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*Dear Friends and Neighbors,*

*Happy Independence Day! Enjoy the weekend and watch the finale of the 4th of July fireworks displays from the Empire State Building, televised from 8:00 pm-10:00 pm on NBC headlined by John Legend with a salute to the frontline workers as well as music by the Young People's Chorus of New York City.*

*New York City is on track to enter Phase 3 of reopening on Monday, July 6. Indoor dining in New York City is postponed as other states across the country that have reopened indoor dining have seen an uptick in the infection rate. Health officials have informed us that the safest option is to postpone indoor dining in New York City. The City is supporting the expansion of outdoor dining and the self-certification of sidewalk cafes. Restaurants should check that they are following the guidelines listed below ahead of State Liquor Authority enforcement checks announced by the Governor this week. Personal care businesses, and outdoor recreational spaces, including dog runs, will open in phase 3.*

*This week, we hosted another face-covering distribution event featuring the Census Response Team to help constituents respond to their 2020 Census. On this week's Virtual Town Hall Tuesday, we discussed "Reopening Our Neighborhood" with Pete Grannis, First Deputy*

*State Comptroller of New York State, and other distinguished guests. Join us for part 2 on Tuesday, June 7, at 7:00 pm on Facebook Live, featuring the New York State Department of Financial Services, New York City Transit, and the IRS Office of the Taxpayer Advocate.*

*This month represents the 30th year anniversary of the American Disabilities Act being signed into law. I commend this historic landmark and the tremendous progress it represents for so many New Yorkers. However, there is still so much that can be done. I am proud of the progress that we've made on improving disability rights in the New York State Assembly. Just this past January, the Assembly passed a legislative package, which I cosponsored, that established the Office of Advocate for People with Disabilities, requiring all meetings to provide interpreters and other assisted learning devices, improve fair employment opportunities, and so much more. I am also fighting for the passage of an Equal Rights Amendment, which I introduced and sponsored, to expand protections for people with disabilities in the State Constitution. We must continue to make great strides in creating a fairer, more accessible, and just New York for all New Yorkers.*

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*Sincerely,*

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**VIRTUAL TOWNHALL TUESDAYS**

**CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATES**

**TUESDAY, JULY 7 @ 7:00PM**

**RE-OPENING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD**



NEW YORK STATE  
DEPARTMENT of  
FINANCIAL SERVICES

*Information and Resources for Small Businesses, Consumers,  
and Regulated Entities*



**New York City Transit**

*Discussion of the MTA Action Plan for a Safe Return to Service*



*Get the latest IRS guidance on National Emergency tax relief,  
such as the Economic Impact Payments, tax filing and payment  
extensions, refunds and more*

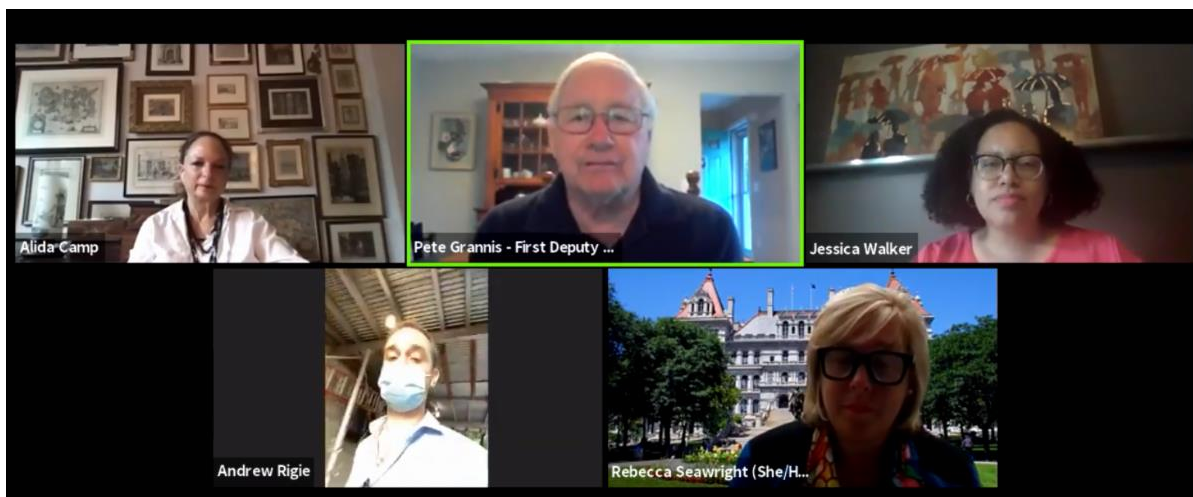
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**REGISTRATION REQUIRED: CALL 212.288.4607**  
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**REGISTER TO THE TOWN HALL HERE!**

