

**Municipal Library Notes - February** 21, 2023 **RECEPTIONS** 

**Spotlight on: Vertical Files – Receptions** 

By Christine Bruzzese, Director, Municipal Library

The Municipal Library vertical files collection includes information on receptions for visiting dignitaries, monarchs, athletes, astronauts and more. It consists of five file folders of clippings dated mostly from the 1940s to the 1960s.

In late November, early December of this year, French President Emmanuel Macron visited the United States though not New York City. An earlier President, Charles de Gaulle, came to New York City in August 1945 and was honored with

a ticker tape parade followed by a luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Here is a page from the booklet describing the reception.

A luncheon was given by the City of New York in

Honor of General Charles de Gaulle, President of the Pro-

visional Government of the French Republic, at The Waldorf-Astoria, on Monday, August 27, 1945, at one o'clock, the Honorable F.H.La Guardia, Mayor of the City of New York, presiding. "Le Marseillaise" was sung by Mlle, Marcelle Denya, of the Paris Opera, and "The Star-Spangled Banner" by Miss Helen Jepson, of the Metropolitan Opera. Mayor LaGuardia proposed a toast to General deGaulle. General deGaulle proposed toasts to Mayor LaGuardia and President Truman. CHAIRMAN LaGUARDIA: The invocation will be given by the Right Reverend Bishop Francis A. McIntyre. RT. REV. FRANCIS A. McINTERE: O Lord, we give Thee thanks for what Thou givest, and for what Thou takest away. Thy will be done. Our hearts are joyful and grateful because Thou hast given us the gift which has been the focal point of our supplications and hopes -- the cessation of hostilities amongst Our hearts are joyful and hopeful that with the resumption of normal order in the relations of men, there will be taken away the hatreds which have stimulated a spirit The image below is from the program for a reception honoring the President of the Republic of India, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan in 1963 hosted by Mayor Robert F. Wagner.

Program MR. ROGER L. STEVENS Presiding Chairman, Board of Trustees

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Opening Musical Selections DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION BAND John Celebre, conducting Massing of the Colors FIRE DEPARTMENT, NEW YORK CITY AND ARMED FORCES COLOR GUARD Honors to the President RUFFLES AND FLOURISHES National Anthems of India FIRST UNITED STATES ARMY BAND and the United States Address, Presentation of MAYOR ROBERT F. WAGNER Proclamation and Awards Response HIS EXCELLENCY, DR. SARVEPALLI RADHAKRISHNAN, President of the Republic of India Signing of the City's Guest Book WNYC-BROADCAST **Municipal Library Notes Official Directory of City** of New York with One Up image by Christine Bruzzese, Director, Municipal Library The February 28 issue of Municipal Library Notes features an article about the Official Directory of the City of New York. More widely known as the Green Book, this directory has been published almost every year since 1918. All the print editions can be found in the Municipal Library collection. The article describes the useful material included such as information about city agencies, statistics on budget and geography and more. No longer published in print format, the Green

## orange cover. Here is the article:

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Book can be found at NYC Open Data portal: <a href="https://data.cityofnewyork.us/">https://data.cityofnewyork.us/</a> in a searchable database. Please note: the 2005-2006 edition was published with an

REFERENCE LIBRARY NOTES PUBLISHED weekly except during July and August, by The New York Public Library for circulation among the officials and employees of the City of New York. Price: \$2.00 a year; 5 cents a copy. Entered as second-class matter December 18, 1914, at the Post-Office at New York, N.Y., under Act of August 24, 1912. Acceptance for mailing at special rate of postage provided for in Section 1103, Act of October 3, 1917, authorized. Rebecca B. Rankin, Librarian, Municipal Reference Library Room 512, Municipal Building. Telephone: Worth 1072 Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays to 1 p.m. Volume IX 28 February 1923 Official Directory of City of New York The "Official Directory of the City of New York" for 1923 is just off the press. It is issued by the Board of City Record, under the direction of Peter J. Brady, Supervisor, and ably compiled by William Viertel. Within the 258 pages of this pocket-sized book, are contained the names and addresses of city, county and borough officials in New York City, as well as State and federal officials. The entire contents is fully indexed, and the index gives addresses and telephone numbers. The list of permits and licenses issued by each department is published under the departments and also well indexed in an analytical subject index at the front of the book. A taxpayer's calendar, brief history of the City, list of all mayors, population, area, and elec-

tion registration, all the schools with names of principals, engine houses, parks, bridges, municipal bus lines with their terminals, and ferries are included, and make this a decidedly useful directory and manual.

