

October, 2019 District Manager's Report

Agency Reports:

26th Pct. Reported (See stats) Robbery pattern identified with deliverymen; cyclist is approached, mace and motorized bikes are stolen. **26th Pct. also reported** an increase in youth driven robberies; and Grand Larceny (unattended property).

30th Pct. Reported (See stats): Rise in Grand Larceny, student thefts (unattended property); package theft; and delivery robberies.

Montefiore Park Reported: Groundbreaking Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, October 23rd at 9a.m.

Parks Dept. Reported: Rise in Graffiti, and criminal activity at 138th St. under Viaduct due to an increase in homeless activity, clean-up and continuous monitoring is being conducted;

Riverside Park: Puppet Show "Little Red Lighthouse" held on Monday, October 21st, at 8a.m.; "Haunted Run" will be held on Sunday, October 27;

St. Nicholas Park:

Senior Citizen Functional Fitness

Sunday, October 13, 4:30pm - rain date 10/20

Meet at 135th Street Plaza

Fun, functional fitness for seniors. Refreshments provided. Instruction by Marcel BellaNegra.

Wear comfortable clothing and sneakers.

Animal Flow Dance Fitness for Youth

Sunday, October 13, 5:30pm - rain date 10/20

Meet at 135th Street Plaza

Learn capoeira, yoga and break-dancing moves, all while channeling your inner spirit animal.

Refreshments provided. Instruction by Marcel BellaNegra. Wear comfortable clothing and sneakers.

It's My Park Day: Cleanup + Planting

Sunday, October 20, 10am-1pm

Meet at 135th Street Plaza

Prep the park for autumn with the Trash Project, and plant bulbs that will bloom in the spring!

Supplies and tools provided. Wear clothes that can get dirty.

Autumn Coffee Bark + Halloween Potluck

Sunday, October 27, 10am-noon

Meet at the Dog Run

Bring your favorite homemade recipes and taste the yummy treats others bring. Coffee and tea provided. Get to know the dog run community!

Department of Sanitation Reported: Supervisor Stephen Caruso has recently joined the Bureau of Community Affairs as **Citywide Community Affairs Officer**. As many know, Ignazio "Iggy" Terranova had announced his intention to retire from the Department of Sanitation. Supervisor Caruso will be assuming his responsibilities and is excited to continue to foster and maintain the great relationships that Iggy developed over the course of his career.

Supervisor Caruso can be reached via email at scaruso@dssny.nyc.gov or by telephone at 646-885-5021. Do not hesitate to reach out to him, or any member of the Bureau of Community Affairs, with any future requests.

NYPL George Bruce Library Reported: SAT Test Prep free for teens 90min sessions on Saturdays, starting October 5th – November 23rd, at the George Bruce Library, 518 W. 125th Street @Amsterdam Ave. (See Flyer);

Short Plays to nourish the Mind & Soul "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" spoken word explorations of love and family violence, October 19th, at 4p.m., at the George Bruce Library, 518 W. 125th Street @Amsterdam Ave. (See Flyer);

Marathon Week, week of October 28th (See Flyer)

Manhattan DA's Office Reported: October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which first began in 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence as a Day of Unity to connect battered women's advocates across the country.

Domestic violence affects millions, both women and men, of every race, religion, culture and status. It's not just punches and black eyes -- it's yelling, humiliation, stalking, manipulation, coercion, threats and isolation. It's stealing a paycheck, keeping tabs online, non-stop texting, constant use the silent treatment, or calling someone stupid so often they believe it.

Since the Violence Against Women Act passed in 1994, we've come a long way. This landmark legislation, led by then Senator Joe Biden, combined new provisions that hold offenders accountable and provide programs and services for victims. Between 1993 and 2010, the overall rate of domestic violence dropped nearly two-thirds and state laws have reformed to address issues such as dating abuse in the workplace, stalking, employment discrimination and more.

Nearly three out of four Americans personally know someone who is or has been a victim of domestic violence. Now is time to take a stand. Support survivors and speak out against domestic violence all month long.

If you need assistance or want to talk to someone about domestic violence, call 1-866-331-9474 to speak with a trained peer advocate.

The Immigrant Affairs Program was created to address the victimization of immigrants. Unscrupulous attorneys, fake attorneys, and agencies that offer “services” that they have no intention or ability to provide. The Manhattan DA’s Office aims to protect individuals from such crimes; regardless of their legal status. The Manhattan DA’s Office is hear to protect and support the people of Manhattan and encourages witnesses and victims to contact their office at: Multilingual Hotline (212) 335-3600.

