

District Manager's Report September/2023

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced that it is offering a \$100 incentive credit to encourage customers to enroll in auto pay. This limited time opportunity **will only run for three months, until Nov. 15**, so interested customers should sign up immediately. Those who enroll in auto pay are required to receive e-bills, which eliminates physical paper bills and is therefore a more environmentally friendly alternative.

Auto pay allows customers to pay their bills automatically on the due date, or a specific date each month, and avoid the hassle of remembering to pay on time. The auto pay feature automatically deducts a customer's balance or payment amount from their bank account or credit card.

Customers are eligible if they sign up for auto pay using their **My DEP account** through Nov. 15. They must be enrolled in monthly billing, e-billing and cannot be delinquent on bills. If a customer has multiple accounts, all accounts can be eligible for the non-refundable \$100 one-time credit, if all the program requirements are met.

Additional info can be quickly found at [nyc.gov/dep/auto pay](https://nyc.gov/dep/auto-pay) or by calling DEP Customer Service during business hours: Monday, 8am–7pm; Tuesday to Friday, 8am–6pm; Saturday, 9am–12pm at (718) 595-7000.

Department of Sanitation Reported: DSNY Rule Change for Food Service Businesses beginning August 1st: The NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) has implemented a new rule - as of August 1, all food-related businesses in NYC must use rigid containers with secure lids when setting out trash and compost for collection.

For info about the rule click nyc.gov/UseBins o

NYC Emergency Management Reported: In recognition of National Preparedness Month, the New York City Emergency Management Department will host [numerous events](#) throughout September to equip New Yorkers with the necessary tools to prepare their families, pets, businesses, and communities for any emergency.

This year's National Preparedness Month theme is, 'Take Control in 1, 2, 3.' Through the various virtual and in-person events, New Yorkers will hear from emergency management experts and community groups that specialize in disaster preparedness and response. In addition to our in-person and virtual events, NYC Emergency Management's 'Prep Talk' podcast has dedicated a [special episode to highlight the 20th anniversary of both the NYC CERT and Ready NY programs](#). This episode features interviews with key stakeholders, experts, and longtime

volunteers, offering listeners an in-depth look at the evolution, impact, and future of these crucial community programs.

Reaching its 20th milestone year, the NYC Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) program has evolved from a modest group of committed volunteers to an expansive, well-trained network that operates across all five boroughs. These volunteers have become an invaluable asset to New York City's emergency response infrastructure, providing critical support during various crises ranging from local power outages to significant events like Hurricane Sandy.

Similarly, the Ready NY program has undergone its own transformation, starting as a public awareness initiative and growing into an indispensable toolkit for emergency preparedness. Through targeted workshops, educational materials, and community outreach, Ready NY has provided New Yorkers with the resources they need to prepare for a host of emergency situations.

As part of our enduring commitment to community preparedness, both NYC CERT and Ready NY will be featured in a variety of activities during this year's National Preparedness Month. These initiatives aim to provide valuable resources, training, and information to New Yorkers, amplifying our collective readiness for whatever challenges lie ahead. For those interested in contributing to our city's resilience, these programs offer a path for meaningful involvement. For more information or to get involved, please visit nyc.gov/ready and nyc.gov/cert.

Throughout the month, NYC Emergency Management will continue to partner with nonprofit organizations, as well as elected officials, to share critical information with the public. Through partnerships with Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD) and Community Emergency Networks, the agency will facilitate seminars and panel discussions that can equip individuals with the tools they need to prepare for, respond to, and recover from an emergency.

New York City Emergency Management is hosting the following events throughout September to help New Yorkers get prepared, while also collaborating with other agencies and community organizations. More information and further event updates at NYC.gov/NPM.