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Appointed members are removable at the pleasure of the Mayor. Vacancy filled for unexpired term, Terms of members expire July 10 of the year specified. William J. O'Gorman, Secretary, Edward V. Barton, Chief Clerk.

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There are no new features in this 1923 edition, but the material is all up-to-date and the arrangement has been changed so that it is more easily used. The general index is at the end of the volume while the index to the licenses and permits is near the front. Copies may be purchased from the Board of City Record, Room 812, Municipal

Andrew B. Keating, Secretary.

Alfred L. Meehan, Assistant Secretary.
Frazee L. Belknap, Assistant Engineer.
Frederick J. Kenney, Chemist, Laboratory, 125 Worth St.
Franklin 3038,
Peter B. Mitchell, General Inspector.
Daniel V. Duff, Examiner. BOARD OF REVISION OF ASSESSMENTS Secretary's Office, Room 740, Municipal Bldg. Worth 1200. The Board meets in Room 737, Municipal Building, upon notice of the Secretary.

Members are all ex-officio. No salary.

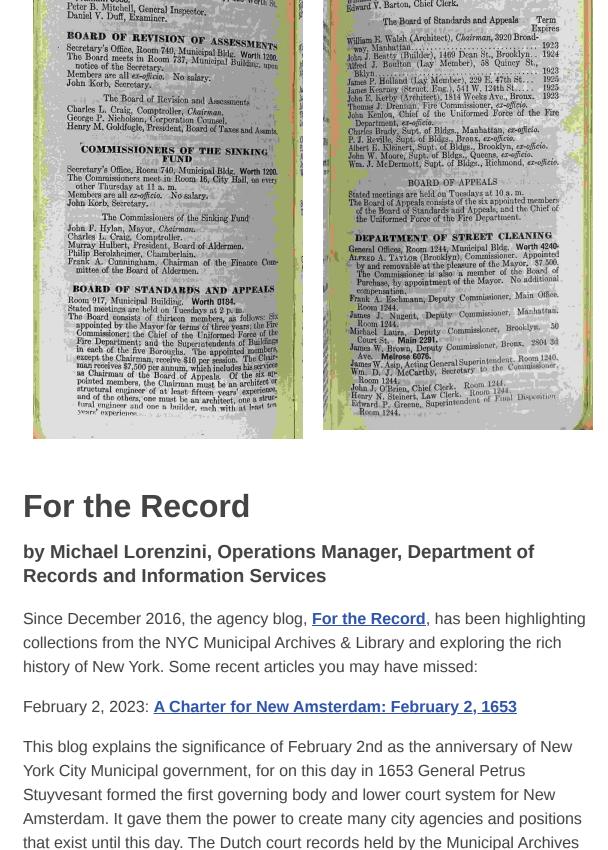
John Korb, Secretary.

Here are 2 pages from the 1923 directory:

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

The Board of Revision and Assessments

Building.



## and never deviate from them as a favor to anybody, and whereas gifts blind the eyes of the wise, keep our hearts from greed, grant also, that we condemn nobody lightly or unheard, but listen patiently to the litigants, give them time to defend themselves."

January 27, 2023: The Alien Squad

start a few days later with a prayer that includes this passage: "Let us remember that we hold Court, not of men, but of God, who sees and hears everything. Let respect of person be far from us, so that we may judge the poor and the rich,

friends and enemies, inhabitants and stranger according to the same rules of truth

The first two pages of the court minutes of New Amsterdam with a prayer on the left page, and then the first day of court on February 6th, 1653. Records of New Amsterdam, NYC Municipal Archives.

The Municipal Archives collection of Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia's papers includes a

Department (NYPD) on public meetings between 1940 and 1945. The meetings in

photographs in the NYPD photograph collection taken for the NYPD intelligence

series, titled Public Meetings. It contains reports from the New York City Police

question were of political groups under surveillance by the so-called "Alien Squad," later known as the "Red Squad," and properly known as BOSSI, the Bureau of Special Services and Investigations. These reports tie in with the

division. Hd. 18 POLICE DEPARTMENT CITY OF NEW YORK BUREAU OF OPERATIONS December 12, 1940. MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Byrnes McDonald Office of the Mayor. MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY DECEMBER 12, 1940 8.00 PM: Paramount Mansion - 183rd St. & St. Nicholas Ave., Man. Upper Manhattan Jewish Peace Council. Topic "Jewish protest against Great Britain, re: treatment of the Jews." 8.00 PM: Hotel Newton - 2528 Broadway, Man.
West Side Jewish Council Meeting.
Topic "Protest treatment of Jews by Great Britain," 8.00 PM: German American Bund - 40-20 - 19th Ave., Astoria, Qns. Membership Meeting.