If anyone is worried about how the “public Charge” rule may affect them, please consult a City-funded, free, safe immigration legal service provider by call ActionNYC at 1-800-354-0365 and saying “public charge.” As you may have heard, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security published its final “Public Charge” rule change in August these changes became effective in October, 2019. However, a court might stop these changes before then. These changes do not apply to all immigrants. Many people are exempt from the “public charge” rule. If you are sponsoring a family member abroad, or will be traveling abroad to apply for a green card or visa, call ActionNYC for City-funded, free, trusted immigration legal services Stay up to date on important information about public charge at [NYC.gov/Public Charge](http://NYC.gov/PublicCharge).

Human Rights Commission Reported Complaints with the Commission on Human Rights must be submitted within one year of the last alleged act of discrimination. The Commission’s services are provided free of charge. To schedule an appointment, please call 311 or (718) 722-3131. To request a training, or to learn more about the Commission’s work, visit www.NYC.gov/HumanRights

DEP Reported (See Stats): The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) recently proposed a 2.31 percent increase in Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) water rate to the New York City Water Board. The proposed rate would keep the cost of water in New York City well below the national average. Since Mayor de Blasio made the commitment to shrink, then eliminate, the rental payment from the water system, \$792 million of ratepayer funds have stayed in the system, helping to fund critical programs while keeping rates low for property owners and businesses. The proposed rate increase is subject to review and approval by the Water Board.

The proposal also maintains existing affordability programs for low-income homeowners and multi-family housing properties that are expected to benefit as many as 60,000 customers and 40,000 units, respectively. In addition, the proposal recommends freezing the minimum charge at \$1.27 per day for the sixth consecutive year for those customers who use fewer than 92 gallons per day.

What the Proposed Rate Would Mean for an Average Customer - If the 2.31% water rate increase is adopted by the Board:

- A typical single-family homeowner will see an increase from \$945/year to \$967/year for water and sewer bills—an increase of \$1.82/month (based on an average consumption of 70,000 gallons of water per year).
- A typical multi-family unit with metered billing will see an increase from \$702/year/unit to \$718/year/unit—an increase of \$1.35/month (based on an average consumption of 52,000 gallons of water per year).

DOT Reported: Amsterdam Avenue Safety Improvement continues; Bike Share to expand further North of District 9, dates for informational sessions coming soon. Resurfacing season has concluded.

Dept. of Homeless Services Reported: 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.

MBPO Reported: A Special Event for Seniors: Make Manhattan Mine “Aging with ease in Manhattan” Making Manhattan more age-friendly is an initiative from Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer to help further enable seniors and those about to become seniors) to stay active and participate in their community with inclusion, respect and safety. This event focuses on Manhattan's age-friendliness with presentations, panels, and exhibits on topics including: Transportation; Technology; Healthy Living; Advance-Care Planning; The Arts; admission is Free but space is limited you must RSVP online at www.bit.ly/MakeManhattanMine. Even held on: Sunday, October 27, 2019; Noon – 3pm (doors open at 11a.m.); at John Jay College, 524 W. 59th Street.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) enrollment session held on Thursday October 10, 2019; 10a.m. – 3p.m.; at 431 W. 125th Street: SNAP provides food assistance for nearly 1.8million low-income New Yorkers including families, seniors and people with disabilities. Get help with your application for benefits. It's helpful (but not necessary) to bring required documentation with you, including: proof of identity, residence, household composition, Social Security number, proof of citizenship or immigration status, and documentation of earned/unearned income.

On What the new federal “Public Charge” rule means for NYC immigrants. The Trump Administration has written a new rule, to be implemented on October 15, 2019, which adds a criteria for the decision to grant legal permanent status to those undocumented immigrants who apply. It does not apply to those who already have a green card, only those who are undocumented and seeking to become legal. It also does not affect eligibility for those on public benefits. In New York City, applications from non-citizens for SNAP benefits dropped at twice the rate of eligible citizens between 2017 and 2018, and at almost four times the rate of citizens between 2018 and 2019. The “Public Charge” rule changes how undocumented immigrant status is handled by the federal government. City government stands with all New Yorkers, documented or not, in these difficult times. To learn more, or get free legal help, call 311 or (800) 354-0365, or visit www.nyc.gov/PublicCharge excellence in the field of Politics and Government.

