

# District Manager's Report

## February, 2025

**DOT Reported:** On Saturday, April 26, 2025, NYC DOT will host its annual Car-Free Earth Day event, transforming NYC streets into active and attractive public spaces.

As part of the event, NYC DOT Art is seeking environmentally conscious artists to submit proposals for new or existing artwork to be presented as a one-day installation along the event route. Proposals should consider Car-Free Earth Day's goals around climate change and sustainability, be made of durable materials to withstand outdoor weather conditions and be inclusive and consider the access of needs of all attendees.

Selected artists may receive up to \$10,000 to cover all project costs and will be responsible for installing and de-installing the artwork on the day of the event, coordinating with NYC DOT Art throughout the project, being available to monitor the artwork on April 26, and providing an engineering memo pending project scale.

Review the Car-Free Earth Day Art Interventions RFP (pdf) for more information.

Interested artists must submit their proposals by **Sunday, February 9, 2025 before 11:59 pm EST** through the NYC DOT Art Submittal portal: [nycdotart.submittable.com/submit](https://nycdotart.submittable.com/submit).

**Con Edison Reported:** Gas Upgrade work will be taking place on W 112 St btw Broadway & Riverside Drive, on Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.; February 8<sup>th</sup> to March 16<sup>th</sup>. Expect street closures, limited street parking, noise, working on customer property, and generators.

**District Attorney's Office Reported:** The High School Internship Program is now open. Students can apply directly through the DA's website or by using the link/QR on attached flyer.

### Program Details:

- Applications are now open and will close on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Applicants must be current 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> graders **who reside Manhattan**
- The program will run from June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm
- The internship is paid (\$16.50/hr) and in-person
- Interns will have the opportunity to engage in workshops and discussions, participate in programming, and more
- There will be upcoming info sessions for prospective applicants

**Housing Preservation & Development (HPD) Reported:** HPD’s housing information classes provide information on a variety of housing issues to tenants, homeowners, and property managers in New York City. The classes are free, led by experts, and held virtually on Zoom. Please see the session topics below for descriptions. Any information shared during these classes is subject to change and does not constitute legal advice.

**General NYC Housing Classes:**

1. February 11 at 6pm - NYC Housing Connect: The Affordable Housing Lottery – [REGISTER HERE](#)
2. February 13 at 12pm – NYC Housing Connect: The Affordable Housing Lottery - [REGISTER HERE](#)
3. February 19 at 6pm – Financial Empowerment to Access Housing – [REGISTER HERE](#)
4. February 20 at 12pm – Housing Court: What to Expect – [REGISTER HERE](#)
5. February 24 at 6pm – Housing Court: What to Expect – [REGISTER HERE](#)
6. February 27 at 12pm - Pests: Eliminate Rodents, Bedbugs, and Roaches Using Integrated Pest Management – [REGISTER HERE](#)
7. March 4 at 12pm – Financial Empowerment to Access Housing – [REGISTER HERE](#)
8. March 5 at 6pm – Pests: Eliminate Rodents, Bedbugs, and Roaches Using Integrated Pest Management – [REGISTER HERE](#)

**DOHMH Reported:** “[Addressing Unacceptable Inequities: A Chronic Disease Strategy for New York City](#)” — a multiagency strategy that addresses the root causes of chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, and screen able cancers and outlines interventions that support longer, healthier lives for New Yorkers. Chronic diseases are a leading cause of death in NYC, taking an especially high toll on Black New Yorkers and New Yorkers in communities experiencing disinvestment.

Life expectancy in NYC has dropped dramatically and inequitably since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, from 82.6 years in 2019 to 78 years in 2020, rising to 81.5 years in 2022. Between 2019 and 2020, the largest decreases were observed among Black and Latino New Yorkers, among whom life expectancy fell by 5.5 and 6 years, respectively. Similar inequities by race, ethnicity, and income also exist for rates of premature death (death before age 65).

In response, the Health Department launched HealthyNYC, a comprehensive vision for improving life expectancy and creating a healthier city for all. With an overall goal of increasing life expectancy to exceed 83 years by 2030, HealthyNYC sets ambitious goals, which will require specific gains among Black New Yorkers, to address key drivers of death including chronic disease, suicide, maternal mortality, violence, drug overdose, and COVID-19. The chronic and diet-related disease goals established by HealthyNYC include reducing deaths due to heart- and diabetes-related diseases by 5% by 2030 and deaths due to screen able cancers by 20% by 2030, as these are leading causes of death among all racial and ethnic groups in NYC.

From connecting patients in the NYC Health + Hospitals system with public benefits to addressing harmful marketing practices to revitalizing streets and parks, this strategy provides a comprehensive approach to prevention, treatment, and support in addressing the leading causes of death in our city. The strategy focuses on three key upstream approaches:

1. **Meeting the material needs of New Yorkers** by improving access to resources such as food and government benefits.
2. **Addressing the commercial determinants of health** by working to reduce exposures to and consumption of unhealthy products such as ultra-processed foods, tobacco, and alcohol.
3. **Promoting opportunities for healthy living** by investing in policies and programs that promote nutritious foods, physical activity, and social connection in communities.

