



COMMUNITY UPDATE

ASSEMBLYMEMBER DEBORAH J. GLICK

Assemblymember Deborah Glick Reports to the Village and SoHo July 23, 2026

Update from the District

I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer - Lower Manhattan is always busy, but has been experiencing quite the eventful June and July with Pride, the Knicks' wins, Sail250, the World Cup, heat waves, intense storms, and more. I hope you all are staying safe, cool, and hydrated. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need assistance from my office at (212) 674-5153 or by email to glickd@nyassembly.gov.

Urging Support for the Protection of Horses in NYC

I was pleased to submit testimony recently to the New York City Council Committee on Health **in strong support of Introduction 0943-2026, a bill that would ban the operations of horse drawn carriages in New York City, ensuring the drivers a fair transition to new employment, and retiring the horses to sanctuaries and rescue facilities for their healing and freedom.** I have long been a supporter of banning the use of horses for carriage rides in New York City.

Horse drawn carriages are an outdated industry where animals are exploited for profit as entertainment, comparable to the use of wild and exotic animals in roadside zoos and circuses for entertainment which New York City has previously outlawed. The recent series of incidents involving horse drawn carriages are predictable results of horses being put to work in our increasingly hot and congested city, and represent preventable chaos and tragedy. We learn of countless reports of horses fleeing and bolting, colliding with cars resulting in injury, collapsing and taking their last breaths on our streets. Most recently in June of this year, there was the tragic death of Romanch Mahajan to whose family and friends I extend my sincere condolences. The passage of Introduction 0943-2026 to ban horse drawn carriages in New York City is long overdue and necessary to avoid further tragedies.

My Comments on the Draft Scope of Work for the Proposal to Modify Independence Plaza

Just outside of Community Board 2, there is a plan to modify the Independence Plaza apartment complex in Tribeca by adding a potentially 1,090 foot, mostly luxury tower that will have extensive impacts on Lower Manhattan as a whole.

Independence Plaza was historically an affordable development, and despite being taken out of the Mitchell Lama program, continues to house a number of affordable and voucher tenants who would suffer the brunt of this out-of-scale proposal.

I unequivocally oppose the creation of a new immense luxury tower – imposed on the community with the promise of building too small a number of affordable units elsewhere, an inadequate proposal, which is unacceptable. Despite my opposition to this project, I wrote to the NYC Department of City Planning to comment on the plan's Draft Scope of Work and to highlight necessary assessment that must be included in the project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS.)

My comments raised significant environmental concerns from the impacts of such expansive construction that must be fully assessed. Although the project narrowly falls under the citywide threshold that would otherwise require review of water and sewer impacts, the area's history of flooding and existing resiliency planning make it essential that the EIS still examine sewer capacity and the risk of increased sewage outflow into the Hudson River, which the City and State have spent decades and billions of dollars to clean and protect.

The Draft Scope of Work also omits any wind study, despite the site's exposure to high winds off the river and around the World Trade Center that could create a concerning wind-tunnel effect. I further called for a shadow study on the tower's impact on Washington Market Park, given the neighborhood's existing scarcity of open space.

Beyond these environmental issues, my comments also addressed the direct and indirect displacement of low- and middle-income, senior, and disabled residents during a lengthy four-to-five-year construction period; the noise, dust, vibration, and crane-safety impacts on residents, Borough of Manhattan Community College, and nine nearby landmark structures; and the impact on Independence Plaza's senior center and childcare facilities.

NYC Response to Recent Flood Events

Report Damage to Your Property

The NYC Office of Emergency Management is asking residents and businesses to report any damage to their property due to the recent flooding. Their **NYC Housing Recovery Operations (HRO)** activated this portal for New Yorkers who have experienced property damage from a disaster event or emergency.

If you have been impacted, please complete the [Damage Information Form](#). The form will ask some questions about the damaged property and its condition.

Your report will assist the City in providing accurate data on the impact of this event to State and Federal agencies. This information also allows the City to identify and, where available, provide eligible New Yorkers with disaster recovery assistance. **Based on the information**

you may be eligible.

Before You Begin

To access the Damage Information Form you are required to log in through **NYC.ID**, a secure authentication solution for NYC-hosted applications. You can use your Google, Yahoo, Microsoft, LinkedIn, or NYC account to sign in.

If you don't have an email or social account, or if you don't want to use them to access the form, you can report damage by phone: **(212) 615-8329**.

Small Business Affected by Flooding?

For small businesses that have experienced significant damage in recent extreme weather events, NYC Small Business Services works closely with the NYC Office of Emergency Management to provide resources. Their free services can help you: return safety to your business, accelerate government processes to restore operations, resolve insurance issues, access free legal advice, and/or save money.



