

January, 2020 District Manager's Report

Agency Reports:

DCP Reported: Department of City Planning (DCP) Director Marisa Lago applauded the City Council's recent approval of new zoning rules allowing moveable seating and tables in many of New York City's older Privately-Owned Public Spaces (POPS), where they were previously not permitted.

The change means that owners of large open plazas in New York's dense business and residential districts, many of them built in the 1960s and 1970s, can now provide tables and chairs, making these spaces more inviting to the public.

In addition to the more permissive seating rules, the Council adopted DCP's new provisions that require clear signage at all POPS that indicate these spaces are open to the public with information about amenities, hours of information and New York's new POPS logo. The signage including the new logo, titled "Have a Seat," must be displayed by property owners to ensure the more than 550 POPS are easily identifiable as open to the public.

POPS are the result of City zoning regulations aimed at ensuring that the densest areas of the city offer outdoor and indoor places that are usable by the public without charge. The POPS program has produced nearly 3.8 million square feet of additional public space in the City – equivalent to roughly 66 football fields or 13 Union Squares.

The city's 550+ POPS come in many shapes and sizes, located both outdoors and indoors. While dedicated to public use and enjoyment, POPS are developed, owned and maintained by private property owners at no cost to the City.

The recent zoning update affects hundreds of POPS which had remained subject to obsolete rules that did not allow seating amenities. Acknowledging the importance of POPS for relaxing, eating and socializing, the new zoning rules mean that moveable tables and chairs can be placed in large plazas and arcades where they had previously not been permitted.

Additionally, beginning next year, the public can expect to see the new logo on signage at POPS across the city. By mid-2022, all POPS will be required to include this public space logo and signage, informing New Yorkers and visitors about hours of access, required amenities such as seating, and to report any complaints to 311.

The new logo depicting playfully-arranged chairs was designed by Emma Reed, a New York-based graphic designer. The logo was one of 607 logo design submissions from nearly 60 countries in an international design competition held last year. The design matches the City's goal of continuing to promote inviting public spaces with an abundance of amenities, with seating being a priority.

Since 1961, the POPS program allowed developers to build more usable space (also known as floor area) or receive special waivers for a building if they also created plazas or arcades that are open to the public.

The last significant update to POPS rules was in 2007 and 2009, when DCP revised design standards to ensure new and upgraded plazas would include ample amounts of important amenities such as greenery and improved pedestrian circulation, and be more accessible, visible, comfortable, open and inviting.

- Since 2007, 15 new POPS have been approved and designed in accordance with these new standards.
- In addition, 41 previously existing plazas have been upgraded and dramatically improved in line with the new regulations, of which 26 previously had no required amenities and now contain planting, lighting, signage and other typical POPS amenities we require today, making them much more usable and welcoming.

More information on POPS, including how property owners can comply with the new rules, as well as the history of the regulations and links to locate POPS in New York City, can be found at DCP's recently updated web page - <http://nyc.gov/pops>.

DOE Reported: Imagine NYC Schools is an initiative to empower students and communities to play an active, central role in creating the future of education, here and now. This initiative is the first of its kind in New York City—a student-centered, community-driven approach to creating bold, innovative, academically rigorous school options.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Everyone! Imagine NYC are looking for students, families, and educators to join together to design and develop schools for 2021 and beyond.

As part of Imagine Schools, families, students, teachers, and community partners join forces to create a design team. Design team members should represent a committed, diverse, ambitious, and innovative group (Open external link) with varied perspectives and experiences. Students, parents, educators, and community members are a recommended part of design teams. Design teams may also include representatives of organizations, businesses and industry partners, service providers, advocates, designers, artists, activists and more. Everyone has something to offer.

Imagine new schools: Imagine NYC is looking for innovative ideas for academically rigorous, engaging and equitable new schools. These schools will serve as models for the system. Through the Imagine Schools design process, new school teams will be supported in the development of a strong mission and culture, community partnerships, youth voice and choice, and a robust academic model. Schools, if approved, would launch in fall 2021 and 2022, with student recruitment starting in fall 2020;

Reimagine existing schools: Imagine NYC are looking for existing schools that want to engage in a total transformation using the Imagine Schools process. The process will support existing school teams as they envision plans for their schools that are academically challenging, authentically diverse, and aligned to the skills and knowledge young people need to be

successful in an ever-changing world. School teams, if approved, would begin implementation in fall 2021 and 2022.

