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Message from Liz...

As most of you are probably aware, the legislature and Governor have failed to reach an agreement on the 2017-2018 budget and instead have passed “extenders” that will continue funding through the end of May. There are real consequences in not enacting a final budget, both in terms of the substantive issues that are not addressed in the extenders, and in terms of financial planning for school districts and local governments who do not know what state funding levels will eventually be adopted.

I’ve been around long enough to remember when late budgets were the rule, and I certainly hope that we are not returning to that particular mode of dysfunction. There has been plenty of dysfunction in Albany in recent years and bringing back the tradition of late budgets would be a step in the wrong direction.

So how did we get here? Since I am not in the room where it happens – only the Governor and leadership of the Assembly and Senate are – I get only indirect reports, but it seems that disagreements over the proposal to raise the age of criminal responsibility, the 421-a tax abatement for NYC real estate developers, and school funding were the key sticking points. In addition, the Governor is reportedly insisting on authority to make unilateral budget cuts, without the legislature’s involvement, should federal funding changes necessitate further cuts. These are all issues worth fighting over, and I certainly have strong opinions on them, but I believe a more open, functional, and democratic process would have created a better opportunity to resolve these issues.

I’ll be discussing the details of the Raise the Age issue in the Policy Spotlight below, so here I will offer a couple of thoughts on the other two major issues. I have long opposed the 421-a tax abatement, which is presented as an affordable housing program, but has served mainly to fund luxury development at the cost of billions of dollars in lost tax revenue that could be spent directly on affordable housing. While I would love to see the program end, the budget negotiations seemed to be more focused on how generous the program would be for developers. For instance, the Republican/IDC coalition pushed a proposal that would require only one unit of affordable housing to be created for every four that were torn down to make way for new development, while the

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Governor's proposal called for a one-to-one replacement ratio. The extenders don't address 421-a, but also seem to tie the long-delayed release of \$2.5 billion in supportive housing capital funding to final approval of the 421-a deal. It is unconscionable that critical resources that could provide housing for homeless and at-risk individuals and families are being used as a bargaining chip.

Disagreements also remain between both houses of the legislature and the Governor over school funding. The Republican/IDC coalition supported changes to the Foundation Aid funding formula and charter school cap that would divert resources from schools most in need of resources. I am particularly concerned by proposed changes to foundation aid. Both the Governor and Republican/IDC proposals would have gutted the 2006 court-ordered agreement that was crafted to address school funding disparities between richer and poorer districts. I am therefore pleased that the Assembly has held strong in resisting these changes. But the failure to reach a timely budget agreement has real consequences for school funding levels, and will negatively impact school districts around the state.

After the budget extenders were passed, there was a flurry of negotiations and promises from Senate leadership that a deal was being reached, but in the end it all fell apart again. It is particularly disappointing when New York is facing such threats from the federal government that the Governor and legislative leaders are unable to come together and pass a progressive budget that will protect New Yorkers. On the Senate side, this is yet another failure of the Republican/IDC coalition to deliver on its promises, and yet another reason the Senate needs a unified Democratic conference to be included in the negotiating process. As of Friday April 7th, there again seemed to be movement toward an agreement...we will see whether that comes to fruition and whether or not that agreement responds to the needs of New Yorkers.

POLICY SPOTLIGHT

Raise the Age

As mentioned above, one of the major issues holding up the budget has been a dispute over the proposal to raise the age of criminal responsibility to 18. This is a basic criminal justice reform measure that should be a no-brainer – treating juveniles as adults is both inhumane and ineffective as a crime reduction strategy. Almost every state in the union has recognized this – only New York and North Carolina treat 16 and 17-year-olds as adults.

Studies have found that young people transferred to the adult criminal justice system are 34% more likely to be re-arrested for violent and other crimes than those retained in the youth justice system. And young people are much more likely to experience physical and sexual violence when in adult rather than youth facilities. Ensuring youthful offenders have access to supportive and rehabilitative services is a better approach, and treating them as juveniles can provide links to age-appropriate supports through the family court system.