CLICK HERE TO WATCH ON FACEBOOK LIVE @ 7 PM  
ON 7/7

In Case You Missed It (ICYMI): This Week's Tuesday Town  
Hall "Re-Opening Our Neighborhood" Featuring the  
Honorable Pete Grannis



Resources and COVID-19 Updates



careers  
businesses  
neighborhoods

As more and more restaurants make the move towards outdoor dining through the Open Restaurants program, SBS wants to make sure you're following safe practices to protect your staff and your customers.

**Safe Open Restaurants**

SBS is working with the NYC Department of Transportation and the Mayor's Office of Nightlife to provide relevant updates to help you reopen safely.

***Restaurant owners must comply with the following requirements for roadway seating, including the new retro-reflectivity requirement and other clarifications, or face revocation of permission to participate in the program.***

The below requirements are for the safety of diners, restaurant employees, and other street users.

- **Create a protective barrier, such as planters or objects of similar size and weight, on all three sides of the seating perimeter that are in the roadway, to separate seating from the travel lane. Such barriers must be at least 18" in width and 30–36" in height (excluding plantings) on all three sides that are in the roadway, to preserve visibility for motorists and provide protection for patrons**
- **Place such barriers directly adjacent to each other (no gaps) and no more than 8' from the curb**
- **Ensure visibility of patrons and barriers at night by clearly marking all barriers with yellow high intensity retro-reflective tape or reflectors**

More details, including diagrams, can be found in the Siting Criteria in the button below.

General Information, Application, & Siting Criteria

Have questions? Check out the Open Restaurants FAQ

### **Additional Requirements**

**Governor Cuomo announced that the State Liquor Authority will be out with State Troopers to conduct compliance checks. Please plan accordingly.**

As a reminder, Governor Cuomo amended **Executive Order 202.43** (EO) to include updated guidance for food and beverage establishments.

Under this EO, businesses selling or serving alcohol to be consumed at the business or elsewhere must ensure that everyone within 100 feet of their business is:

- In compliance with open-container, social-distancing, and face-covering rules; and
- Following all existing rules, regulations, and laws.

Businesses that cannot follow these guidelines must stop selling alcohol until they can.

- Violations could result in having a license suspended or revoked, with fines up to \$10,000 per violation.
- Patrons can also be fined for breaking open containers or social distancing rules.

### **Still need to apply to be an Open Restaurant?**

Need guidance on how to set up your Open Restaurant? Find all the information you need by visiting **[nyc.gov/openrestaurants](https://nyc.gov/openrestaurants)**.

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**New York State Grants Action News- July 2020**

To view the Assembly's Grants Action News for July click on the link below:  
[https://nyassembly.gov/write/upload/postings/2020/pdfs/20200701\\_0093181.pdf](https://nyassembly.gov/write/upload/postings/2020/pdfs/20200701_0093181.pdf)  
**For information on other areas of interest, visit the Assembly's website:**  
<https://nyassembly.gov/>

### **Return to School 2020 Survey**

All parents/guardians of students in grades 3-K – 12, and students in grades 6-12 should take the survey: [schools.nyc.gov/returntoschool2020](https://schools.nyc.gov/returntoschool2020) or call 311. The survey is available in Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, English, French, Haitian Creole, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Urdu.