A task force of leaders from multiple NYC government sectors — including Deputy Mayor Anne Williams-Isom (Health and Human Services), Deputy Mayor Ana Almanzar (Strategic Initiatives), Executive Director Kate MacKenzie (Mayor’s Office of Food Policy), and Acting Commissioner Michelle Morse, MD, MPH (NYC Health Department) — was launched in fall 2023 to develop a slate of proposals to address systemic factors that impact chronic disease rates. The task force proposed 19 initiatives, both new and existing, that leverage the unique capabilities and resources of City agencies to address the upstream factors that influence chronic disease outcomes.

Most of the proposals elevate multiagency collaborations and are planned for a variety of settings, from public schools and parks to hospitals across all five boroughs. The proposals aim to secure the future of health equity infrastructure and emergency response readiness and to help solidify NYC’s role as a leader and standard setter for governmental public health practice. The proposals presented in this strategy range from work underway and planned to launch within the City’s fiscal year to longer-term aims that will require planning, assessment, and identification of resources.

**FDNY Reported:** Recently FDNY Commissioner Robert S. Tucker and Department officials shared winter safety tips as cold weather continues to impact in New York City. To view the press briefing please [click here](#)

The winter season brings about many changes in your home, including the need to stay warm during the cold weather. The winter and holiday season is also the fire season, with more than one-third of home fires occurring during the months of December, January and February. Most fires and injuries are preventable by taking precautions to keep you and your family safe.

Be #FDNYSmart this winter by following/sharing these safety tips:

### **Safely Heat Your Home**

- Never use the kitchen oven or gas range to heat your home or apartment. Such improper use could cause dangerous levels of carbon monoxide to accumulate, causing severe illness and possible death.
- Have a qualified technician install all new equipment.

- Have a qualified professional inspect your equipment annually. The inspection will ensure that the system is maintained in proper working order and identify any parts that require repair or replacement.
- Schedule regular cleaning of your boiler, furnace and hot water heater, including the chimney and chimney connectors.
- Have your wood-burning stove or fireplace, including the chimney and connectors, inspected every year by a professional.
- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of fireplace openings to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out

#### **Electric Space Heaters:**

- GIVE SPACE HEATERS SPACE. Heaters should be placed at least three feet from any combustible material, such as bedding and furniture.
- Never use an extension cord with a space heater.
- Inspect the electrical cord for damage before each use.
- Keep young children and pets away from space heaters.
- Only use equipment that has the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) Mark.
- Avoid using electric space heaters in bathrooms or other areas where they may come in contact with water.
- Turn off/unplug the space heater whenever you leave the room or go to sleep.

#### **Electric Blankets**

- Use only electric blankets that have the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) Mark.
- Replace all electric blankets that are more than 10 years old. (99% of blanket fires have been caused by blankets 10 years or older.)
- Purchase blankets with an automatic safety shut off. (The device will shut off the blanket if the temperature gets too high.)
- Always buy new electric blankets; second-hand blankets may not be safe.
- Replace any electric blanket that has broken or frayed cords or scorch marks.
- Avoid tucking the electric blanket in at the sides of the bed.
- Avoid placing other blankets or comforters on top of an electric blanket while in use.
- Warm the bed with your electric blanket and turn it off before going to bed.

Remember always to have and maintain working Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors in your home.

**Manhattan Borough President's Office Reported: Manhattan's** community board application season is officially open.

A key goal highlighted in the Comprehensive Plan is to provide Community Boards with information that helps them effectively address local issues from land use matters to restaurants' liquor licenses, transportation projects, and more.

If you're an NYC resident aged 16 or older, you can apply to join a Community Board, *become a member of your Manhattan Community Board!* Click [here](#) for the 2025 application. *Deadline: 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 28, 2025*

**Dept. of Youth & Community Development (DYCD) Reported:** SafeGrowth is a comprehensive response to the dilemma of neighborhood crime and fear that has proven successful, and sustainable, in neighborhoods far and wide. By learning and applying the lessons from the SafeGrowth program, you can have a major impact on improving the quality of life in your neighborhood. SafeGrowth projects have made communities safer across the world, including in Baltimore, New Orleans, Saskatoon, Vancouver, and many more.

The SafeGrowth program consists of three phases to help participants learn the process of implementing the SafeGrowth model in their community. In the Primer Workshop, you will spend 3 days learning the basics of preventing crime in your community. You will join a group of fellow residents and begin to develop your community safety plan. After the workshop, you will spend 2-3 months applying what you have learned in your Field Project. In the final Advanced Workshop, you present your project plan to elected officials and other community leaders.

SafeGrowth projects work best when everyone has a seat at the table. Any resident of Harlem is eligible to enroll. The most successful groups have members of the city planning department, local non-profits, small businesses, law enforcement, and anyone else invested in making their community safer. The program is capped at 30 participants.

In addition to making your community safer, your successful completion of this program will also land you a SafeGrowth certificate and qualify you for expedited entry into the professional (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) CPTED Certification program.

The 3-day Primer workshop runs from February 6-8, 2025. It will take place at the Living Redemption Community Development Corporation at 302 W 124th St. New York, NY 10027.  
February 6 | 12-8 pm February 7 | 9 am – 5pm February 8 | 9 am – 3 pm.

Please register at: Register here: <https://forms.office.com/g/7gug0y3Cap>, and if you have questions contact Charlotte Bailey at: [chabailey@dycd.nyc.gov](mailto:chabailey@dycd.nyc.gov).

**SYEP – Summer Youth Employment Program is currently accepting applications** for employment; apply at <https://application.nycsyep.com> APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 28, 2025!!

**Respectfully Submitted by,**

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