

## **District Manager's Report**

### **April, 2022**

**Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Reported: National Volunteer Month:** Following a disaster, many people are looking for ways to volunteer. You should make sure that you are needed before going to a disaster site. Check first with an organization to see if they need volunteers. Listen to guidance from local officials to avoid putting yourself or others in danger.

- 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.

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

For more information about volunteer opportunities in New York City, check out the following programs:

- For individuals: New York City Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)
- For community organizations: Get community preparedness resources
- For more information go to the Help Now NYC website

### **National Pet Day – April 11**

- For many, pets are more than just animals — they are a part of the family. As members of your family, they should be included in your emergency planning process.
- Make sure your disaster plan addresses what you will do when an emergency requires you to leave your home, leave your pet at home, or prevents you from returning home. A few simple steps to ensure your pet's safety can go a long way when disaster strikes.
- For more information visit: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/em/ready/pets.page>

### **Donations After Disasters:**

- NYC has seen several large-scale emergencies recently that sparked a large number of in-kind donations.
- While we always appreciate NYers wanting to help their neighbors, the best way to help is by donating cash, or gift cards, to trusted local organizations—or the Mayor’s Fund if a specific fund is activated
- By donating cash or gift cards, you give those affected a sense of control and the ability to purchase items that will make them comfortable or are culturally appropriate for them.

George Bruce Library will be resuming their one-on-one Computer Basics classes starting April 1st. Patrons can make appointments for in-person 45-minute sessions on any of the following topics:

- Learn to Type and Use a Mouse
- Internet for Beginners
- Email for Beginners
- Windows 7 Basics
- Microsoft Word 2010 for Beginners
- Connecting Devices to the Computer
- Downloading NYPL eBooks
- Getting the Most Out of the NYPL Catalog

Classes will be available Mondays & Fridays at 12:15 p.m. To make an appointment, patrons should call 212-662-9727 or stop by the library.

### **[NYPL Update: Service Updates](#)**

Please note that, while NYPL branches are still offering general library use and seating, unlimited browsing, laptop and computer access, and more, staffing shortages are impacting some locations. Find an open location near you at <https://www.nypl.org/locations/directory>. PLEASE NOTE: Masks are required for people ages two and up at all NYPL locations

### **OTHER RESOURCES AND VIRTUAL SERVICES**

### **E-Books & Audiobooks**

SimplyE, the Library's free e-reader app, makes it easy to browse, borrow, and read more than 00,000 e-books with your library card. Plus, New York state residents who don't have a library card can sign up for one through SimplyE.

[Download SimplyE on iOS](#)

[Download SimplyE on Android](#)

### **Resources for Kids & Teens**

Get vital digital tools for learners of all ages—including access to free online homework helps and one-on-one tutoring through our partnership with Brain fuse. Find read-alouds, engaging activities, and more.

[Explore](#)

More specifically, [Tumble books](#) has a feature where you can find books for children based on their reading level. And [Brain fuse](#) is a FREE live online homework help that has been most useful to kids in school! And for little ones, keep checking in for new [Storytimes](#) and activities every week!

### **Expanded Research Collections**

Access more than 800 online databases for free—many available for use from anywhere—when you log in with your library card. Discover anything and everything from scholarly journals and historical archives to our Digital Collections.

[Discover](#)

### **Find Online Events**

The New York Public Library is here to help people of all ages learn and engage with their communities through our online classes, programs, book clubs, and more. Discover our array of free online offerings.

[Search](#)

**Income Tax Help:** The New York Public Library (NYPL) neighborhood branches across the city will be hosting organizations who can help you prepare and file your tax return electronically—all for free. To participate you will need to:

- Have a valid email address;
- Bring all necessary documents and information;

The New York Public Library collaborates with the NYC Department of Consumer and Worker Protection and the IRS to bring Ariva, Food Bank and Single Stop to the branches to facilitate tax assistance programs. Requirements to participate in

the NYC tax assistance programs are stated [here](#). Requirements to participate in the IRS VITA programs are stated [here](#).