### **Outdoor Dining**

The City will expand seating options for restaurants on select restaurant corridors. The first tranche will focus on streets that are already participating in the Open Streets program and corridors with organizations that have worked with DOT on street closures, and will be open for street dining starting July 4th weekend. The next tranche will be opening Friday, July 17 including applicants such as groups of restaurants coordinating as a partner organization. The hours of operation for this new expanded seating option for restaurants will be 5PM–11PM on Fridays, and noon–11PM on Saturdays and Sundays. Expanded seating will last until Labor Day. Find location on DOT's Open Restaurants Portal: [www.nycopenrestaurants.info](http://www.nycopenrestaurants.info).

### **Restaurant Revitalization Program**

Restaurant Revitalization Program will support unemployed and underemployed restaurant workers using \$3 million from NYC Opportunity, Mayor's Fund to Advance NYC and One Fair Wage, with a priority for the 27 communities hardest hit by COVID-19.

### **Small Business Emergency Grant Program**

Emergency Grants available for small businesses that experienced material damage to their storefronts over the last few weeks. More information available here: [NYC Small Business Emergency Grant Program](#).

### **Alternate Side Parking**

New ASP regulations began Monday, June 29th, streets will be cleaned no more than once per week, down from two days or more per week in many neighborhoods. Streets that have multiple ASP days would be cleaned on the latest day posted on your street's sign. The city will resume ASP next week and decide each week thereafter whether to resume or suspend based on street conditions.

### **Census**

Please help spread the word that anyone can fill out the census online at [2020 census.gov](https://2020.census.gov). Select "If you do not have a Census ID, click here." and enter your address. It takes less than 10 minutes and has never been more important!

### **In Case You Missed It: Senator Krueger's June 30th Virtual Town Hall with Dr. Heidi Larson on Vaccine Confidence/Hesitancy**

Here's the link: <https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/video/liz-krueger/new-york-city-reopens-part-3-vaccine-confidencevaccine-hesitancy>

### **New York Public Library**

As part of New York City's reopening, NYPL is beginning the phased process of returning limited service to its physical locations. Starting on Monday, July 13, NYPL will begin by offering grab-and-go service at eight library locations. At each of these locations, patrons will be able to

access a limited area for returns and to pick up materials that they have reserved. Patrons can start placing holds on physical materials via our online catalog starting on Monday, July 6 in advance of the reopening, or via phone starting July 13.

The locations in Manhattan are the following:

- George Bruce Library  
518 West 125th Street  
New York, NY, 10027  
212-662-9727

- Epiphany Library  
228 East 23rd Street  
New York, NY, 10010  
212-679-2645

- Stavros Niarchos Foundation Library (SNFL), formerly known as Mid-Manhattan Library  
455 Fifth Avenue (at 40th Street)  
New York, NY 10018  
212-340-0863

In the meantime, consider utilizing the online SimplyE and the Digital Collections where you can check out any of the 300,000 e-books and e-audiobooks available for free with your library card. As the NYPL evaluates developing circumstances, additional branches will be added, and when safe, they will open more branches for increased on-site use (computer use and browsing, for example). Please continue to check for updates on the NYPL website.

### **Affordable Housing Opportunity**

*Apply for one of the 300 affordable apartments on Roosevelt Island by July 6.*

GOVERNOR CUOMO ANNOUNCES \$65 MILLION NY FORWARD CHILD CARE EXPANSION INCENTIVE

### **\$65 Million NY Forward Child Care Expansion Initiative**

The funding available includes:

\$20 million to assist childcare program with reopening and expansion of capacity by providing materials to support a more socially distant model, and for supplies and activities associated with reopening and expansion. This may include partitions, short term rental of space, etc.

\$45 million in childcare Reopening and Expansion Incentive funds to pay for 50% of the cost of a newly opened classroom (maximum grant amount of \$6,000) as an incentive to open the classroom. The temporary funds will phase out over the second and third months as more parents bring their children back into childcare.

