

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

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Mayor's Office Reported: The NYC [Street Harassment Prevention Advisory Board](#) (SHPAB) requests your help in taking its street harassment survey and in spreading awareness about the “End Street Harassment: A NYC Resource Guide” which can both be found at nyc.gov/endstreetharassment.

Street harassment is a form of violence and a reality for far too many New Yorkers. Street harassment is unwanted and unwelcome threatening or offensive acts, statements, or behaviors directed at someone in public spaces such as sidewalks, streets, parks, and public transportation. We know this kind of harassment harms people of all ages, races, national origins, gender identities and expressions, sexual orientations, and people with disabilities. It can have both immediate and long-term effects on individuals and communities.

The public survey will enable us to gather vital information about the frequency and impacts of street harassment across communities in New York City, as well as what kind of resources people are looking for to help prevent and respond to street harassment. This version of the survey is for anyone who has experienced street harassment in New York City. In the future, we will gather information from people who have caused street harassment as it is important to bring them into the conversation.

The “End Street Harassment: A NYC Resource Guide” contains important information on how New Yorkers can prevent and respond to street harassment. The guide includes different steps people can take both in the moment and following an incident of harassment, either as a target or as a bystander, as well as resources available to support someone who has been harassed.

Help New Yorkers feel safe in public without fear of harassment:

- TAKE the [survey](#) and share it with your networks.
- DOWNLOAD the [resource guide](#) and share it with your networks.

Record-breaking \$6 Billion In Spending With NYC's M/WBE Firms: Mayor Adams announced that the city set a new record for spending on [city-certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises](#) (M/WBE) in Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23), the first full fiscal year of the Adams administration. City agencies and affiliated entities awarded over \$6 billion in total to M/WBE firms in FY23 through OneNYC, contracting with a record-setting 1,903 certified vendor firms.

New Yorkers to be Connected to Affordable Housing More Quickly: Mayor Adams announced that New York City households with housing vouchers will [no longer undergo credit checks when selected for affordable housing](#) — immediately accelerating the process of entering new, affordable homes for over 4,000 families every year. For New Yorkers with rental assistance vouchers, undergoing credit checks and providing rental history represent unnecessary

barriers to obtaining affordable housing, since their ability to pay rent is guaranteed by either their qualification for a rental subsidy or by the rental subsidy connected to the affordable unit.

HRA Reported:

The USDA has granted an extension of the statewide waiver of the Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) work requirements through February 28, 2025. The waiver was previously set to expire on February 29, 2024.

Therefore, ABAWD clients will continue to not be subject to the ABAWD requirements through February 28, 2025.

Cash Assistance Six-Month Mailer Recertification Waiver

The State OTDA has approved the City's request to waive the regulation requiring households in receipt of Cash Assistance to complete the six-month mail-in recertification if the household is identified as having no earned income in order to maintain eligibility for CA benefits.

These households will still be required to complete a recertification once every twelve (12) months and to report any changes to the household circumstances (composition, income, etc) within ten (10) days of the change.

Households receiving CA will be reminded of their 10-day reporting requirement by HRA in the first month they would normally receive their 6-month mailer. The notice also provides information on how they can submit changes to their circumstances to the agency.

New SNAP Standards and Changes to New York State Nutrition Improvement Project (NYSNIP) Benefit Amounts - October 1, 2023

New SNAP standards went into effect on October 1, 2023 and some items used to figure the amount of SNAP benefits a household gets has changed. These changes are a result of federally-required changes to the following standards and deductions. The information below outlines the new standards:

- The Standard Deduction for households of one to three persons is \$198.
- The Standard Deduction for households of four persons is \$208.
- The Standard Deduction for households of five persons is \$244.
- The Standard Deduction for households of six persons or more is \$279.
- The SNAP Maximum Excess Shelter Deduction is \$672.
- The SNAP Maximum Homeless Shelter Deduction is \$179.66.
- The Boarder/Lodger Exclusion is \$291 for one person and \$535 for two persons

ConEdison Reported:

- Con Edison is introducing a new customer service system to better serve customers. As a result, all customers will receive new account numbers, effective October 10, 2023. This also means our online portal – My Account- and other services will be down October 5th through October 9th. Customers started receiving information about this change over the summer which you can view [here \(and in Spanish\)](#). Our website features a list of FAQs: [New Customer Service System FAQs | Con Edison](#)
- We're excited to partner with organizations that lead programming preparing New Yorkers for sustainable, well-paying jobs in the clean energy and technology fields. We currently have an RFP for workforce training related to Clean Energy and Technology. Applicants can apply as a sole organization or as part of a coalition. More information can be found here: [Clean Energy & Technology Careers Request for Proposals | Con Edison](#)
- Lastly, we want to ensure we are communicating with the right contacts in your office. If you are interested in adding any additional people from your office to this list where we occasionally share updates, as well as storm and emergency information, please have them fill out this form: [Government Relations – Create – Con Edison \(myenergysites.com\)](#)