But this is also one of those issues where the devil is in the details. There is a variety of proposals out there, some of which would be much more effective at ensuring youthful offenders are treated appropriately. I cosponsor S4157/A4878, raise the age legislation carried by Senator Velmanette Montgomery and Assemblymember Joe Lentol. This bill has passed the Assembly and should be the model for the budget language.

Unfortunately, the Governor proposed much more limited reforms, and from what I have heard about the budget negotiations, the final proposal is even more restricted and continues to treat far too many juveniles as adults. The Republican Senate majority has reportedly been pushing for this more restrictive version, and their rhetoric on this issue is both inaccurate and offensive. One Republican Senator claimed that the Assembly was fighting to keep “teenage drug gang members, murderers and rapists out of jail.” The reality is quite different – all versions of raise the age continue to treat violent and sexually motivated felonies in criminal court. What is different is that the Senate and Governor’s proposals both have long lists of nonviolent offenses that would continue to default to adult courts.

There are a number of other key differences between the proposals. The Governor’s proposal would not seal records for juvenile offenses for ten years, whereas the Montgomery/Lentol legislation would do so after three years for felonies and one year for misdemeanors. The Governor’s proposal also includes greater discretion for prosecutors in determining which cases will be moved to family court; lacks “close to home” language that would help keep incarcerated young people close to their family; and lacks funding for counties to help implement the program, which is critical to ensure youth receive the support services they need to get their lives back on track.

The goal of “raise the age” should be more than just getting New York off a list of outliers. It needs to be about providing opportunities for youthful offenders to get them on the right track. This means treating them as the adolescents they are and, to the extent possible, involving their families in supporting their rehabilitation; ensuring that if they do turn their lives around their criminal record does not undermine their chances to succeed; and making sure that support services are appropriately funded. The Montgomery/Lentol legislation is based on these principals, and is a much better model for raising the age than the Governor’s proposal or the even more draconian measures being circulated by the Senate majority. I will continue to advocate for raising the age right whenever the Governor and legislative leadership do get around to addressing this issue.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Senator Krueger's Roundtable for Boomers & Seniors – Thursday May 11th:

This 5-part program provides an opportunity for neighbors to come together to explore life issues that are relevant across the age span. At each session you will hear from and engage with professionals who are knowledgeable on topics that are of concern to the growing population of older adults in New York City.

This year our topic is “Controversies in Aging.” Sessions will be held on:

- Social Security: Retirement Insurance or Social Safety Net?
- Aid in Dying in New York: Debating Proposed Legislation
- The Court System and Older Adults
- Medicare – Why Isn’t Vision, Hearing and Dental Covered?
- Transforming Public Policy: Making Government More Responsive to Older Adults.

The program meets one morning per month in November, December, March, April, and May.

Sessions are from 8:30am to 10:30am at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, 331 East 70th St.

Session 5 – **Thursday May 11th:** Transforming Public Policy: Making Government More Responsive to Older Adults. This session will feature presentations by Lindsay Goldman of the New York Academy of Medicine and a second speaker to be announced. Please RSVP by contacting my office at 212-490-9535, or via email at liz@lizkrueger.com.

Senator Krueger’s Discussion with Attorney General Eric Schneiderman on May 24th:

On Wednesday, May 24th I will be holding an event titled “Fighting for New Yorkers' Fundamental Rights: A discussion with Senator Liz Krueger and Attorney General Eric Schneiderman.” State Attorneys General can play a critical role in challenging federal policies on a host of issues from immigration to the environment to civil and voting rights. Attorney General Schneiderman has been actively involved in many of these efforts and this event will offer an opportunity to learn about these efforts. The event will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the CUNY Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue between 34th and 35th Streets.

