

DM Report

October - 2025

FDNY Reported: Fire Prevention Week is celebrated throughout North America every October and is the oldest U.S. public health observance on record. For more than 100 years, Fire Prevention Week has worked to educate people about the risk of home fires and ways to minimize them.

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Charge into Fire Safety": Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home," provides the information, guidance, and resources needed to buy, charge, and dispose of/recycle lithium-ion batteries safely, with a focus on the following messages:

BUY only listed products

- When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery, take time to research it. Look for a stamp from a nationally recognized testing lab on the packaging and product, which means that it meets established safety standards.
- Many products sold online, in stores may not meet safety standards, and could increase the risk of fire.

CHARGE devices safely

- Always use the cables that come with the product to charge it. Also, charge the device in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- If you need a new charger, buy one from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved.
- Charge your device on a hard surface. Do not charge it under a pillow, on a bed, or on a couch. This could cause a fire.
- Do not overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it is fully charged.

DISPOSE OF/RECYCLE batteries responsibly

- Do not throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could catch fire.
- Recycling your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location is the best way to dispose of them. Visit www.call2recycle.org to find a recycling spot near you.

FDNY is hosting its Open House 2025 On Saturday October 18 and Sunday October 19 more than 200 Firehouses and EMS locations will open their doors to the public from 11:00am to 1:00pm or from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

Firefighters, EMTs and paramedics will be educating the public about fire and life safety, conducting demonstrations, discussing careers within the Department, and offering tours of FDNY Engines, Ladder Trucks and EMS Stations.

Attached you find a flyer or you can find it [FDNY 2025 Open House Find a Location near You](#) (Scan the QR code and find the open house location near you.)

DSNY Reported: Recently Mayor Adams, Acting Commissioner Lojan, DOF Commissioner Sanitation (DSNY) Reported: Recently reported Mayor Adams and Niblack recently announced Automatic Rebates to Qualified Homeowners for Purchase of NYC Bin.

Owners of one- or two-family homes who receive the Basic or Enhanced School Tax Relief (STAR or E-STAR) credit or exemption will receive a check in the amount of \$59.30 to pay for the cost of their official NYC Bin. The New York City Department of Finance will automatically send checks to eligible homeowners. [Read more about the NYC Bin rebates.](#)

What you should know:

- Homeowners who have already purchased their NYC Bin online or by phone will automatically receive a check for \$59.30.
- Those who have not yet purchased their NYC Bin will receive a letter notifying them that when they purchase their bin online or by calling 855-692-2467, they will automatically receive a check within 30 days of making their purchase.
- Those who have purchased or will purchase their NYC Bin in person at Home Depot will receive a voucher code that they can use online — with a proof of purchase — to request their reimbursement check.

Social Security Administration (SSA) Reported: As of **October 1, 2025**, the Social Security Administration will **no longer issue paper checks**. Seniors will now receive their benefits through **direct deposit** or a **Direct Express® prepaid debit card**.

To sign up for one of these options, visit [GoDirect.gov](#) — you can enroll **online, by phone, or by mail**.

SSA also encourages everyone to create or update their [My Social Security account](#), which is the easiest way to manage benefit payments and make changes to deposit information. Please note that while **SSA continues to operate during the government shutdown**, local offices and phone lines may experience **longer wait times** due to staffing shortages.

Did You Know???

Alternate side parking regulations will be suspended on the following days. Parking meters will remain in effect:

- Monday, October 13th - Columbus Day
- Tuesday, October 14th - Shemini Atzereth
- Wednesday, October 15th - Simchas Torah
- Monday, October 20th – Diwali

Announcements/Events:

Join the Central Park Conservancy at the historic Seneca Village landscape in Central Park for a performance that takes you back to Seneca Village in 1845. Interpretive music, dance, and spoken word will bring to life a world where Black New Yorkers built their own homes,

churches, and a school, exploring how Andrew Williams's and others' 1825 land purchase evolved into a thriving community. Performances by:

- DeWitt Fleming, Jr., Broadway performer
- Alphonso Horne, musician
- Mikumari Caiyhe, spoken word artist

The Seneca Village landscape is between West 85th Street and West Drive. Enter the Park at West 85th Street. This event is part of Seneca Village: Toward a Permanent Commemoration, an ongoing program series funded by the Mellon Foundation. This series will culminate in a community-informed framework guiding the future design of a permanent commemoration of Seneca Village in Central Park. *(See Flyer for further info. and details surrounding this event)*

As NYC prepares to host the FIFA World Cup and the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence next summer, the [Manhattan Chamber of Commerce](#) has launched the 2026 Summer of Opportunity Coalition. The economic impact of these events is estimated to generate more than \$2 billion and attract 1M visitors. The Coalition aims to distribute this impact by encouraging tourism across all five boroughs and ensuring that local businesses benefit.

Manhattan Chamber of Commerce would like to collaborate with Manhattan Community Boards to ensure the district's businesses are ready to welcome and benefit from these visitors.

In service of this aim, the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce is reaching out to all **BIDs and Community Boards** in Manhattan to ensure they have pertinent information on the two events, as well as resources for supporting their small business community.

FIFA World Cup 2026 (June 11 - July 19)
NY/NJ FIFA Host Committee's Community Engagement

Sail4th 250 (July 3-8)
Host Committee Briefing ([View Slides](#)) (includes: Info about the event, key dates and viewing locations)

The Summer of Opportunity Coalition will be releasing Marketing Guidance for small businesses on how to attract FIFA & Sail4th 250 tourists during summer 2026.

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BEFORE, THERE WAS SENECA VILLAGE!

An interpretive performance in Central Park



Saturday, October 25 | 1:00 pm–2:00 pm
Seneca Village Landscape

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Bring a blanket to sit on and enjoy the performance in comfort!

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