

District Manager's Report

April, 2023

Mayor's Office Reported:

Applications for the [Summer Rising 2023](#) program are available starting today, April 17th. Students in Summer Rising will have access to both academic and enrichment programming over the course of the day, including field trips, arts activities, and outdoor recreation. It is free and available to all NYC students in grades K-8, pending seat availability.

Department Of Buildings (DOB) Reported:

DOB is hosting "Buildings After Hours" information session every Tuesday, from 4pm – 7pm. DOB Staff including Plan Examiners, inspectors, and others will be available to answer questions and provide information on:

- Home renovations or construction projects;
- Open violations on a property;
- DOB's online resources, including DOB NOW and the Buildings information System (BIS);
- Permits, construction codes, zoning regulations, certificates of occupancy, equipment installations and more.

HRA-DSS Reported:

City Services for Asylum Seekers Arriving in NYC –

As of April 5, 2023, over 53,000 asylum seekers have gone through the system and been offered a place to rest at night since last spring. Over 33,400 asylum seekers are currently in the City's care. The City has opened 100 emergency shelters and 8 HERRCs to meet this unprecedented need. This does not reflect the total number of asylum seekers in New York City, it does not include those who are staying with family, friends, and networks here after being connected.

Additional information on the City's efforts to support asylum seekers can be found at <https://www.nyc.gov/site/immigrants/help/asylum-seekers/support-asylum-seekers.page>

Office of Child Support Child Support Pay It Off Program Opens in June

The DSS Office of Child Support Services will be offering its Pay It Off program again for the month of June 2023 (June 1-30th). This program matches dollar for dollar when Noncustodial parents make a minimum payment of \$500 towards their permanently assigned debt to the DSS, up to the total DSS debt owed. For those who pay off the principle of a money judgment, will have their DSS interest removed.

Those who sign-up to participate in our Arrears Credit Program will receive a \$2,500 sign-on bonus that will be applied to DSS debt that is permanently assigned. More details will be made available beginning April.

OCSS will be hosting a conference titled, Confronting Structural Racism in the Child Support Program: Listening, Understanding, and Taking Action. It will take place on October 26th, please save the date. More details will be forthcoming.

Housing Resource Fair

In honor of **Fair Housing Month**, the CAMBA HomeBase Outreach team is hosting a Resource Fair in collaboration with Medgar Evers College on April 18th from 6 – 8 pm at Medgar Evers College. The Know Your Rights: Empowering Voucher Holders event will include a panel discussion, presentations, resources and refreshments. We will be addressing Tenant's Rights, providing a presentation on housing vouchers, and UnlockNYC will present their tool.

This event is open to anyone wanting to learn more but space is limited so act now! Should you have any questions contact the Outreach team at [**CAMBAHBOutreach@gmail.com**](mailto:CAMBAHBOutreach@gmail.com) or call 718.756.3498 ext.22263

Affordable Connectivity Program

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) gives a discount on your household's monthly broadband internet service if you are eligible. Participating broadband providers will apply this discount to your broadband plan.

If eligible, your household can receive:

- Up to a \$30/month discount on your internet service
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (you will need to pay a copay between \$10 and \$50)
- Only one monthly service discount and one device discount is allowed per household

Your household may be eligible if someone in the household falls under just one of these criteria:

- If a household income is 200% or less than the federal poverty guideline (ex: at or less than \$35,775 for a household of 4)
- If you or your child or dependent participate in certain government assistance programs such as SNAP, Medicaid, WIC, or other programs
- If you or your child or dependent already receives a Lifeline benefit
- If a child in your household attends an NYC public school that participates in the free or reduced lunch program (all NYC public schools do!)
- Note: You do not need to be a U.S. citizen to be eligible. If you do not have a Social Security Number (SSN), you can provide other documents.
- Note: Additionally, customers are not required to submit to a credit check.
- Find out if you qualify and enroll at [**getinternet.gov**](http://getinternet.gov)

Con Edison Reported: Know how to recognize a scam and protect yourself

Con Edison doesn't accept payments via Venmo, Zelle, CashApp or Bitcoin. Hang up on anyone calling and asking for Con Edison payments by these methods;

Asking for ID isn't rude, it's safe. If someone comes to your door, claiming to be from Con Edison, call **1-800-75-CONED** (1-800-752-6633) and confirm the employee's name and ID number.

