

District Manager's Report

January – 2025

MTA Reported: Starting January 5, 2025, vehicles entering the Congestion Relief Zone in Manhattan (Local streets and avenues at or below 60th street will be charged a toll. The toll will result in 100,000 fewer vehicles entering the zone every day, relieving crowding in what is today the most congested district in the United States.

Fair Fares NYC is a city program created to help New Yorkers with low incomes manage their transportation costs. Using the Fair Fares NYC MetroCard, eligible New York City residents receive a 50% discount on subway and eligible bus fares. Pay-per-Ride, weekly unlimited, and monthly unlimited options are all available. Fair Fares can also provide 50% off MTA Access-A-Ride paratransit trips.

Fair Fares is open to eligible low-income New Yorkers who don't have discounted transportation from the MTA or the city.

Fair Fares has expanded access by increasing the income threshold to qualify for the program. Now eligible New York City residents ages 18 to 64 with incomes up to 120% of federal poverty levels may enroll.

All Fair Fares NYC MetroCards come ready to add time and/or value. When you add time to your Fair Fares NYC MetroCard, you will be charged half the current price for the unlimited weekly or monthly option. When you add value, you will add the amount you choose to your card and the turnstile will deduct half the current fare when you swipe.

DSNY Reported: Manhattan 9 Superintendent Baba has been replaced with Supt. Jonathan George, 125 E. 149th Street, 646-210-6054. Also, with the expansion of curbside composting collection, trees without decoration can be placed at the curb for collection on your Curbside Composting day, the same day the rest of your recycling is collected.

Trees and natural wreaths should be set at the curb next to other compostable materials. Trees should not be placed in a plastic bag. For more information, please visit the [DSNY website](#).

DSS Reported: Every January, thousands of volunteers across the five boroughs participate in NYC's annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE). Over a single night, volunteers canvass streets, subway stations, parks, and other public spaces across the city to identify individuals living unsheltered.

This year, HOPE 2025 will take place on January 28th at 10:00 pm. To learn more or to register, click [here](#)

Department of Finance Reported: The Department of Finance will be publishing a proposed rule in the January 2, 2025, issue of the City Record. This proposed rule relates to a new local law governing the enforcement of property tax collection. The proposed rule would establish how qualified property owners can:

- Renew a property tax hardship installment agreement through self-certification of income and primary residence
- Apply for removal from a tax lien sale and appeal a denial of an application for removal
- Demonstrate eligibility for a tax lien certificate surcharge waiver
- Apply for a program that allows property owners to participate in the DOF Preservation Track program

A copy of the proposed rule is available [on our website](#) and at [NYC Rules](#). The rule will also be available in the City Record upon publication.

Department of Education (DOE) Reported on: The Application Process and key dates for families applying during the 2024-2025 school year for admission to the 2025-2026 school year. Children born in 2020 will be eligible for kindergarten in September 2025.

- Tuesday, December 10, 2024: Kindergarten and Kindergarten G&T Application Opens
- Friday, January 24, 2025: Kindergarten and Kindergarten G&T Application Closes
- Wednesday, April 2, 2025: Kindergarten and Kindergarten G&T Offer Release
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Gifted & Talented (G&T)

Families are able to apply to kindergarten Gifted and Talented programs on the same general kindergarten application. If you listed G&T programs on your application, eligibility will be determined after you apply. Learn more about G&T programs [here](#). For information about the 2025 Kindergarten admissions process click here [Ready4K](#)

Starting in January 2025, parents will be able to apply to run for a seat on any of the 32 Community Education Councils and 4 Citywide Education Councils for which they are eligible. Then, candidates will campaign from late February through April, and finally, voting will take place from late April through May 13.

Visit on.nyc.gov/Elections2025 to stay tuned for further updates as these dates approach and to sign up for a New York City School Account (NYCSA) which is necessary to run for a seat and vote.

Department of Design and Construction (DDC) Reported: The New York City Department of Design and Construction (NYCDDC) is managing the rehabilitation of pedestrian ramps at designated locations in Manhattan and Queens, on behalf of the NYC Department of Transportation (NYCDOT). DDC will upgrade existing pedestrian ramps to comply with Federal ADA 2010 Specifications and PROWAG Guidelines, ensuring the continued movement of

pedestrians and the traveling public through Manhattan and Queens. Locations: Manhattan Community Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 Queens Community Districts 1 and 3 Work will begin with tree pruning and saw cutting, followed by excavation of existing pedestrian ramps, backfilling, resurfacing concrete and asphalt, and the installation of detectable warning surfaces. Typical work hours will be as follows: Monday – Friday from 7:00am to 3:30pm Early evening hours as need. Work is expected to begin in Spring of 2025. Weekly construction bulletins will provide an overview of the project’s work hours, locations, and activities for the upcoming week. Location specific Community Advisories will be distributed to affected Community Boards 72-hrs prior to the start of construction on individual pedestrian ramps.

DOHMH Reported: Department of Health is sponsoring a virtual or in-person training on rat prevention methods; keeping rats out of living spaces; best practices for baiting and trapping; disrupt the triangle of life: Food, Water, Shelter. If interested in working with the Health Department to sponsor a virtual or in-person training, contact the Health Department at: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6886844/Speaker-Request-Form> and select “Pest Control” as a Health Topic.

Employment Opportunities:

Register to be an emergency snow shoveler and help to remove snow and ice from bus stops, step streets, and other locations throughout the city this winter. Snow shovelers will be paid \$18.54 per hour, and \$27.81 per hour after the first 40 hours worked in a week.

Become a NYC Lifeguard: Qualifying tests start this winter for summer 2025 Are you ready to answer the call? DPR is looking for dedicated, mission-driven individuals to play a critical role in keeping a close watch on our pools and beaches, making summer happen for millions of New Yorkers. Register to take the qualifying test now through March 16th: <https://www.nycgovparks.org/reg/life-guard-test>

Did you Know??

The 2024-2025 Regular HEAP benefit application opened on November 1, 2024.

If you are eligible, you may receive one regular HEAP benefit per program year to help you pay for heating your home.

Eligibility and benefits are based on:

income,
household size,
the primary heating source,
the presence of a household member who is under age 6, age 60 or older or permanently disabled.

Regular benefits for households that pay directly for heat based on actual usage are paid directly to the vendor that supplies the household's primary source of heat. The participating vendor list

can be obtained by accessing the HEAP Participating Vendor List. Select your county of residence, the fuel type you use to heat your home, and pressing “Go”.

Your household may be eligible for a Regular benefit if:

A member of your household is a United States Citizen or Qualified Non-Citizen
Your household's gross monthly income is at or below the current income guides for your household size as posted in the table below or
You receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits or
You receive Temporary Assistance (TA) or
You receive Code A Supplemental Security Income (SSI Living Alone)
Learn more at: [Home Energy Assistance Program \(HEAP\) | OTDA](#)

Alternate Side Parking will be suspended on the following days: **Monday, Jan. 20** - Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Parking meters will remain in effect

Respectfully Submitted by,

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