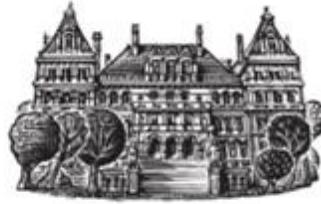


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Message from Liz...

The state legislature is not in session until January, so I have been focusing these messages quite a bit on federal issues of late. This month I will focus on local housing policy, where the City Council and Mayor de Blasio have enacted an excellent package of legislation that will help protect tenants from harassment, reform the NYC Department of Buildings, and increase protections for residents in buildings undergoing construction. Many of these bills specifically address construction as harassment, where landlords put tenant safety at risk through unsafe construction practices while renovating buildings. Several of these bills were sponsored by Dan Garodnick, Ben Kallos, and Rosie Mendez, my Council colleagues on the East Side, and I thank them for their efforts in leading this fight. I also want to congratulate the dozens of community based organizations who came together to form the Stand for Tenant Safety coalition, which played a pivotal role in the development and passage of the legislation. Given the hostility to tenant protection measures of the current Republican/Independent Democratic Conference Coalition that determines what bills come to the floor in the State Senate, it is particularly important that the Mayor and Council have taken a leadership role on these issues.

The measures passed by the Council and signed by the Mayor include:

- **Creating a new Office of Tenant Advocate within the Department of Buildings (DOB)** charged with monitoring tenant protection; establishing a system to receive comments, questions and complaints; establishing a system to communicate with tenants who are affected by work in occupied multiple dwellings; and monitoring sites where a tenant protection plan is required to ensure compliance with such plan.
- **Creating a rebuttable presumption of harassment** when landlords take actions causing or intended to cause tenants to vacate their apartments or to surrender or waive any rights to tenancy.
- **Including odd-time owner visits, repeated service interruptions, and frivolous court cases in the definition of harassment.**

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- **Compensatory damages for harassment** – authorizes Housing Court judges to award compensatory damages and punitive damages to tenants who have prevailed in harassment cases.
- **Increased audits of construction** – requires the DOB to audit 25 percent of self-certified construction applications in buildings currently subject to rent overcharge applications.
- **Due date for curing violations** – requires the DOB to establish a date by which a landlord must cure violations that have resulted in a vacate order.
- **Creation of a Multi-Agency Task Force on Construction and Renovation consisting of city agencies and elected officials** to recommend improvements in policies to protect tenants living in buildings undergoing construction.
- **Including buildings with Environmental Control Board (ECB) Violations in the definition of “distressed” and allowing for tax liens against buildings with significant ECB judgements.**
- **Expanding information required in Tenant Protection Plans for buildings under construction** and imposing new enforcement duties on DOB to ensure that plans are followed.
- **Creating a DOB Watch List for contractors who have worked without permits.**
- **Increasing penalties for working without permits and violating stop work orders.**
- **Requiring posting of a “Safe Construction Bill of Rights” in any residential building with a construction permit.**

Many of these newly enacted laws will require major changes in standard DOB operating procedures, and I will be working closely with my Council colleagues to ensure DOB rapidly moves to implement these important new laws that will help protect tenants.

P.S.: Since my last newsletter, there have been more terrible natural disasters, with multiple earthquakes in Mexico and Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean. So here are a couple more links of places where you can donate to help the victims:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/09/22/world/americas/hurricane-maria-donate-charity.html>
<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/09/20/reader-center/donate-mexico-earthquake-.html>

And on top of the natural disasters, Monday brought us news of a nightmare shooting rampage in Las Vegas, where one lone wolf shooter with enormous firepower shot hundreds of people from his hotel room. As of this writing, 59 people are dead, with the death toll expected to rise. I will continue to call for stricter gun laws including national registration, background checks, and strict limits on multi-round weapons that should not be in the hands of civilians.

POLICY SPOTLIGHT

Fossil Fuel Subsidies

Last month, Assemblymember Kevin Cahill and I introduced a bill (S6881/A8675) to tackle counterproductive state fossil fuel subsidies, shining a light on and potentially halting tax breaks, credits, and refunds for the use of dirty fossil fuels. The legislation would require the Governor to submit an annual analysis of all fossil fuel related tax expenditures, including recommendations regarding continuation, modification, or repeal of some of the worst offenses. It also implements a 3-year sunset provision for all current and future fossil fuel related tax expenditures. This state-level measure is the first in the country to specifically target fossil fuel tax subsidies and create a regular public review process.