Throughout the pandemic, 65 percent of OCFS-licensed and -registered child care programs remained open, many serving families of essential workers. The funding being made available today will help to bring closed programs back to operation to serve families returning to the workplace.

### **Travel Advisory In Effect**

A quarantine applies to any person arriving from a state with a positive test rate higher than 10 per 100,000 residents over a 7-day rolling average or a state with a 10% or higher positivity rate over a 7-day rolling average.

Hotels are asked to communicate the 14-day quarantine to guests who have traveled from one of the impacted states.

All travelers coming from states with significant rates of transmission of COVID-19 are required to quarantine for a 14-day period from the time of their last contact within such designated state(s).

Please find below the Interim Guidance for Quarantine Restrictions on Travelers Arriving in New York.

Interim Guidance for Quarantine Restrictions on Travelers Arriving in New York

[https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/06/interimguidance\\_traveladvisory.pdf](https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/06/interimguidance_traveladvisory.pdf)

The full, updated list of states on the travel advisory is below:

Alabama  
Arkansas  
Arizona  
California  
Florida  
Georgia  
Iowa  
Idaho  
Louisiana  
Mississippi  
North Carolina  
Nevada  
South Carolina  
Tennessee  
Texas  
Utah

#### **Executive Order Provision Making New Yorkers Traveling to High-Risk States Ineligible for COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave**

Consistent with Governor Cuomo's recently announced mandated quarantine of all incoming travelers from hotspots around the country, employees will forgo their paid sick leave benefits from New York's COVID-19 paid sick leave law if they engage in non-essential travel to any state that has a positive test rate higher than 10 per 100,000 residents, or higher than a 10 percent test positivity rate over a seven-day rolling average. This provision does not apply if the employee travels for work or at the employer's request. The provision included in *Executive Order 202.45* mirrors the law's existing provision that makes New Yorkers ineligible for paid sick leave if they travel to any country designated as having a level two or three travel health notice from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-20245-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency>

#### **Help for Workers and Businesses**

Guidelines for businesses reopening can be found *here*. Questions concerning reopening procedures should be directed to the City's Small Business Services hotline at 888-SBS-4NYC. Over 17,000 calls have been made to the hotline so far.



SBS has already distributed five million face coverings to business, and will continue to distribute 2.5 million more. If you are a small business with fewer than 100 employees looking to secure free face coverings for your employees, find a distribution site *here*.

Workers can call the Department of Consumer and Worker Protection at 311 or 1-212-436-0381 with questions about reopening, health and safety guidelines for the workplace, or to report an employer that is not following reopening requirements.

### **Dog Runs, Recreational Amenities and Outdoor Courts in New York City Parks**

There are plans to reopen recreational amenities and outdoor courts in City parks. Once the City enters Phase 3 of reopening, New Yorkers will again enjoy soccer, basketball, tennis, volleyball, bocce, and handball courts. The City will also reopen dog runs for public use.

### **Beaches**

Beaches opened on July 1, but remember to please keep your social distance so all can safely enjoy their day at the beach. To help even more New Yorkers beat the heat, New York City is expanding the number of spray caps, distributing reusable water bottles, and providing air conditioners to thousands of seniors. Visit [www1.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news/466-20/mayor-de-blasio-expands-cool-it-nyc-keep-new-yorkers-cool-safe-this-summer](http://www1.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news/466-20/mayor-de-blasio-expands-cool-it-nyc-keep-new-yorkers-cool-safe-this-summer) to learn more.

### **Alzheimer's Foundation of America Providing Free Memory Screenings Digitally Nationwide Starting July 8<sup>th</sup>**

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) announced that it will be providing free, confidential memory screenings digitally through its National Memory Screening Program every Monday and Wednesday from 10 am to 4 pm (ET) starting July 8<sup>th</sup>. Screenings will be conducted one-on-one through secure videoconference in real-time. Appointments can be made by calling AFA at 866-232-8484. The free program is open to everyone: there are no minimum age or insurance requirements.

