

**Register Now to our Earth Week Webinar!**

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT  
WEBINAR SERIES**

**Community Guide to Catch Basin Cleaning**



Join NYC Emergency Management,  
NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP),  
and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)  
to celebrate Earth Day by learning how to clean  
your catch basins in order to support your  
neighborhood and prevent flooding.

Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Time: 1:00 p.m. EST

Link: <https://bit.ly/communityengagement2>

Due to climate change, NYC has been experiencing flooding due to heavy rain more frequently than in the past, affecting more communities than ever before. One serious cause of flooding is blocked catch basins on our streets. In celebration of Earth Week, join us to learn how you can get involved in your community to support your neighborhood's catch basins and prevent flooding from speakers from NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Date: **April 25th, at 1:00 PM EST**

Register through zoom [here](#).

## Apply NOW to Become a CERT Member

### JOIN A COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (NYC CERT)

*Tired of talk? Get in on the action.*

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members receive intensive training in emergency preparedness, fire safety, light search and rescue, disaster medical operations, and more.

If you are 18 or older and you want to join NYC CERT, please visit:  
[www.CERTvolunteer.nyc](http://www.CERTvolunteer.nyc)

To be considered for this training, applicants must attend an orientation session.  
**Apply now!**



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The next NYC CERT Basic training cycle is due to begin in late May, 2023, so **APPLY NOW!**

## Show Your Gratitude for Volunteer Appreciation Month

We ♥ our volunteers

### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH

Volunteer Appreciation Month is a time to celebrate volunteers for their amazing work in their communities. Volunteers donate their time to help non-profits, faith-based groups, and their communities to grow and stay connected.

Have you shown your appreciation for your volunteers? Here are some tips:

- Create a personalized video, showing their impact to their communities and your gratitude towards their positive actions.
- Make individual notes for each volunteer, showing your appreciation.
- Hosting an event specifically for the volunteers, providing food, drink and the chance for the volunteers to mingle.

Volunteers are a vital part to our communities, and without them many non-profit and faith-based organizations would struggle. Let us take this time to properly say thank you to them.

## Partner Spotlight





Power Malu and Adama Bah from [Artists, Athletes, and Activists](#), a current member of Strengthening Communities Cohort 3, gave a powerful chronicle of the asylum seeker experience in NYC at the April NYC VOAD meeting. Non-profit groups and community-based advocates have been working non-stop to serve the needs of our newest New Yorkers. Adama Bah drew attention to the plight of black asylum seekers and how their treatment differs from other asylum seekers.



## Ready New York National Volunteer Month Trivia

Are you a Ready New Yorker? See how many facts you know about Volunteering.

# CERT stands for:

A	B	C	D
Community Emergency Response Trainer	Citizens Emergency Resilience Team	CERT volunteers must be:	Civilian Emergency Resilience Trainer

[Trivia Link here.](#)

## Upcoming Events

### Join the NYC Department of Environmental Protection's Community Availability Session About the Gowanus Canal



**Fifth Avenue Committee**

Our Community. Our Future.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the Department of Health (DOH) are inviting you to attend its community availability session on **Thursday, April 20th** for an update on New York State's work within the Gowanus Canal in Brooklyn.

This meeting will provide a review of New York State's remedial programs, an overview of work completed to date, and information about the ongoing investigation and remediation in the Gowanus Area.

The community availability session will be held on **Thursday, April 20, 2023, from 7 to 9 pm at P.S. 372, The Children's School, 215 1st Street, Brooklyn**. Please see the fact sheet for more details about the availability session [here](#).

## Laru Beya Beach Day Clean Up



Come join the Laru Beya Collective on Earth Day in taking care of our Far Rockaway bays and connecting with our communities.

This month, the Laru Beya Collective + Buena Onda Collective are collaborating with Rockaway Film Fest for a beach/bay cleanup + free film screening at Arverne Cinema - 72-02 Gouverneur Ave, Queens, NY 11692

The Earth Day 2023 clean-up will be focused on the bay area, at Dubos Point Wildlife Sanctuary - 60-3 De Costa Ave, Queens, NY 11692 Afterwards, we'll continue the fun with our friends at the Rockaway Film Fest.

Date: April 22, 4:00 - 6:00PM EDT

To sign up, click [here](#).

## Join American Red Cross at Their Volunteer Information Session



# American Red Cross

Every eight minutes, the American Red Cross brings help and hope to people

in need, thanks to heroes like you.

Join for a FREE information session and learn how you can uncover your Inner Hero by joining our volunteer team. Multiple opportunities - one lifesaving mission! This event is taking place during National Volunteer Week-a great time to come and learn about how you can make a difference!

This meeting will be on Thursday, April 20 at 6:00-7:00pm on Microsoft Teams

To sign up, click [here](#).

## Volunteer to Clean with Riverkeeper Sweep



Every year, thousands of volunteers come together across hundreds of miles of shoreline in New York City and the Hudson Valley for the Annual [Riverkeeper Sweep](#), a day of service for the Hudson River.

Volunteers clean up tons of trash, plant healthy vegetation, and remove invasive plant species at more than 100 locations.

Join a shoreline cleanup, an invasive species removal project, or a tree planting project at a location near you. Hours vary by site and [registration](#) is needed.

To sign up and the site list, click [here](#).

## Join the School Safety Seminar at Stony Brook University presented by CISA & USSS



The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Region 2 and the

United States Secret Service (USSS) New York Field Office invite you to attend the School Safety Seminar at Stony Brook University.

