

# District Manager's Report

## July/August – 2026

**Department of Finance (DOF) Reported:** The New York City Department of Finance (DOF) has adopted Immediate Amendment of Rule Relating to Surcharge on Certain Non-Primary Residences an emergency rule, effective **August 3, 2026**, that extends the application period and expands the methods by which eligible property owners may apply for an exemption from the surcharge on certain non-primary residential properties. The rule was adopted pursuant to the emergency rulemaking procedures under Section 1043(i)(1) of the New York City Charter and the Department's rulemaking authority under Charter Sections 1043 and 1504, and Chapter 32 of Title 11 of the New York City Administrative Code.

The rule will be published in the **City Record** and is available on the Department of Finance website and through NYC Rules.

**DOT Reported:** *Summer Streets* is a signature New York City Department of Transportation (NYC DOT) summer event series that transforms more than 20 miles of streets across all five boroughs into car-free public spaces. Held over five Saturdays in July and August, the program invites New Yorkers to walk, bike, run, roll, and participate in free activities, including public art, fitness classes, community programming, and family-friendly events. In Manhattan, this year's *Summer Streets* events are scheduled for **August 1, 8, and 15**.

**DSNY Reported:** on the **DSNY Residential Waste Containerization Program** -The New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY) is proposing a citywide program to containerize residential waste collection to improve street cleanliness and reduce rodent activity. The program would apply to residential buildings receiving DSNY collection services across all five boroughs, as well as schools in Manhattan Community District 9 and Brooklyn Community District 2.

### Under the proposal:

- Buildings with **10–30 residential units** could use either stationary on-street containers or individual rigid bins with tight-fitting lids (up to 55 gallons) for refuse.
- Buildings with **31 or more residential units** would be required to use stationary on-street containers for refuse.
- Schools in **Manhattan CD 9** and **Brooklyn CD 2** would use stationary on-street containers for all waste streams, including refuse, organics, recycling, and paper/cardboard.

The program would be implemented in phases, with full citywide implementation expected by **June 1, 2032**. The initiative is intended to support cleaner streets, reduce food sources for

rodents and other pests, and advance the City's broader efforts to improve waste management and neighborhood quality of life.

The deadline to apply for reimbursement for NYC Bins has been extended through Sept. 7, 2026

This means that owners of one- and two-family homes who receive the Basic or Enhanced School Tax Relief (STAR or E-STAR) credit or exemption can still receive a \$59.30 check to pay for the cost of their official NYC bin.

New Yorkers who have not yet purchased a trash bin can still buy one from any New York City Home Depot store. Those seeking reimbursement can request it online through the Department of Finance. They will need their voucher number along with proof of the purchase, such as a receipt.

Owners of buildings with 1 to 9 residential units are required, effective June 1, to use the official NYC Bin to set out their trash. The Department of Sanitation is currently issuing written warnings to those not complying with this rule, and fines will begin Sept. 8.

Additional information, including details on how to participate in the public hearing, is available in the official hearing notice.

**Dept. of Parks and Recreation Reported:** The Central Park Conservancy are pleased to announce a new partnership between the Central Park Conservancy and Unity Market NY to bring fresh food, cultural programming, and community engagement to Harlem.

Beginning June 20 through October 31, 2026, the Farmers Gate Farm Stand will operate every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the historic Farmers' Gate entrance at 110th Street and Malcolm X Boulevard, overlooking the Harlem Meer and adjacent to the new Davis Center.

The farm stand will offer:

- Fresh, locally sourced produce, including SNAP/EBT-eligible items
- Seasonal prepared foods
- Curated household goods
- Educational and community programming throughout the season

**West Harlem Summer Jazz Festival:** Is an annual community music series presented by the West Harlem Arts Alliance, Harlem Late Night Jazz, and NYC Parks. The festival features live jazz performances throughout the summer at historic Harlem parks, including Morningside Park, St. Nicholas Park, and Jackie Robinson Park, with additional weekly programming at Montefiore Square Park.