You can reach the Small Business Services Disaster Response Team at (212) 618-8810 or call 311 and ask for the NYC Department of Small Business Services.

Find more information here: nyc.gov/businessprep

MTA Planned Work on the 1/2/3 Trains

There is scheduled work to replace switches on the 1/2/3 lines from July 20th to August 3rd that will affect routes in Lower Manhattan. Please see the flyer below for more details or go to mta.info/alerts.

Nights & Weekends



Jul 20 – Aug 3

Mon to Fri, 9:30 PM to 5 AM

Fri 11:30 PM to Mon 5 AM

TRACK REPLACEMENT

No 1 2 3 between 34 St and South Ferry/Brooklyn

Please use 4 5 A C E D N Q R instead

- 1 will run between 242 St and 34 St-Penn Station (weeknights), or 14 St (weekends).
 - 2 will run between Dyre Av 5 and 34 St-Penn Station, the last stop.
 - 3 will be suspended; use free shuttle buses between 135 St & 148 St.
 - 4 will run between Woodlawn and New Lots Av.
 - 5 will run between 241 St 2 and Flatbush Av (Lexington Av Express).
 - 42 Street Shuttle will run overnight.
- Transfer between 2 5 at E 180 St; between Grand Central-42 St 4 5 and Times Sq-42 St 1 2 N Q R via 5 or 7; and/or at Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr 4 5 5 N Q R.
 - For travel between 34 St and Nevins St, use nearby stations instead.

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the App



 This service change affects one or more ADA accessible stations. Please call STI for help with planning your trip. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider or the free 711 relay.

Post, N/B 2, Flatbush Av to President St; S/B 1/2 148 St to 50 St; S/B 2, E 180 St to 149 St; GG, B/B 3, 148 St to 149 St.
Remove: Q14/02/01; Six Plots: A-30-02, A-30-11, A-31-01, A-31-04
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QUEENS & STATEN ISLAND:

July 25, 9AM - 5PM

MANHATTAN:

August 1, 8 & 15, 7AM - 3PM

BRONX & BROOKLYN:

August 22, 9AM - 5PM

NYC DOT

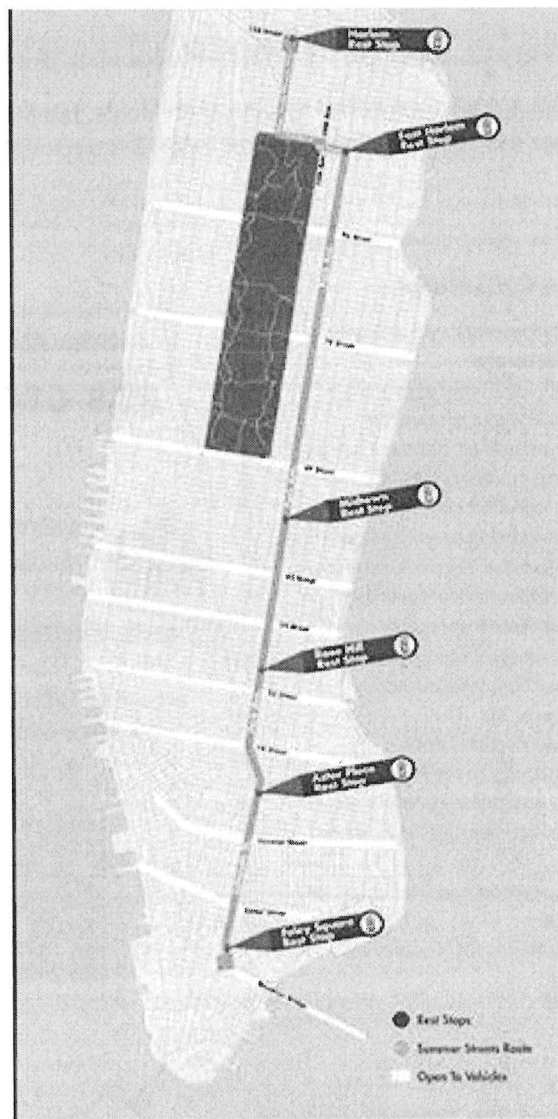


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NYC DOT Summer Streets
The Department of Transportation's Summer Streets Program

DOT Summer Streets are Back!

Make your way through Manhattan on car-free streets with the NYC Department of Transportation's Summer Streets program. Summer Street corridors in Manhattan will be open to pedestrians and cyclists from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM and will run from the Brooklyn Bridge all the way into Inwood at Broadway and Dyckman Street.