Join Imagine NYC For Upcoming Information Sessions:

Thursday, January 30, 2020

6:00 PM

Adam Clayton Powell Jr. State Office Building

163 West 125th Street

New York, NY 10027

[Register here \(Open external link\)](#)

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Hosted by Council Member Justin Brannan

6:00 PM

P.S./I.S. 30 (7002 4th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11209)

Department of Sanitation Reported: It's Christmas "Tree-cycling" Time!

Using Curbside Collection? – Please, "Naked" Trees Only – No Bags or Decorations!

The New York City Department of Sanitation will begin its annual curbside collection of Christmas trees starting Monday, January 6, 2019. Collection runs through Friday, January 17, weather permitting. Residents should remove all stands, tinsel, lights and ornaments before putting trees out for collection. After collection, clean, non-bagged Christmas trees will be chipped, mixed with leaves, and recycled into compost for the city's parks, institutions and community gardens.

Those needing to get rid of mostly plastic and metal artificial Christmas trees should consider selling or donating them. Donation opportunities may be found at nyc.gov/donate. Otherwise if possible, take apart your tree to recycle the base and trunk (pole) with metal, glass, plastic and cartons. Remove all lights, ornaments and tinsel before placing at the curb.

The Department of Sanitation collected more than 200,000 Christmas trees for "tree-cycling" after Christmas 2018.

NYC Parks Mulchfest will run this year from December 26 through January 11, providing an additional option to recycle your tree. With 67 total drop-off sites—32 are chipping sites—across the five boroughs, including parks and GreenThumb gardens, New Yorkers will be able drop off holiday trees which are then chipped and recycled. This year, New Yorkers also have two consecutive Saturdays when they can actively mulch their holiday trees—Saturday, January 4 and 11.

In a snow alert, DSNY coordinates with NYC Emergency Management and the Department of Transportation on snow clearing protocol in accordance with each agency's written snow plan. All relevant city agencies have been notified of the snow alert. DSNY will continue to monitor forecasts and will provide updates as the snow event approaches.

All winter weather information and information about the City's response to the storm can be found by visiting the City's Severe Weather website at www.nyc.gov/severeweather or by calling 311. New Yorkers are also encouraged to sign up for Notify NYC, the City's free emergency notification system. Through Notify NYC, New Yorkers can sign up to receive phone calls, text messages, and emails alerts about severe weather events and emergencies.

Trash and Recycling Collection Times May Change During the Winter Schedule: The New York City Department of Sanitation began its annual winter schedule operations on, October 28, 2019. Known as "Night Plow" the winter schedule enables the Department to have pre-scheduled staff on hand to respond promptly and effectively to snow and ice conditions around the clock. When it is not snowing, these Sanitation Workers are generally assigned to collection duties, and residents may notice their trash and recycling collected at a slightly different time during the season. This schedule shift lasts through mid-April.

The Department of Sanitation has a frontline defense of 705 salt spreaders dispatched prior to the start of the impending snowfall. The Department has a storage capacity for more than 300,000 tons of rock salt and 350,000 gallons of calcium chloride solution at facilities throughout the city. Once snow begins to accumulate on the City's streets and highways, the Department can deploy 2,300 plowable trucks to clear snow and ice. The Department is responsible for more than 19,000 lane miles of roadway in the City.

While the first flake of the season has not yet fallen, it's already officially snow season at the NYC Department of Sanitation. The season is starting earlier than ever, to best allow DSNY to prepare for any extra-early storms that may come our way. Moving to a winter schedule allows them to more efficiently transition their workforce, critical first responders, to snow fighting operations. When they are not on snow and ice removal duty, the night shift will collect household trash and recycling, and DSNY advises those crews to work as quietly as possible.

Dept. of Homeless Services Reported:

On **Monday, January 27, 2020**, the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) will conduct its Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE), an annual point-in-time survey of New Yorkers sleeping unsheltered on the streets that is required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. The HOPE Survey provides valuable information that helps ensure our HOME-STAT outreach teams are providing resources to this vulnerable population in their ongoing year-round outreach efforts.

That day is coming soon, and I am asking for your help to canvass parks, subways, and other public spaces to estimate the number of people who are sleeping on the street on one of the coldest nights of the year. HOPE can only be a success with the assistance of our community partners like you.

Volunteers are needed from approximately 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. on the night of the 27th. Just one night of your time will help us collect critical information to help people move from the streets and into a safe, stable environment. During the past two years, through our HOME-STAT

street outreach program, we have helped more than 2,200 people come off the streets and in to transitional programs or permanent housing.