State Senator Jackson Reported: Foundation Aid increased by \$618 million, 3.5% over the 2018-19 school year; this is half of what the Assembly and Senate included in their one-house budgets. Senator Jackson won a 13-year lawsuit in 20006 that resulted in the creation of the Foundation Aid formula to equitably fund public schools in New York State. Senator Jackson stated “Frustratingly, Governor Cuomo has again turned his back on the Court of Appeals decision; ignored the will of millions of parents, student, and educators; and blocked the funding our children need and deserve”.

Upcoming Community Events sponsored by Senator Jackson:

October 10th, 2-6p.m. Senator on Your Corner ends with an Open House at 5030 Broadway, Ste. 701;

October 30th, 6:15-8:30p.m. Senator Jackson co-hosts a Rent Overcharge Clinic with the Met Council on Housing and Manhattan Legal Services at the YM & YWHA of Washington Heights & Inwood (54 Nagle Ave.) for tenants to review their rent history with lawyers. If you plan to attend, request your rent history from HCR for free today: 1) text “rent history” to 646-783-0627, enter the address of your apartment, and they will mail your rent history, 2) call HCR at (718) 739-6400, 3) email ORAfoil@nyshcr.org and provide your name and address.

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;);

DID YOU KNOW?

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. *(See attached)*

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 who is being harassed by your landlord, you can get information and help.

Harassment of tenants by landlords or owners can include:

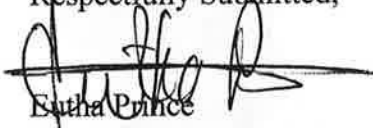
- Not offering leases or lease renewals, or repeatedly trying to pay you to move out;
- Unjustified eviction notices or illegal lockouts;
- Threats and intimidation, such as late-night phone calls;
- Overcharging for a rent-regulated apartment;
- Failure to provide necessary repairs or utilities;
- Deliberately 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.

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

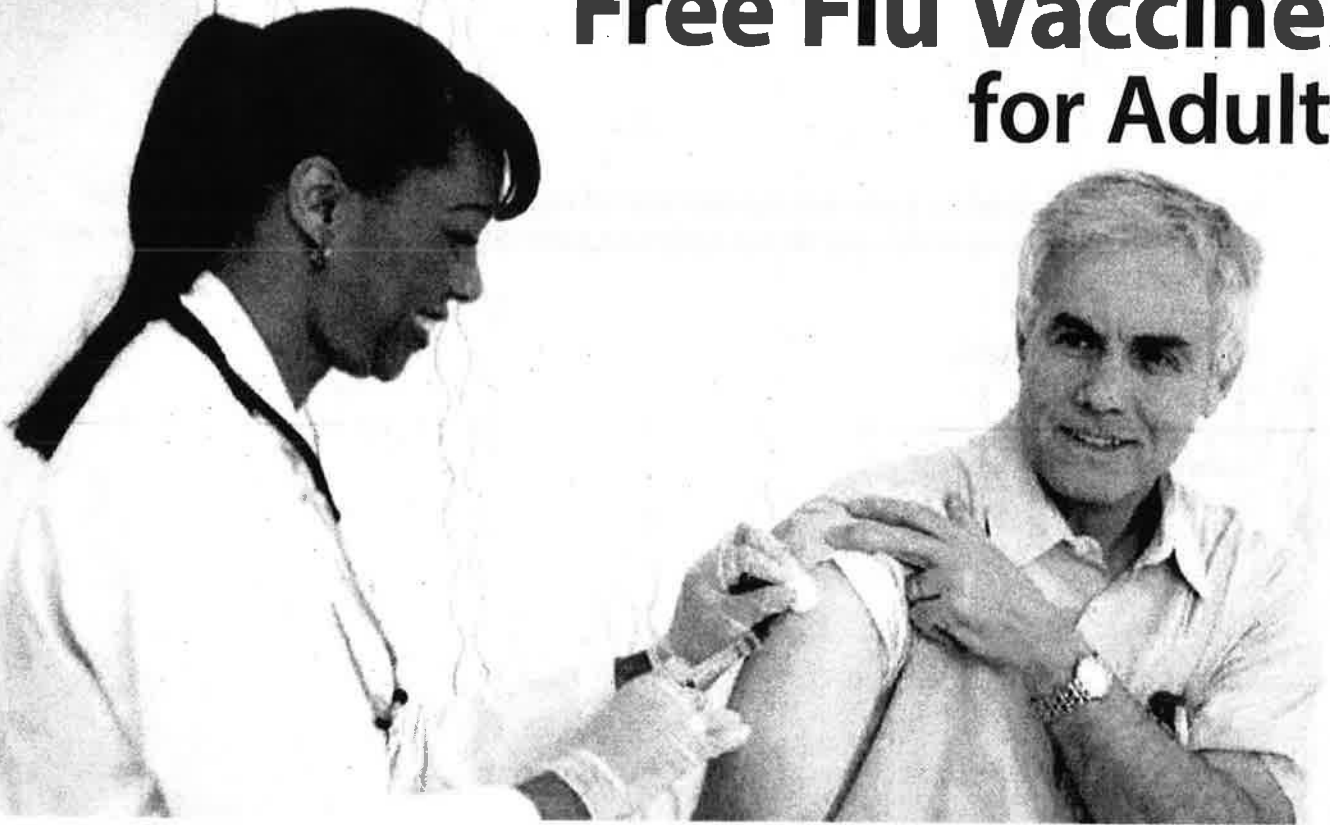
in a toilet or place them in a non-leaking container or bag and deposit them in a DSNY litter basket. The provisions of this law do not apply to a guide dog accompanying any blind person.
Fine: \$250