New York State spends over \$1.5 billion every year on fossil fuel related tax expenditures, distorting the market and subsidizing the use of greenhouse gas-emitting fossil fuels. Some of these tax expenditures may serve a compelling public interest, such as a sales tax exemption for residential heating. However, a significant proportion of the spending serves to prop-up outdated industries or reward energy inefficiencies leading to a double cost to taxpayers – once for the direct tax expenditure and again for the environmental damage resulting from the continued burning of fossil fuels.

New York State has a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80% below 1990 levels by 2050. Continuing to subsidize the use of fossil fuels delays the adoption of cleaner alternatives, creates barriers to achieving the State's climate goals, and wastes precious taxpayer money.

S6881/A8675 would require the State's annual Tax Expenditure Report to include an enumeration and evaluation of all fossil fuel related tax expenditures, as well as a recommendation by the Governor regarding the continuation, modification or repeal of such expenditures. The Report would be made in consultation with the State's Energy Planning Board, whose members include representatives of New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, Public Service Commission, Empire State Development, the Departments of Environmental Conservation, Agriculture and Markets, Health, Labor, and Transportation, as well as Legislative appointees and others.

The bill also implements a 3-year sunset provision for all current and future fossil fuel related tax expenditures, providing such expenditures would not otherwise expire at an earlier date. The Legislature may choose to renew any tax expenditure that benefits the public interest. This will create an evaluation process through which outdated fossil fuel subsidies can be allowed to expire, while those that provide a real benefit to New Yorkers can be retained.

We are now undoubtedly living in an era of climate change, and we are already seeing its devastating impact around our country and the world. New York should be doing everything we can to mitigate the effects of climate change, but there are still areas where we are on the wrong track. We spend \$1.5 billion every year on tax subsidies that support the use of dirty fossil fuels, with barely any information about the effects of this spending. We need a process in place to regularly analyze and review these subsidies, so that we can strengthen those that actually benefit hard-working New Yorkers, and get rid of those that waste taxpayer dollars and make our climate crisis worse.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Senator Krueger's 11th Annual Senior Resource Fair October 18th:

My 11th Annual Senior Resource Fair will take place on Wednesday, October 18th from 2:00 to 5:00 pm at Temple Emanu-El, 1 East 65th Street. Last year's fair was attended by more than 500 people and over 60 non-profit senior service providers and advocacy groups participated and provided information about a range of issues including healthcare, housing, and volunteer opportunities. No RSVP necessary.

Excelsior Scholarship Program on October 24th:

On Tuesday, October 24th at 6:30pm I am joining Assemblymember Seawright in hosting an event on the Excelsior Scholarship. The program will inform attendees of the details of the Excelsior

Scholarship and the Enhanced Tuition Award. These awards, in combination with other student financial aid programs, allow some students to attend SUNY or CUNY tuition-free. Both programs are serving students for the first time this fall and will be phased in over the next three years, beginning with New Yorkers making up to \$100,000 annually in the fall of 2017, increasing to \$110,000 in 2018, and reaching \$125,000 in 2019. The event location is to be determined.

Roundtable for Boomers and Seniors Starts November 9th:

The Roundtable for Boomers & Seniors provides an opportunity for constituents to come together to explore life issues that are relevant across the age span. At each session, attendees hear from and engage with professionals who are knowledgeable on topics that are of most concern to the growing population of older adults in New York City. Over the course of five sessions, the Roundtable looks at a specific issue from different perspectives each month. This year's series is titled "Engagement: The Importance of Meaningful Connection." The first roundtable will take place Thursday, November 9th from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, 331 East 70th Street, and the topic will be loneliness. To RSVP call (212) 490-9535 or email lkrueger@nysenate.gov.

Reproductive Health Act Public Forum November 14th:

On Tuesday, November 14th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m, I am hosting an event on The Reproductive Health Act at the CUNY Graduate Center, Proshansky Auditorium, 365 Fifth Avenue at 34th Street. I will be joined by prominent advocates to increase awareness of and support for modernizing NYS law in the face of federal threats, ensuring that abortions in our state will remain safe, accessible, and legal. Join us to learn about volunteer opportunities and political actions you can take to help pass the Reproductive Health Act in 2018. To RSVP, go to <http://tinyurl.com/ReproductiveHealthAct> or call (212) 490-9535.