Objectives of the Seminar:

- Provide information about best practices, communications protocols, and resources that will assist stakeholders to develop or enhance their emergency planning, preparedness, and response to active shooter incidents.
- Describe common behaviors, conditions, and situations associated with active shooter events.
- Discuss the unique cybersecurity challenges faced by school districts and educational institutions.

Date: Thursday, May 11th, 9 AM - 1PM.

Location: Charles B. Wang Center 100 Circle Road Stony Brook, NY 11794

To register, and for more information, click [here](#).

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**May is National Stop the Bleed Month! Sign Up  
for an Upcoming Virtual Class**





*Stop the Bleed* provides people with the tools and knowledge to stop life-threatening bleeding in the event of an emergency situation. Bleeding is the number one cause of preventable death after injury, and the actions of immediate responders can be crucial in determining the outcome of the situation.



Virtual

**The first  
Wednesday  
of each month**  
12-1PM  
-or-  
4-5PM

**The focus of the course:**

- The immediate response to bleeding
- Recognize life-threatening bleeding
- Appropriate ways to stop bleeding

To register for one of our free courses, visit [bklynlibrary.org/calendar](http://bklynlibrary.org/calendar) and search "Stop the Bleed"



To sign up for the upcoming classes, click [here](#).

For more information, click [here](#).

**NYCEM's Latest "Prep Talk" Podcast Highlights**

# NYC Mayor's Chief of Staff Camille Joseph Varlack

As Women's History Month comes to a close, it is important to continue to recognize achievements women have made over the course of American history and celebrate their contributions. On this episode of "Prep Talk" Camille Joseph Varlack, chief of staff to New York City Mayor Eric Adams, shares her story about what inspired her to pursue a career in law, challenges women still face in the workplace, and what she hopes to accomplish in her current role. Varlack also discusses what led her to a career in public service and why she eventually started her own law practice.

[Click here](#) to listen to the podcast on SoundCloud.

For the full press release, [click here](#).

## Waste Setout Times Change April 1 Send Rats Packing!



Learn more at [nyc.gov/SetoutTimes](https://nyc.gov/SetoutTimes)



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Launched on March 21, 2023, the \$250 million Yield Giving Open Call is an initiative focused on elevating organizations working with people and in places experiencing the greatest need in the United States: communities, individuals, and families with access to the fewest foundational resources and opportunities.

To learn more and apply, click [here](#).

Register by **May 5th**.

## Prepare Your NSGP Application: DHS Announces \$2 Billion in Preparedness Grants

The Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) can provide funding support to nonprofit organizations, including houses of worship, that are at high risk of terrorist attack. This funding can help your organization implement physical security enhancements and activities.

To learn more about the things you can do before the application period opens we've compiled this list:

- **English:** [Take these 4 Steps to Apply for a Nonprofit Security Grant | FEMA.gov](#)
- **Español:** [Siga estos 4 pasos para solicitar la subvención de seguridad para organizaciones sin fines de lucro | FEMA.gov](#)

The advertisement features the NYC Environmental Protection logo on the left. The main text reads "SAVE NOW ON YOUR WATER BILL, GET AMNESTY TODAY!". Below this, it states "DEP IS OFFERING A LIMITED ONE-TIME AMNESTY With up to 100% of interest forgiveness. DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE, THIS ONE-TIME AMNESTY ENDS SOON!". On the right, there is an image of a "Your Water & Wastewater Bill" with a large red "PAST DUE" stamp overlaid on it. The bill shows various charges and a balance due.

DEP is offering this limited one-time amnesty with up to 100% interest forgiveness for all delinquent customers. If you owe water and wastewater charges, you may be eligible for this amnesty offer.

Deadline is **April 30th, 2023**.

[Amnesty link here.](#)

## Share Your Memories of Superstorm Sandy

### Brooklyn College Honors Students Seek Volunteer Interviewees for a Public History Project

- Tell us about what you remember of the Storm and its aftermath.
- Memories will be recorded and shared publicly.
- Part of the Community Hub for Sustainable Urban Futures at Floyd Bennett Field, this oral history project seeks to record and preserve the stories of the people of the Rockaways with Superstorm Sandy.
- Interviews can be conducted in person, on the phone or on the computer.

If you are willing, **contact:**

**Prof. Philip Napoli, Associate Professor and Chair  
Brooklyn College Department of History  
pnapoli@brooklyn.cuny.edu**



## Join NYC Emergency Management - We Are Hiring

NYC Emergency Management has some exciting employment opportunities available. They can be viewed on the NYC Careers website: [Jobs at NYC Emergency Management - NYCEM](#).

NYC Emergency Management is staffed by over 200 dedicated professionals

who are committed to serving the City in a crisis. We are looking for candidates who have a passion for preparing New Yorkers for the next emergency and responding when a crisis hits the City.

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For a list of job vacancies across the different bureaus at NYCEM, click [here](#).

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NYCEM is looking for candidates with experience engaging with people with disabilities access and functional needs (DAFN). In this role you will get to come up with innovative ways to educate New Yorkers on emergency preparedness via presentations, webinars, and other outreach events in collaboration with our community partners. Share or apply via [jobs.nyc.gov](https://jobs.nyc.gov) with Job ID: 536135.

Click [here](#) for the full job description.

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**Learn More About NYC Emergency Management Community  
Preparedness - <https://youtu.be/L250wy3o6r4>**

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