For more information about memory screenings, Alzheimer's disease or support services available to help families affected by Alzheimer's, visit AFA's website at [www.alzfdn.org](http://www.alzfdn.org) or call AFA's Helpline at 866-232-8484.

### **The City is now soliciting proposals for the new Community Engagement Initiative of the Test and Trace Corps**

The NYC Test and Trace Corps ("Test & Trace"), led by NYC Health + Hospitals in partnership with DOHMH, and other City agencies, is a major component of the City's effort to manage the COVID-19 pandemic.

The City currently seeks Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), including Faith-Based Organizations (FBOs), to promote Test & Trace. This initiative will focus on ensuring that communities have direct access to COVID-19-related information and services that are accessible, culturally and linguistically responsive, and trauma- and resilience-informed. CBOs and FBOs situated in or serving communities most impacted by COVID-19 are encouraged to apply.

Activities will include conducting outreach and public education regarding testing and tracing, the benefits of wearing a mask, physical distancing, COVID-19 prevention, and safe re-opening practices. Proposals should demonstrate how your organization is able to effectively communicate to your targeted community reliable information about Test & Trace and the core public health guidance critical to stopping the continued spread of COVID-19.

This Request for Proposals will accept responses until 12PM on Monday, July 13th, 2020. Please note that only CBOs chosen for award will be contacted by the City.

The full Request for Proposals and link to apply can be found on the NYC Health + Hospitals website [HERE \(https://www.nychealthandhospitals.org/test-and-trace/community-partnerships/\)](https://www.nychealthandhospitals.org/test-and-trace/community-partnerships/) or [HERE \(https://www.nychealthandhospitals.org/doing-business-with-us/\)](https://www.nychealthandhospitals.org/doing-business-with-us/).

### **MTA Announces Service Details for Fourth of July Weekend**

Customers are Reminded to Wear Masks and Socially Distance Wherever Possible. The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) is operating on current weekday and Saturday schedules for the [July 4](#) holiday weekend with subway and bus options for customers traveling to NYC-area beaches.

Details for each agency are below:

New York City Subway

On [Friday, July 3](#), and [Saturday, July 4](#), subways will operate on a [Saturday](#) schedule.

Customers are reminded that some subway lines do not operate on Saturdays.

Heading to the Beach

Beginning [Friday, July 3](#), and continuing through Labor Day, [Monday](#), Sept. 7, Rockaway Park/Beach 116 St Shuttle service will be extended to Rockaway Blvd to facilitate beach traffic to the peninsula. Customers can take any train to connect with the shuttle at Rockaway Blvd. This seasonal service runs from approximately 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays during the summer, and will also be available on the [July 4](#) and Labor Day holiday weekends. Customers may also take the trains to Coney Island and the to Brighton Beach. Please note: The train is not operating to Coney Island or Brighton Beach this weekend. Shuttle bus service will not be available, however B68 buses run parallel to the line along Coney Island Avenue and serve Brighton Beach and Coney Island.

New York City Buses

Buses operated by MTA New York City Transit and the MTA Bus Company will operate on a Saturday schedule on [Friday, July 3](#) and [Saturday, July 4](#). Many routes do not operate on Saturdays or do not run on part of the route at certain hours. Bus customers traveling on the Fourth of July should check [Saturday](#) schedules, lines and routes.

Heading to the Beach

There are many bus options to area beaches throughout New York City.

- The Bronx/Orchard Beach – Bx12
- Brooklyn/Brighton Beach – B1, B36 and B68
- Brooklyn/Coney Island – B36, B64, B68, B82
- Brooklyn/Manhattan Beach – B1 and B49
- Queens/Jacob Riis Park – Q22 and Q35
- Queens/Rockaway Beach – Q22, Q35, Q52 SBS and Q53 SBS

Long Island Rail Road and Metro-North Railroad

Both the Long Island Rail Road and Metro-North Railroad will run their current weekday schedules for [Friday, July 3](#), and current Saturday schedules for [Saturday, July 4](#). Off-peak fares remain in effect for both railroads and cash transactions will not be accepted onboard trains. Customers may use cash at ticket vending machines or use the [MTA eTix app](#) on their phones.

