

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER – 2024

Mayor's Office Reported: Mayor Adams recently launched a citywide ["Money in Your Pockets" initiative](#). This initiative seeks to help New Yorkers screen for and learn about more than 70 city, state and federal programs that aim to make life in our city more equitable and affordable. The initiative will deploy hundreds of City employees to underserved neighborhoods to screen for benefits on the spot, and help New Yorkers save money on food, rent, taxes, and other needs. We encourage you to refer to the ["Money in Your Pocket Guide"](#) for additional information, resources, and eligibility requirements.

Opportunity for Organizational Partnerships: The [Civic Engagement Commission \(CEC\)](#) is taking applications from organizations for the [TRIE Neighborhood Initiative](#) and Phase 1-3 of [The People's Money](#), New York City's citywide Participatory Budgeting Process.

Organizations are invited to review and apply for these upcoming opportunities, they are looking for organizations with experience engaging their communities and are interested in building coalitions, civic engagement, and strengthening community voice.

CEC welcomes you to learn more about the [RFI application](#) and please reach out to opportunities@civicengagement.nyc.gov for further info.

HPD Invites You to Join Housing Information Classes-- Now with Translation!

[Housing Information Classes](#) covers all the housing questions you have. Presented by the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) in partnership with [NYC Public Schools' Parent University](#).

Learn from experts about all the housing resources you can access for free.

Class Schedule:

Sept 17 at 6pm - **Owning a Home in NYC** – [REGISTER HERE](#)

Sept 19 at 12pm - **Pests: Eliminate Rodents, Bedbugs, and Roaches using Integrated Pest Management-** [REGISTER HERE](#)

Sept 25 at 6pm – **Tenants: Know Your Rights** – [REGISTER HERE](#)

Sept 30 at 6pm – **NYC Housing Connect: The Affordable Housing Lottery**

DSNY Reported: 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.

Bins can be purchased at the official NYC Bins website at bins.nyc

DSNY is hosting SAFE (Solvents, Automotive, Flammables, and Electronics) Disposal events every year. Events are held in all five boroughs, and NYC residents can drop off chemical

products, medical waste, and electronics. You may be asked to provide proof of NYC residency (NYS driver license, utility bill). These events are for NYC residents ONLY, not businesses. Commercial vehicles are NOT allowed.

Upcoming Event(s)

All events run from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM – rain or shine.

Queens: Saturday, September 14, 2024

Cunningham Park, Ball Field Parking Lot

Cars enter on Francis Lewis Boulevard between Union Turnpike and Grand Central Parkway

Walk-in area available;

Manhattan: Sunday, September 22, 2024

Union Square, North Plaza

South side of 17th Street, between Park Avenue South and Broadway

Cars approach from Park Avenue South & 20th Street

Walk-in area available

Con Edison Reported: They are offering incentives for developers and building owners to install safe charging stations for electric bikes and scooters in disadvantaged communities.

The program, PowerReady Micromobility, is targeted to enhance safety and access to clean transportation in disadvantaged communities as defined by the state’s climate law. The incentives are part of Con Edison’s commitment to help usher in a clean energy future equitably and efficiently with every New Yorker sharing in the benefits of a more sustainable grid.

Increasing the use of these devices will reduce reliance on fossil fuel-powered transportation, meaning cleaner air and quieter communities.

Interested parties should reach out to dl-micromobility@coned.com to learn more about the financial incentives for projects and how to get started.

Eligibility

- Prospective participants must apply for the Micromobility Program. The application is on Con Edison’s website at www.coned.com/micromobility.
- The charging site must be accessible to the public and in a disadvantaged community, as defined by [New York State’s Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act](#); or, in or adjacent to apartments where the income of the residents meets certain criteria.

Incentives

The incentives will cover:

- Up to 100 percent of costs of upgrades to the Con Edison electric delivery equipment that is needed to serve the chargers;
- Up to 50 percent of the costs of any infrastructure upgrades the participant needs to make to accommodate the chargers.

Safety

Con Edison urges anyone using a lithium-ion battery to make sure the battery has been certified by UL or another nationally accredited safety testing lab, comply with FDNY safety rules and guidance, use only charging cables that the manufacturer recommends, and stop using a battery that is damaged. The FDNY offers [lithium-ion battery safety](#) information and [safety tips for lithium-ion batteries](#). The National Fire Protection Association also offers [safety advice](#) for lithium-ion batteries.

DOHMH Reported: Upcoming Rat Academy Trainings

If you are interested in working with the Health Department to sponsor a virtual or in-person training, contact the [Health Department](#) and select Pest Control as a Health Topic. Click on the date to pre-register.

