

A Message From ASSEMBLYMEMBER HARVEY EPSTEIN



ASSEMBLY MEMBER HARVEY EPSTEIN COMMUNITY BOARD 6 REPORT, OCTOBER 2022

Dear Neighbor,

I hope you're enjoying fall and staying well as we enter flu season and deal with a likely surge in COVID cases. As we near the end of the year and the beginning of the 2023 legislative session, I have been hard at work preparing for the return to Albany. Read on for information about opportunities in our district for housing, job training, and other events.

See you around the district,

Harvey

New COVID-19 Boosters Available

New Yorkers are urged to get the updated COVID-19 vaccine booster

The updated bivalent COVID-19 booster vaccines, from Pfizer and Moderna, protect you against the original COVID-19 virus and the current BA.4 and BA.5 Omicron subvariants.

NYC Health + Hospitals now has the updated bivalent COVID-19 booster available for all our patients. Make an appointment today at any of our hospitals or Gotham Health Centers in your neighborhood.

The updated booster is available for those who have already completed their primary COVID-19 vaccine series or booster at least two months ago. [Learn more](#)

[Make an appointment](#) | Call 877-829-4692 for an appointment | [NYC Vaccine Finder](#)

Who can get the updated COVID-19 booster shot?

- Young people from age 12 -17 can only receive the updated Pfizer booster vaccine.
- Adults 18 and older can receive the updated Pfizer or the updated Moderna COVID-19 booster vaccine.

[Read the CDC vaccine and booster recommendation by age](#)

Why you should get the updated booster shot.

If you completed a COVID-19 primary vaccine series, you will be considered up-to-date when you receive the booster dose recommended for you by the CDC.

- 90% of all current COVID-19 cases are caused by the BA.5 subvariant.
- Getting the updated vaccine booster will increase your protection against getting very sick or needing to go to the hospital if you get COVID-19.

Limited Waiver in Effect for Public Service Loan Forgiveness

A [limited waiver](#) that allows borrowers to receive credit for past periods of repayment that would otherwise not qualify for PSLF is in effect until October 31, 2022. The “limited PSLF waiver” refers to the time-limited changes to Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program rules that allow borrowers to receive credit for past periods of repayment that would otherwise not qualify for PSLF. This opportunity ends on Oct. 31, 2022.

My bill with Sen Thomas that was recently signed into law maximizes New Yorkers’ opportunity to benefit from the waiver, and PSLF generally. From applying a multiplier to teachers’ in-class hours so that hours worked outside of class are more accurately reflected, to ensuring that agencies can transmit paperwork on behalf of workers to the federal government, our legislation will help more New Yorkers get their loans forgiven faster.

[Now is the time to get your PSLF application in order to ensure you benefit from the waiver and new changes in state law.](#)

Visit: <https://studentaid.gov/announcements-events/pslf-limited-waiver>, https://www.dfs.ny.gov/consumers/student_protection, and <https://www.cssny.org/programs/entry/edcap> for more information and assistance in completing your application.

Oct. 15 is the last day of pre-testing for next session of FREE lifeguard training & certification at the YMCA

Pre-testing for the Y's free lifeguard training & certification courses [closes on October 15th](#). This is a great opportunity for swimmers to get prepared for one of the most highly demanded jobs in the country.

Senior Affordable Housing Opportunity at Norfolk Senior Apartments

Applications are now being accepted for senior affordable housing at the Norfolk Senior Apartments located at 64 Norfolk Street, New York, NY 10002.

Enclosed is included a copy of the advertisement with detailed information on number of units available, rent, and income limits.

Note that minimum incomes listed may not apply to applicants with Section 8 or other qualifying rental subsidies.

We encourage interested persons to apply online at <https://housingconnect.nyc.gov/PublicWeb/details/3229> or write to request a paper application and advertisement (see below). Online and paper applications are available in English, Arabic, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Korean, Russian, and Spanish.

To obtain paper applications send self-addressed envelope to:
NORFOLK SENIOR APARTMENTS c/o K&G Upright Consulting: 638 E. 169th Street, 2nd Floor, Bronx, NY 10456.

Please remember that online applications must be submitted by **December 5, 2022**, the deadline date, and that the applications received after this deadline date will not be considered. Completed paper applications must be sent to the Post Office Box address indicated on the application, postmarked by the application deadline date. Applicants may not submit more than one application per household.

The advertisement for this housing will appear in the following publications:

Daily News:	9/30/22, 10/05/22, 10/08/22
Harlem News:	10/06/22, 10/13/22, 10/20/22
The Villager:	10/07/22, 10/14/22, 10/21/22
Able News:	Month of October

Please be advised that this is the application period for the 64 Norfolk Street building only. The application period for the 55 Suffolk Street building is anticipated to start in the 1st quarter of 2023. We will send notification of that application period start at that time. For more information, please contact communityatbroome@gothamorg.com.

Get Ready for the General Election - Early Voting Starts Soon

November 8, 2022 is General Election Day. Early voting for the General Election will take place October 29, 2022 to November 6, 2022. To locate your early voting site and/or poll site visit: <https://findmypollsite.vote.nyc/>.

Remember to flip your ballo

Heat Season Begins

It's heat season! If your landlord is not providing heat under these conditions, call 311. If you live in [NYCHA](#) call 718-707-7771. Provide my team with your service request or work order number. Contact my office at 212-979-9696 / help.district74@gmail.com Mon-Fri 10:00am - 5:00pm.

Special Waste Drop Off

Visit <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/services/harmful-products/special-waste-drop-offs> to learn about safe waste drop off sites in Manhattan.

Household products such as pesticides, strong cleaners, mercury-containing devices, paints, automotive fluids, and medications may be brought to the drop-off events. Residents can also bring electronics, which may no longer be collected with trash and other recycling, due to a New York state law. Only city residential waste will be accepted.

To identify harmful products, look for items marked DANGER, WARNING, POISON, or CAUTION.

Examples of Accepted Items

- * Automotive products such as motor oil, transmission fluid, and auto batteries
- * Personal care items like unwanted medicines or cosmetics
- * Thermometers
- * Syringes (clearly labeled and packaged in a "sharps" container or other leak proof, puncture-resistant container)
- * Household products such as pesticides, paint, hazardous cleaners, compact fluorescent light bulbs

* Electronics, such as computers, televisions, and printers.

Materials collected are either recycled, blended for fuel, or sent to licensed hazardous waste treatment facilities for safe disposal. Electronics are responsibly recycled or refurbished for reuse through [ecycleNYC](#). Unwanted medications are managed by environmental police and incinerated to prevent unintentional poisonings or entry into the water supply.

Upcoming Events

E-Waste Drop-Off 11/20 @ 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Stop by Tompkins Square Park to drop off your old electronics.