

## OCTOBER, 2020 DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

**Return of Indoor Dining:** Governor Cuomo announced that as of September 30, indoor dining in New York City is allowed to resume at a 25% occupancy limit. A team of 400 enforcement personnel has been assembled by the City to ensure compliance. If the infection rate does not increase, restaurants may be allowed to go up to 50% capacity.

In concordance with state guidelines and health procedures, the reopening of indoor dining will proceed as follows:

- Temperature checks will be required at the door for all customers
- A member of each party must provide contact information for tracing, if needed
- No bar services
- Masks must be worn at all times when not seated at a table
- Tables must be six feet apart
- Restaurants close at midnight

These guidelines will be reassessed based on data by November 1 to determine whether the capacity limit will be permitted to increase. Business guidance for indoor dining in New York City can be found at [forward.ny.gov/nyc-indoor-dining](https://forward.ny.gov/nyc-indoor-dining). For more information on the reopening of indoor dining, visit [governor.ny.gov/news](https://governor.ny.gov/news).

**Census Extended by Federal Court Order:** The counting period for the 2020 Census will continue through October 31 after [a federal judge ruled against the Trump administration's order](#) to end the count a month early on September 30, citing evidence that found that ending the count prematurely could jeopardize the accuracy of the data. Officials have also been instructed to hold off on delivering the completed data to the White House until April 2021, rather than the December 31 deadline that the administration tried to shorten the count to meet.

Only with an accurate census count can the CENSUS ensure the federal government will give us our fair share of funding for things like school seats, building and maintaining infrastructure, transit, and emergency services. All area census offices will complete their work by **October 31, 2020**.

**If you have not already filled out your census, please do so as soon as possible by visiting [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov).**

**Board of Elections Reported:** Key dates to remember for the Presidential Election on **Tuesday, November 3:**

**Last Day to Register to Vote** - Friday, October 9 - [Vote.nyc/page/register-vote](https://Vote.nyc/page/register-vote)

**Last Day to Request your Absentee Ballot** - Tuesday, October 27

- [NYCabsentee.com](https://NYCabsentee.com)

**Last Day to Postmark Ballot for Mail** - Tuesday, November 3

- [NYCabsentee.com/tracking](https://NYCabsentee.com/tracking)

**ABSENTEE VOTING: Apply for Your Absentee Ballot:**

Best: **Online** at [NYCabsentee.com](https://NYCabsentee.com)

**Other ways to request your absentee:** **Mail** application to [local borough office](#)

**In-Person** at the [local borough office](#) **Email** application o [voterreg@boe.nyc.ny.us](mailto:voterreg@boe.nyc.ny.us)

**Fax** application to 646-638-2047

**Call** 212-886-2100

**Cast Your Absentee Ballot:** **Mail** to a [local borough office](#) with a postmark no later than **November 3<sup>rd</sup>**; **In-person** at a [local borough office](#) no later than **November 3<sup>rd</sup> by 9pm**; **In-person** at ANY early voting poll site from **October 24<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>**; **In-Person** at ANY poll site on **November 3<sup>rd</sup> by 9pm**.

**EARLY VOTING:** The early voting period in New York begins on **Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>** and ends on **Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**, with [hours varying](#) by day for each county.

**AGENCY REPORTS:**

**DOT Reported:** Enterprise will no longer have Carshare spots uptown and they will be replaced with either Zipcar cars in certain locations or standard alternate side parking (ASP) spaces will be given back to the neighborhood.

Please see below for the list of former Enterprise Carshare locations in CB 9 and what they will be converted to in the near future. DOT is currently working on replacing the signage and the road markings in each location to reflect the upcoming changes.

| <b>Neighborhood</b> | <b>On Street</b> | <b>At Street</b>  | <b>Corner</b> | <b>CB</b> | <b>Re-Use/Signage</b>        |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|
| Hamilton Heights    | W 144 Street     | Convent Avenue    | S             | 109       | Alternate Side Parking (ASP) |
| Hamilton Heights    | W 144 Street     | Amsterdam Avenue  | S             | 109       | Zipcar                       |
| Hamilton Heights    | W 149 Street     | Amsterdam Avenue  | S             | 109       | Zicpar                       |
| Hamilton Heights    | W 140 Street     | Broadway          | S             | 109       | Zipcar                       |
| Hamilton Heights    | W 150 Street     | Broadway          | S             | 109       | ASP                          |
| Morningside Heights | W 111 Street     | Amsterdam Avenue  | N             | 109       | ASP                          |
| Morningside Heights | W 112 Street     | Amsterdam Avenue  | S             | 109       | Zipcar                       |
| Morningside Heights | W 118 Street     | Amsterdam Avenue  | N             | 109       | ASP                          |
| Morningside Heights | W 123 Street     | Amsterdam Avenue  | S             | 109       | ASP                          |
| Morningside Heights | W 115 Street     | Morningside Drive | S             | 109       | Zipcar                       |