Update on Proposed MTA Ventilation Plant in Murray Hill:

As many of you may know, the proposed emergency ventilation plant in Murray Hill has been postponed by an amendment to the MTA's Capital Plan. The MTA has revised its Plan and moved the ventilation plant from the 2015-2019 Capital Plan to the 2020-2024 Capital Plan. This change was made to free up funds for Governor Cuomo’s Enhanced Station Initiative (ESI), which will modernize 31 stations throughout the system

The proposed action would consist of the construction and operation of a new emergency ventilation plant, which would provide mechanical ventilation, to serve the Lexington Avenue Line tunnels between 33rd Street and 42nd Street along Park Avenue.

The MTA moved forward with the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed emergency ventilation plant under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law (ECL). The DEIS was published on March 15 and is available on the MTA NYC Transit website at <http://web.mta.info/mta/planning/>. A public hearing was held on April 5 and the public comment period is open until April 28.

Comments and/or suggestions regarding the DEIS may be submitted through an online form at http://mta-nyc.custhelp.com/app/hearings/comment/h_id/26 or through mail (see below). All comments received will be made part of the public record regarding the proposal and will be provided to MTA Board members prior to their vote. Comments may be mailed to:

MTA Government & Community Relations
Attn: DEIS Proposed Emergency Ventilation Plant Public Hearing
2 Broadway, 20th Floor
New York, NY 10004

All comments must be received by 5 p.m. April 28, 2017. Comments received after this comment period will not be considered.

Forum on How to Find and Apply for Affordable Housing on April 12:

Borough President Gale Brewer, Council Member Corey Johnson and the NYC Depts. of Finance and Housing, Preservation and Development are hosting an event on affordable housing programs, including the senior citizen and disabled rent increase exemption programs, the affordable housing included in many new developments, and Mitchell-Lama developments. The forum will take place on

Wednesday, April 12, 2017, 7 pm (doors 6:30), SVA Theater, 333 W. 23rd St. To RSVP email Council3@council.nyc.gov or call (212) 564-7757.

“Stand Up to Your Landlord” Tenants’ Rights Training on April 12

Met Council on Housing is holding a “Stand Up to your Landlord” Tenants’ Rights Training on Wednesday, April 12, 6:30 - 8:30 PM at 168 Canal St.(b/t Mott and Elizabeth Streets) 6th floor. Tenant knowledge is tenant power! Learn how to fight back against neglectful and greedy landlords. RSVP at http://metcouncilonhousing.nationbuilder.com/april_stand_up_to_your_landlord_tenants_rights_training_20170412

Event on How to File Discrimination or Harassment Complaints on April 19:

Borough President Gale Brewer is hosting an event with representatives from the NYC Human Rights Commission who will present on the topic of discrimination and harassment. Come learn how to file complaints and appeals. The event will take place on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, from 6 – 8 pm at the Borough President’s Northern Manhattan Office, 431 West 125th St.

Free Oral Cancer Screening April 20th:

New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center will be offering a free oral cancer screening for men and women 18 years and older on Thursday April 20th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Oral cancer rates are increasing among women, young people, and non-smokers, and 25% of oral cancer patients have no known risk factors, including tobacco, excessive alcohol use, and/or HPV (human papillomavirus). The event will take place at 1305 York Avenue (between 69th and 70th Street) on the 5th Floor. No appointment is required but if you would like more information, visit nyp.org/oralcancer, email ccr2002@med.cornell.edu, or call 646-962-4323.