Virtual:

- [Tuesday, September 17, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/5639842/Rat-Academy-Registration?eventid=a1QdK000000t4XUAQ](https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/5639842/Rat-Academy-Registration?eventid=a1QdK000000t4XUAQ);
- [Tuesday, September 24, 10 a.m. to noon. https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/5639842/Rat-Academy-Registration?eventid=a1QdK00000012hJUAQ](https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/5639842/Rat-Academy-Registration?eventid=a1QdK00000012hJUAQ);
- [Monday, September 30, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/5639842/Rat-Academy-Registration?eventid=a1QdK00000013S5UAI](https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/5639842/Rat-Academy-Registration?eventid=a1QdK00000013S5UAI);

Community Training Course - You can learn about safe and effective methods for rat prevention in your home and community at one of our scheduled free trainings. This free two-hour training is available to everyone, but it may be especially helpful for:

- Superintendents and building staff
- Property managers and owners
- Neighborhood associations
- Community gardeners
- Local businesses

Each training can be tailored to the audience and neighborhood. Typically, this training course is hosted and sponsored by a community partner or elected official.

To sign up for a community-based training, or for more information on how to host or sponsor a training, email ratportal@health.nyc.gov or call **311**.

Helpful Housing Info:

What is Hill Top Apartments?

Hill Top Apartments is a new supportive and affordable housing development at 1727 Amsterdam Avenue, West Harlem. It will provide permanent housing with on-site social services for tenants, focusing on stability, health, and overall well-being.

What makes Hill Top Apartments different from other housing options?

Hill Top Apartments is not a homeless shelter or transitional housing. Each tenant will have a rent-stabilized lease and keys to their own apartment. The integration of affordable housing with comprehensive on-site social services sets Hill Top Apartments apart, ensuring that residents receive the necessary support to maintain their housing and improve their quality of life.

What are the social services offered at Hill Top Apartments?

Hill Top Apartments will offer a comprehensive range of on-site social services, including:

1. Medical and Behavioral Health Care Coordination:

- Case managers will assess client's medical and behavioral health needs
- Personalized service plans
- Goal setting and crisis intervention
- Coordination of services

2. Benefits Enrollment:

- Support in obtaining SSI, nutrition assistance, Medicaid/Medicare and other government benefits and entitlements, as well as the organizational structure to act as representatives' payee if they need additional help.

3. Independent Living Skills Training

- Support with skills related to residential stability in housing, such as housekeeping, money management, laundry, nutrition and using public transportation.
- Additional topics will be addressed, depending on the needs of the clients.

4. Socialization & Support Opportunities

- Reduced isolation by building a community of support among residents.
- Communal activities such as recreational games, creative writing or art groups, movie nights, current events discussions, and health-related activities such as yoga and group exercises.
- Residential meetings

5. Other Supportive Services

- Workforce development
- Educational opportunities

How do these services benefit Hill Top Apartments residents?

The social services provided at Hill Top Apartments aim to:

- *Promote Stability*: Case management and financial counseling help residents maintain stable housing and avoid eviction.
- *Enhance Health*: Mental health services, healthcare coordination, and substance abuse treatment improve overall health outcomes.
- *Increase Independence*: Life skills training and employment services empower residents to live independently and improve job prospects.
- *Strengthen Community*: Social activities and family reunification services build a supportive community environment.
- *Ensure Rights*: Legal assistance ensures residents' rights are upheld and protected.

Who provides these services?

Bowery Residents Committee (BRC), a non-profit developer and social service provider with over 50 years of experience, will manage and deliver these services at Hill Top Apartments. BRC staff, including case managers and other trained professionals, will be on-site full-time to support residents. The front desk will provide two trained staff 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

How can residents access these services?

Participation in the social services provided is voluntary and tailored to meet the unique needs of each resident. Tenants can access these services on-site at Hill Top Apartments, ensuring convenience and consistency in support.

Did you Know??

An RFP announcement from Robin Hood to share with community partners that work with newly arrived migrants. The RFP focuses on case management, legal services, and community-based social services. **Proposals are due electronically by September 16, 2024 at 5 PM ET.** Grants will range from \$75,000 to \$250,000 per year for up to two years (\$150,000 to \$500,000 total) per project. Request for Proposals at: <https://grantseeker.thenytrust.org/RobinHood>

Announcement/Events:

The Office of New York City Comptroller Brad Lander is hosting the **2024 Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration** on Wednesday, October 9 at the United Palace. Join them for an evening of live performances, special guests, and of course, food, as they celebrate and honor the histories and cultures of New Yorkers with Latin American roots.

As space is limited, early registration is strongly recommended. You can RSVP at:
<https://comptroller.nyc.gov/events/2024-hispanic-heritage-celebration/?nvep=&hmac=&emci=9e53236f-d06e-ef11-991a-6045bdd9e096&emdi=ea000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000001&ceid=>

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