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Rolling out .nyc, the web's new top-level domain.

On October 8, at long last, any New Yorker, organization, or business with a physical New York City address will be able to register a virtual address on the web using a .nyc top-level domain (TLD) instead of “.com” or “.org,” or any other TLD. I fought to establish .nyc back when I served on the City Council, and now that the domain has come to fruition, it's exciting to watch the first .nyc sites go “live.”

The process is fairly simple: visit www.ownit.nyc, enter the URL you'd like to register, and if it's available, buy it using one of the domain registrar services listed. Be sure to comparison shop, because registrars set their own pricing—but it's usually no more than \$50 a year.

The .nyc domain is the topic of my edition of the monthly cable program on MNN, *Represent NYC*, which airs Sunday, October 5, at 7:00 pm, and repeats Wednesday, October 8, at 9:00 pm on MNN1 (Channel 34 of TWC, Ch. 82 on RCN, and FiOS Ch. 33). My guests are Ana Guzman from the company running [ownit.nyc](http://www.ownit.nyc), Ken Biberaj of the Russian Tea Room, which has already reserved [russiantearoom.nyc](http://www.russiantearoom.nyc), and Betsy Bober Polivy, whose Manhattan Sideways website, [sideways.nyc](http://www.sideways.nyc), profiles Manhattan small businesses located on sidestreets.

Open House New York comes to the MBPO Map Room October 11.

We're excited to be opening our offices as part of the Open House New York (OHNY) Weekend, the annual event that allows visitors and locals to go behind the scenes in parts of New York that aren't ordinarily open to the public.

We will be displaying several maps from the early days of our city, including the 1811 “Commissioner's Plan,” which settled the city's street grid north of Houston Street; a portion of the rarely seen Blackwell Farm maps that surveyed the area north of 155th Street (along with map field notes for that area); and the original 1801 Lower Manhattan Survey map featuring Collect Pond, an area north of City Hall now occupied by the Javits Federal Building. Visit our online listing to attend: <http://bit.ly/1sMOBX8>, or visit <http://www.ohny.org/weekend/overview> for more information about the overall OHNY weekend.

Fall Community Board leadership trainings begin.

My office is again offering Community Board members Leadership Development trainings. Developed by Deputy Borough President Aldrin Bonilla and the MBPO staff, the trainings help new, continuing, and prospective Community Board members hone their skills.

New trainings this fall include: Teens (16-19 year olds) Serving on Community Boards; Community Portal: Data and Mapping Planning Tools; Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity (mandatory for CB staff); Advanced Land Use and Zoning; Leadership Styles and Skills; CPR and Response to Emergencies for Community Boards. Courses repeating from the spring are: Land Use and Zoning 101; NYC Budget Process and the Role of the Community Board; Conflict of Interest & Freedom of Information; Parliamentary Procedure; How to Conduct an Effective Meeting. Sign up online at <http://bit.ly/10fPtVW>.

Fresh Food for Seniors expands to Northern Manhattan.

We're excited to expand our senior produce program to Northern Manhattan, which allows seniors to order a mixed bag of fresh, locally grown fruit and vegetables from local farmers for only \$8. The program is pay-as-you-go, cash-only, one week ahead of each Tuesday delivery date. In partnership with Corbin Hill Food Project and The Doe Fund, participating seniors, home health aides, and staff at Central Harlem Senior Citizens' Center (34 W. 134th St.) and the Carver Neighborhood Center (55 E. 102nd St.) will receive their first delivery on Tuesday, October 7. Contact Shula Warren at swarren@manhattanbp.nyc.gov or 212-669-2392 for more.

Dept. of Sanitation opens February exams for workers, but you must register this month.

The first new exam in seven years is set to be conducted in February for new sanitation workers. Over the past few months, DSNY has hired 500 new workers from the pool of previous applicants, and they are looking to replenish their hiring pool.

The registration fee for the February exam is \$47 and you must pay it before October 31. To begin the registration process online, visit www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs or register in person at the DCAS Job Center Monday - Saturday from 9:00 - 5:00 pm. The Job Center in Manhattan is at 2 Lafayette St., 17th floor.

Clinical study of impact of 9/11 attacks on Manhattan children seeks teen participants.

A federally-funded clinical study of the impact of the 9/11 disaster on children needs volunteers. The study is being conducted by Dr. Leonardo Trasande at the NYU School of Medicine. Community Boards 1, 2, and 3 have already passed resolutions in support of the study. If your children—or those you know—are between 13 and 21 years of age, they may qualify. Contact the research coordinator, Jenny Lee at (646) 501-9166 to find out more.

EVENTS

October 7 & 10: Rent increase exemption clinic for seniors & people with disabilities.

Many more seniors and persons with disabilities will qualify to have their rent frozen under the Senior Citizen and Disabled Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE and DRIE) programs now that the state has raised the income cap to \$50,000. My office is hosting a clinic to assist New Yorkers who may qualify and help walk them through the application process at ARC Fort Washington Senior Center, 4111 Broadway Ave. (at 174th St.) on Tuesday, October 7, 1:00 - 4:00 pm. We are also co-sponsoring a similar clinic with State Sen. Brad Hoylman on October 10, 3:00 - 5:00 pm, at Greenwich House, 25 Carmine St.

Elisa Decker photographs of "Hudson River Park From My Perch" in MBPO Gallery.

Photographer Elisa Decker is showing in the MBPO Gallery for October with a series of photographs offering a dynamic portrait of life in Hudson River Park as seen from her window in Lower Manhattan. Sequences and leitmotifs record the transformation of a landscape as seasons change, turning people and animals into miniature figures in a living scroll painting. The show is on view during business hours at 1 Centre Street, 19th floor, during business hours until October 31. Find out more at www.elisadecker.com

October 3, 4, & 5: Edward Morgan Ballet presents *Mass for the Ballet* in Chelsea.

This troupe uses ballet, modern dance, music, singing and spoken word to show the facelessness of people living on the street. Proceeds from the performance benefit Goddard Riverside. October 3, 4 & 5 at Church of the Holy Apostles, 296 Ninth Ave. at 28th St. For tickets: <http://bit.ly/1uWC2TT>

November 5: "College Is Possible" event for high school students with disabilities.

I'm proud to be cosponsoring with the NYC Dept. of Education and CUNY an event that will help high schoolers with disabilities and their parents understand the options for attending college. Specialists from DOE, CUNY, and the NYC Special Education Parent Centers—as well as translators for those speaking Spanish, Cantonese and Mandarin—will be on hand at the Municipal Building, 1 Centre St., Mezzanine level (enter at the North Tower); doors open at 5:30 pm, event 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Register online at collegeispossiblemanhattan.eventbrite.com or by phone: 212-677-4650, ext 22. (If you require special accommodations, please register ONLY by phone.)