Forum on Access-a-Ride December 14th:

On Thursday, December 14th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m, I am hosting a Forum on Access-a-Ride, its challenges, and the MTA's plans for its improvement at Mount Sinai Downtown - 10 Union Square East between 14th and 15th Streets, in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. To RSVP call (212) 490-9535 or email lkrueger@nysenate.gov.

Informational Event for Families of Special Needs Children October 10th:

On Tuesday October 10th, the Law Offices of Regina Skyer & Associates, LLP is holding a free, public event for families of special needs children. The event is called "How to Survive Turning 5" and it is a workshop about the kindergarten transition process. As you may know, children who have been identified with special education needs in preschool (or earlier) go through a massive transition from one DOE bureaucracy (the CPSE for preschool age children) to another (the CSE for school age children). This transition is highly stressful for parents. This workshop will discuss independent evaluations, private school applications, private school funding paths, public school program options, IEP meetings, hearings and appeal procedures, and more. We will also answer as many individual questions from attendees as time allows. Advance registration is required.

How to Survive Turning 5

Tuesday, October 10th

6PM – 8PM

The Child Study Center at Hassenfeld Children's Hospital at NYU Langone

One Park Avenue, 7th Floor

RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/how-to-survive-turning-5-a-workshop-for-parents-of-special-needs-kids-tickets-37878919869>

Met Council on Housing Annual Membership Meeting October 14th:

Join Met Council on Housing members and leaders to learn about current work and campaigns, elect new board members as they plan for 2018, and build community with tenants throughout NYC. Their Annual Membership Meeting will take place on Saturday, October 14 from 12:00-3:00pm at Goddard Riverside Senior Center (593 Columbus Ave, New York NY 10024). For more information, visit http://metcouncilonhousing.nationbuilder.com/2017_annual_member_meeting.

Radical Age Movement presents From Ageism to Elder Abuse October 18th:

On Wednesday October 18th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., the Radical Age Movement will hold an event titled "From Ageism to Elder Abuse." Bobbie Sackman will moderate a panel discussion, with Laura Ehrich, Associate State Director, AARP New York, Martha Pollack, JASA's Director of Elder Abuse Programs, and Jason Myles Clark, Assistant Attorney General in the Office of New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman. The event will take place at the NY Society for Ethical Culture, West 64th Street at Central Park West. The suggested donation is \$10 – Radical Age Movement members free. Please RSVP to confrontingageism@gmail.com.

District 2 Elementary School Admissions Event October 25th:

Elementary education prepares your child for success in school and life. In one night, make one plan for Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Gifted & Talented Admissions, and learn how to apply to all three admissions processes. Wednesday, October 15th, from 6pm to 8pm, with presentations at 6pm and 7pm. M.S. 260, 10 East 15th Street, Manhattan. RSVP at ESEvents.Eventbrite.com.

Design Process To Close Gap In East River Greenway Begins

At the end of last month, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced the beginning of the formal design process for a new section of the Manhattan Waterfront Greenway between East 61st Street and East 53rd Street. Construction of the new segment will commence in 2019, with completion expected in 2022. The new segment will significantly narrow the Greenway's largest gap as part of an effort to complete a contiguous 32-mile waterfront pedestrian promenade and bicycling path around the whole of Manhattan. New parks and open spaces are some of the most important investments we can make in our city, and the expansion of the East River Greenway is something East Siders have been calling for years.

Sparking Wellness Through Creative Connections in Dementia Care:

On Tuesday October 31st, Lenox Hill Neighborhood House is hosting a panel discussion on "Sparking Wellness Through Creative Connections in Dementia Care. Family members, clinicians and care providers are invited to join a discussion on dementia research and its role in informing treatment as well as to learn about person-centered therapeutic techniques to foster socialization, creativity, and cognitive stimulation for those with cognitive impairments. Panelists include Linda Carozza, Associate Professor in Communication Sciences and Disorders at Pace University, Elizabeth Hartowicz, Director of CARE Program at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, Jamie Shoneman, Art Therapy Manager at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, and Mari Umpierre, Director of Alzheimer's Disease Assistance at Mount Sinai School of Medicine. The event will take place on Tuesday October 31st from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, 331 East 70th Street. RSVP to <https://tinyurl.com/dementia-panel> or call 212-218-0481.