[Click here for more Long Island Rail Road service details.](#)

[Click here for more Metro-North Railroad service details.](#)

Staten Island Railway

Staten Island Railway will operate on a Saturday schedule on both [Friday, July 3](#), and [Saturday, July 4](#).

#### MTA Bridges and Tunnels

MTA Bridges and Tunnels will suspend all lane closures related to routine maintenance and temporary construction work beginning at 1 p.m. on [Thursday, July 2](#), through [Friday, July 3](#), and there will be no temporary closures on [Saturday, July 4](#), to accommodate motorists traveling for the Fourth of July holiday. Closures will still be in effect on [Thursday](#) and [Friday](#) night from approximately 8 p.m. until approximately 6 a.m. the following morning. Times will vary by facility.

#### How to Travel Safely and get Updates

The MTA reminds customers that masks are required when traveling throughout the system and helps stop the spread of the virus. The MTA is distributing 2 million single-use surgical masks and hand sanitizer at every station as well as to customers at station booths thanks to donations from the State of New York and City of New York. PPE vending machines have been deployed across 10 locations in the subway system. Customers should also practice social distancing where possible and will see yellow signs and floor markings in stations for assistance. Customers can always check service alerts by checking [mta.info](#), signing up for [MTA alerts](#), using the MYmta app or following us on Twitter [@NYCTSubway](#), [@NYCTBus](#), [@LIRR](#), [@MetroNorth](#) and [@MTA](#).

### **Administrative Order of the Chief Judge of The NYC Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH)**

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by New York City Charter §1049(1)(a) and due to the emergency circumstances caused by the continuing COVID-19 outbreak in the City of New York, I direct that, effective immediately:

1. OATH's physical offices will remain closed until at least [August 1](#), 2020, except where an in-person appearance is requested and approved by OATH. All approved in-person appearances in Hearings Division proceedings will take place at 66 John Street, 10th Floor, New York, New York 10038, and all approved in-person appearances in Trials Division proceedings will take place at 100 Church Street, 12th Floor, New York, New York 10007.
2. Hearings.

1. All hearings before the OATH Hearings Division will be conducted by telephone, except that a party may request an in-person hearing by emailing [livehearings@oath.nyc.gov](mailto:livehearings@oath.nyc.gov) and indicating the reason why it is not possible to participate by telephone. The request must be made before the scheduled hearing date. An in-person hearing request may be approved if the OATH Hearings Division determines that there is a compelling need for an in-person proceeding and the proceeding can be conducted while providing sufficient social distancing and other public health protections to comply with state and local government public health guidelines. If a request for an in-person hearing is granted, the OATH Hearings Division will coordinate with the parties on scheduling.
2. The policy, due to the COVID-19 emergency, of automatic rescheduling and suspension of defaults will end on [July 1](#), 2020. Nonetheless, the OATH Hearings Division may accommodate requests to adjourn and requests to reschedule, in addition to the request to reschedule permitted pursuant to 48 RCNY § 6-05, in instances where a party indicates an inability to participate by telephone due to the COVID-19 emergency.
3. The deadline for filing a motion to vacate a default under 48 RCNY § 6-21(b) will be 75 days from the date of the scheduled hearing.

4. This order continues the policy, due to the COVID-19 emergency, of providing an extension of time for either party to file an appeal of an OATH Hearings Division-issued decision or file a response to an appeal served on or after [February 19, 2020](#), from 30 days to 60 days if the decision was issued in person and from 35 days to 65 days if the hearing decision or appeal was mailed. Any further request for an extension will be granted for good cause shown.

### 3. Trials.

1. All conferences and trials before the OATH Trials Division will be conducted by telephone or video conference call, except that a party may request an in-person appearance by emailing [OATHCalUnit@OATH.nyc.gov](mailto:OATHCalUnit@OATH.nyc.gov) or calling (347) 820-4954. A conference or trial may be conducted in-person if the assigned Administrative Law Judge determines that there is a compelling need for an in-person proceeding and the proceeding can be conducted while providing sufficient social distancing and other public health protections to comply with state and local government public health guidelines.
2. The OATH Trials Division will in its discretion accommodate requests to adjourn where a party demonstrates good cause for not being able to proceed on the scheduled date either in-person or remotely.

