.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/WFHResearch_updates_February2023.pdf)

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