Earth Day Rally April 22nd:

I will be joining environmental advocates and fellow elected officials at a rally on Earth Day to protest President Trump’s climate agenda. Trump calls climate change a hoax. He has promised to reduce the environmental regulations that protect our air and water and to increase our reliance on coal, oil, and gas. To protect all living things on our planet, including ourselves and our children and grandchildren, we must transition as quickly as possible from fossil fuels and nuclear power to a new, green economy based on renewable energy. The rally will take place on Saturday, April 22nd from Noon to 1:30 p.m. at Foley Square, 111 Worth Street at Centre Street. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/1365742080184720/>

Rent Guidelines Board Preliminary Vote April 25:

Join the Rent Justice Coalition at the Rent Guidelines Board Preliminary vote on Tuesday, April 25, 7 PM at the Cooper Union, 7 East 7th St. Tenants from across the city will make their voices heard as the RGB votes on preliminary rent adjustments for 2017-2019. RSVP at <https://www.facebook.com/events/177189869459543/>

Upper East Side Zoning Overview:

On Saturday May 13th, Friends of the Upper East Side Historic Districts is hosting an event titled “Attack of the Killer Megatowers: How to Preserve Quality of Life in a Changing Upper East Side.” With the opening of the Second Avenue Subway and the influx of new development on the Upper East Side, zoning and preservation are two critical tools to help guide reasonable growth of our neighborhood. But are you up to speed on the basics? Join urban planning consultants George Janes and Ethel Sheffer for a crash course on these key factors to our city. Learn about the different types

of zoning, how the Landmarks Preservation Commission works, and find out what FAR stands for (and how it should be changed) so that you can become an advocate for our neighborhood. Perfect for those involved in local block associations, aspiring community board members, or anyone interested in helping to plan for the future of New York City. The event will take place from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the St. Jean Baptiste High School, 173 East 75th Street. There is a \$20 fee for the event (\$10 for Friends members). To register, visit <https://www.nycharities.org/Events/EventLevels.aspx?etid=9748>

Upcoming Pet Adoption Events:

Animal Care Centers of NYC (ACC) is sponsoring several Pet Adoption events around the district in December. Upcoming dates and locations are:

Saturday, April 15, 11-3PM:
Biscuits & Bath Sutton Place, 1064 1st Avenue at East 58th Street

Upcoming events are also listed at <http://nycacc.org/Events.htm>.

Enroll in DSNY's Organics Collection Service:

Instead of sending food waste, soiled paper, and yard waste to landfills, residents can turn them into compost and clean energy by joining NYC Sanitation's curbside organics program!

All apartment buildings with 10 or more units, nonprofits, city agencies, and community-based organizations in Manhattan may be eligible for organics collection service. They simply need to request the program online at on.nyc.gov/request-organics before receiving free brown bins. Before receiving service, DSNY staff will work with individual buildings to develop site-specific plans, will provide training to building staff, develop outreach and maintenance strategies, and troubleshoot any issues with organics collection service.

For more info on the program visit nyc.gov/organics, or contact Tal Zaken, 212-437-4691 or email tzaken@dsny.nyc.gov.

Free Tax Preparation Assistance:

IRS-trained volunteers are available to provide free tax preparation assistance throughout New York City. I encourage you to take advantage of these services, which can save you money and ensure you avoid getting caught in "Refund Anticipation Loan" scams that many for-profit tax preparers engage in.

AARP is sponsoring a number of locations on the East Side, and there are no age or income restrictions to receive this assistance. Here are some sites in the 28th Senate District where you can get free assistance with your taxes through April 17:

58th Street Library, 127 East 58th Street
Telephone: 212-759-7358
Site Hours: Wednesday 11:00am to 3:00pm and Saturday, 10:00am-2:00pm

67th Street Library, 328 East 67th Street
Telephone: 212-734-1717
Site Hours: Friday, 10:00am-2:00pm

Community Church of New York, 40 East 35th Street
Telephone: 212-683-4988
Site Hours: Thursday, 10:00am-2:00pm

Epiphany Library, 228 East 23rd Street
Telephone: 212-679-2645
Site Hours: Thursday, 10:00am-2:00pm

Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, 331 East 70th Street
Telephone: 212-744-5022
Site Hours: Wednesday, 9:00am-1:00pm

Science, Industry and Business Library (SIBL), 188 Madison Ave @ 34th Street
Telephone: 917-275-6975
Site Hours: Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00am-2:00pm.