This order shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded. This order replaces the previously issued orders related to COVID-19.

## Upcoming Events

### Community Board 8 Restarting Our Neighborhood: Session 3 Do Your Part For The Restart

Thursday, July 2, 2020 - 6:30 PM

This meeting will be conducted via Zoom

For access to the Zoom meeting, sign in by clicking [this link](#).

< <https://forms.gle/Y7A4MXJ4Lwj4q1WdA> >

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**ASSEMBLY MEMBER**  
**REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT**



# HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

**TUES. JULY 7**

**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY  
AT 4:00 PM ATTORNEYS FROM  
THE LAW OFFICES OF GRIMBLE  
& LOGUIDICE, LLC WILL  
PROVIDE ADVICE ON HOUSING-  
RELATED MATTERS AT NO-COST  
FOR CONSTITUENTS OF THE  
76TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

Get help navigating the housing court process, responding to notices, dealing with threat of eviction, getting repairs from negligent landlords, and advocating for your rights as a tenant in New York City!

**DUE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS, A  
VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY WILL  
HOST A ONE -ON-ONE PHONE  
SESSION WITH ATTENDEES.**

**RSVP REQUIRED:  
CALL: 212-288-4607  
EMAIL: SEAWRIGHTR@NYASSEMBLY.GOV**

*The legal clinic is solely to provide guidance and advice from attorney's experienced in landlord-tenant law. The clinic does not guarantee a desired outcome and does not establish an attorney-client relationship. Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright does not represent or advise constituents in any legal matters.*

**SIGN UP FOR THE LEGAL CLINIC HERE**

## Composting Is Essential To NYC

With the new budget, Mayor Bill de Blasio is about to end all composting in NYC for at least the next fiscal year.

There are short term and long term consequences to this.

Short term, for as long as composting is suspended, NYC will send more waste to landfills and incinerators.

Currently, NYC composts 308,600\* pounds per day. With composting suspended, these 308,600 pounds will instead need to go to landfills and incinerators, where they will release greenhouse gases.

Long term, our composting programs will take years to recover. We have a precedent for this. After 9/11, NYC temporarily stopped recycling glass and plastic to save money. It reintroduced plastic recycling in 2003 and glass in 2004, but it took years for the capture rates to rebound to pre-9/11 numbers.

Composting is essential to our environment and community. We cannot afford to regress.

If you care about composting in NYC, please let Mayor Bill de Blasio know.

# Stay informed about the CORONAVIRUS



NYC COVID-19 Self-reporting Portal: [Link here](#) or call 311  
DOHMH FAQ: [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)  
Face Covering Distribution: [Face Coverings](#) [Face Coverings](#)  
Face Covering Tips: [helpful videos](#)  
DACA Renewal Assistance: Call ActionNYC at 1-800-354-0365  
Ferry Schedules: [Staten Island Ferry](#) / [NYC Ferry](#)  
H+H Visitor Policy: [Policy to Reduce the Spread of Coronavirus](#)  
Mental Health Hotline: 1-888-NYC-WELL or text "WELL" to 65173. [NYC Well](#)  
Mental Health Online: [Support New Yorkers Can Access While Staying Home](#)  
OATH: [Hearing Online](#)  
Online English Classes: [We Speak NYC](#), [Register Here](#) or for information: [click here](#)  
Online Marriage Licenses: [nyc.gov/Cupid](#) or [cityclerk.nyc.gov](#)  
Animal Welfare FAQ: [COVID-19 and Animals FAQ](#)  
COVID-19 Pet Owner Hotline: 1-877-204-8821  
Pet Planning: [Get Prepared - Pets & Service Animals](#)  
Map of Essential Construction: [Essential Active Construction Sites Map](#) / [FAQ](#)