Advocates (CHA)

For anyone whose Essential Plan coverage ended on July 1st, Community Health Advocates (CHA) provides resources to help. CHA can counsel consumers who've lost Essential Plan coverage about:

- Insurance eligibility and options
- Where to find low-cost care
- Resolving medical debt, and
- Their rights for seeking treatment in emergency situations

Find more information on how to access resources on the flyers below, or by visiting:
<https://communityhealthadvocates.org/>

Need Help With Health Insurance?

Community Health Advocates (CHA) helps individuals, families, and small businesses use their health insurance to get the care they need.

Here's How CHA Helps

1. CHA helps consumers understand insurance coverage
2. CHA teaches consumers insurance rules so health care is covered
3. CHA helps consumers access care by:
 - Disputing coverage denials
 - Finding low-cost care
 - Troubleshooting prescription issues
 - Researching in-network providers
4. CHA helps consumers afford the cost of their health care:
 - Resolve medical billing issues
 - Apply for hospital financial assistance
 - Negotiate medical debt
 - Find solutions to reduce premiums, co-pays and prescription costs
5. CHA helps consumers get insurance coverage:
 - Access or keep non-Marketplace coverage
 - Get supplemental Medicare coverage

Call Our FREE Helpline

888-614-5400



VISIT US in Person

CHA services are available locally in all 62 NYS counties

CommunityHealthAdvocates.org

or scan the QR code below to search for a CHA Advocate near you.

Scan Here



All CHA services are free-of-charge and confidential.



CSS Community Service Society

¿Necesita ayuda con su seguro de salud?

Community Health Advocates (CHA) ayuda a personas, familias y pequeñas empresas a utilizar su seguro de salud para obtener la atención que necesitan.

Así es como CHA ayuda

1. CHA ayuda a los consumidores a entender la cobertura del seguro.
2. CHA enseña a los consumidores las reglas del seguro para que la atención médica esté cubierta.
3. CHA ayuda a los consumidores a acceder a la atención de la siguiente manera:
 - Disputar denegaciones de cobertura.
 - Encontrar atención de bajo costo.
 - Resolver problemas de medicamentos con receta.
 - Buscar proveedores dentro de la red.
4. CHA apoya a los consumidores a manejar los costos de su atención médica, y les ayuda con lo siguiente:
 - Resolución de problemas de facturación médica.
 - Solicitud de asistencia financiera hospitalaria.
 - Negociación de deudas médicas.
 - Búsqueda de maneras de reducir primas, copagos y costos de medicamentos.
5. CHA ayuda a los consumidores a obtener cobertura de seguro:
 - Para acceder o mantener cobertura fuera del Mercado.
 - Para obtener cobertura adicional de Medicare.

Llame a nuestra línea de ayuda GRATUITA.

888-614-5400

VISÍTENOS



Los servicios de CHA están disponibles localmente en los 62 condados del estado de Nueva York.

CommunityHealthAdvocates.org

O escanee el código QR a continuación para buscar un representante de CHA cerca de usted.

Escanee aquí



Todos los servicios de CHA son gratuitos y confidenciales.



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Join Pace Small Business Development Center (SBDC) for an In-Person Small Business Financing Panel

On July 28th, the Pace University SBDC and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) New York District Office will **host a free small business financing panel & networking session for existing small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs to provide practical strategies to finance their small businesses.**

The forum will include two panels featuring financial institutions and alternative small business lenders who will highlight what they look for when evaluating a loan application, typical loan terms, and the documents needed to apply. This event will also include an in-person opportunity to meet one-on-one with lenders to assess the source of capital that is

Find information on the event and how to register here:

<https://nysbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/1020119>

The flyer is for an event titled "Join the Pace SBDC for an IN-PERSON SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING PANEL". It features logos for SBA, nysbdc, and PACE UNIVERSITY. A photo shows a group of people on a stage. A QR code is provided for sign-up, with the text "SCAN HERE TO SIGN UP" above it. The event details are: July 28th, 2023 - 9:00 am to 12:30 pm ET at One Pace Plaza in the Student Center. The URL nysbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events is at the bottom.

Join the Pace SBDC for an
**IN-PERSON
SMALL BUSINESS
FINANCING PANEL**

Join us for a free in-person financing panel & networking event hosted by the Pace University SBDC and the SBA New York District Office. Hear from top lenders on loan options, terms, and what it takes to apply - plus meet one-on-one with lenders to find the right funding for your business. This is a great opportunity for both existing small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs looking to take the next step in financing their business.

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