

December, 2017 District Manager's Report

FDNY Reported on the following Holiday lighting safety tips:

Look for the UL label and carefully read instructions on your lights and other devices that require interior or exterior connections to ensure safety. The label means the product has undergone evaluation by a recognized product safety organization. Buying certified products lessens the chances of shock or fire.

- Do not use inside lights outside;
- Check electric cords for worn spots or fraying. Replace cords that are worn or frayed;
- Don't place electric cords under carpets or furniture;
- Never attempt to retrieve an electrical product that has fallen in water;
- Never staple or nail cords to walls or baseboards;
- Don't overload outlets or power strips, overheated wires start fires

Morningside Heights Reported:

Fine Amnesty – Library Cards wiped clean for students

George Bruce Branch Reported:

- Career and Education Information Services (CEIS) provides career counseling, resume help, college application and essay assistance, and more. We specialize in serving job seekers, students, mid-career changers, veterans, and 55+ adults.

Prior to attending, the following is suggested:

- ✓ Copies of current marketing material (i.e. resume, cover letters, branding statement) If you need to use a library computer to create a resume, please use the following link <https://www.nypl.org/events/classes/calendar>;
- ✓ Clearly defined goals and expectations to guide your session;
- ✓ Prior research of the company and/or industry that you wish to pursue;
- ✓ List of core-competencies and transferable skills for those seeking a career change;
- ✓ Prospective companies and industries to focus your coaching session;

For your convenience, CEIS offers extensive on-site [employment resources](#) to help guide your research.

- Library HotSpot – Get Free Wi-Fi at home with the New York Public Library's Library HotSpot program, designed for students, grades K-12 who do not have internet access at home. This Library program enables families with eligible students to "check out"

internet service from the Library absolutely FREE. This program is intended to help NYC public school students access online educational resources at home to help complete their homework.

Eligibility Requirements:

- 18 years old and older, and have a child in the NYC public school system (students who are 18 may borrow on their own);
- Have no household internet access at the time of sign-up;
- Have a valid library card with less than \$15 in fines

Con Ed Reported:

- **Work is being conducted at W. 155th St.** will conclude the end of February – 2018;
- **Work Notice West Harlem - Gas Upgrade** Con Edison is upgrading the gas service at 129th Street (between Amsterdam and Convent Ave). Beginning on Monday, December 4th, ConEdison will be working through the end of December during the following times:
 - Monday through Friday, 9am-2pm (when school is in session)
 - Monday through Friday, 9am-4pm (when school is not in session)

What to expect

- Limited parking during working hours
- Noise

ConEdison Contact: ManhattanRCA@coned.com

DEP Reported: DEP Distribution Operations restored a section of the off-line city trunk main, 12/07/2017, in the vicinity of W. 120th Street and Broadway, after the trunk main repairs were completed.

Possible discolored water in this upper west side due to the reactivation of the truck main so precautions will be taken, will be addressed through hydrant flushing as needed. As stated below, please advise Residents if they are experiencing discolored water to run their cold tap water until it clears. If it persists please advise them to call 311 and report, DEP will flush out the nearest hydrant.

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- All DEP field employees travel in a marked vehicle, wear uniforms and carry badges (ID Cards);
- DEP will never reach out to you for your Social Security number or banking information;
- DEP offers customers several safe and secure payment options. More information can be found at http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/water_and_sewer_bills/index.shtml

EMS Reported: NYC Emergency Management Notify NYC Program announces their Ten-Year Anniversary. During the past decade Notify NYC has introduced multilingual messaging, customized features, and launched a new mobile application.

New York City's official emergency communications program has been informing New Yorkers for more than a decade. Notify NYC, the city's free, official source for information about emergency events and important city services, celebrated its tenth anniversary on December 10th. Since its launch in 2007, Notify NYC has expanded its alert and notification systems, introduced multilingual messaging and customized features, and launched a new mobile application.