Make payments safely. ConEdison accepts online payments through [conEd.com](https://www.coned.com) and [conEd.com/GuestPayment](https://www.coned.com/GuestPayment);

Con Edison never asks to see your bill. Never share your account number or show your bill to someone at your door.

If you're not sure an email is really from Con Edison, don't click on any links.

Suspect a Scammer?

Call the police. Then call us: **1-800-75-CONED** (1-800-752-6633).

7 helpful tips for managing your energy costs

1. Sign up for a **Level Payment Plan**
2. Keep your vents and ducts clean. Your heating system will run more efficiently and may last longer. **Get more tips.**
3. Avoid peak hours and save with **our Time-of-Use rate option**
4. Take an in-depth look at your hourly energy use by logging into **My Account** or **ConEdison's mobile app.**
5. Choose your energy supplier. Research and choose another supplier and **get tips for evaluating choices.**
6. Check your benefits. Customers enrolled in assistance programs may be eligible for discounts on their energy bills through their **Energy Affordability Program.** Also, see if you're eligible for the state's **Home Energy Assistance program,** which helps New Yorkers heat and cool their homes.
7. Don't miss bill help. If you're a residential customer with an active disconnect notice, you may qualify for up to a \$200 EnergyShare credit toward your bill. **See if you qualify.**

NYC Emergency Management Reported:

The New York City Emergency Management Department welcomed 24 new Community Emergency Response Team (NYC CERT) volunteers to its program during a hybrid graduation ceremony held on Monday, April 3. The graduation also served as the kick-off event to the program's year-long 20th anniversary celebration. The NYC CERT basic training cycle includes 11 sessions that focus on disaster preparedness and emergency response, equipping volunteers with skills in basic fire safety, search and rescue, traffic management, and first aid and triage.

NYC Emergency Management offered the training program with instructors from the New York City Fire Department (FDNY) and New York City Police Department (NYPD) Auxiliary Unit.

NYC Emergency Management runs a program called "Share Your Space" that allows people to offer their properties voluntarily for Emergency Management activities, such as a service center, a CERT training, a commodity distribution point, or other functions identified by the department. To apply please visit NYCEM's website or email intergov@oem.nyc.gov

National Volunteer Month

In the immediate disaster response period, there are often many people interested in volunteering. Remember to be patient. There may be a greater need for volunteers during the recovery period, weeks and months after disaster strikes.

It is best to affiliate with a recognized disaster volunteer organization before a disaster happens. Getting involved with a disaster volunteer organization before an emergency will increase your ability to help when help is needed

After a disaster, before going directly to volunteer at a relief organization, hospital or a disaster site, wait for instructions from local officials, or check with specific organizations.

Community Emergency Response Team (NYC CERT)

New York City Community Emergency Response Teams (NYC CERT) is now recruiting for dedicated volunteers who help to prepare their neighbors and communities for different types of disasters.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members receive intensive training in emergency preparedness, fire safety, light search and rescue, disaster medical operations, and more. Two classes are scheduled to begin May 22nd and May 23rd. One class will meet on a Mon/Wed schedule and the other on a Tues/Thurs.

The 11-session training will be delivered as hybrid training. If you are 18 or older and want to join NYC CERT, please complete the online application: <https://nyc.gov/cert>

DSNY Reported: Spring Safe Disposal Events:

The New York City Department of Sanitation has announced its **Spring 2023 SAFE Disposal (Solvents, Automotive, Flammables, and Electronics) Events schedule**. The events provide city residents with an easy way to safely dispose of potentially harmful household products.