1. **September 1: Virtual ReadyFest.** 10 AM. Join NYCEM in a fun game of Name That Tune! to test your music and emergency preparedness knowledge. [Register using this link.](#)
2. **September 14: National Preparedness Webinar: Flood Preparedness + Awareness (Virtual),** 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Join NYC Emergency Management and The Center for New York City Neighborhoods for NYC for information on flooding resources and steps you can take to prepare. [Register using this link.](#)
3. **September 24: Family Emergency Preparedness Day** at the Staten Island Children's Museum, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island. Free.
4. **September 28: Pet and Service Animal Preparedness Fair,** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Union Square, Manhattan. NYC Emergency Management will host a Pet and Service Animal Preparedness Fair at Union Square Park to help New Yorkers prepare their pets and service animals for emergencies.

ConEdison Reported: Con Edison plans a full roadway closure on **W 152nd St. bet Riverside Dr. and Broadway** in the borough of Manhattan.

The roadway closure will commence on **Saturday 9/2 – Saturday 10/28**

This Full Roadway Closure will take place **Saturdays 8am-6pm and Sundays 9am-6pm ONLY beginning 9/2/23 until 10/28/23**

This work involves structure & conduit installation for service upgrade & system reinforcement.

There will be no interruption to electric service in this area.

Please note that this roadway closure is subject to extension based on the project scope of work.

Department of Park and Recreation Reported: NYC Parks launched a program to allow e-bikes and e-scooters to use City park drives and greenways for a one-year pilot period that began on June 20, 2023. The pilot was first announced in March as part of Mayor Adams’ “Charge Safe, Ride Safe: NYC’s Electric Micromobility Action Plan,” which outlined how the administration is working to keep New Yorkers safe as electric micromobility use grows, and how to support the rapid adoption of these devices. You can learn more about the program at nyc.gov/parks/ebikes.

NYC Parks is conducting a survey to educate New Yorkers about the pilot program and to learn about their experiences on park drives and greenways. Please help Parks Dept. gather as much input as possible - **the survey will close tomorrow, September 15, 2023.**

Share your thoughts on e-bikes in parks take the survey, available in [English](#) here.

Board of Elections Reported: You can register to vote online, in-person, or by mail. Election day is **November 7, 2023**. Visit the NYC Board of Elections page to learn how to register, to check if you are already registered, and more. Voter registration forms are also available at the District Office in multiple languages. **Register to Vote | NYC Board of Elections**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES & UPCOMING EVENTS:

Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) is hiring full-time Civilian Investigators to review the over 5,000 complaints of police misconduct they receive each year. Interested in joining their team? Learn more about the many ways to work with them visit the CCRB website at [Careers - CCRB \(nyc.gov\)](https://careers-ccrb.nyc.gov).

Jobs NYC - A New Job Application Site -Exciting News! The City of New York has launched a new and modern job application site: https://www2.pardot.health.nyc.gov/e/944933/2023-09-13/n22lr/359185186?h=1odbI-vAWVh1fvcjVOIsOwa8WwC13f7f2i_UuzM2ZMk . This new site brings improved search ability for posted jobs and a streamlined recruitment process.

Assembly Al Taylor is hosting a “Back to School Family Night Skate Event on Thursday, September 21st, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the Denny Farrell Riverbank State Park – 679 Riverside Drive (see attached Flyer);

Movies Under the Stars Series - Grab a blanket and come enjoy a movie in a neighborhood park or playground! This Fall, NYC Parks will host family-friendly movie showings across the five boroughs. Movies will begin at dusk. Estimated start time is approximately 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit nyc.gov/parks or call 311. **Creed III (Rated PG-13) will be aired on Thursday, September 28, 2023, at Jackie Robinson Park Bradhurst Ave. & Edgecomb Ave, W. 145 St. New York, N.Y. 10039**

WEST HARLEM – TEAM UP 2 CLEAN UP will be held on Saturday, October 7th; 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., please join your neighbors to clean up the streets!! Meeting hubs will be setup throughout West and Central Harlem (West Harlem to Morningside Heights Central Harlem, Manahattanville and beyond, **please see attached Flyer for further details & registration info.**

Respectfully Submitted by,

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