As we work to address street homelessness across the city, one person at a time, this is a unique opportunity to participate in an extraordinary citywide effort. If you have volunteered before, I encourage you to sign up again. If you have yet to experience how truly rewarding a night of HOPE can be, I invite you to join us for the first time.

Please visit nyc.gov/hope to learn more and to register. Your help and support is essential to help DHS address the problem of homelessness that has built up over many years.

Please see attached HOPE COUNT Flyer for distribution purposes below.

It was also reported that the city is ramping up its efforts to get homeless people off the subway and into permanent housing.

The Department of Homeless Services and the NYPD recently announced they are expanding a series of initiatives to convince thousands of homeless people who take refuge on the subway to accept government assistance.

A major part of that expansion builds on a pilot launched earlier this summer, in which DHS staffers and transit cops would offer assistance to homeless subway riders who violate Metropolitan Transportation Authority's rules, like lying down across several train car seats or evading the fare.

The pilot program targeted a handful of key areas in Manhattan — and is expanding citywide, with a focus on terminal stations at the ends of subway lines, where many homeless people who sleep on trains end up.

Department of Homeless Services/DSS Reported: CODE BLUE this alert occurs when the temperature drops to 32^o F or below, including wind-chill and will result in the activation of the following DHS Code Blue Procedure.

- A Code Blue Weather Emergency notice is issued when the temperature drops to 32 degrees Fahrenheit or less between 4 p.m. and 8 a.m., including National Weather Service calculations for wind chill values. No one who is reasonably believed to be homeless and seeking shelter in New York City during a Code Blue will be denied.

- Should you see an individual who appears to be homeless and in need out in the cold, please call 311 and an outreach team will be dispatched to offer assistance.
- During Code Blue we focus on helping our most vulnerable neighbors—people currently residing on the streets—by redoubling our efforts citywide—and that includes doubling the size of our outreach teams, making regular, repeated contact with individuals on the streets to offer supports and services, including shelter, and closely coordinating borough-level Code Blue efforts directly with sister City agencies, like NYPD, DSNY, and the Parks Department 24 hours a day during inclement weather, no matter what, to ensure we're meeting all New Yorkers in need with resources where they are.
- During Code Blue weather emergencies, we work 24/7 to connect homeless New Yorkers with the following resources:
 - Shelters: During a Code Blue, shelter is available system-wide to accommodate anyone who is reasonably believed to be homeless and is brought to a shelter by outreach teams. Accommodations are also available for walk-ins. During a Code Blue period, families found eligible for shelter are not expected to transition from their conditional placement into their official shelter placement until the following day.
 - Drop-in centers: All drop-in centers are open 24-hours per day, including when Code Blue procedures are in effect, and will assist as many people as possible for the duration of the emergency. Drop-in staff and the dedicated outreach teams they work closely with each and every day can also make arrangements for homeless individuals at other citywide facilities, including shelters, safe havens, and stabilization beds.
 - Safe havens and stabilization beds: Chronically homeless individuals may be transported directly to these low-threshold housing options.
 - Street homeless outreach: Teams will contact vulnerable individuals on their Code Blue Priority Lists a minimum of once every four (4) hours beginning at 8 p.m. during Code Blue Alerts and once every two (2) hours beginning at 8 p.m. for Enhanced Code Blue Alerts to encourage them to accept services, including transport to a safe place and a shelter placement. DHS coordinates borough-level Code Blue efforts directly with partner City agencies, including but not limited to NYPD, DSNY, and the Parks Department.
- Code Blue periods last from 4pm to 8am, but when there are Code Blue periods on successive days, we maintain Code Blue street homeless outreach protocols in the interim daytime hours between 8am and 4pm. No one who is reasonably believed to be homeless and seeking shelter in New York City during a Code Blue will be denied.
- And during Enhanced Code Blue, we increase frequency of contact with vulnerable clients, revisiting them at least every two hours to offer resources and encourage them to accept transport to a safe place—and as long as conditions remain extreme (i.e. wind chill is 20 or conditions are blizzard-like), we operate under Enhanced Code Blue protocols

HPD Reported: Over the past two years, HPD has engaged us about Where We Live NYC, a collaborative, City-led process to promote fair housing, confront segregation, and take action to advance opportunity for all. We thank all Community Boards who have participated in the process so far.

