

District Manager's Report

January, 2023

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PACT Program on Track to Improve Living Conditions for 76,000 NYCHA Residents: Mayor Adams [announced](#) that 36,103 apartments, across 137 NYCHA developments, have been renovated, are under construction, or are in the community planning and design process under NYCHA's Permanent Affordability Commitment Together (PACT) program from its inception through the end of 2022. The PACT program transitions developments from traditional public housing assistance to the more stable, federally funded Project-Based Section 8 program — unlocking funding for designated PACT partners to complete comprehensive repairs. With strong support from the Mayor and HUD, PACT is a key tool in the city's strategy of preserving and upgrading New York City's aging public housing stock. Photos of 2022 projects are available [online](#).

NYCHA to Replace 335 Elevators in 20 Developments: Mayor Adams and Governor Hochul [announced](#) that Phase I planning for critical capital work has begun to replace 335 elevators at 20 NYCHA developments, as part of a \$300 million funding agreement with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) that was signed in April 2022. Nearly 34,000 residents living in almost 16,000 apartments will benefit from improved elevator service at the 20 developments, which include six senior-designated campuses. All elevator construction work is scheduled to be complete by early December 2028. A full list of the developments that will receive elevator upgrades is available [online](#).

Lawsuits Filed Against Landlords of Buildings with Dangerous Conditions: Mayor Adams [announced](#) that the city filed two lawsuits against landlords Alma Realty Corp. and Empire Management America Corp. for allowing thousands of residents to live in dangerous conditions as a result of thousands of code violations. Additionally, the city's Law Department entered into a separate agreement with a

third landlord — Sentinel Real Estate Corporation — that sets time frames for repairs.

Additional Resources:

Food Help NYC: Free food locations including food pantries & soup kitchens.

NYC Well: Free, confidential mental health support in more than 200 languages, 24/7/365. Call 888-NYC-WELL or text “WELL” to 65173.

Mental Health For All: A comprehensive hub with helplines and services that offer a range of free, direct support to meet the needs of all New Yorkers.

Buildings After Hours: Free in-person information session with DOB staff every Tuesday from 4 PM to 7 PM at your local borough office.

COVID-19 and Other Respiratory Illnesses: Resources including test kits, treatment, vaccines, and masks available to New Yorkers as New York City experiences high levels of COVID-19, flu, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and other respiratory viruses.

Notify NYC: Enroll for free in New York City’s dedicated emergency public communications program.

311: Non-emergency municipal services available online, by texting 311-692, or by calling 3-1-1 from within the City or 212-NEW-YORK outside the five boroughs. TTY service is also available by dialing 212-504-4115.

George Bruce Library Reported:

In the Spotlight at The New York Public Library

[2023 Resolutions - Read More in the New Year with NYPL](#)

NYPL has made it easy to meet your 2023 reading goals! Sign up for a library card, get expert recommendations and more.

[NYPL Recommends: Best New Comics for Adults](#)

NYPL expert comics committee have read more than 350 titles to select their top 50 reads published in 2022. There's something for everyone here—whether you're a first-time comics reader or a die-hard fan!

[NYPL's Best Books for Kids, Teens & Adults](#)

The New York Public Library is proud to present our Best Books of 2022. 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!

[Introducing! Teens 360° at the Library](#)

NYPL new Teens 360° initiative offers a holistic support package for teens, including resources for achieving academic success; welcoming, well-equipped spaces for building skills and developing creative projects; a wide array of materials for learning and exploring extracurricular interests; and mental health support.

In NYPL branches across the Bronx, Manhattan, and Staten Island—as well as their newly expanded Teen Centers in select locations—NYPL offers millions of books and e-books, tech and digital tools, and more to equip teens with what they need to succeed both today and in the future.

[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.

[Did You Know? Late 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.

[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.

OTHER RESOURCES AND VIRTUAL SERVICES

[Download NYPL's App](#)

Get the power of The New York Public Library, anytime, anywhere. With the NYPL app, you can access everything the Library has to offer from home or while you're on the go.

[Shelf Help](#)

Discover the New York Public Library's new personalized book selection service!

While browsing is limited, we offer a friendly, adventurous alternative. Tell us your reading interests and we'll pick five books for you!

E-Books & Audiobooks

SimplyE, the Library's free e-reader app, makes it easy to browse, borrow, and read more than 300,000 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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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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Con Edison Reported: It's Applause to Governor Hochul's focus on delivering New York's clean energy vision while addressing the potential cost impact for New Yorkers, particularly on the most economically vulnerable customers.

The policies and programs announced in the governor's State of the State address will help many of their customers electrify their heating systems and improve the energy efficiency of their homes, insulating them from fossil fuel price volatility and building on the state's transition toward renewable power.