On Friday, August 28, 2026, from 6:00–7:30 p.m., the festival will take place at the James Baldwin Lawn in St. Nicholas Park, at 135th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue. The performance will feature Captain & The Nu Gypsies. St. Nicholas Park events are typically held on fourth Fridays from 6:00–7:30 p.m.

The festival provides accessible outdoor cultural programming and brings live jazz performances to Harlem neighborhoods throughout the summer. A complete schedule and artist lineup are available through the West Harlem Arts Alliance website.

**NYC Emergency Management Reported:** On Disaster Loans that are still available for May 20, 2026 for Flood Damage a physical disaster declaration has been secured for **Queens County** and the contiguous counties of **Bronx, Kings, Nassau, New York and Richmond** Following severe flooding that resulted from storms on May 20, 2026.

**The following groups may be eligible for SBA disaster loans:**

- **Homeowners:** up to \$500,000 to repair their primary residence.
- **Homeowners and renters:** up to \$100,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.
- **Business owners:** up to \$2,000,000 for the replacement of real property, inventories, machinery, equipment, and other physical losses.
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**Businesses and nonprofits:** *Economic Injury Disaster Loans* of up to \$2,000,000 to provide necessary working capital until normal operations resume after a disaster.

- Application deadline for physical loans [Disaster recovery - Small Business Administration](#) is August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026;
- Applications deadline for economic injury [Disaster recovery - Small Business Administration](#) loans is March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2027;
- Apply online using the My SBA Loan Portal or at other locally announced locations;

Please contact the SBA's Customer Service Center by email at [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) or by phone at 1-800-659-2955 for further assistance. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

**MBOP Reported on: Community Board EEO Training Requirements Local Law 18**, passed in March 2026, requires Borough Presidents' offices to provide mandatory EEO training to all Community Board members. Required courses include **Sexual Harassment**

**Prevention, Everybody Matters: EEO & Diversity/Inclusion Training, and LGBTQ – The Power of Inclusion.**

The EEO team and DCAS are creating NYCityLearns accounts for members appointed on or after **April 1, 2026**. Activation links are expected to be distributed by **August 14, 2026**, with onboarding instructions sent on a rolling basis. Newly appointed members are strongly encouraged to complete **Sexual Harassment Prevention by August 31, 2026**.

All EEO-related correspondence will come from [EEO@manhattanbp.nyc.gov](mailto:EEO@manhattanbp.nyc.gov), which should be used as the primary contact for Community Board members' EEO inquiries.

**Social Security Administration (SSA) Reported:**

**Repayment Update** - The Social Security Administration (SSA) announced updated procedures for repaying overpaid benefits, expanding secure digital payment options in support of Executive Order 14247, *Modernizing Payments To and From America's Bank Account*. Individuals are now encouraged to repay debts electronically through Pay.gov using their Remittance ID or through their bank or credit union's online bill payment service. SSA will no longer request repayment by mailed checks or credit card forms to reduce the risk of lost, delayed, or intercepted payments. Individuals who are unable to use online payment methods may contact the SSA Debt Management Unit by phone for assistance. Additional information is available on the SSA's Repay Overpaid Benefits webpage.

**Survivor Benefits Service Improvements**-The Social Security Administration (SSA) has implemented enhancements to improve service for customers seeking survivor benefits. A key improvement includes updated National 800 Number call routing, which connects callers reporting a death or applying for survivor benefits more quickly with specially trained employees.

SSA also established a dedicated queue of trained agents to process and adjudicate survivor claims. These changes have reduced wait times, provided more specialized assistance, and decreased the need for in-person office visits.

Since the dedicated queue launched last July, more than **60,000 survivors** have received assistance without needing to visit an SSA office. SSA plans to continue refining its call routing and staffing strategies to further enhance customer service.