Report Price Gouging: [DCA - COVID-19 Complaint](#)  
Resource Guide for Immigrants: [Resources for Immigrant Communities](#)  
Virtual Friendly Visiting Program for Seniors: Call 212-AGING-NYC

### **For Families**

Activity Book for Kids: [Animals of NYC - Physical Distancing Activity Book](#)  
Remote Learning: [NYC DOE Info Hub](#)  
Fun at Home for Kids: [nyc.gov/funathome](#) or text "Fun" to 97743  
School and Childcare for Essential Workers: [Regional Enrichment Centers](#)

### **How to Help:**

How to Help: [Help Now NYC](#)  
Companies with Supplies on Hand to Donate or Sell: [NYC Suppliers Page](#)  
Companies Ready to Begin Producing Supplies: [COVID-19 Emergency Supply Sourcing & Manufacturing](#).  
Donate PPE: [NYC Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) Donation Portal](#)  
Donate Plasma: [New York Blood Center](#)  
Food and Non-medical Donations: [DonateNYC](#), or call 833-NYC-0040

### **For Constituents in Need:**

Benefits Available for New Yorkers: [AccessNYC](#)  
Services for Folks in Need: [Assistance for Individuals](#)  
Domestic Violence: [NYCHope](#)  
Family Justice Centers: [Family Justice Centers](#), 24-hour DV Hotline: 1-800-621-4673  
Financial Empowerment Guidance: [DCA - Free Financial Counseling](#)  
Food Finder: [Food Bank NYC](#)  
Grab & Go Meals for All: Location: [Free Meal Sites](#), or text "NYCFOOD" or "COMIDA" to 877-877  
Hotel Isolation Referral Program: [nyc.gov/covid19hotel](#)  
Peer-Peer Wellness Check for Veterans: [Mission: VetCheck](#).  
People with Disabilities: @NYCDisabilities, 311 or visit <http://nyc.gov/disability> or via video phone: 646-396-5830  
SNAP: [SNAP Benefits](#)  
Student Loan Debt Tips During COVID-19: [NYC Consumer Affairs](#)  
Unemployment Benefits: [NYS Department of Labor + NYC FAQ](#)

### **Businesses & Nonprofits:**

Stop the Spread: [Stop the Spread of Coronavirus Flyer](#)  
Facebook Grants for Small Businesses: [facebook.com/grantsforbusiness](#)  
Guidance for Employers & Employees: [Update about Workplace Laws](#)  
Non-Profit Providers: [FAQ for Nonprofit Businesses](#)  
SBS Webinars for Small Businesses: [Register here](#)  
Small Businesses: [Assistance & Guidance for Businesses](#)

### **Workers:**

Citibike Free Year Membership for First Responders: [Critical Workforce Membership](#)  
Freelancers in NYC: [File Workplace Complaint](#)  
Hotels for Healthcare Workers: [NYC & Company](#)  
Labor Issues: Call 311, or AG's office: (212) 416-8700 or [Labor.Bureau@ag.ny.gov](mailto:Labor.Bureau@ag.ny.gov)  
Paid Sick Leave: DOHMH [Frequently Asked Questions](#) / or call: 855-491-2667 or 311  
State List of Essential Business/Services: [Governor Cuomo Guidance Under 'New York State on PAUSE'](#)

SBS: [Virtual Workforce One Center](#) or call 718-960-2458

TLC Driver Jobs: [NYC Food Delivery Driver Portal](#)

TLC [Driver Resource Center](#): legal services, financial counseling, and other referrals

**Buildings & Residents:**

NYCHA Residents: [NYCHA's journal](#) + [Hardship Rent Reductions](#) + [NYCHA COVID-19 FAQ](#) + [City Harvest Mobile Markets](#) + [Mayor de Blasio Announces New Plan to Combat COVID-19 at NYCHA](#)

Property Tax issues: [Department of Finance Benefits](#)

Tenants/Landlords: [COVID-19: FAQ for Residential and Commercial Buildings](#)

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