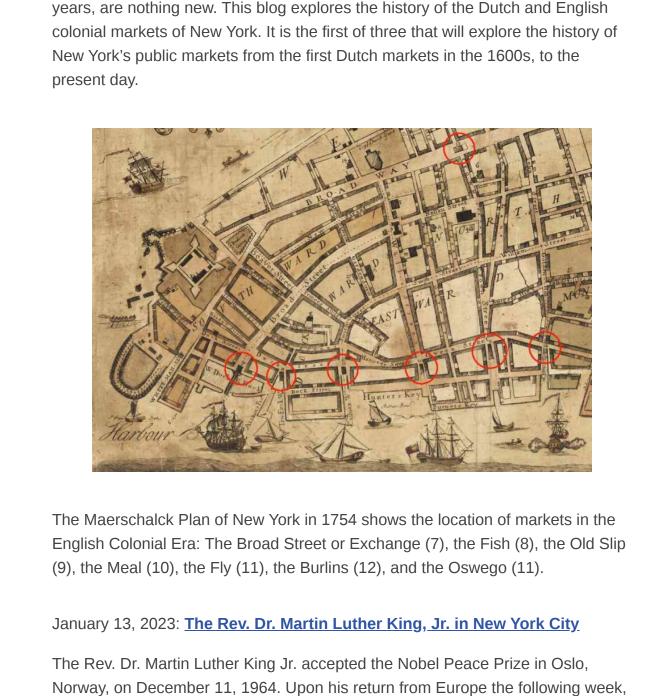
Memorandum, December 12, 1940, Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia Collection, NYC

Supplying a diverse and teeming city with fresh food has been a constant problem

in New York. Farmers' Markets, which have undergone a resurgence in recent

January 20, 2023: From Marketfield to the Greenmarket, Part I

Municipal Archives.



Mayor Robert Wagner presented Dr. King with the Medallion of Honor, the city's highest award. The files in the Public Events series within the Mayor Wagner

papers, reveals extensive documentation regarding Dr. King's reception.

**Department of Records and Information Services (DORIS)** By Ashley Vega, Legal Intern No need to file a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request to get information about City government. Like all public libraries and archives, the holdings of the Municipal Library and Municipal Archives are open to the public for research. FOIL is not applicable. To make an appointment email research@records.nyc.gov. The Municipal Library houses over 400,000 reports, books, periodicals, and documents about New York City government. There is also a growing digital collection of agency publications, available online through the **Government** Publications Portal ("GPP"). The GPP search engine allows patrons to select the subject, agency, and report type to narrow records search. Patrons can also search records and publications from the 17th century to the present in the **Municipal Library Catalog**. Although the publications in the catalog cannot be electronically accessed, after using the catalog to identify records of interest, patrons may access the physical materials, by appointment only, in the Rebecca Rankin Reading Room (111) at 31 Chambers Street. The two most requested record types from the Municipal Library are Board of Estimate and Department of Health materials. The Municipal Archives preserves and makes available city agency records such

as office documents, manuscripts, photographs, blueprints, vital records, maps, sound recordings, and still and moving images. Collections can be searched

using the online guides available here. The most requested record types from the Municipal Archives are the Office of the Mayor, Board of Education, Almshouse,

To make an appointment to use the materials from the library or archive, or

request more information, please send an email to <a href="mailto:research@records.nyc.gov">research@records.nyc.gov</a>.

**Achieving Better Customer Service: Motivational** 

by Praveen Panchal, Chief Information Officer, Department of

customer's perception of your area will determine how well you do this, and that perception will depend on the level of customer service you provide. Following motivational pillars will help you create a solid customer-centric foundation for

1. Vision: "It's not so much where we stand, but the direction we are moving." 2. Success: "Knowing we are on the right path and not alone in our journey." 3. Challenge - "Challenges can be steppingstones or stumbling blocks. It's just

Remember that winning customers is keeping customers. Each individual

your area and go a long way to help you become a successful manager:

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a matter of how you view them."

customers will grow around you."