Notify NYC started as a pilot program in December of 2007 as a means to communicate localized emergency information quickly to city residents. The program expanded citywide in 2009, offering two types of emergency messages: "alerts" that provide time-sensitive emergency information, and "notifications" that serve as informational advisories about city services. Notify NYC subscribers can now receive alerts in seven ways: phone, email, SMS, fax, BlackBerry PIN, Instant Messenger, and Twitter. Users can sign up to receive notifications based on up to five addresses. For additional privacy, users may input an intersection rather than an address and are not required to provide their name when signing up. Notify NYC also offers nine notifications types:

- **Emergency Alerts** - messages about life-threatening events that may require immediate action. All registrants are automatically added to this list.
- **Significant Event Notifications** - important information about emergency events, utility outages and other types of high-impact events in your area code.
- **Public Health Notifications** - information about important public health issues in your community.
- **Public School Notifications**- updates about unscheduled public-school closings, delays, relocations, and early dismissals.
- **Unscheduled Parking Rules Suspensions** - updates about unscheduled suspensions of citywide parking rules.
- **Major Mass Transit Disruptions** - messages about large or widespread mass transportation disruptions.
- **Major Traffic Disruptions** - messages about significant roadway closures, disruptions, or detours.
- **Waterbody Advisories** - messages about combined sewer overflow (CSO) activity in New York City's waterbodies.

- **Beach Notifications** - information from the NYC Department of Health and NYC Department of Parks and Recreation regarding the status of NYC beaches.

Notify NYC also introduced new multilingual messaging to offer common notifications in 13 languages (including English), American Sign Language (ASL), and audio formats. The pre-scripted messages are available in Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, French, Haitian Creole, Italian, Korean, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Urdu, and Yiddish, and provide Non-English-speaking subscribers with a link to pre-scripted messages on important emergency information.

Notify NYC is just one way the City of New York seeks to communicate urgent information to its residents. In addition to sending e-mails, text messages, tweets, and phone calls, NYC Emergency Management has the ability to activate NYC's Emergency Alert System (EAS), which sends information immediately via television and radio, and Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA), which send critical emergency updates to all equipped cell phones in NYC. To date, Notify NYC has issued more than 9,750 notifications about local emergencies, and more than 630,000 New Yorkers receive alerts and notifications. To learn more about the Notify NYC program or to sign up, visit NYC.gov/NotifyNYC, call 311, download the [freemobile application](#), or follow @NotifyNYC on Twitter

Department of Sanitation Reported: DSNY is Hiring Emergency Snow Laborers Register Now to Help Clear Snow and Ice After Major Winter Storms.

The New York City Department of Sanitation has announced that starting immediately, people interested in working as emergency snow laborers for the upcoming snow season should register at their [local Sanitation garage](#). Snow laborers are per-diem workers who shovel snow and clear ice from bus stops, crosswalks, fire hydrants and step streets in the City after heavy snowfalls.

Individuals interested in registering with the DSNY can do so weekdays between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. The list of garage locations can be found at www.nyc.gov/dsny and in the list below. Snow laborers will be paid \$15 per hour, and \$22.50 per hour after 40 hours are worked in a week.

Snow laborers must be at least 18 years of age, be eligible to work in the United States, and capable of performing heavy physical labor.

All applicants must bring the following items at the time of registration:

- Two small photos (1 ½ square)
- Original and copy of two forms of identification
- Social Security card

Individuals may also register at select Department of Transportation locations. The offices will be open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and require the same photographs and identification. Locations are listed below.

DSNY Manhattan locations:

4036 9th Avenue

606 West 30th Street

650 West 57th Street

343 East 99th Street

110 East 131st Street

125 East 149th Street

301 West 215th Street

South St. Pier 36

353 Spring Street

DOB Reported: **DOB NOW**, building owners, design professionals, licensees and homeowners can now create online accounts, making it easier to submit applications, make payments, schedule appointments, check the status of an application, pull permits, and make renewals.