Recently, the City released the Where We Live NYC Draft Plan for public comment. The Where We Live NYC Draft Plan is the culmination of a two-year inclusive and comprehensive process to identify goals, strategies, and actions that the City of New York will undertake to advance fair housing over the next five years. The release of this Draft Report is an important milestone towards creating a more just and inclusive New York City. [You can download and read the Draft Plan and Executive Summary here.](#)

Written comment is encouraged you can review the draft and send written comments to WhereWeLiveNYC@hpd.nyc.gov by close of business on March 7, 2020, and/or provide testimony at the upcoming public hearing in February.

- [Join us tomorrow night](#) – we’re kicking off two months of events this week at the Abrons Art Center on the Lower East Side. Join Deputy Mayor Vicki Been and HPD Commissioner Louise Carroll in celebrating the release of the Where We Live NYC Draft Plan! [Learn more and RSVP here.](#)
- [Help spread the word to your community](#) – Use the attached social media toolkit help us get the word out about this important milestone and all the ways that New Yorkers can let us know what they think.
- [Bring your community to our touring exhibition](#) – We are hosting a “Listening Tour” across the city by setting up interactive installations of the Where We Live NYC exhibit. Participants can learn about fair housing and provide feedback on the draft goals and strategies. [Click here for information](#) and to schedule a visit for your board members, and see the flyer attached to this email.
 - **January 8-11** at the Abrons Art Center (Manhattan)
 - Opening reception January 8 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM
 - **January 14-18** at the Andrew Freedman House (Bronx)
 - Opening reception January 14 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM
 - **February 12-15** at the Queens Museum (Queens)
 - Opening reception February 12 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Dept. of Parks & Recreation Reported: During the winter months, ponds and lakes in City parks may appear frozen, but venturing onto them is extremely dangerous and can cause potentially fatal accidents. To remind people of the dangers of thin ice, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation posts warning signs along the perimeter of city lakes and ponds in English and in Spanish. Special ladders are also installed around the edges of city lakes for trained personnel to use in case someone falls through the ice.

- **Never go on frozen waters (unless clearly marked otherwise with official signs);**
- **Parents and caregivers should make sure children are never unattended near ice;**
- **If you hear cracking, lie down immediately to try to distribute your weight;**
- **If you witness someone falling through ice, never attempt to make a rescue by yourself call 911 and notify the proper authorities.**

MBPO Reported: BOARD MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

MBPO is looking for passionate and engaged New Yorkers who are dedicated to making a difference in their neighborhoods by serving a two-year term on one of the 12 Manhattan Community Boards, playing a vital role in shaping the character of our city. If you live, work, or go to school in Manhattan, you're eligible! Deadline for application submission is Tuesday, January 21st at 5p.m.

Who's Hiring:

NYPD Traffic Enforcement Agents potentially earn over \$38,000 after 1st year; Competitive benefits; Promotional opportunities; Various assignment levels; and Retirement plan. For further information please visit the following website: www.nyc.gov/NYPD or call 212-RECRUIT;

2020 CENSUS JOBS: Are you a U.S. Citizen who is 18 or older? Are you fluent in Japanese, Tagalog and/or Vietnamese? The 2020 Census may have a job for you in one of the five counties of NYC visit [https://2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs;);

NYPD School Safety Agents potentially earn over \$30,000 starting salary; Generous medical benefits; various assignment levels; and retirement plans. For further information please visit the following website: www.nyc.gov/NYPD or call 212-RECRUIT.

DID YOU KNOW?

The City suspends alternate side parking regulations for both street cleaning purposes and traffic flow, on legal and/or religious holidays:

- MLK Jr's Day.....Monday, January 20th
- Lunar New Year's Eve.....Friday, January 24th
- Lunar New Year.....Saturday, January 25th

Failure to Remove Canine Waste: Each person who owns, or controls a dog must remove any feces left by that dog on any sidewalk, gutter, street, or other public area and dispose of it in a legal manner. The person may remove the feces and carry them away with him/her for disposal in a toilet or place them in a non-leaking container or bag and deposit them in a DSNY litter basket. The provisions of this law do not apply to a guide dog accompanying any blind person.
Fine: \$250

Who is responsible for cleaning snow and ice from the sidewalk? According to the NYC Administrative Code, every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or other person having charge of any

lot or building must clean snow and ice from the sidewalks adjacent (i.e., in front of, on the side of, in back of) to their properties.