Respectfully Submitted,



Eutha Prince
District Manager
10/10/19

Free Flu Vaccines for Adults



Vacunas Contra la Gripe (Flu) Estaran Disponibles Gratis para Adultos

Location/Lugar: The Hebrew Tabernacle
551 Fort Washington Avenue (W. 185th St.)
New York, NY 10040
Use the side building entrance on Ft. Wash. Ave.

Date/Fecha: Friday, October 11, 2019

Time/Horario: 10:00am to 1:00pm

Sponsored by:  **NewYork-Presbyterian**

In Collaboration With:

Assemblyman Al Taylor | Assemblywoman Carmen de la Rosa
Senator Robert Jackson | Councilmember Ydanis Rodriguez | Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer
Congressman Adriano Espaillat

To schedule an appointment, please contact Yvonne Marshall Andre at Assemblyman Al Taylor's office at:
212-234-1430 or email at marshallandrey@nyassembly.gov

Para hacer una cita, por favor llame a Yvonne Marshall Andre en la oficina del asambleista Al Taylor al:
212-234-1430 o por correo electrónico a marshallandrey@nyassembly.gov

I SHOULD
HAVE THE
RIGHT ...



TO BE WHO I AM,
without being labeled for my faith.



TO TAKE PRIDE IN MY HERITAGE,
without being told to go back to my country.



TO GET A JOB, WITHOUT BEING DERIDED
because of my skin tone or name.



TO WEAR WHAT MY FAITH CALLS FOR,
without being called a terrorist.



TO SPEAK TO MY KIDS IN SPANISH,
without someone telling me to speak English.



TO FIND AN AVAILABLE APARTMENT,
without being told it's not available to me.

YOU DO
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RESOURCE LIST

The **New York City Human Rights Law** is one of the most comprehensive civil rights laws in the nation. The Law prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, and public places based on race, color, religion/creed, age, national origin, alienage or citizenship status (including immigration status), gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, pregnancy, marital status, and partnership status. The Law also prohibits discrimination in employment based on arrest/conviction history, credit history, caregiver status, unemployment status, and status as a victim of domestic violence, sexual violence, and stalking; and discrimination in housing based on the presence of children, status as a victim of domestic violence, sexual violence, and stalking, and the use of housing subsidies or vouchers. The Law also prohibits discriminatory harassment and bias-based profiling by law enforcement.

The **New York City Commission on Human Rights** is charged with the enforcement of the Human Rights Law and with educating the public on the law.