**NYC Emergency Management Reported:** Emergency Management reminds New Yorkers that creating an emergency plan is the first step to keeping their families safe during an emergency. While all New Yorkers should create a plan, older adults and individuals with disabilities and/or access and functional needs are particularly vulnerable during emergencies. To highlight the importance of planning for emergencies, NYC Emergency Management hosted an emergency preparedness

virtual panel for older adults on September 29, 2020. Representatives from the NYC Emergency Management Department, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, NYC Department for the Aging, and Older Adult Technology Services (OATS) participated in the virtual panel, sharing information with older adults on the importance of developing an emergency plan.

NYC Emergency Management works with older adults throughout the year to ensure they have the information necessary to remain safe during an emergency. During the event, the panel shared preparedness tips with older adults including the items to include in their Go Bag as well as steps they can take to develop an emergency plan with their friends and family. Panelists also discussed proactive steps older adults can take as we approach flu season. NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Deanne Criswell was also on hand to deliver remarks. Following the presentation, attendees participated in a Q&A session with panelists. view the panel presentation here [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2le4E19tSE&feature=youtu.be&ab\\_channel=NYCEmergencyManagement](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2le4E19tSE&feature=youtu.be&ab_channel=NYCEmergencyManagement)

**Mayor's Office Reported:** [Executive Order 148](#), which sets limitations on event permits through December 31, 2020. The Executive Order limits the types of outdoor events permitted by the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Police Department, and the Street Activity Permit Office in order to minimize crowding, facilitate COVID testing and treatment sites, and to allow for use of streets and parks for recreation, learning and dining. Currently, there are over 475 outdoor learning sites in city parks and streets, in addition to 10,200 Open Restaurants and 79 miles of Open Streets.

Safe, creative arrangements will be made for community celebrations, performances, and activations to continue in the city. Planned events include alternate celebrations for signature events, including the [Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade](#) and [New Year's Eve in Times Square](#), in addition to a spooky walk through the West Village for Halloween, and ceremonial motorcycle procession for Veteran's Day, among other virtual and socially distanced in-person activities.

Recent events permitted by Department of Parks and Recreation and the Street Activity Permit Office include dozens of pop-up music performances by the Philharmonic, a staggered run with NYC Runs, and a musical press conference in

Times Square with Arts Hero in addition to hundreds of block parties, athletic events, religious events, health fairs, and cultural performances.

Apply for street permits at [nyc.gov/SAPO](http://nyc.gov/SAPO) and parks permits at [nyceventpermits.nyc.gov/parks](http://nyceventpermits.nyc.gov/parks). Frequently asked questions about the about Executive Order 148 can be found at <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/counseltothemayor/downloads/Event-Permits-FAQ.pdf>.

**Department of City Planning (DCP) Reported:** Executive Director Anita Laremont recently announced a new website, [NYC Planning Applicants](#), that allows small and large property owners to submit preliminary required materials for a land use application online. The portal is the first step towards a paperless land use application filing process, one that will save money, trees and storage space.

Through this website, applicants can file Pre-Application Statements and Reasonable Worst Case Development Scenarios digitally. The former provides preliminary paperwork about a proposed project, marking the start of a potential application. The latter is required for projects that need a more in-depth environmental review. Both documents are among the first items submitted for an application.

In the near future, applicants will be able to digitally submit all other required filings for public review, such as the land use application itself and environmental review documents.

NYC Planning Applicants will replace the paper-based system for filing these documents, both quickening the submission process for applicants and continuing DCP's move towards a greener way of conducting business. Through the website, applicants can manage who can edit their projects by adding or removing team members and sending invitations to collaborate. Improved tracking also helps applicants keep an eye on the progress of their proposals.

**FDNY Reported:** Fire Prevention Week kicked off on October 4, and the FDNY hosted fire safety events throughout the week in all five boroughs!

## **ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT:**

**Manhattan Borough President Reported:** The registration period for the CARES Act's "Economic Impact Payments" of \$1,200 (\$2,400 for couples, and \$500 for each child) closes 10/15 for these categories of taxpayers, who do not normally file returns: Social Security retirement, survivor, disability or Railroad Retirement beneficiaries, or Supplemental Security Income or Veterans Affairs benefit recipients who have qualifying children and did not file a return in 2018 or 2019 OR otherwise did not supply information via the nonfilers tool on the IRS website.