Stanley Isaacs Neighborhood Center, 415 East 93rd Street
Telephone: 212-360-7620
Site Hours: Friday, 9:30am-2:00pm

Webster Branch Library, 1465 York Avenue
Telephone: 212-288-5049
Site Hours: Monday, 11:00am-3:00pm except 2/16

New York City also offers free tax preparation either in person or online for individuals making \$64,000 or less.

You can file in person an NYC Free Tax Prep site. Filing is completely free and includes e-filing and direct deposit of your refund. Some sites have income limits. For most sites, you must have earned \$54,000 or less in 2016 to use In Person service. Some NYC Free Tax Prep sites have special services if you are self-employed, are applying for an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, you are a senior over age 60 with pension or retirement-related question or you need to file or change your return from a previous tax year. At these sites, you will drop off your documents and pick up the completed return later.

You can also complete your tax return online at certain NYC Free Tax Prep sites with help from an IRS certified VITA/TCE volunteer preparer. You must have earned \$64,000 or less in 2016 and have a valid email address to use the Assisted Self-Preparation service.

You can access a map of tax preparation sites at each site and find out which required tax documents you need at nyc.gov/taxprep.

Scam Alert: Can You Hear Me?

The Federal Communications Commission is warning of a new phone scam that begins when a consumer answers a call and the person at the end of the line asks, "Can you hear me?" The caller then records the consumer's "Yes" response and thus obtains a voice signature. This signature can later be used by the scammers to pretend to be the consumer and authorize fraudulent charges via telephone.

If you receive this type of call, immediately hang up. If you have already responded to this type of call, review all of your statements such as those from your bank, credit card lender, or telephone company for unauthorized charges. If you notice unauthorized charges on these and other types of statements, you have likely been a victim of “cramming”.

Anyone who believes they have been targeted by this scam should immediately report the incident to the Better Business Bureau’s Scam Tracker at <https://www.bbb.org/scamtracker/us> or to the FCC Consumer Help Center at <https://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov/hc/en-us>.

Stop Unwanted Calls, Texts and Faxes:

Under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, the FCC plays a crucial role in helping consumers stop unwanted calls, text messages and faxes. Robocalls are unsolicited prerecorded telemarketing calls to landline home telephones, and all autodialed or prerecorded calls or text messages to wireless numbers, emergency numbers, and patient rooms at health care facilities. FCC rules limit many types of robocalls, though some calls are permissible if prior consent is given. Rules differ between landline and wireless phones. For more information about how to stop these unwanted communications, visit <https://prototype.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/stop-unwanted-calls-texts-and-faxes>.

Legal Assistance Available through the New York City Bar:

The New York City Bar offers several programs that can assist people in getting legal assistance.

The **Legal Referral Service (LRS)** is a service that helps New Yorkers locate the legal resources they need. The public can call and speak to one of our attorney referral counselors. Should they determine someone would benefit from working with a lawyer, we refer him/her to a screened and qualified lawyer. However, sometimes we help people figure out they don’t need a lawyer. In that case, we will refer them to other helpful resources that might be better or more cost-effective.

The Bar also has a program called **Monday Night Law**, which provides free 30-minute consultations with volunteer lawyers on the following topics: landlord/tenant rights, divorce and family law, employer and employee law, consumer issues, small business, and bankruptcy.

The **Moderate Means Program** is only available for uncontested divorces, simple personal bankruptcies, and small business advice for business owners. This program connects qualified individuals who have moderate incomes with experienced lawyers who accept reduced retainer deposits and payment plans.

The **Civil Court Project** is for individuals and small businesses seeking representation on matters in Civil Court for disputes involving amounts ranging from \$7,000 to \$25,000. The project provides representation by well-qualified, screened lawyers at reduced fees.