The Commission provides a number of services to visitors and residents of New York City:

- **Report discrimination and/or file a discrimination complaint.** If you have experienced or witnessed discrimination, harassment, or intimidation in New York City, you can report it by calling 311 and asking for the NYC Commission on Human Rights, by calling the Commission's Infoline at [\(718\) 722-3131](tel:7187223131), or visiting NYC.gov/HumanRights and using our [Report Discrimination form](#). Why a discrimination complaint with the Commission? Besides getting the justice and dignity you deserve, possible consequences of violating the law involve monetary compensation, penalties, and mandated trainings on the NYC Human Rights Law for perpetrators.
- **Get a free workshop.** Businesses owners, housing and public accommodation providers and individuals can sign up for a variety of free workshops in English and Spanish to learn their obligations and responsibilities under the law. The workshops cover topics such as the Fair Chance Act, housing discrimination, the Stop Credit Discrimination in Employment Act, Human Rights 101, and Transgender 101, by contacting trainings@cchr.nyc.gov. A full schedule of Commission events can be found at NYC.gov/HumanRights.
- **Submit a U or T Visa certification request.** Individuals can request a U or T Visa certification through the NYC Commission on Human Rights. The Commission will consider certification requests for U and T visas from individuals who have filed a complaint of discrimination with the Commission and/or helped with the investigation and/or prosecution of a case. If you wish to file a complaint with the Commission, contact 311 and ask for the NYC Commission on Human Rights or call the Commission's Infoline at [\(718\) 722-3131](tel:7187223131). If you have already filed a case with the Commission or your case is closed, contact the Commission's policy office for more information at [\(212\) 416-0136](tel:2124160136) or policy@cchr.nyc.gov.
- **Request a Commission representative to speak at your event.** Organizations and nonprofits can request to have the NYC Commission on Human Rights staff speak at events or participate in panels or roundtable discussions. Please contact policy@cchr.nyc.gov to request a speaker.
- **Get NYC Human Rights Law literature.** Download or request multi-lingual brochures, pamphlets, fact sheets, informational cards, and other educational materials on the NYC Human Rights Law by visiting NYC.gov/HumanRights or contacting the Office of Communications and Marketing at communications@cchr.nyc.gov.

Marathon Week



Storytime

October 29, 11:30 AM

Run over to George Bruce Library for a special Marathon Week story time! We'll read books and sing songs that encourage lots of movement and exercise! Best for ages 2-5.

Color, Paint and Draw

November 1, 4 PM

Celebrate the New York City Marathon with a special marathon themed art session! All supplies will be provided. Best for ages 5-12.

Teen Crafternoon

October 29, 3 PM

Color a Running Man image using Zentangle Art patterns to celebrate Marathon Week in New York City. We will collect art pieces and put them on display in the Teen Zone. Ages 13-18.

Teen Tech Time

October 28, 3 PM

Teens will have an opportunity to do the New York City Marathon Internet Scavenger Hunt. Prizes for participants who finish the Scavenger Hunt. Ages 13-18

Movement Speaks

November 1, 11 AM

Individuals learn to increase their range of mobility and move in strong and creative ways. This program encourages socializing and self-expression among its participants. For Older Adults.



Short Plays to Nourish the Mind & Soul presents

Don't Ask, Don't Tell

Spoken Word explorations of love and family violence

Written by Johndca Spencer

Music by Alex Blade Silver

Directed by Cesi Davidson

George Bruce Library

518 West 125th Street, NYC 10027

October 19, 2019

4 PM



FREE ADMISSION/Limited Seating

SAT TEST PREP

free
TEEN
program

Free 6 Week Test Prep Course

1 1/2 hour sessions

Saturdays at 11:30 am - 1 pm

Oct 5

Nov 2

Oct 19

Nov 9

Oct 26

Nov 16

Nov 23



Register by Phone or In-person



New York
Public
Library

George Bruce Library 518 West 125th
Street, New York, NY 10027
212-662-9727



Connect with us:  
nypl.org/events

Oct. 17, 2019

5:30pm—7pm

The Washington Heights & Inwood Coalition
Against Interpersonal and Domestic Violence
invites you to the 4th annual community march
against domestic violence.

5:30pm March from United Palace (175th & Broadway)
6pm Vigil for Solidarity (167th & Broadway)



La
Coalición
de
Washington
Heights & Inwood
Contra la
Violencia Doméstica y
Interpersonal
te invita a la cuarta marcha
anual en contra de la violencia
doméstica.
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Broadway

NY County District Attorney's Office, DWDC-Nuevo Amanecer, NMIC, NewYork-Presbyterian Family Peace Trauma Treatment Center
& DOVE, Jewish Board, The Family Wellness Program of Children's Aid, Atagracia Faith & Justice Works and NYPD,
#shineinlight #luminandocaminosWAHL



**Thursday
October 10, 2019
10 am – 3 pm
431 West 125th Street**

**RSVP by calling
(212) 531-1609.**

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