Those who didn't receive payments or who don't submit the information by 10/15, may claim the \$1,200 as a tax credit next year on the 2020 federal income tax return.

## **Manhattan District Attorney Reported:**

**CASH FOR GUNS NO QUESTIONS ASKED!!!** GUN BUY BACK will be held on Saturday, October 17th, 2020. Participants can receive a \$200 Pre-paid Card for Handguns and Assault Rifles; receive a \$25 Pre-paid Card for Rifles, Shotguns, and Air-Guns

Drop-Off Site: Bethel Gospel Assembly 1832 Madison Avenue New York, NY 10035  
Time: 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

## ***RESOURCES:***

### **[New-York Historical Society Reopens](#)**

The New-York Historical Society has reopened its doors for indoor visits and now has timed-entry tickets to help maintain social distancing. It will be welcoming guests back with a full roster of [special exhibitions](#), [film experiences](#), and permanent galleries.

NYHS also invites guests to visit their new outdoor exhibit, *Hope Wanted: New York City Under Quarantine*. Curated by poet and journalist Kevin Powell and photographer Kay Hickman, the exhibit features more than 50 photographs taken by Hickman along with 14 audio interviews with the photographs' subjects

conducted by Powell during the team's intensive two-day odyssey across the city on April 8–9, 2020; the audio will be accessible to visitors through their cell phones.

The exhibition is free and will be open through the end of November. You can book your tickets here at [hopewanted.nyhistory.org](http://hopewanted.nyhistory.org).

Learn more about their safety measures at [nyhistory.org/safety](http://nyhistory.org/safety)

### **Girls on the Run: Support & Wellness Program for Third to Eighth Graders**

You can register your daughter now for the Girls on the Run this fall, with programs available for all girls in 3rd–5th and 6th-8th grade! Sign up at [gotrnyc.org/register](http://gotrnyc.org/register).

During the 8-week season, girls will come together in a safe virtual space with peers and trained coaches to have fun and build meaningful connections. To help girls nurture their physical and emotional health, the twice-weekly lessons will explore the importance of expressing our emotions, standing up for ourselves and others, and more, while also providing the opportunity for movement!

At-home journals will allow for every girl to connect to the lessons, and provide guidance for 20-30 minutes of physical activity and exercise for each girl to do with family, friends or alone (indoors or outdoors) in between each session!

Girls on the Run is a transformational physical activity-based, positive youth development program for girls of all abilities. Trained coaches teach life skills through dynamic, interactive lessons and running games. The goal of the program is to unleash confidence through accomplishment while establishing a lifetime appreciation of health and fitness.

The season starts the week of September 29 for open, city-wide virtual teams that are available for any girl to register in. Financial assistance and payment plans are available, and Girl on the Run is committed to ensuring all girls who want to join can join. You can register at [gotrnyc.org/register](http://gotrnyc.org/register). For more information or questions about Girls on the Run, email [program@gotrnyc.org](mailto:program@gotrnyc.org).

## **Virtual Drag Queen Story Hour**

Tune in to two upcoming virtual Drag Queen Story Hours (DQSH) funded by my office on October 16th at 2pm. This virtual event will feature stories and songs for kids ages 3–8 and will remain available to watch online until NYPL branches reopen. This month’s DQSH will feature Harmonica Sunbeam reading books on fashion. To view all upcoming DQSH events, visit [www.dqshnyc.org](http://www.dqshnyc.org)

Drag Queen Story Hour: Fashion! with Harmonica Sunbeam

Friday October 16, 2pm

[nypl.org/storytime](http://nypl.org/storytime)

### ***EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:***

#### **Earn Up to \$2,000 as a Poll Worker**

Did you know that over half of the poll workers in America are over the age of 60, one of the primary at-risk groups for COVID-19? We are facing a crisis; this poll worker shortage will cause long lines on Election Day, poll site closures, unsafe sanitation and social distancing practices, and difficulty in ensuring a free and fair election. This burden will fall primarily on communities of color, who already face immense barriers to voting.

- In New York City, rates range from \$225-\$500.
- Most schools will excuse absences for serving as a poll worker.
- You will be on the front lines protecting our democracy in an extremely tenuous election year.
- If you are bilingual, you can assist non-English speakers cast their votes.
- You will ensure that every single American has equal access to the ballot.

You must be registered to vote in New York City to serve as a poll worker. If you are 17, you can still serve as a poll worker by contacting the Board of Elections in your borough. Visit [powerthepolls.org/campus](http://powerthepolls.org/campus) to learn more and apply.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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