DOB NOW will be released in phases with the following currently in effect:

- **Inspections** provides online scheduling for virtually all inspections, making it easier to schedule inspection appointments, offer more precise inspection scheduling and improve inspection tracking and notifications. Plus, it improves our service by standardizing our Inspectors' electronic checklists – and allowing industry members to certify certain objections electronically, eliminating the cost of re-inspections;
- **Build:** The online platform for Professional Engineers (P.E.), Registered Architects (R.A.), Licensees, Special Inspectors, Progress Inspectors, Filing Representatives and Owners to submit jobs to the Department of Buildings;

HRA Reported:

- Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) benefits will be adjusted;
- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly known as “food stamps”) provides food assistance for nearly 1.8 million low-income New Yorkers including families, the elderly and the disabled. The program helps families and individuals supplement the cost of their diet with nutritious foods.

HOW TO APPLY:

- You can apply online on [ACCESS HRA](#). [Read the user guide for ACCESS HRA](#).
- You can call Infoline at 718-557-1399 to have an application mailed to you
- You can pick up an application at one of our [SNAP centers](#)
- You can print out an application and drop off at a [SNAP center](#):

Manhattan Borough President’s Office Reported:

The Manhattan Borough President’s Office is now accepting applications for Community Board membership. Interested individuals living, working, or studying in one of Manhattan’s 12

community board districts are encouraged to apply. Community Boards are the most grass roots form of local government, each composed of 50 volunteer members serving staggered two-year terms. The boards are pivotal in shaping their communities and they work to enhance and preserve the character of their neighborhoods.

If interested you may apply online or print and complete a paper application, at www.manhattanbp.nyc.gov/CBapply. Please note: you should read the PDF and prepare your answers in advance, since the online application must be completed in one sitting. Application must be submitted (or postmarked) before 5p.m. on Friday, February 9th, 2018.

Public Advocate Letitia James' Office Reported: As New York City continues to grapple with the affordability crisis, Public Advocate Tish James is standing up for affordable housing and tenants' rights. On November 14, the Public Advocate will hold a rally to expose 2017's Worst Landlords of NYC. Too often, landlords in New York City get away with subjecting tenants to unacceptable living conditions, ignoring critical building maintenance and violating housing laws.

As a strong advocate for tenants' rights, please join Public Advocate Tish James and tenants across the City on November 14 to put NYC's worst landlords on notice, hold them accountable and demand better living conditions for tenants. RSVP
Here: <http://bit.ly/2zjKYLx> (See Attached Listing of 100 Worst Landlords in NYC).

DID YOU KNOW?

Gov. Cuomo signed a law to provide employee paid insurance coverage for the following life events:

- ❖ Military Deployment;
- ❖ Bonding with a newborn, adopted child and/or foster child;
- ❖ Caring for a sick family member

This law takes effect on January 2018, Employers must have that insurance coverage in effect on January 2018. This coverage is for employees who work 20hrs or more a week and 175 days a year. Under the Paid Family Leave Policy, employees can take up to 8 weeks of paid leave in 2018 and 10 weeks in 2019 or 2020. The number of weeks goes up to 12 weeks in 2021.

Employees are able to maintain their health coverage for the duration of the leave. The law also protects employees from retaliation. At the end of the leave, employees will be able to return to their old positions or similar one. For further info. please visit: www.ny.gov/new-york-state-paid-family-leave/paid-family-leave-how-it-works.

Definition of a Commercial Vehicle: For the purposes of parking, standing and stopping, a commercial vehicle is defined as a vehicle that:

- Bears commercial plates, and
- Is permanently altered by having all seats and seat fittings, except the front seats, removed to facilitate the transportation of property (for vehicles designed with a passenger cab and a cargo area separated by a partition, the seating capacity within the cab shall not be considered in determining whether the vehicle is properly altered), and
- Displays the registrant's name and address permanently affixed in characters at least three inches high on both sides of the vehicle, with such display being in a color contrasting with that of the vehicle and placed approximately midway vertically on the doors or side panels.

For the purposes other than parking, stopping and standing rules, a vehicle designed, maintained, or used primarily for the transportation of property or for the provision of commercial services and bearing commercial plates is considered a commercial vehicle.

Vehicles from other states or countries bearing commercial or equivalent registration plates from other states or countries shall not be deemed trucks or commercial vehicles unless they are permanently altered and marked as required in the above bulleted list.

Respectfully Submitted,



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