

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT DECEMBER, 2021

26th Precinct Reported:

On Thursday December 2nd, 2021, at approximately 10:50 pm, a radio call was transmitted in regards to a male stabbed near West 123rd Street and Amsterdam Avenue. A preliminary investigation revealed that the stabbing may have occurred on West 123 Street between Morningside **Avenue** and Amsterdam Avenue. It is unknown at this time, whether the stabbing occurred within Morningside Park or along the park edge outside of the park. The victim in this incident sustained a stab wound to the abdomen and was pronounced deceased at Mount Sinai Morningside hospital at approximately 01:30 am.

Shortly after the first victim's stabbing, officers responded to a second stabbing at approximately 11:08 pm near West 110th Street and Columbus Avenue. An investigation of that second stabbing incident revealed that the victim was stabbed in the abdomen and the back somewhere between Morningside **Drive** and Manhattan Avenue along the park edge near West 110th Street.

Shortly after the second stabbing, a third victim flagged down officers, who were conducting a canvass for the perpetrator, and reported that he was menaced by a man with a knife along the West Drive of Central Park near West 110th Street. The suspect of this menacing incident matched the description given by eyewitnesses, and was positively identified by the second stabbing victim as the perpetrator responsible for stabbing him near West 110th Street and he was arrested.

In response to these incidents, the Commanding Officer of the 26 Precinct, Deputy Inspector Alexandra Sarubbi, will have uniformed police officers specifically assigned to patrol Morningside Park and its perimeter between 7:00 pm and 3:30 am. Furthermore, as in the past, uniformed officers will continue to conduct directed patrols within Morningside Park throughout the day. Additionally, the commanding officer will continue to confer with NYC Park officials to coordinate coverage with Park Enforcement Patrols for Morningside Park.

NYC Emergency Management Reported: The New York City Emergency Management Department recently released its annual report that highlights the agency's accomplishments from July 2020 through November 2021. The report provides a snapshot of the agency's role in leading the coordination of the City's response to numerous incidents while underscoring its mission to help New York City prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies.

NYC Emergency Management has led the coordination of the City's response to multiple emergencies. From a global pandemic to coastal storms and hurricanes, an eight-alarm fire, and historic flooding, the agency has addressed these challenges head-on, while adapting to the complexities of each emergency and improving its work throughout the disaster cycle. Please note following link for full report:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/8a891a3e0fbd4831a427cbe862b72f35>.

NYC Schools Chancellor Meisha Porter and City Council recently announced the launch of “Language Access for All,” an historic \$4 million investment in improving outreach, engagement and communication with multilingual families across New York City. Approximately 40 percent of New York City Department of Education families speak a language other than English at home, and this initiative will strengthen the NYCDOE’s ability to deliver resources to all families in a language that’s accessible for them.

This unprecedented investment stresses four critical areas of focus: citywide multi-lingual “know your rights” campaigns; expanding communications outlets and tools to reach more families; building language access capacity of school staff; and partnering with community-based organizations to provide multilingual family workshops and language support.

In addition to the language access investment by City Council, the NYCDOE is expanding its central Translation and Interpretation Unit and which will allow us to translate Individualized Education Program (IEP) to any family in their preferred language upon request. To request a translated IEP, families should contact their school, call 718-935-2013 or visit schools.nyc.gov/hello.

DOHMH Reported:

NYC Vaccine Updates

It has never been easier to get a COVID-19 vaccination in New York City. New Yorkers 5 and older can now get the COVID-19 vaccine at sites across the five boroughs. To find out where to get vaccinated and to make an appointment, visit nyc.gov/vaccinefinder or you can also call 877-VAX-4NYC (877-829-4692).

Booster Shots

Vaccine booster shots are now available for New Yorkers ages 18 and older. These shots boost your immunity from an initial vaccination series. For more information on 3rd doses and booster shots click [here](#)

In-home COVID-19 vaccinations

NYC also offers in-home COVID-19 vaccinations to any city resident who requests one. Schedule your appointment today for your in-home vaccination by filling out this form: <http://nyc.gov/homevaccine>.

COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card or need verification

If you are fully vaccinated but lost your COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card or need verification of your vaccine status, you can request a copy of your COVID-19 vaccination record. Go here for more information: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/services/cir-parents-guardians.page>

DSNY Reported: New "smart" composting program in your neighborhood

The NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) is beginning a pilot program in Astoria to test out “smart bin” technology as an option for food scrap drop-offs in NYC. NYC Smart Compost bins will use technology to allow users to open them with a key card.. Food scraps will be composted to beautify green spaces across the city. These convenient bins are open 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, and will help us continue to reduce the amount of food scraps sent to landfills. The program will launch in December 2021.

To sign up visit [SmartCompost.nyc](https://www.smartcompost.nyc.gov/). There you also can find the locations of Astoria's 16 smart compost bins

George Bruce Library Reported:

No More Late Fines, Ever!

Say goodbye to late fines and hello to the Library! They have eliminated all fines, past, and future, to ensure access and opportunity for all.

Back to School Resources for Kids and Teens

The New York Public Library supports kids of all ages, educators, and parents and caregivers with an array of programs and resources, both in-person and online. Discover what we’re doing for kids and teens as New Yorkers return to school this fall—plus books, free homework help, learning tools, and fun, engaging activities to help you develop all your skills.