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Reported: If you are concerned about your infant or toddler not walking, talking or playing, and you need answers about services. The NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Division of Family and Child Health, Bureau of Early Intervention is hold in a presentation that will provide information about:

The Early Intervention (EI) referral process;

- How to be a referral source for linking to Early Intervention;
- Eligibility into the EIP program;
- Individual Family Service Plan;
- Resources and support for child care providers and their families;

For further info. and to register: <https://nycdohmh.surveymonkey.com/r/CY23ParPres>

Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Reported:

Coastal Storm Reminders:

- During coastal storm season the City may activate the Downed Tree Task Force. This multi-agency task force is responsible for coordinating the response to a large downed tree event. o The best way to have concerns addressed is to include an exact address with a cross-street, plus a picture of the problem via 311. This will ensure proper and timely categorization, assessment, and deployment of assistance.
- NYC's highest potential for hurricanes runs through October. Atlantic hurricane season continues through November 30.

- Every New Yorker should visit NYC.gov/knowyourzone to find their hurricane evacuation zone.
- If you are interested in a hurricane/emergency preparedness presentation, please reach out to intergov@oem.nyc.gov to set up a date. Hurricane Sandy 11th Anniversary
- October 29, marks the 11th anniversary of Hurricane Sandy. This day marks a time to reflect upon the rebuilding efforts and prepare for future events. NYCEM continues to conduct ongoing education as well as to provide mitigation actions to build community resilience against future flooding.
- If you are having a Hurricane Sandy memorial or remembrance event and would like NYCEM to attend, please provide the details as soon as possible to our team. Email intergov@oem.nyc.gov. Request a Ready New York Event
- Take the next step to preparedness and request an in-person or virtual emergency preparedness presentation.
- Through the program, you can learn about the hazards you may face in New York City and prepare for all types of emergencies by writing an emergency plan, choosing a meeting place, gathering supplies for your home, and preparing a Go Bag in case you need to leave your home in a hurry.
- Request a virtual Ready NY event or material via email at intergov@oem.nyc.gov

George Bruce Library Reported:

George Bruce Library is collaborating with NYCHA to educate residents about the MyNYCHA website and app. Participants will learn how to use MyNYCHA, and will also learn about other valuable resources at NYCHA, such as digital kiosks at property management offices where residents can pay rent, submit work orders, and recertify income. Attendees are encouraged to bring devices in order to follow along with the presentation. [The online workshop is on Thursday, November 2nd at 5:30 pm. The in-person workshop will take place on Wednesday, November 8th at 5:30 pm.](#)

George Bruce Library is excited to showcase a collection of monotypes on paper by Alison Cuomo. Deborah Barlow has described this work as "luminous, fluid and oceanic, her paintings speak to flow and constant change as the essence of reality. Her works invite us to stop and contemplate that movement, to encounter it in a visceral way." The exhibit will be on display on library's first floor.

[NYPL After School starting October 2nd \(Free Homework Help!\)](#)

NYPL After School is a free drop-in program for kids aged 6–12 that takes place after regular school hours, Monday to Thursday, when school is in session. Join us at a participating branch for homework help from one of our tutors or [Teen Reading Ambassadors](#), reading recommendations, fun writing, STEAM, and enrichment activities—and even snacks! Find out where NYPL After School is happening in person, explore online activities and resources, and more.

Banned Books Week at The New York Public Library

Stand with NYPL to protect the freedom to read! The Library is dedicated to free and open access to information and knowledge—a mission that is directly opposed to book banning and censorship. Join us during this year’s Banned Books Week, October 1–7, for free programs, events, and more for all ages.

Unite Against Book Bans: Ways to Take Action

The New York Public Library is dedicated to free and open access to information and knowledge. We believe that all people have the freedom to read. This freedom has recently been under threat by an alarming increase in book bans over the past several years. We invite you to stand with us against book banning and censorship—learn more below about how to get involved.

Hispanic & Latinx Heritage Month at NYPL

Join the Library in celebrating Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15. Discover free events for all ages, multilingual reading recommendations, research resources, and more this month and beyond

Did You Know? Late Fines Are Gone for Good!

Say goodbye to late fines and hello to the Library! We’ve eliminated all fines, past, and future, to ensure access and opportunity for all

Did you Know?

NYC Dept. of Transportation announced that parking meter rates will be increased beginning On October 16th, 2023 in Manhattan followed by increases in the outer boroughs rolling out through November 28th. To read about locations and rate increased by area click link:

<https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/motorist/parking-rates.shtml>

Food Help NYC: Free food locations including food pantries & soup kitchens.

NYC Well NYC Well 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 Tuesday 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.

311: Non-emergency municipal services available online, by texting 311-692, or by calling 3-1-1 from within the City or 212-NEW-YORK outside the five boroughs. TTY service is also available by dialing 212-504-4115.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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