Information on Preparing for Middle-School Application Process:

Get ready to apply to middle school this fall! Prepare by taking these three steps:

- Read the NYC Middle School Directory: Learn about Middle School Admissions and find programs that interest you. The Directory for District 2 is located here: <http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/2193192A-89B7-4467-B40C-480750CEE5FC/0/2018NYCMSDDirectoryDistrict2ENGLISH.pdf>
- Go to a Middle School District Fair in October: Get to know the middle schools in your district and learn how to apply. The District 2 Fair will take place at Stuyvesant High School, 345 Chambers Street, on Thursday, October 19 from 5–7:30pm.
- Get to Know Your School Counselor: Speak with your counselor about schools that interest you and questions you have about Middle School Admissions.

Questions? Visit Middle School Admissions at <http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/Middle/default.htm>, talk to your school counselor, or call 718-935-2398..

Changes to Open Enrollment for Healthcare Marketplace Coverage:

The Open Enrollment Period for the Healthcare Marketplace in New York will run from November 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018. Although the Trump administration decided to significantly shorten the Open Enrollment Period (November 1st - December 15th) New York has its own marketplace, and therefore is able to determine the length of its Open Enrollment Period. If you want to enroll for health insurance through the individual marketplace for coverage in 2018, or switch plans, the upcoming Open Enrollment Period will run from November 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018.

Health insurance providers will make 2018 plan details available by November 1st. If you would like to consult with a trained representative at no charge prior to selecting your health insurance plan, Navigator Sites are an excellent resource. The following is the contact information for a local Navigator Site:

Community Service Society of New York
633 Third Avenue, 10th Floor
New York, NY 10017
888-614-5400

Please make sure to call and schedule an appointment for November 1st through January 31st to ensure health care coverage in 2018.

Before selecting your plan, it is important to check the following:

- Will your primary physician, ob/gyn, and any specialists accept the insurance? This is important to verify, even if you are not changing plans. Health insurance companies are using narrower provider networks than before, which may cause reductions to their list of in-network providers. Please note that a new search tool has been added to the New York State of Health marketplace website: <https://pndslookup.health.ny.gov/>. This tool allows you to search by medical provider to see what health insurance plans s/he accepts. It also allows you to search by health plan to see which medical providers are in-network.
- Will any regularly prescribed medications be covered under the plan? Each health insurance plan has a list of pharmaceuticals that are covered. If you are concerned about prescriptions being covered, this is important to verify before you enroll in the plan. Navigator Site representatives can provide assistance with this.
- Which plan will be the most affordable while providing the amount of coverage you need? Research has shown that many people do not take the time to comparison shop before

selecting a health insurance policy. It is worth taking the time to consider your healthcare needs and assess which plan will give you the greatest savings based on premiums charged, co-pays, and deductibles. Navigator Site representatives can also provide assistance with doing a comparison of plan costs.

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, October 7, 12-4PM, Find Your Fido & Friends Adoption Event with NYPD and ASPCA/ACC
Central Park, East Drive – Enter at 60th Street & Fifth Avenue

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

Financial Empowerment Workshops at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House:

In partnership with Neighborhood Trust Financial Partners, Lenox Hill Neighborhood House is offering free Financial Empowerment Workshops. These classes will provide an opportunity to see your credit report, meet one-on-one with a financial advisor, plan to reach your financial goals and open a free savings account. These classes are open to everyone. The next session takes place on Wednesdays, Oct. 25 – Nov. 15 @ 6-8 pm

Registration is required. Space is limited. To enroll, please contact Lauren Bernstein: 212-218-0413 or lbernstein@lenoxhill.org. Please specify which session you would like to attend.

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.
- Tenants Rights Advice Clinic: Walk-in clinic, first Thursday of the Month, starting November 2. From 10am to 1pm at 331 East 70th Street, First come-first Served. Please bring all relevant housing-related documents with you.
- 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.

And, just across the Park on the Westside: Monthly Housing Clinics and Workshops:

Council Member Helen Rosenthal, the Goddard Riverside Law Project, and the Urban Justice Center co-sponsor monthly housing clinics and workshops at the Goddard Riverside Community Center, 593 Columbus Avenue (between 88th and 89th Streets). On the first Wednesday of each month, from 6pm-8pm, the clinic offers a presentation on a variety of topics, followed by a question and answer session. Each evening, at least one staff attorney will meet with individuals who are seeking specific legal advice (sign-in before 6:45pm required to speak with an attorney).