**Tell City Hall: Libraries are for Everyone *Message from the NYPL***

*Dear Community Partners,*

***Your library and your community need your help.** New York City leaders are hard at work on NYC’s budget—and we want to ensure they know how important our libraries are to our communities and the city as we continue to recover from the past two years of the COVID-19 pandemic.*

***That’s why we are asking you to stand by your library and send a note right now.** Sign your name to instantly deliver a message to Mayor Adams and the New York City Council letting them know how critical libraries are to a strong recovery and future for New York City. Our libraries provide essential services to high-need communities—including those who were and are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Libraries will continue to be an important partner as we start our collective next chapter.*

***[Please click here to show your support.](#)** Your letter will be sent to Mayor Eric Adams, City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams, Majority Leader Keith Powers, Council Finance Chair Justin Brannan, Committee on Libraries Chair Chi Ossé, and your local Council Member.*

**MTA Reported:** Statement from MTA Chair and CEO Janno Lieber on Arrest of Brooklyn Shooting Suspect Frank James.

“Transit riders and all New Yorkers will rest a little easier tonight thanks to the incredible work of the NYPD. Since the attack, the MTA has been cooperating closely with police on the investigation, reviewing countless hours of video from thousands of cameras across the subway and bus network.

“With the support of Governor Hochul, Mayor Adams has made a powerful commitment to subway safety and has already taken significant steps to increase the presence and visibility of NYPD officers in the transit system—especially on platforms and trains, where riders want to see them most. We look forward to continuing to strengthen this partnership as we restore riders’ confidence in the transit system.”

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. Fair Fares is open to all eligible New Yorkers at or below the Federal Poverty Level who don't have discounted transportation from the MTA or the City. All Fair Fares NYC MetroCards come ready to add time and/or value. When you add time to your Fair Fares NYC MetroCard, you will be charged half the current price for the unlimited weekly or monthly option. When you add value, you will add the amount you choose to your card and the turnstile will deduct half the current fare when you swipe.

**NYC Commission on Human Rights Reported:** As of March 12, 2022, Domestic workers in New York City will be protected against discrimination, harassment, and retaliation by the New York City Human Rights Law.

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/cchr/media/intro-339.page>

**Department for Environmental Protection (DEP) Reported:** New DEP Commissioner Rohit T. Aggarwala, Commissioner, Rohit T. "Rit" Aggarwala is a widely recognized expert on urban sustainability, technology, and mobility. Led the creation of the Mayor's Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability under Mayor Bloomberg's administration, among other things.

**NYC DEP** is hiring Rain Garden Maintainer workers. Like seasonal City Park workers, the duties include general maintenance of the DEP rain gardens, starting salary is \$16.63 per hours, 40-hour work week.

Anyone who would like to be considered please go to [nyc.gov/careers](http://nyc.gov/careers): Job # 518491, Rain Garden Maintainer. Please spread the word to anyone in your Board, anyone who may be interested in our DEP Rain Garden Maintainer position. We have many open positions, they however are in the other Boroughs, Brooklyn, Queens & Bronx. City Park workers duties include general maintenance of the DEP rain gardens, starting salary is \$16.63 per hours, 40-hour work week.

For further information please visit: [nyc.gov/careers](http://nyc.gov/careers): Job # 518491, Rain Garden Maintainer. DEP has many open positions, they however are in the other Boroughs, Brooklyn, Queens & Bronx.

**Department of Sanitation Reported: DSNY will host SAFE Disposal Events** (Solvents, Automotive, Flammables, and Electronics) throughout the year in all five boroughs to give residents a location to drop off their harmful household products safely.

**Manhattan - Sunday, June 5**

**NEW: Registration Required!** [on.nyc.gov/SAFE-MN](https://on.nyc.gov/SAFE-MN)

Columbia University/Teacher's College

W 120 St between Broadway & Amsterdam Ave

Cars approach from Seminary Row down Amsterdam Ave

Walk-in area available for residents taking public transportation

### **Who is Eligible**

Only New York City residential waste is accepted at SAFE Disposal Events. No commercial vehicles are allowed. Residents must provide proof of NYC residency, such as a NYS driver's license or utility bill.

### **What to Bring**

Automotive products such as motor oil, transmission fluid, and batteries

Personal care items such as unwanted/expired medicines or cosmetics (i.e., Nail polish)

Syringes (clearly labeled and packaged in a "sharps" container or other leak-proof, puncture-resistant container) Thermometers.

Household products such as pesticides, paint, hazardous cleaners, compact fluorescent light bulbs

Electronics – check the list of items that are considered electronics.

[Download our checklist](#) for future reference.