Technology, Jobs, and Education: From ESOL classes to small business help, the Library has a wide range of resources to help you learn new skills, explore our collections, and stay connected—all from home.

Multilingual Resources at The New York Public Library

The New York Public Library welcomes people from all backgrounds and celebrates the rich multicultural diversity that defines New York City. The Library is committed to helping recent immigrants and bilingual and multilingual communities navigate our array of free services and resources for all ages.

NYPL Best Books of 2021

The New York Public Library is proud to present our Best Books of 2021. Our annual recommendations for kids, teens, and adults, curated by our expert librarians, encompass fiction, nonfiction, graphic novels, poetry, kids’ books in Spanish, and much more.

All of these books are in the Library’s catalog and many are available in multiple formats, including e-books, audiobooks, and accessible editions. Happy reading!

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 100,000 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.

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Resources for Kids & Teens:

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

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More specifically, [Tumblebooks](#) has a feature where you can find books for children based on their reading level. And [Brainfuse](#) 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.

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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.

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New York Blood Center (NYBC) Announced: A blood emergency due in large part to fears of the Omicron variant and the holiday season. Currently, the region's blood supply stands at a 1-2-day level, well below the ideal inventory of 5-7 days. Blood centers across the country are and have been suffering from shortages for the 19 months of the pandemic. Below are some factors that further complicate the situation:

- Donor fatigue from constant urgent/critical messages and a significant decrease in first time donors stepping up to help.
- Working from home is the new normal, preventing many organizations from being able to host successful blood drives.
- Thousands of groups that had supported the blood supply pre-pandemic have not resumed blood drives.
- Widespread fear of COVID-19 infection continues and new fears about Omicron variant keep donors away.
- Most High schools and colleges, which accounted for 25% of our blood donations, have not returned to hosting blood drives.

- Donor confusion over eligibility around vaccination status. (Donors are equally confused about whether having nor not having the vaccine impacts their ability to give blood.)
- Currently, there is no national surplus. Prior to the pandemic, a national surplus of blood products would be used to mitigate any regional blood shortages.

Announcements/Job Opportunities:

- NoMAA invites you to four free Technical Assistance Workshops & two Thursdays w/ NoMAA programs in December. Please see dates below & www.nomaanyc.org for more information.
 - Wednesday, Dec. 1st, 12-1:30pm Heal with NoMAA & Liz DelliCarpini
 - [Thursday, Dec. 2nd, 7:30pm Artists Talk w/ Takashi Harada & Kae Soto](#)
 - [Monday, Dec. 6th, 6pm Artists Websites: Best Practices with Patricia Miranda](#)
 - Friday, Dec. 10th Heal with NoMAA & Linda Turner
 - Monday, Dec. 13th, 6pm Producing/Editing Standout Highlight Reel w/ Emmanuel Abreu
 - [Thursday, Dec. 16, 7:30pm Artists Talk w/ Jessica Maffia](#)
- **MBP's Reception is scheduled next Sunday (12/12)** from 2–4 pm in the John Jay College atrium (524 W. 59th St.). Refreshments, music, and holiday cheer. All are welcome-- RSVP [here](#) if you can. Proof of vaccination and masks required;
- **Save the date: Thursday, 12/16 from 6–10 pm** the MBP is Co-Sponsoring a Toy Drive with the [Men of the Divine Nine](#)-- see the gift registry [here](#). Event will be held at Tito's BBQ Station (348 Malcolm X Blvd.), the Gifts will be distributed to the children and family members at Harlem Hospital, New York Presbyterian Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital, and the Harriet Tubman Harlem Residence Homeless Shelter;
- **Become a licensed Master Barber.** Starts on Jan. 3, 2022. Tuition-free program. Apply now. Limited seats. Apply at <http://www.bronxeoc.org/register.html>;
- **The Civic Engagement Commission (CEC) is seeking volunteers to serve on the Language Access Advisory Committee (LAAC).** LAAC members will play an important role in developing and implementing the CEC's poll site language assistance program. Volunteers with a passion and commitment to ensuring all New Yorkers are able to exercise the right to vote are strongly encouraged to apply!

If interested, please review LAAC member responsibilities and the criteria for selection below prior to completing the application. **Applications are open until January 7, 2022;**

- **HOPE 2022**

Tuesday, **January 25th, 2022**, the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) will conduct its annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE) Survey, a point-in-time survey undertaken each winter that helps the City estimate the number of unsheltered New Yorkers living on the street on one of the coldest nights of the year. Volunteers are needed from approximately 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. on the night of January 25th. Please visit nyc.gov/hope to learn more and to register.

- **City Cleanup Corps is Hiring...**

The City Cleanup Corps (CCC) will employ 10,000 New Yorkers for beautification across our city. CCC workers will wipe away graffiti, power-wash sidewalks, create community murals, tend to community gardens, beautify public spaces, and work with community organizations to clean their neighborhoods. By making our city gleam, they're welcoming business and tourists back and helping revitalize our economy. For further information, please click following link:

https://working.nyc.gov/opportunities/?fbclid=IwAR0usJa2B88qvH10qs9Kgx3nWUqgB_Ys20XLNen5P-yI2QsFlbgum2hnMBk&emci=c0c35690-31af-eb11-85aa-0050f237abef&emdi=ea000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000001&ceid=

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