Con Edison thanks the governor for emphasizing on the need to support electric vehicle charging infrastructure for medium- and heavy-duty trucks, which disproportionately impact disadvantaged communities in our service area.

Further, Con Edison believe the governor's proposal for a well-designed Cap-and-Invest program would provide many economic and environmental benefits across the state, and further enhance New York's reputation as a clean energy leader.

Con Edison looks forward to engaging constructively with all stakeholders as further details emerge from the governor's proposals. New York is in the early innings of its historic clean energy transformation, and Con Edison shares the governor's optimism regarding the enormous opportunities and benefits this transition will deliver to our state.

Con Edison is performing Gas Upgrade work within district 9 and they expect to work from January 10 to March 31. W 116 ST BET AMSTERDAM AVE & MORNINGSIDE AVE

Monday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Tuesday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Wednesday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

What to Expect

Limited Street Parking

Temporary Lane/Bike Lane Closure

Noise

Generator(s)

DSS-HRA-DHS Reported: On the night of **Tuesday, January 24th, 2023**, DSS-HRA-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. The results gathered through this survey provide the City with valuable information that helps determine how to allocate resources to best serve New Yorkers in need with care and compassion.

The night of HOPE is coming soon, and I am asking you to help us conduct this survey by canvassing streets, parks, subways, and other public spaces. For the past two years, the HOPE survey has been conducted by our homelessness outreach partners, but now we are once more asking you to join us for one night that will help unsheltered New Yorkers for the rest of the year.

Volunteers are needed from approximately 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. on the night of January 24th. Just a few hours of your time will help us in our ongoing efforts to

support unsheltered New Yorkers and encourage them to come off the streets and subways. Thanks to the efforts of past volunteers along with the ongoing 24/7/365 efforts of our street outreach teams, we have referred more than 5,000 New Yorkers experiencing unsheltered homelessness to transitional and/or permanent housing in FY22 alone.

As DSS-HRA-DHS works to address unsheltered homelessness across our city, one person at a time, this is a great opportunity to participate in an extraordinary citywide effort. If you have volunteered before, I encourage you to sign up again. If you have yet to experience how truly rewarding a night of HOPE can be, DSS-HRA-DHS invites you to join them for the first time. Additionally, compensatory time may be available to you for participating – consult with your Agency and supervisor to see if this applies.

The safety of everyone involved in HOPE is our highest priority. Facilities will be set up to promote social distancing, and masks and other PPE will be provided. Also, training for HOPE volunteers will be conducted remotely and volunteers will be dismissed remotely and will not be required to return to their designated HOPE site after canvassing.

Please visit nyc.gov/hope to learn more and to register. Your participation is essential to helping us address the challenge of homelessness and support some of our city's most vulnerable residents as they get back on their feet.

Manhattan District Attorney Office Reported: Manhattan District Attorney Alvin L. Bragg, Jr., in partnership with the CUNY Institute for State and Local Governance (ISLG), recently announced a new \$9 million mental health initiative to immediately reach New Yorkers with deeply entrenched needs. The initiatives aim to meet people where they are and connect them to comprehensive wraparound community support services, including housing assistance and treatment for mental illness and substance use disorders in their own communities to make them and their neighbors safer. These programs are informed by input from Manhattan community-based organizations and residents on what they have found to be the most successful strategies for creating strong, stable and safe communities. These initiatives also reflect D.A. Bragg's belief that keeping people safe requires strengthening people's connections to resources in their own neighborhoods that can help them to lead healthy and successful lives. They also illustrate the Office's belief that the criminal justice system is not the most

effective way to address mental and behavioral health issues or substance use.

The District Attorney's Office is investing at two distinct points: directly in neighborhoods and at criminal court arraignment. These investments are independent from all court mandated programs.

Together, these initiatives aim to interrupt persistent recidivism and create lasting improvements in public safety by addressing the needs of those most in need in Manhattan by building trusting relationships and connecting them with long-term services such as supportive housing and treatment.

These dual initiatives are:

- Up to \$6 million for “Neighborhood Navigators.” These professionally trained individuals will work directly with unhoused individuals who may have mental health challenges or substance use issues and connect them with services. These navigators are not part of the criminal justice system, but rather social service experts who can help clients maneuver through a complex bureaucracy that too often is difficult to navigate for people seeking the help they need. They will build lasting relationships and ultimately connect people to food, clothes, medical supplies, and other key services. The grant solicitation for this funding was released today and can be found [here](#).
- Up to \$3 million to place “Court-Based Navigators” in all Criminal Court arraignment parts. These professionally trained individuals will serve a similar high-needs population to the Neighborhood Navigators and will additionally focus on individuals who have a history of recidivism. Any services will be separate from any programming related to an individual case. The grant solicitation for this funding is expected to be released in January, 2023.