Household products such as pesticides, strong cleaners, mercury-containing devices, paints, automotive fluids, and medications may be brought to the drop-off events. Residents can also

bring electronics, which may no longer be collected with trash and other recycling, due to a New York state law. **Only NYC residents' waste will be accepted.**

The Department will hold five SAFE Disposal events this spring, one in each borough. All events are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. rain or shine.

Sunday, April 16 - Brooklyn

Brooklyn Cruise Terminal
Vehicle entrance at Clinton Wharf
Pedestrian walk-in area available

Saturday, April 29 - Bronx

Orchard Beach Parking Lot
Vehicle entrance at Park Drive (end of the road)

Saturday, June 3 - Queens

Astoria Park Parking Lot
Vehicle entrance accessible from Ditmars Boulevard to 21st Street
Pedestrian walk-in area available

Sunday, June 11 - Manhattan

Columbia University/Teacher's College
W. 120th Street between Broadway & Amsterdam Avenue
Vehicle entrance accessible from Seminary Row to Amsterdam Avenue
Pedestrian walk-in area available

For further information please visit DSNY website at:

<https://www.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/services/harmful-products/safe-disposal>

Employment Opportunities:

- Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine seeks a Constituent Services Liaison to be part of his collaborative, energetic and innovative team. The prospective staff member must be committed to seeking out new and better ways for the office to connect with, and deliver for, Manhattan's diverse neighborhoods, communities, and constituents. The Constituent Liaison would represent the Borough President's office in handling constituent issues and work under the supervision of the Borough President's Director of Northern Manhattan Office. (see Flyer);
- The City Dept. of Administrative Services (DCAS) manages job recruitment for city government, including examinations for Civil Service. **Start at this page** at, or search for jobs at (to search by agency or area of interest) or **here** (to search by job ID# or agency). Please find a helpful flyer with more information about applying for HRA open positions which can be shared widely **here**;

- NYC Parks is hiring for the summer. If you or anyone you know is interested in helping to keep New York City's green spaces beautiful and safe, NYC Parks offers a range of seasonal opportunities including positions in maintenance, security and recreation. Visit [nyc.gov/parks](https://www.nyc.gov/parks) for more information and to apply. Informational flyer is available at <https://www.nyc.gov/home/search/index.page?search-terms=NYC+Parks+Summer+Jobs>

Did you know?

DEP Amnesty Program - Available Now through April 30th: As NYC recovers from the pandemic, the Department of Environmental Protection is offering a limited **one-time** amnesty to provide much-needed relief to all qualified delinquent customers struggling to pay their water and wastewater bills. This program runs through **April 30, 2023** to see if you're eligible, visit <https://www.nyc.gov/site/dep/pay-my-bills/amnesty-program.page>. More info can be found on the DEP website.

The end of tax season is fast approaching. This year the tax return filing deadline, or Tax Day, falls on **April 18, 2023**.

If you receive Social Security benefits, you should have received an annual Benefit Statement, also known as the SSA-1099 or the SSA-1042S. A Benefit Statement shows the total amount of benefits an individual received from Social Security in the previous year, so they know how much Social Security income to report to the IRS on their tax return. If you misplaced your Benefit Statement, you can instantly get a replacement form with a personal my Social Security account.

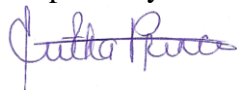
Visit our [Information for Tax Preparers](#) webpage to learn more.

Taxpayers have until **April 18** to file their taxes this year.

If you earned \$80,000 or less in 2022, **NYC Free Tax Prep** provides free, professional, tax preparation with IRS certified VITA/TCE volunteer preparers.

Learn more about NYC Free Tax Prep at: https://www.nyc.gov/site/dca/consumers/file-your-taxes.page?utm_source=google&utm_medium=search&utm_campaign=tax_time&utm_content=english&gclid=EAIaIQobChMIi7SljsSx_gIVqNvjBx1hwg19EAAAYAiAAEgJBLvD_BwE

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