

# District Manger's Report

## March, 2026

**Department of Transportation (DOT) Reported:** NYC DOT works with community-based organizations, educational institutions, and business groups to execute Open Streets citywide. In coordination with community partners, NYC DOT can also assist in developing operational plans to manage streets for multiple uses, including outdoor dining, programming, and outdoor learning/recreation for schools. NYC DOT works with partners and local stakeholders to ensure loading, deliveries, and emergency access are coordinated as part of the Open Streets' operations. The Open Streets application is for partners who want to manage their own Open Streets.

### **New for 2026, Application deadlines for School Open Streets have changed:**

For Open Streets, proposed to launch at the beginning of the 2026-2027 academic year, there is an extended deadline of March 31, 2026.

For more information, visit [nyc.gov/OpenStreets](https://nyc.gov/OpenStreets). Applications should be submitted online through the [Open Streets 2026 Application](#).

**DOT announced the Call for programming partners to help shape this year's Summer Streets and Car-Free Earth Day.** Businesses, nonprofit and community-based organizations, performers, artists, and educational institutions can apply online. Organizations can visit [www.nyc.gov/summerstreets](https://www.nyc.gov/summerstreets) and [www.nyc.gov/carfreenyc](https://www.nyc.gov/carfreenyc) to learn more.

**Summer Streets** is an annual celebration of New York City's most valuable public space – our streets. Miles of NYC's Streets are open in both directions for people to play. Walk and bike while taking a break at the rest stops along the route to enjoy free activities.

**Car-Free Earth Day** is an annual event to celebrate Earth Day by promoting environmental activism and education. The event is typically held on the Saturday before or immediately after Earth Day and features programming at signature and partner locations citywide, focusing on climate change, sustainability, and related topics.

NYC DOT will announce dates and times for each event in the coming months.

**FDNY Reported:** As we have sprung forward, the FDNY reminds us to check that smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly with fresh batteries. Replace non-working equipment if necessary.

The FDNY, in partnership with the American Red Cross and FDNY Foundation, provides free smoke alarms and installation for NYC residents to increase home fire safety. Residents can request a free, professionally installed alarm by visiting [FDNYSmart.org](http://FDNYSmart.org) or calling 311.

**Eligibility:** Open to all New York City residents.

**What you get:** Free smoke/carbon monoxide alarms and installation by trained professionals.

**How to register:**

Online: [Visit FDNYSmart.org](http://FDNYSmart.org) or [NYC.gov](http://NYC.gov).

**Phone:** Call 311 and ask for a free smoke alarm installation.

**Buildings with 1 to 9 residential units will be required to use NYC Bins for their trash starting in June 2026.** This is another step in the city's plan to remove the mountains of black bags from our sidewalks, reclaim public space, and improve the quality of life.

DSNY announced that all nine sizes and colors of official NYC Bins are now available at NYC Home Depot locations, for in-store pickup via [homedepot.com/NYCBins](http://homedepot.com/NYCBins), or for delivery via [Instacart](#), [DoorDash](#), or [Uber Eats](#). **The official bin is only required for trash**; however, there are bins available for trash/paper, metal/glass/plastic, and compost, which are optional.

Some New Yorkers had previously ordered bins online but have not yet received delivery of their bins; all outstanding online delivery orders are ongoing and are targeted for completion by late March. Those customers will receive an email notification when the bins are scheduled for delivery.

Owners of one- and two-family homes who receive the STAR property tax benefit are eligible for an [\*\*NYC Trash Bin reimbursement\*\*](#) from the NYC Department of Finance.

If you purchase a bin from [Home Depot](#) or a delivery partner ([DoorDash](#), [Instacart](#), [Uber Eats](#)), you will need to apply for the reimbursement.

If you are eligible and have already purchased a bin online through the manufacturer (Otto), the NYC Department of Finance will automatically send you a check.

[\*\*Learn more about the Trash Bin Reimbursement Program.\*\*](#)

**Reminder DOB Reported:** Open-Grille Security Gates. In 2009, the City of New York passed a law banning the installation of solid-panel security grilles for commercial stores.

New and existing security grilles that do not meet this requirement must be replaced with compliant open security grilles by July 1, 2026. Learn more at: [on.nyc.gov/1175of2009](http://on.nyc.gov/1175of2009)

Owners who have existing or new security grilles installed on their property must verify if the grilles are subject to the Local Law 75 requirements, and if the grille(s) meet all compliance requirements, including the 70% visibility requirement. If an owner is not in compliance, they must install or replace the security grille. In addition, the owner must also comply with any other applicable requirements and permits and must hire a registered design professional as required.

**SSA Reported:** As we continue improving how customers apply for and receive Social Security Number (SSN) cards, we are launching a streamlined online application process. This enhancement enables many customers to complete their applications fully online or begin the process online and schedule an in-office appointment if additional steps are required. We may ask customers to create or sign in to their personal [my Social Security](#) account as part of the application. If a customer is prompted to schedule an appointment with an office to complete the application, they may be directed to an email and password login screen to self-schedule their office visit. This initiative supports our ongoing commitment to providing secure, convenient service while improving efficiency and access.

The new process offers a simpler entry point for SSN card applications, reduces paperwork, shortens wait times, and helps minimize repeat visits due to incomplete documentation. Expanding online options also helps improve service delivery while providing customer support for those who need in-person assistance.

**NYC Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Reported:** EDC, in partnership with NYC DOT and NYC Parks, is working to enhance and expand the greenway network and provide high-quality, continuous biking and walking facilities for New Yorkers in all five boroughs.

To find more information, please visit the project website: <https://edc.nyc/citywide-greenways>

This initiative is just getting underway, and community input is being sought from a diverse set of New Yorkers. Sharing your thoughts in the 5-minute survey will help EDC understand how these spaces are used and will shape the future of greenways in New York City.

Take the survey [here](#)

**OMB Reported: Project Name: construction of new Culinary Kitchen for NAC Culinary Arts Project Location: City College, North Academic Center / CCNY-NA, 160 Convent Avenue, Manhattan.** CONSTRUCTION The City University of New York's request for a cost limitation for the construction of the new Culinary Kitchen for the NAC Culinary Arts Project is hereby approved at \$1,200,000.

This project includes \$25,000 in pollution remediation. The project work will be administered and undertaken by DASNY. This CP will provide City funding as a grant to DASNY for \$1,200,000 for the construction of the new Culinary Kitchen for NAC Culinary Arts Project, pursuant to the Agreement for Financial Management of City Capital Grants of CUNY Senior

Colleges, Between OMB, CUNY, the City University Construction Fund and DASNY, dated January 21, 2022. This project (CC045-019) is chargeable to City funds in the budget to line HN-D300. (See **Budget Document**)

**Did You Know???**

Alternate side of the street parking regulations will be suspended on the following days:  
Friday /Saturday, March 20-21 - Idul-Fitr (Eid Al-Fitr)

**Parking meters will be in effect.**

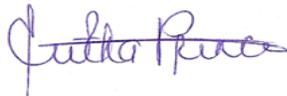
**The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)** is a federally funded program that helps low-income homeowners and renters heat and cool their homes.

The 2025-2026 Regular HEAP benefit is now open, and you can apply online via [ACCESS HRA](#). Applications will be accepted until funds are exhausted.

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

To learn more, please click [here](#)

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