



THE CITY OF NEW YORK MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 3

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Manhattan Community Board 3
March 2024 Newsletter

You can find a list of upcoming CB 3 meetings here:

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/manhattancb3/calendar/calendar.page>

For Constituents:

Upcoming Opportunities

The Bridge

[The Bridge](#), a free mentorship program for emerging photographers offered by the American Society of Media Photographers and BKC. We've just opened applications to our 2024 Summer session and we think your Manhattan community may be interested.

The Bridge is a non-profit organization for photographers 18-26 in NY & LA looking to get real-world mentorship, professional development, and evolve their creative points of view. The application and program are free, fully-funded through charitable contributions, and our emphasis is on reaching out to young artists from historically underrepresented communities.

Applications are open now until April 24th, and we would love for you to share this opportunity on your community newsletter!

<https://www.wearebkc.com/apply>

Housing Information Classes

Tenants – know your rights! Learn how to push back against harassment; eliminate pesky pests; apply for affordable housing; and deal with landlords avoiding repairs.

Homeowners – we got you! Learn about violations & summons; navigate all the City agencies you need; get resources for repairs, contractors, and financing; avoid deed theft and other scams.

Visit nyc.gov/hpd for more information and a full list of classes.

Volunteer with Asylum Seekers

As part of a pilot initiative with the NYC Office of Asylum Seeker Operations, Educational Alliance is recruiting volunteers to help asylum seekers complete their work authorization applications. This is a crucial pathway to asylum seekers' independence and financial stability. You, or anyone you know, can go to this [site](#) for more information and to indicate interest in a particular date or time:

www.edalliance.org/volunteer

NYC Parks is hiring for the summer

Help keep Manhattan's green spaces beautiful and safe! For quick application to these positions, visit bit.ly/parks24mn. If you have a driver license, Parks is looking for City Park Workers at a salary of \$20.89 an hour. Parks also has City Seasonal Aide positions available for non-drivers at \$18.00 an hour.

Housing Information Classes

NYC Department of Housing Preservation & Development

We have your housing answers!

Tenants - Know your rights!

- Push back against harassment
- Eliminate pesky pests
- Landlord avoiding repairs
- Apply for affordable housing

Homeowners - We got you too!

- Learn about violations and summonses
- Navigate all the City agencies you need
- Resources for repairs, contractors, and financing
- Avoiding deed theft and other scams

Register Here!

Full List of Classes

Visit nyc.gov/hpd for more information.
FREE Zoom classes with City agencies and Community Based Organizations!

Resources

NYC Free Tax Prep

It's tax season! [NYC FREE Tax Prep](#) offers free, professional tax preparation that can help you file an accurate tax return and claim these valuable tax credits. We offer multiple filing options, including in-person tax prep, drop-off service, virtual tax prep, and assisted self-preparation.

Use [NYC FREE Tax Prep](#) today to file for free and keep your whole refund. NYC FREE Tax Prep is:

- For **families** with income of \$85,000 or less in 2023; and
- For **single filers** with income of \$59,000 or less in 2023.

New Yorkers can call 311 or visit nyc.gov/taxprep to choose the best filing option for them and find the most convenient location if choosing in-person or drop-off tax prep. A [checklist](#) of what documents New Yorkers need to bring with them to file and [multilingual](#) information about the services are available at nyc.gov/taxprep. In-person services are available in English, Spanish, Arabic, Armenian, Bengali, Chinese, French, Haitian-Creole, Hebrew, Korean, Russian, Urdu and others to come.



Apply to Your Community Education Council

If you are interested in filling a vacant seat on your district Community Education Council (CEC) or a Citywide Council, we urge you to attend one or more meetings and speak with members to familiarize yourself with what the council does. Find meeting information by [contacting the council](#).

All interested applicants should carefully read the eligibility requirements for each of the applications. The types of seats on councils include:

- [Borough President Appointee Application](#)
- [Public Advocate Appointee Application](#)
- [Parent Member \(English\)](#)

Students who will be high school seniors during their year of service are eligible to apply for the non-voting student member seats. Other student requirements vary by council. Download the application below for details:

- [Student Member \(non-voting\) Application](#)

Send all completed applications to CCECinfo@schools.nyc.gov. For questions about vacancies, please email CCECinfo@schools.nyc.gov or call 212-374-1936.

For Local Organizations

Resources

Crossing the Finish Line to Open Your Business

Start your business with one-on-one support from the NYC Department Small Business Services (SBS). These sessions will go over rules and regulations, licenses and permits, accessing capital, commercial lease assistance and much more. Sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/crossing-the-finish-line-to-open-your-business-3118899>

FastTrac® Program

FastTrac® is a series of free multiple-session entrepreneurship bootcamps offered by the NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS) for aspiring and established entrepreneurs throughout New York City. Sign up here: <https://nyc-business.nyc.gov/nycbusiness/business-services/education-programs/fasttrac>

Commercial Lease Assistance Program



NYC's Commercial Lease Assistance Program with Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (also known as BKA) offers free legal help with:

- Reviewing and signing a new lease
- Amending, renewing, or terminating a current lease
- Drafting/negotiating lease terms
- Rent arrears

- Repair issues
- Any other commercial-lease-related issues

If a business is in litigation, we can provide them with advice and guidance but not represent them in court. In such cases, we advise them on the next steps to be taken, and if necessary, we can provide them with a list of low-fee attorneys.

All of our legal services are completely FREE to all who own small businesses and qualify except for representing them in court. Feel free to contact me at 718-321-9797 or via email at jbyun@rhakimlaw.com if you have any questions or need more details.

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Get Licenses and Permits Faster

- Understand City rules and requirements
- Work with City agencies to get licenses and permits faster
- Avoid/Reduce Fines and Violations

Prepare for inspections

- Fix issues before an inspector walks through the door
- Understand violations you've received and help address them



NYC Business Express Service Team

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City and State regulatory agencies and utilities including:**

- Fire Department of The City of New York (FDNY)
- NYC Department of Buildings (DOB)
- NYC Department of Consumer & Worker Protection (DCWP)
- NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
- NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)
- NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY)
- NYC Department of Transportation (DOT)
- NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets
- NYS Department of Financial Services
- NYS Liquor Authority
- Con Edison



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