

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

NOVEMBER, 2024

Mayor's Office Reported:

NYC Drought Watch in Effect - A Drought Watch has been declared for New York City. All New Yorkers must do their part to conserve water. City agencies are taking action to reduce water usage and protect water supplies. In addition, residents should take action to limit water usage during this dry season.

^Some actions New Yorkers can take include

^Reporting open fire hydrants and leaks to 311.

^Avoid flushing toilets unnecessarily and take shorter showers.

^Avoid running the tap while shaving, washing hands, or brushing teeth.

^Take measures to fix leaky faucets and pipes within your house.

^Run dishwashers and washing machines only when full, and use shorter cycles if available.

Help NYC by being conscious of your water usage. Learn more about conserving water: <https://nyc.gov/site/dep/water>

[Mayor Adams Bans Grilling in Parks, Reminds New Yorkers to Take Additional Precautions and Conserve Water Amidst Elevated Fire Risk and Historic Drought](#)

Following a two-alarm forest fire in Prospect Park recently and continued wildfires in New Jersey, New York City Mayor Eric Adams took additional measures to mitigate increased fire risk amidst a historic streak of dry weather in New York City and in the counties upstate that host New York City's water reservoirs. Grilling will be banned in New York City parks while the city remains in drought conditions, while smoking and other sources of open flame remain illegal throughout the parks system;

[Mayor Adams Announces Lawsuit Against Major Online Distributor for Illegally Selling Disposable Flavored E-Cigarettes](#)

New York City Mayor Eric Adams and New York City Acting Corporation Counsel Muriel Goode-Trufant announced that the [City of New York has filed a federal lawsuit against a major distributor of disposable flavored e-cigarettes](#), popularly known as "vapes" – the most popular devices for nicotine use among middle and high school youth. The defendant – Price Point Distributors, Inc., based in Farmingdale, Long Island – is accused of distributing e-cigarettes with flavors such as snow cone, strawberry shortcake, and Hawaii Punch to retail stores and directly to consumers in New York City and around the country through online sales, violating nearly every applicable federal, New York state, and New York City law governing the sale of such products.

Additional Helpful Resources:

- [NYCJobs](#): Get free career training and help finding a job in government or the private sector;

- [Food Help NYC](#): Free food locations including food pantries & soup kitchens;
- [NYC 988](#): NYC 988 is your connection to free, confidential crisis counseling, mental health and substance use support, information and referrals. You can reach the toll-free help line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by phone, text and online chat;
- [Buildings After Hours](#): Free in-person information session with DOB staff every first and third Tuesday of the month from 4 PM to 7 PM at your local borough office;
- [Notify NYC](#): Enroll for free in New York City's dedicated emergency public communications program;

HPD Reported: HPD Invites You to Join Housing Information Classes-- Now with Translation - Look no further for your NYC housing answers. For upcoming classes, visit the HPD [Housing Information Classes](#) page.

Learn from experts about all the housing resources you can access for free. From pest removal to responding to violations to navigating Housing Court. Our classes are taught by the housing experts that renters and homeowners need to work with.

HPD is ready to help everyone: tenants and homeowners, new residents and long-time New Yorkers alike.

New York City Emergency Management Reported: NYC Emergency Management is looking for local coalitions interested in developing emergency plans for their communities. The program provides up to \$40,000 of funding to each participating coalition.

Eligibility:

- Be a Coalition;
- Be able to demonstrate connections with a community within the five boroughs;
- Be committed to establishing formal community emergency plans;
- Begin Programming Wednesday, January 15th, 2025 (if selected). Apply now at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024SCApplication>

NYC Comptroller's Office Reported on: Comptroller Brad Lander recently rolled out the Strategic Plan for Street Safety in the era of Micro-mobility. The Comptroller's report lays out a comprehensive and strategic approach to create more predictability on city streets and ensure fast-moving two-wheeled vehicles operate safely and legally. The plan calls for cutting off the supply of unsafe and illegal vehicles, establishing a City administered licensing program for app-delivery companies, and enhancing accountability for riders who violate traffic laws through more predictable, consistent enforcement. People with disabilities, seniors, safe streets advocates, and delivery workers.

NYC Comptroller's Office launched the Immigrant Workers Resource Guide. This Resource Guide builds on the Comptroller's Office's continuous efforts to support and protect workers across New York City. The Comptroller's Bureau of Labor Law enforces wage laws for construction workers on public projects, building service employees on properties receiving state tax benefits, and certain workers under city contracts. However, many immigrant workers remain unaware of the protections available to them under federal, state, and local laws.

Social Security Administration Reported: continued Social Security Disability benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments under Section 301? Section 301 is offering extended benefits to eligible youth who would otherwise stop receiving benefits due to medical recovery.