### **How to Package Items**

Look for items with DANGER, POISON, or CAUTION labels. Read labels carefully for safe handling.

Clearly label all products.

Tightly seal containers.

Don't mix products or bring open containers.

If an item is leaking, pack in a larger container and use an absorbent material, such as kitty litter or newspaper, to soak up excess fluid.

Place containers upright in a sturdy box to transport them.

Package syringes and lancets in a "sharps" container or other clearly labeled leak-proof, puncture-resistant container.

Place TVs and computer monitors with broken glass in separate sealed bags or boxes.

### **What Happens to Collected Items**

Materials collected are either recycled, blended for fuel, or sent to licensed hazardous waste treatment facilities for safe disposal.

Electronics are responsibly recycled or refurbished for reuse through [ERI](#).

Unwanted medications are managed by environmental police and incinerated to prevent unintentional poisonings or entry into the water supply.

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/services/harmful-products/safe-disposal>

**Congressman Adriano Espaillat's Office Reported: Wounded Warrior Fellow: 2022 Congressional Art Competition** Congressman Espaillat's office are accepting entries (applications) from High School students in the 13<sup>th</sup> congressional district students will be given the opportunity to display their winning artwork in the United States Capitol and the district offices of Rep. Espaillat for up to **1 year**

Please submit all artwork to [art.ny13@mail.house.gov](mailto:art.ny13@mail.house.gov) or contact our Congressional Veteran and Military representative, Marc Carlo at [marc.carlo@mail.house.gov](mailto:marc.carlo@mail.house.gov) **Deadline has been extended to April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

### **Upcoming Events/Announcements:**

**CCRB will host their next public board meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2022** at 4:00 PM at the Civilian Complaint Review Board, 100 Church Street, 10th Fl., New York, NY 10007 and online via [Webex](#). This meeting will focus on the relationship between New Yorkers and the NYPD. CCRB encourages members of the community to attend and share their experiences with policing. All are welcome to participate in this conversation and learn about civilian oversight of the NYPD.

**Congressman Espaillat's Virtual Career Fair Spring 2022**  
**Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am to 5pm**  
Streaming on all Social Media Platform (Facebook, Twitter and Official Congressional Website)

### **Request a Ready New York Event:**

- Take the next step to preparedness and request a virtual emergency preparedness presentation.
- Through the program, you can learn about the hazards you may face in New York City and prepare for all types of emergencies by writing an emergency plan, choosing a meeting place, gathering supplies for your home, and preparing a Go Bag in case you need to leave your home in a hurry

**Request a virtual Ready NY event** or material via email at [intergov@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:intergov@oem.nyc.gov)

### **Did you Know??**

**April is Occupational Therapy Month**, and the Visiting Nurse Service of New York (VNSNY) recognizes the vital work that occupational therapists provide throughout our communities. Occupational therapists help their patients regain the ability to perform everyday activities, making them an essential part of the rehabilitation and home health team. Learn more about the role of [occupational therapists](#) at VNSNY.

**[Late Library Fines Are Gone for Good!](#)** Say goodbye to late fines and hello to the Library! NYPL has eliminated all fines, past, and future, to ensure access and opportunity for all.

To request a public litter basket to be placed on a street corner of a major commercial street or near a major transportation hub, **[click here](#)**.

The Health Department will now be using an alert level system that tracks COVID-19 transmission and health care capacity in the city. To learn more about the alert system go to <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-alert-levels.page>.

### **Got a parking ticket? Has your vehicle been booted? Beware of scams!**

Protect yourself against fraud. Disregard any notice or advertisement that promises to get you a discount on your parking ticket or boot removal. There are no discounts on parking tickets or boot removals.



People advertising these services will take your money and then use stolen credit card or bank account information to pay your ticket or booting fees. When the credit card or bank account holder disputes the charges, the full amount due will be added to your account, and you will be responsible for paying it.

Take these steps to protect yourself:

- If you received a parking ticket, pay it at [CityPay](#), or visit the [Payments](#) page for more options;
- If your vehicle has been booted, call (646) 517-1000 to make your payment. Visit the **Booting** page for more information;
- To report suspected fraud, contact the Sheriff's Office at 718-707-2100.

**Alternate Side of the Street Parking (ASP) will be suspended** on the following dates due to religious observances:

- **Thursday, April 21st**
- **Friday, April 22nd**
- **Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Respectfully Submitted,



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