For more information on any of these programs visit <http://www.nycbar.org/get-legal-help/our-services/>.

Elder Abuse Resources:

My March Senior Roundtable dealt with Elder Abuse issues, and I wanted to share some resources put together by the Office of the Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Violence Cases (OFVC) that were presented at the roundtable.

The number of Americans age 65 or older is projected to nearly double by 2030. As the older population grows, so does elder abuse. The term elder abuse is broad and does not have one universally accepted definition. Generally, elder abuse encompasses physical, sexual or psychological abuse, as well as neglect, abandonment, and financial exploitation of an older person by another person or entity.

Elder abuse may occur in the home, community, or a facility. The abuser and the victim may be in a relationship of trust, or the older person may be targeted by a stranger based on age or disability. Elder abuse cuts across race, religion, culture and income. It is often hidden and unreported.

If a New York City senior is in immediate physical danger, the NYC Department for the Aging advises calling 911. Otherwise, in order to get help to stop elder abuse, call 311 and ask to report elder abuse.

Visit the NYC Department for the Aging website for further information:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dfta/html/services/crime-victims.shtml> or call them at: (212) 442-3103. Or visit the Manhattan Family Justice Center located at 80 Centre Street, NY, NY 10013: http://www.nyc.gov/html/ocdv/downloads/pdf/Materials_FJC_OnePage_English.pdf

You can also visit the court's website for additional resources: <http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/family-violence/eji.shtml>

Legal Advocacy Clinics At Lenox Hill Neighborhood House:

The Lenox Hill Neighborhood House Legal Advocacy Center Offers assistance on a number of different issues. Here is a list of their ongoing programs and clinics:

- SNAP (formerly Food Stamps) Clinics: Wednesdays from 10am to 1pm at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, 331 East 70th Street. First come, first served. Bring proof of identity, income information, utility bill, proof of housing costs, information on any dependents and if you are 60 or over or on SSI/SSD, information on medical costs. For more information, call [212-218-0431](tel:212-218-0431).
- SCRIE Clinics: call [212-218-0503 ext. 6](tel:212-218-0503) for assistance in applying or recertifying for the Senior Citizens Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) program. The SCRIE clinic is open to tenants city-wide. Please note that due to the volume of calls, it sometimes takes up to two weeks for staff to respond to messages.
- Eviction Prevention: Walk-in clinic, every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, from 10am to 1pm at 331 East 70th Street, for tenants who live, work, or go to school on Manhattan's East Side above 59th Street and on Roosevelt Island.
- End-of-Life Planning/Advance Directives: volunteer attorneys may be able to assist you with one-on-one counseling and individualized drafting of Advance Directives including Health Care Proxies, Living Wills, Powers of Attorney, and simple, low-asset Wills. If you are interested in being screened for a possible appointment, call the intake hotline at [212-218-0503 ext 4](tel:212-218-0503).
- Health Care Access/Medicare/Medicaid: call [212-218-0503 ext 3](tel:212-218-0503). Find out about Medicare Savings Programs, Medicaid home care, Medicare Part D, Medicaid Spend-down, EPIC and if you are eligible for Medicaid.
- Health Insurance Enrollment: call [212-218-0432](tel:212-218-0432). Assistance with finding and enrolling in an affordable health insurance plan.

Affordable Housing Opportunities in Manhattan:

Essex Crossing Site 5 is now accepting applications for 104 affordable studio and 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom apartments newly constructed at 145 Clinton Street in the Lower East Side neighborhood in

Manhattan. Rents for these apartments range from \$519 to \$3424 depending on income and unit size. To be eligible, applicants must have incomes between \$19,680 and \$173,415, depending on unit and family size. Preference will be given to Community Board 3 residents for 50% of units, mobility-impaired persons for 5% of units, visual- and/or hearing-impaired persons for 2% of units, and City of New York municipal employees for 5% of units. A full description of the building and application process is available at <https://a806-housingconnect.nyc.gov/nyclottery/AdvertisementPdf/332.pdf>.

