



Update

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1) Survey of Polling Places with Center for Independence of the Disabled, NY:

My office and the [Center for Independence of the Disabled, NY](#) surveyed polling places during the June 2021 Primary Election to measure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements for accessibility. Today we release the results of that survey in advance of early voting starting later this month.

It's clear that the Board of Elections has to do better: We found that more than 50% of the 45 surveyed sites were inaccessible. Our suggestions for improvement include having the BOE conduct walk-throughs of polling places with disability advocates so that potential issues can be identified and resolved before voting begins. Read the full results [here](#).

2) Voter Information, Absentee Ballot Applications, Early Voting, Constitutional Amendments:

Absentee ballot applications are now available [here](#).

Early voting for the general election itself will be available from 10/23–31 (see hours below). You can only go to your *assigned* early voting site, find yours [here](#). Early voting hours:

- Saturday, 10/23 from 8 am – 5 pm
- Sunday, 10/24 from 8 am – 5 pm
- Monday, 10/25 from 7 am – 4 pm
- Tuesday, 10/26 from 10 am – 8 pm
- Wednesday 10/27 from 10 am – 8 pm
- Thursday, 10/28 from 10 am – 8 pm
- Friday, 10/29 from 7 am – 4 pm
- Saturday, 10/30 from 8 am – 5 pm
- Sunday, 10/31 from 8 am – 4 pm

Find your Election Day (Tuesday, 11/2) poll site [here](#).

New Yorkers are voting on five constitutional amendments. Read up on them [here](#).

If you sign up to be a poll worker, you could earn up to \$2,800 if you work the nine days of early voting and the day of the general election. Translators are also needed in Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Hindi, and Bengali. No experience is necessary; you are even paid for training. Apply [here](#).

3) Open House New York Exhibits:

Saturday (10/16) is the first day of the annual [Open House New York](#) weekend, and we will once again display our set of maps executed by John Randel-- the first that plotted the 1811 “Commissioner’s Plan,” which established the Manhattan street grid from Houston St. to 155th St.

My office is the sole repository for these 92 individually hand-drawn and hand-colored panels, which will be assembled into a room-size, tabletop display, roughly 16 feet by 60 feet, so that map geeks and Manhattan-philes can examine every part. Attendees who live in each map’s quadrant will be able to register for a drawing for a digital print of their map.

Join us Saturday (10/16) from 10 am – 4 pm at the Municipal Building, 1 Centre Street (North entrance). Masks and proof of vaccinations are required.

Find a full listing and description of the many OHNY sites [here](#).

4) 2020 Census Results Released:

The 2020 Census results have been released (Manhattan’s population grew by 108,378 people to 1,694,251). The NYC Dept. of City Planning has analyzed the data, and you can download the full spreadsheet of raw data [here](#) and DCP’s analysis [here](#).

5) Open Restaurant Design Ideas Wanted:

[Provide your design ideas](#) on how Open Restaurant structures should be designed before the program is made permanent next year. The NYC Dept. of Transportation is soliciting public input so that the final program rules balance creativity, feasibility, and cost.

6) Drop-in Flu Shot Clinic:

Thursday (10/14) from 1–4 pm, I’m co-sponsoring a free drop-in [flu shot clinic](#) at [Lenox Health Greenwich Village](#) (200 W. 13th St., 5th floor vaccine center).

7) Manhattan Community Board Leadership Training Series Opens:

The Office of Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer is pleased to announce its Fall 2021 Community Board Leadership Training schedule. The workshops cover topics and skills that are useful to both newly-appointed Community Board members as well as those more experienced.

This fall, we are excited to offer Lunch & Learn Sessions! Use these shorter, midday sessions as an opportunity for professional development. All Lunch & Learn Sessions start at 12 p.m. and last one (1) hour unless otherwise noted.

Trainings:

- A) Using 2020 Census Data Tools

Led by the U.S. Census Bureau

The 2020 Census numbers are out! Learn what tools are available and how you can use them to access important information for your community.

Wednesday, October 20 12-1 p.m.

Target Audience: MBPO Appointees & Community Leaders

[Register Here!](#)

- B) How to Use Discover DYCD!

Our community board members often ask, “What youth services exist in my community?” Now, there is a quick answer! The NYC Department of Youth & Community Development (DYCD) just released a new app to show all the youth services, and other DYCD investments, available right in your own neighborhood. Join us for this exciting presentation and learn how to access this list at your fingertips!

Thursday, October 21 12-1 p.m.

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- C) Manhattan 101: An Introduction to our Borough and Our City

Led by Rob Snyder, Manhattan Borough Historian

Manhattan is so dense and dynamic that you can lose sight of its long history. In a short lecture and discussion, Manhattan Borough Historian Robert W. Snyder will describe how big changes in labor and economics, immigration and migration, and the evolution of our island landscape have shaped our own time. We will devote special attention to how the latest Census data affected how we live and work! This cohort will then break into small groups to discuss what these changes mean for our neighborhoods.

Wednesday, November 3 6 p.m.

Target Audience: All Borough President Appointees

[Register Here!](#)

- D) Conflict of Interest Training for Community Board Members

This Conflict of Interest Board (COIB) led training will help community board members understand the rules to follow in situations where you must disclose, discuss and recuse, and how to protect your private life as you conduct public business.

Monday, November 8 12-1 p.m.

Target Audience: Community Board Members*

*Community Board members must take this training every two (2) years. If you are due to take this course OR if you were newly appointed in 2021, you are required to attend this training.

[Register Here!](#)

- Upcoming Courses - dates & times TBA

- **New Member Crash Course!**
 - **Budgets & Your Board - led by the Office of the NYC Comptroller**
 - **Drafting Your District Needs Statement - led by the NYC Department of City Planning**
 - **Advanced Land Use**
 - **S.L.A.M. with BetaNYC! - Using the SLA Mapper**
 - **BetaNYC's How-To: BoardTrack & Conducting Hybrid Meetings**
 - **Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Training**
 - **Trainings from NYC's Commission on Human Rights**
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