

Week of April 12, 2023



**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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<https://nyc.gov/cert>

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

**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>

**NYC** Emergency  
Management

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](#).

**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



## Ready New York National Volunteer Month Trivia

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

# CERT stands for:



[Trivia Link 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](#).

## NYC CERT Program Welcomes New Members on



The New York City Emergency Management Department welcomed 24 new Community Emergency Response Team (NYC CERT) volunteers to its program during a hybrid graduation ceremony on Monday, April 3. The graduation also served as the kick-off event to the program's year-long 20th anniversary celebration. This graduating class joins a group of 638 current members. CERT is a national volunteer program that came to New York City after the September 2001 terrorists attack and has empowered New Yorkers to assist their communities during emergency and non-emergency events.

During the ceremony, the Carlos Nieves NYC CERT Team Award for Excellence in Deployment and Emergency Response was presented to Brooklyn Division 5. The award recognizes a division's generous commitment of time, support, and inspiration to its community.

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

## Upcoming Events

**NYC**  
**DCAS**  
Citywide Administrative  
Services

 **Adrienne Adams**  
NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL SPEAKER

**NYC** Government  
**Hiring Hall**

Serve Your City, Fulfill Your Dreams!

New York is the best place in the world to start or grow a career, and City

government is filled with opportunities for nearly every occupation.

Join this Hiring Hall to meet with representatives from different City agencies.

Date: Thursday, April 13th, 10am - 3pm EDT.

Register and learn more [here](#).

**SANDY NURSE**  
City Council Member District 37

**JULIA SALAZAR**  
NY STATE SENATOR  
18th Senate District

# Bushwick Clean Up

**Saturday, April 15th**  
Southeast exit of Myrtle-Wyckoff Aves. station

**11 AM**

Sign up here!

Clean Bushwick Initiative

## Online Workshops for Grandparents Safety Week

NYC DOT & Safe Kids Coalition Presents  
**Grandparents Safety Week 2023**

Grandparents Safety Week is a week of events and workshops to provide older New Yorkers with safety information and access to representatives of city agencies, local hospitals and community organizations.

**Thursday, April 13, 2PM - 3PM**

- Zoom Workshop: Medicine Safety for Older Adults
- Presented by Luz Martinez, NYC Poison Control Center

**Friday, April 14, 2PM - 3PM**

- Zoom Workshop: Cómo evitar Las Estafas Dirigidas a los Adultos Mayores
- Presented by Belia Jimenez, NYS Division of Consumer Protection

Daily Zoom Workshop Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/97317079692?pwd=c2RFeThlYXhidEczeTlyYlFaanlRUT09>

**Meeting ID:** 973 1707 9692 **Passcode:** safety  
**Dial in:** 6465189805 or 9292056099

For the full flyer, 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 of \$112.00.

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.](#)

## File Taxes with NYC Free Tax Prep



**A bigger NYC EITC. Full refund.  
Your family deserves it. Get it back.**

**NYC  
FREE  
TAX PREP** | Trusted,  
Professional  
Filing

Taxpayers have until April 18 to file their taxes this year and [NYC Free Tax Prep](#) provides free, professional, tax preparation that can help New Yorkers keep their full refund. If you earned \$80,000 or less in 2022, file for FREE with an IRS certified VITA/TCE volunteer preparer.

## 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.

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](http://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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