**The Manhattan Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) invites participants, students, and community constituents to attend a specialized in-person ESOL Application Session on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 1:00 PM.**

This session provides prospective students with the opportunity to complete their ESOL application before classes begin in September. Staff will offer in-person assistance with the Online application process and collect all required admissions documents. Applicants who submit all required documentation during the session will complete the application phase and be eligible to move forward to the next step in the admissions process, **TABE testing**.

### **Registration Requirement**

Applicants must pre-register to attend. The event registration form is available at:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/t68nnbX7rT>

### **Required Documents**

A physical photo ID is required to enter the building. Applicants should also bring the following:

- Photo identification
- Proof of New York State residency
- Proof of income

Additional information regarding required documentation can be found on the program-specific Admissions Document Checklist available on the Manhattan EOC website.

**Contact Information:** For additional information or questions, please contact:

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

**Silent Disco at John Jay Park:** Join NYC Parks and Council Member (Speaker) Julie Menin for an outdoor Silent Disco event. Perfect for dance enthusiasts and anyone looking for a fun night out. This unique headphone party offers an unforgettable experience for you, your family, and your friends. Event will be held on: Friday, August 14, 2026 | 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at John Jay Park FDR Dr., E. 76 St., To E. 78 St., New York, N.Y. 10021

**This year, NYC DOT's Summer Streets** has returned with more than 20 miles of car-free streets open to pedestrians, cyclists, and joggers throughout the five boroughs. In Manhattan, the route runs from the Brooklyn Bridge to Dyckman and Broadway. Attendees will be able to enjoy free fitness classes, cultural performances, and family-friendly activities along the route and at rest stops. The Street Access for Motor Vehicles – Along 110th Street (Columbus & Amsterdam Aves) Street Access for Motor Vehicles – Broadway 120<sup>th</sup> Street; 125<sup>th</sup> Street; 135<sup>th</sup> Street; 145 Street; 155th Street; 165th Street; 168<sup>th</sup> Street; 171<sup>st</sup> Street; 178<sup>th</sup> Street; 179<sup>th</sup> Street; 181<sup>st</sup> Street; Bennett Street/Nagle Ave.

**Save the Date:**

**Prostate Cancer – Let's Talk About It (Panel Discussion)** held on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at the Renaissance New York Harlem Hotel, Grand Ballroom 235 West 125<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10027, 6PM-8PM. *(See Flyer attached)*

**Harlem Cares Prostate Cancer Walk and Health Resource Fair** will be held on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> *(See Flyer Attached)*

**Respectfully Submitted by,**

Eutha Prince  
District Manager  
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## Prostate Cancer

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#### Panel Discussion

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6PM-8PM

For more information contact Rosemary Perez-Bell  
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The American Cancer Society's mission is to improve the lives of people with cancer and their families through advocacy, research, and patient support, to ensure everyone has an opportunity to prevent, find, treat, and survive cancer.

Join leading experts and community leaders for an important conversation about prostate cancer awareness, prevention, early detection and advocacy.

To Register scan the QR code



Or visit  
<https://forms.office.com/r/65UfyzKqAU>

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# HARLEM CARES! PROSTATE CANCER WALK AND HEALTH RESOURCE FAIR

**WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER!**



**Saturday,  
September 26, 2026**



## THE WALK

Join survivors, families, friends and community partners as we walk together for awareness, support and change.



## Health Screenings

Free prostate cancer screenings, information and health checks. Early detection saves lives.



## Health Resources

Connect with trusted organizations and learn about services available in our community



## Family Fun

Stage program, activities and giveaways for the family

**Scan to Register**



**Visit our Website**

<https://tinyurl.com/ysreekdj>



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**Check in on Walk Day begins at 9:00AM**



**Start Time for Walk is at 10:00AM**



**POST WALK HEALTH RESOURCE FAIR  
Plaza - Harlem State Office Building  
163 West 125<sup>th</sup> Street, NY, NY 10027**



**10:00AM-6:00PM**



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