

District Manager's Report

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Mayor's Office of Management & Budget (OMB) Reported: Mayor Zohran Mamdani approved a proposed \$124.7 billion New York City budget for Fiscal Year 2027. The plan is designed to close a major budget gap while continuing funding for public services and new city investments.

Key details of the budget include:

- No broad property tax increase.
- Continued funding for parks, libraries, schools, housing, and public safety.
- Major investments in public housing through NYCHA.
- Roughly \$4 billion in additional state support tied to agreements with Kathy Hochul and state lawmakers.
- Savings measures across city agencies intended to reduce waste and streamline spending.

The administration said the budget:

- Closed a reported multibillion-dollar deficit.
- Avoided drawing heavily from emergency reserve funds.
- Included new revenue ideas such as taxes on luxury second homes (“pied-à-terre” tax proposals).

Critics, including some fiscal watchdogs and political opponents, argued that:

- The plan relies too much on temporary fixes and accounting changes.
- Some savings projections may be overly optimistic.
- Future budget gaps could remain a problem.

One of the largest spending areas is education, with city school funding reportedly reaching about \$43 billion

MTA Reported: It has recently relaunched its subway and bus app, giving riders the most accurate service information straight from the source. The app is the best tool for navigating the city, showing real-time subway and bus arrivals, the real-time position of a train or bus, and its estimated time of arrival at all its future destinations, allowing riders to fully plan their trips from start to finish.

The new MTA App also features live in-app customer support that can answer rider questions as well as direct customers to other MTA services. Access-A-Ride customers can continue using the app to book and manage their trips. The app is available for iOS and Android in English and Spanish.

Metropolitan Transportation Authority and Columbia University announced a public-private partnership to make the 125 St 1 subway station ADA accessible.

The project includes:

- Installation of three elevators
- Widened escalators on the west side of Broadway
- General station repairs and platform upgrades

Columbia University will contribute \$33 million toward the project, while the MTA will handle design and construction. The upgrades fulfill part of Columbia's obligations tied to the 2007 Manhattanville campus expansion agreement.

Design work is expected to begin this year, with construction anticipated to start by 2028. The 121-year-old station, located near Columbia's Manhattanville campus, serves about 6,500 daily riders and is part of the historic Manhattan Valley Viaduct on the 1 train line.

The announcement is part of the MTA's broader accessibility initiative. Since 2020, the agency has made 57 stations ADA accessible and is continuing major investments through its 2025–2029 Capital Plan, which includes upgrading at least 60 additional stations and replacing 45 subway elevators.

Governor Hochul's Office Reported: Recently that New York State has invested \$1.27 billion in gun violence reduction, prevention, and intervention programs. The FY27 Executive Budget proposal continues major funding for several initiatives, including:

- \$36.4 million for the GIVE (Gun Involved Violence Elimination) initiative
- \$21 million for SNUG Street Outreach programs
- \$20 million for Project RISE (Respond, Invest, Sustain, Empower)
- \$42 million for the state Youth Employment Program

The announcement also introduced the new HOPE initiative, which plans to create or expand youth-focused "neighborhood havens" in each of New York City's five boroughs:

- Bronx
- Brooklyn
- Manhattan
- Queens
- Staten Island

According to the statement, these centers are intended to provide trauma-informed, culturally relevant programming for young people up to age 24, especially during higher-risk evening and

weekend hours. The goals are to promote healing, connection, skill building, and violence interruption.

Department of Parks & Recreation Reported: Mayor Mamdani has announced that **St. Nicholas Park – 133rd Street Playground** is one of [ten sites citywide selected to receive capital investment](#) through the **Community Parks Initiative (CPI) for Fiscal Year 2027**.

Through this initiative, **St. Nicholas Park will receive \$14.8 million in funding** to support improvements to the playground, barbeque area, basketball courts, and handball courts. This investment reflects a strong commitment to the Harlem community and the importance of maintaining and improving our local parks.

The funding is made possible through contributions from the **Mayor’s Office, former Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine, and Council Member Yusef Salaam**.

The [Community Parks Initiative](#) focuses on bringing critical capital improvements to underserved neighborhood parks. We look forward to sharing more information as planning and community engagement begin so that local voices can help shape the future of this space.

DSNY Reported: Property owners must clean sidewalks (including areas like tree pits, grass strips, etc.) and gutter areas (18 inches from the curb into the street) along the building perimeter.

- failure to keep the sidewalks and gutters near your property clean and unobstructed, **may incur a fined up to \$100;**
- Litter and sweepings must be picked up and placed in bins with secure lids for collection. ***Public DSNY litter baskets may not be used for this purpose;***
- DSNY inspects sidewalks during specific times of the day. Sidewalk cleaning enforcement times depend on the type of property.

Although enforcement agents will issue tickets for dirty sidewalks and gutters only during the specified time periods, they may issue tickets for all other violations at any time.

DSNY employees may not be obstructed when they are sweeping or cleaning a street or removing trash, recycling, snow, or ice. Violators may be fined.

Events/Announcements:

Alternate Side Parking Suspension Dates:

May 14- Solemnity of the Ascension (parking meters in effect)

May 22-23 Shavuoth - 2 Days (parking meters in effect)

May 25- Memorial Day (parking meters **NOT** in effect)

May 27-28 Idul-Adha / Eid Al-Adha (parking meters in effect)

- Participatory budgeting (PB) is a democratic process that allows residents to directly decide how part of a public budget is spent. First launched in Porto Alegre in 1989 as an anti-poverty initiative, participatory budgeting has since expanded to more than 10,000 -- municipalities' worldwide, helping communities shape spending decisions for cities, schools, housing authorities, and other public institutions.

In New York City, the citywide participatory budgeting initiative is called The People's Money. The program gives residents the opportunity to propose and vote on community projects funded through public dollars.

Thousands of New Yorkers submitted project ideas this fall, and residents can now vote on which proposals should move forward and receive funding.

Voting is open through June 21 at:

https://www.participate.nyc.gov/?utm_source=chatgpt.com

- **The 2026 Harlem Culture Crawl will take place on May 16 and 17**, residents and visitors are invited to celebrate the pride, history, creativity, and cultural legacy of Harlem.

During the weekend-long event, Harlem's museums, galleries, historic landmarks, performance venues, and cultural institutions will open their doors for exhibitions, live music, walking tours, family-friendly activities, and community gatherings. The Crawl highlights both the historic impact of the Harlem Renaissance and the work of today's emerging artists and cultural voices.

The event is designed to encourage people to reconnect with neighbors, support local institutions, and experience Harlem's cultural energy firsthand through art, history, storytelling, and community engagement. (*See Flyer for additional information*)

Respectfully Submitted by,



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