For questions, contact the Office of Council Member Rosenthal at 212-873-0282 ext.206 or Helen@HelenRosenthal.com.

October 4, 2017: Intro to Rent Stabilization & Rent Control: Tenants' Rights, Preferential Rents, and Illegal Deregulation
November 1, 2017: Getting Repairs: Heat, Hot Water, Reduction in Services, and Bringing an HP Action
December 6, 2017: Housing Court 101: Retaining a Lawyer and Preparation
January 3, 2018: Succession Rights I: Family, Partners, and Others
February 7, 2018: Succession Rights II & Apartment Sharing: Roommates, Sublets & Illegal Hotels
March 7, 2018: When the Landlord Wants You to Go: Harassment, Construction as Harassment, and Buyouts
April 4, 2018: Eviction Prevention: Residency Challenges, Clutter, Unapproved Alterations, Overcrowding, and Nuisances
May 2, 2018: DHCR I: IAI and MCI Issues
June 6, 2018: DHCR II: Lease and Rent Overcharge Issues

Affordable Housing Opportunities in Manhattan:

VIA 57 WEST is now accepting applications for 36 affordable studio, 1-, 2- and 3- bedroom apartments newly constructed at 625 West 57th Street in the Clinton/Hell's Kitchen neighborhood in Manhattan. Rents for these apartments range from \$1,448 to \$2,902 depending on unit size and income. To be eligible, applicants must have incomes between \$51,532 and 132,840 depending on income and unit and family size. Preference will be given to mobility-impaired persons for 5% of units, and visual- and/or hearing-impaired persons for 2% of units. A full description of the building and application process is available at <https://a806-housingconnect.nyc.gov/nyclottery/AdvertisementPdf/382.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: VIA 57 West c/o The Wavecrest Management Team, 87-14 116th Street Richmond Hill NY 11418.

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 October 11, 2017. Applicants who submit more than one application may be disqualified.

555 10 PHASE 2 is now accepting applications for 90 affordable studio, 1-, 2- and 3- bedroom apartments newly constructed at 555 Tenth Avenue in the Hudson Yards neighborhood in Manhattan. Rents for these apartments range from \$613 to \$2,875 depending on unit size and income. To be eligible, applicants must have incomes between \$22,903 and 132,840 depending on income and unit

and family size. Preference will be given to Community Board 4 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/386.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: 555 TEN c/o Breaking Ground, PO Box 3620937, New York , NY 10129.

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 October 23, 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:

October 10, 9 - 10:30 am, 92 Street & Lexington Avenue – Bus
October 10, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm., 86 Street & Lexington Avenue – Bus
October 10, 1:30 - 2:30 pm, 68 Street & Lexington Avenue – Bus
October 18, 11 am - 1 pm, 79 Street & York Avenue – Bus
October 18, 1:30 - 2:30 pm, 72 Street & York Avenue – Bus
October 18, 9 - 10:30 am, 92 Street & Lexington Avenue – Bus
October 19, 8:30 - 10:30 am, 47 Street & 2 Avenue – Van
October 19, 1:30 - 3:30 pm, 28 Street & 2 Avenue – Van
October 19, 9 - 10:30 am, 79 Street & 3 Avenue – Bus
October 24, 9 - 10:30 am, 92 Street & Lexington Avenue – Bus
October 24, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm., 86 Street & Lexington Avenue – Bus
October 24, 1:30 - 2:30 pm, 68 Street & Lexington Avenue – Bus
November 1, 9 - 10:30 am, 79 Street & 3 Avenue – Bus
November 1, 11 am - 1 pm, 79 Street & York Avenue – Bus
November 1, 1:30 - 2:30 pm, 72 Street & York Avenue – Bus
November 2, 7 – 9 am, 91 Street and York Avenue - Van
November 2, 8:30 - 10:30 am, 47 Street & 2 Avenue – Van
November 2, 1:30 - 3:30 pm, 28 Street & 2 Avenue – Van
November 3, 9 - 10 am, 57 Street and 1 Avenue – Van
November 3, 10:30 - 11:30 am, 57 Street and 3 Avenue – Van
November 3 , 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 the inside temperature is required to be at least 62 degrees Fahrenheit. There is no longer any outside temperature requirement during these hours.

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.