Typically, benefit payments stop if a person is found to no longer have a disability after an age-18 redetermination or medical Continuing Disability Review (CDR). However, if your client is participating in an approved program of special education, vocational rehabilitation (VR), or similar services, benefits may continue until they stop participating in or complete the program.

To become eligible for continued payments under Section 301:

- A person must be a participant in an appropriate VR program or similar service that began before the month their disability stopped under our rules.
- We must review their participation in the program and decide that the recipient's continued participation in the program will likely result in them no longer receiving disability benefits.

Examples of appropriate programs may include:

- An Individualized Education Program (IEP) for youth aged 18 through 21;
- A VR agency using an individualized plan for employment;
- Support services using an individualized written employment plan;
- A written service plan with a school under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act;
- An approved Plan to Achieve Self Support (PASS);

The timing of participation in these programs matters for Section 301 eligibility. A person must be participating in the program before our first decision during an age-18 redetermination or medical CDR. Additionally, Section 301 benefits can also continue if program participation changes within 90 days. For example, if an IEP ends and they sign a written plan with a VR within 90 days, Section 301 benefits can continue.

For more information, read our publication, [Qualifying for Benefit Continuation After You Turn 18](#), or visit our [Youth Toolkit](#) webpage.

November marks Native American Heritage Month, a time to honor the traditions, languages, and stories of Native American, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and affiliated Island communities.

Social Security Administration is committed to providing equitable and accessible service to all communities. Through their continued work with advocates and tribal representatives, they developed many resources and tools to better serve indigenous people. These include:

- [American Indians and Alaska Natives webpage](#);
- [Tribal Benefits Coordinator Guide](#);
- [Native Language Interpreter Services](#);
- [Social Security Video Connect](#);
- [Social Security Publishes Native Language Action Plan to Improve Access to Our Programs and Services](#);

Did You Know??

- **DOHMH – Department of Health and Mental Hygiene:** Has added a new rule: Food establishment premises with 15 or more locations nationally are required to display added sugar warning icons. These icons should inform consumers about food items with serving sizes containing equal to or more than the Daily Value for added sugars (currently 50 grams of added sugars or 200 calories);
- **DSNY- Department of Sanitation of New York:** Currently requires that all commercial establishments set out any solid waste subject to decay at the curb for private carter collection in rigid containers with tight-fitting lids. The new rule would expand this requirement to include any entity, and not just commercial establishments, that receives private carter collection;
- **Starting on November 12th, 2024, all properties with 1-9 residential units must use bins**, 55 gallons or less, with secure lids. By June 2026, all properties with 1-9 residential units will be required to use the official NYC Bins. You can purchase your official NYC Bin at bins.nyc;
- **DCWP – Department of Consumer and Worker Protection:** Has amended their penalty schedule for Powered Mobility Devices. Local Law 49 of 2024 requires powered bicycle and powered mobility device stores, both brick and mortar and online, to post informational materials created by DCWP and the Fire Department. Those who violate the provisions of Local Law 49 are liable for civil penalties from \$150 to \$350 per violation, where each continued day of non-compliance constitutes a separate violation.

Updates were also made to existing penalties. Local Law 50 of 2024 increases existing penalties for the sale, lease, and rental of uncertified devices, and creates new recordkeeping requirements and online display requirements for such certified devices.

Events/Announcements:

- **Harlem Holiday Lights – 2024** The highly anticipated **PARADE OF LIGHTS** returns to Harlem on Tuesday, November 19th, 2024 (Rain Date November 26th) at 6 p.m. This Event is expected to draw thousands of in-person and on television viewers, thanks to the livestreaming provided by the media sponsor ABC!! The Parade will feature over 19 Floats, toy giveaway areas, store discounts, over 44 watch areas for residents, businesses and visitors, Grand marshal Misty Copeland and Legacy Award Recipient George Faison;
- Winter Ready – A Preparedness Webinar for Older Adults: Learn essential emergency preparedness tips to stay safe this season, including building a support network, connecting with local services and fire safety on: Tuesday, November 19th at 1 p.m., register at https://bit.ly/Winter_24;
- **ASP – Alternate Side Parking Rules 2025 Suspension Calendar:**
<https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/asp-calendar-2025.pdf>
- Join NYC Parks for an inspiring hour of musical discovery with the Galvin Cello Quartet. Bring the family, grab a seat, settle in and enjoy four captivating string players offering delightful classical works that will leave you buzzing. Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) hopes to see you at this FREE, one-of-a-kind event in the heart of our community on:

Date: Thursday, November 21st, 2024

Time: 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Place: Jackie Robinson Recreation Center, 85 Bradhurst Ave., NYC 10039.

RSVP: email Richard Martinez@parks.nyc.gov;

Respectfully Submitted by:



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