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4. Communication - "Build bridges, not walls."

5. Leadership - "The essence of leadership is vision." 6. Attitude - "A positive attitude is a powerful force."

**Pillars** 

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mayor Wagner, City Hall, December 17,

1964. Official Mayoral Photograph Collection, NYC Municipal Archives.

Research and Requesting Records at the

9. Teamwork - "It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit." **Board of Education Facts and Figures** by Pauline Toole, Commissioner, Department of Records and

The Municipal Library holds a host of publications and clippings that provide

Publications Portal <a href="https://a860-gpp.nyc.gov/collections/zw12z528p?">https://a860-gpp.nyc.gov/collections/zw12z528p?</a>

Among the publications is a set of 4"x6" booklets titled New York City Public Schools Facts & Figures. The set consists of seven reports beginning with the 1962-1963 school year and concluding with the 1975-1976 school year. Reports

FACTS AND FIGURES

**locale=en** or in the research room at 31 Chambers.

for seven school years are missing.

special services

much more.

NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

information on government operations. There are documents from every office of City government which are available to the public either online in the Government

7. Customer Care - "Grow your world around your customers and more

8. Customer Service - "Always give the customer more than they expect."

**BOARD OF EDUCATION** THE CITY OF NEW YORK 1964-1965 Front cover from the 1964-1965 report Facts describe the school system's organization and range from the calendar for the academic school year, organization charts, descriptions of programs and

Nestled between descriptions of innocuous programs like a Veterans

was gutted by the Supreme Court in 2013.

Rehabilitation program open to Korean conflict veterans and After-School and

established in 1921 by New York State, required English-language fluency and was an effort to stop immigrants from voting. Although the 1965 Voting Rights Act (VRA) banned literacy tests it was mostly applied in the South. The extension of the Act in 1970 broadened the jurisdiction. This literacy test along with the low percent of the voting age population who were registered to vote in the Bronx, Brooklyn and Manhattan meant New York City was covered by the federal Voting Rights Act. Elections were monitored by the Justice Department until the VRA

Figures include graphics showing the source of funds and how the funds were spent, charts listing the number of each type of school or the number of students in the lunch programs—both paid and free, the per pupil cost of instruction and

Summer Centers is a surprising offering: Literacy Tests for New Voters. As late as 1969, the Public Schools offered annual "Regents Literacy tests" in October for potential voters "who require a certificate of literacy to qualify as a voter." The test was administered by the Board of Continuing Education. The literacy requirement,

Where the money goes OPERATING BUDGET FUNDS UNDER ADMINISTRATION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION - \$525,593,843 See Table XXI on Pages 51-52 See inside front cover for Where the money comes from

TABLE VIII

Academic

**High Schools** 

\$730\*

Vocational

High Schools

\$1,150\*

PER PUPIL COST OF DIRECT INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES (Regular Classes - City Tax Levy Only) BASED UPON PUPIL REGISTER

Junior High-

Schools

[65] Per pupil cost—1970-71 An interesting fact is that swimming pools at the public schools were open in the evening to community members. Evening Community Centers were open from 7 to 10 pm "to meet the recreational needs of teenagers and young adults." Average Class Size—Regular and Special Service Schools 21.5 21.5 Kindergarten 21.6 28.7 29.0 Junior High Schools 27.3 29.3 27.1 29.4

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Class size chart schools. By 1975, this data point was no longer provided. Currently the pupils in elementary school and 22.3 students in high school. This is the NYC.gov news you requested for: Municipal Library Notes

## Schools Intermediate Year (Incl. Kgtn.) 1969-70 \$559 1970-71 Note: The dollars indicated above represent direct instructional budgeted per pupil costs. They include annual salaries of supervisors, teachers, secretaries and hourly rates for school aides and para-professionals, as well as the budgeted costs of instructional supplies and equipment. Per pupil costs are based upon register data. Previous issues of Facts and Figures reflected average daily attendance and included items in addition to the ones cited above (e.g. health and welfare benefits, pupil transportation, etc.).

Elementary

The average class size was 30.6 students in elementary school and 32.7 in high school in 1961. By 1970 the number dropped to 26.6 in both elementary and high information is on the Department of Education's website: with an average of 26.6 To unsubscribe, please go to this link: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/records/about/records-newsletter-sign-up.page Comment on this news service: <a href="https://www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/email-">https://www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/email-</a> news-subscription-feedback-form.page

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