Households may elect to submit an application by one of two methods: EITHER online OR by mail. To submit your application online now, please visit NYC Housing Connect at www.nyc.gov/housingconnect and select "Apply for Housing." To request an application by mail, mail a self-addressed envelope to: Essex Crossing Site 5/ Triborough Finance New Station, PO Box 2011, New York, NY 10035-9997.

Completed applications must be submitted online or returned by regular mail only to the post office box that will be listed on the application. Applications must be submitted online or postmarked by May 2, 2017. Applicants who submit more than one application may be disqualified.

Metrocard Bus and Van Schedule:

The MTA offers MetroCard-related services throughout New York City through mobile buses and vans. Buses provide a full range of services, including applying for or refilling a Reduced-Fare MetroCard, buying or refilling a regular MetroCard, or getting answers to a MetroCard-related question. Vans sell Unlimited Ride MetroCards and Pay-Per-Ride MetroCards, and they refill MetroCards and Reduced-Fare MetroCards. Buses and vans will be in my district on the following dates and locations:

April 11, 9 - 10:30 am, 92 Street & Lexington Avenue – Bus
April 11, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm., 86 Street & Lexington Avenue – Bus
April 11, 1:30 - 2:30 pm, 68 Street & Lexington Avenue – Bus
April 12, 9 - 10:30 am, 79 Street & 3 Avenue – Bus
April 12, 11 am - 1 pm, 79 Street & York Avenue – Bus
April 12, 1:30 - 2:30 pm, 72 Street & York Avenue – Bus
April 13, 8:30 - 10:30 am, 47 Street & 2 Avenue – Van
April 13, 1:30 - 3:30 pm, 28 Street & 2 Avenue – Van
April 25, 9 - 10:30 am, 92 Street & Lexington Avenue – Bus
April 25, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm., 86 Street & Lexington Avenue – Bus
April 25, 1:30 - 2:30 pm, 68 Street & Lexington Avenue – Bus
May 3, 9 - 10:30 am, 79 Street & 3 Avenue – Bus
May 3, 11 am - 1 pm, 79 Street & York Avenue – Bus
May 3, 1:30 - 2:30 pm, 72 Street & York Avenue – Bus
May 4, 7 – 9 am, 90 Street and York Avenue - Van
May 4, 8:30 - 10:30 am, 47 Street & 2 Avenue – Van
May 4, 1:30 - 3:30 pm, 28 Street & 2 Avenue – Van
May 5, 9 - 10 am, 57 Street and 1 Avenue – Van
May 5, 10:30 - 11:30 am, 57 Street and 3 Avenue – Van
May 5, 12:30 - 2:30 pm, 68 Street and 1 Avenue – Van

The full mobile MetroCard schedule is available at <http://mta.info/metrocard/mms.htm>. Please note that MetroCard buses and vans do not take credit cards.

Heat Season Rules:

The City Housing Maintenance Code and State Multiple Dwelling Law require building owners to provide heat and hot water to all tenants. Building owners are required to provide hot water 365 days a year at a constant minimum temperature of 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

Between October 1st and May 31st, a period designated as “Heat Season,” building owners are also required to provide tenants with heat under the following conditions:

- Between the hours of 6AM and 10PM, if the outside temperature falls below 55 degrees, the inside temperature is required to be at least 68 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Between the hours of 10PM and 6AM, if the temperature outside falls below 40 degrees, the inside temperature is required to be at least 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

Tenants who are cold in their apartments should first attempt to notify the building owner, managing agent or superintendent. If heat is not restored, the tenant should call the City’s Citizen Service Center at 311. For the hearing-impaired, the TTY number is (212) 504-4115. The Center is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Complaints can also be submitted online at <http://www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/service/1813/heat-or-hot-water-complaint>.