Consistent with best practices and similar programs successfully funded by the DA’s Office, engagement with all of these programs will be voluntary.

The Manhattan D.A.’s Office is providing these awards through its [Criminal Justice Investment Initiative](#) (“CJII”), which was created with millions of dollars seized from major banks in the course of criminal investigations and is administered by the CUNY Institute for State and Local Governance.

NEIGHBORHOOD NAVIGATORS: This solicitation seeks proposals from community-based organizations to develop networks of Neighborhood Navigators who operate directly in the community and build relationships with individuals who are unhoused or who have unstable housing and spend significant time in the streets, and who face challenges with mental health or substance use. This program will be directly overseen and managed by the CUNY ISLG.

Consistent with best practices in this field and modeled off of other similar successful strategies developed within communities, Neighborhood Navigators will conduct proactive outreach to form personal connections and build trust with this difficult-to-reach population. Initial engagement will focus on meeting the basic needs of impacted individuals, such as food, clothes, and medical supplies, either through the navigator themselves or through connections to other organizations. By meeting people where they are and building trust, these navigators can eventually work across agencies and organizations to carefully reintroduce participants to longer-term solutions, such as behavioral health services or permanent housing.

In addition to working directly with these individuals, the Neighborhood Navigators will engage with local small businesses and other civic partners and help problem-solve with people living or spending time in the community.

The solicitation seeks proposals to oversee programs in the following focus neighborhoods:

- Washington Heights and/or Inwood
- Chinatown and/or the Lower East Side
- Central and/or East Harlem
- Hell's Kitchen and/or Midtown West and/or Chelsea

Grants may be provided to serve similar populations in other neighborhoods based on need, with funding for up to 6 total neighborhoods available.

Each grant will support six months of planning and three years of implementation.

COURT-BASED NAVIGATORS

Court-based Neighborhood Navigators will make an initial connection with individuals after their criminal court appearance, and then follow up with them in their communities to provide additional support. Initially navigators will help participants connect to basic essentials, such as MetroCards, meals, clean clothes

and food. The goal of this phase is to build an initial connection, which is essential for developing a trusting relationship that can lead to longer-term services. Once trust is developed, the navigator can facilitate connections to treatment programs, supportive housing and more. These navigators can also help their clients deal with court mandates while they have cases pending, helping to ensure they make their court appearances and drive down recidivism.

In addition to these investments, earlier this year D.A. Bragg announced the creation of the Office's first-ever Pathways to Public Safety Division, which is elevating the use of diversion and evidence-based programming. Each of the Office's six Trial Division bureaus has a dedicated Pathways prosecutor to help proactively identify appropriate opportunities for diversion at the beginning stages of a case in the Office's Early Case Assessment Bureau.

Department of Education (DOE) Reported: The kindergarten [application](#) is open...Apply by January 20, 2023. This year you can add G&T programs as well.

In New York City, children enter kindergarten in the fall of the calendar year they turn five, and are guaranteed a kindergarten seat at a public school. Once your child starts kindergarten, they can remain at the same school until its final elementary grade. [Watch our video series to learn more about kindergarten admissions.](#)

Need an elementary school for your child now?

- Learn if your child has a zoned school by entering your address at schoolsearch.schools.nyc.gov (this website includes schools' contact information) or by calling 311.
- Contact your zoned school directly to enroll.
- If you don't have a zoned school, contact schools of interest directly or visit a [Family Welcome Center](#) for help finding a school.

Manhattan Borough President's Office Reported: Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine has [opened the 2023 Manhattan Community Board application period](#), now through 3/17/23. Current members who wish to serve another term must reapply.

Community Boards provide New Yorkers with an opportunity to participate in local democracy and decision making, helping to shape the future of Manhattan. Community Boards touch every aspect of life: parks, sanitation, education, land use, and public health.

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Employment Opportunities:

Department of Transportation Reported: NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) is holding a Job Fair to fill full-time entry-level engineering positions in all areas of our agency's operations. DOT is inviting you to join them on: **Friday, February 3, 2023, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.** The fair will take place at **55 Water Street, New York, NY 10041, Concourse Level/BID Room.**

Please RSVP by January 20, 2023, at: <http://on.nyc.gov/dotjf>.

All Candidates for the Job Fair positions must have at least a bachelor's degree in civil, electrical, or mechanical engineering by June 2023, and must be authorized to work in the United States.

JOIN THE TEAM BECOME AN NYC PARKS LIFEGARD: Keep swimmers safe next summer by becoming a lifeguard. Take the qualifying test this month and protect New Yorkers. More info: <http://nyc.gov/parks/lifeguards>.

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