What is the best way to clean snow from the sidewalk? Remove snow along the sidewalk adjacent to your property. Do not push snow from the sidewalk into the street. Clear the snow from around the fire hydrant if there is one in front of your property. Do not cover crosswalks with snow. You should move the snow to your front yard, behind the stoop line, or to the grassy curb strip if one exists.

Who clears fire hydrants and catch basins? According to the NYC Administrative Code, the person having charge of the adjoining property is responsible for keeping the fire hydrant clear of snow and ice and any other debris or materials to ensure it is accessible during a fire emergency. While there is not specific requirement to clear snow around catch basins, they provide drainage when snow and ice begin to melt. Clearing the catch basins, and placing a channel towards the catch basin, will help prevent flooding when snow and ice begin to melt.

How can locations that do not clear their sidewalks be reported? Residents can make a *Failure to Clean Ice/Snow from sidewalk* service request to the NYC 311 Customer Service Center by calling 311 or visiting www.nyc.gov/311.

What happens if I don't clear my sidewalk? Homeowners, property manager, businesses, or others, who do not comply, can face fines of:

- \$100 1st Offense
- \$150 2nd Offense
- \$250 3rd Offense and subsequent

Nonmedical exemptions to school vaccination requirements have ended for children attending day care and pre-K through 12th grade in New York State. This includes all public, private, and religious schools. Religious exemptions are no longer allowed.

Children with nonmedical exemptions must now be vaccinated to attend or remain in school.

Students who already have all required school vaccinations, and students with a valid medical exemption from a physician, are not affected by this change.

A medical exemption is allowed when a child has a medical condition that prevents them from receiving a vaccine.

Special Restrictions on Parking: Parking for certain purposes prohibited no person regularly engaged in the repair of vehicles shall park a vehicle upon any roadway or off-street parking facility for the principal purpose of washing, greasing, or repairing such vehicle, except repairs necessitated by an emergency. ***This Rule is Enforced by the NYPD***

TENANTS RIGHTS: It is illegal for building owners to force tenants to leave their apartments or surrender their rights. If you are a tenant in an apartment, in the City of New York, who is being harassed by your landlord, you can get information and help.


Harassment of tenants by landlords or owners can include:

- Not offering leases or lease renewals, or repeatedly trying to pay you to move out;
- Unjustified eviction notices or illegal lockouts;
- Threats and intimidation, such as late-night phone calls;
- Overcharging for a rent-regulated apartment;
- Failure to provide necessary repairs or utilities;
- Deliberately causing construction-related problems for tenants, such as working after hours, blocking entrances, or failing to remove excessive dust or debris.

Sidewalk Obstruction: Sidewalk areas must be kept free from any obstruction that could impede pedestrian traffic. Obstructions may include, but are not limited to, refuse, refuse containers, merchandise, bins, racks, coin-operated rides, sandwich or A-frame signs, over-extended sidewalk displays/stands, ATMs, ice machines and acrylic enclosures, etc.

Littering/Sweeping-Out/Throwing Out: Littering, sweeping, throwing, or casting any material such as ashes, garbage, paper, dust or other garbage or rubbish into or upon any street or public place, vacant lot, air shaft, areaway, backyard, court or alley is illegal. Throwing garbage out of windows (for example, from buildings or vehicles) is also a violation. In addition, no person may allow anyone under his/her control (agency or employee) to commit a littering, sweep-out, or throw-out violation. Merchants must put all sweepings into suitable garbage receptacles for pickup by a private carter. Residential units must put sweepings into suitable garbage receptacles for pickup by private carter. Residential units must put sweepings into suitable garbage receptacles for pick-up by DSNY. Sanitation litter basket may not be used for this purpose. **NOTE:** When using a "blower", grass, leaves, litter, etc., must be blown into a pile and properly disposed of with other sweepings.

Respectfully Submitted,



Eutha Prince
District Manager

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1st Annual Harlem Reentry Resource Fair

10th January 2020 • Interfaith Church Center 475 Riverside Dr

10:30 am -4pm

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PEOPLE,
& FRIENDS
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Volunteer for hope 2020

Do you wish you could do more for New Yorkers sleeping on the streets and subways?

You can! By volunteering for HOPE, an annual survey of unsheltered New Yorkers.

**Jan. 27th, 2020
10pm to 4am**

To learn more about HOPE 2020 and to sign up to canvass the streets in the borough of your choice,

visit nyc.gov/hope or call 311.

One night makes a difference in helping your fellow New Yorkers come inside.

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