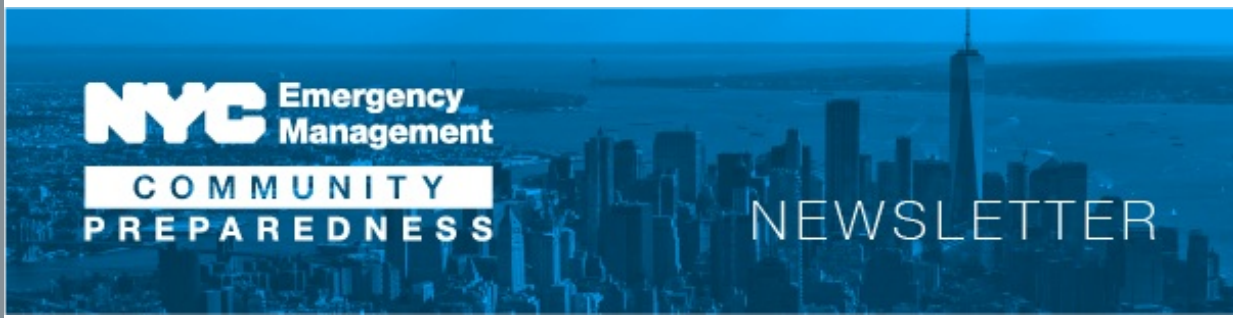


Week of February 15, 2023



Will you be joining us at NYC Emergency Management's 11th Annual Community Preparedness Symposium? Register Today and Share with Colleagues!



We hope you're excited for this year's Symposium! Here are just a couple of sessions you and members of your community will be tuned into:

- Best Practices and Considerations for Communities to Incorporate People with Disabilities When Planning for Emergencies
- Melrose Commons Climate Resiliency Hubs – Building Centers for Community Preparedness and Response.

The 2023 Community Preparedness Symposium will focus on how community organizers, leaders, youth, advocates and/or government can better prepare, respond, and recover from emergencies. The 2023 theme is "A New Standard: Communities Ahead of Emergencies".

Date: Tuesday, March 7th 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Register for In-Person Participation

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-person-2023-symposium-a-new-standard-communities-ahead-of-emergencies-tickets-529444220917>

Register to Participate Virtually

<https://www.workcast.com/register?cpak=7183459659394363>

For help registering or requests regarding accessibility please email communityprep@oem.nyc.gov or call 718 422-4654 by February 15th.

Ready School of the Year Award Application



2023 Ready School of the Year Award Application

Does your school lead the way in preparedness?

Are there training, clubs, or other initiatives they offer to help prepare for emergencies?

Nominate your school via:
bit.ly/2023_RSOTY

Winning schools will receive a visit from Ready Girl!



Does your school lead the way in preparedness? Is there training, clubs, or other initiatives they offer to help prepare for emergencies? Let NYC Emergency Management know how your school can be recognized as the Ready School of the Year for 2023! The school that wins will receive a visit from Ready Girl, the emergency preparedness superhero, and preparedness materials for all students. Additionally, NYC Emergency Management will collaborate with the school to present the award and display the school's emergency preparedness efforts via student projects.

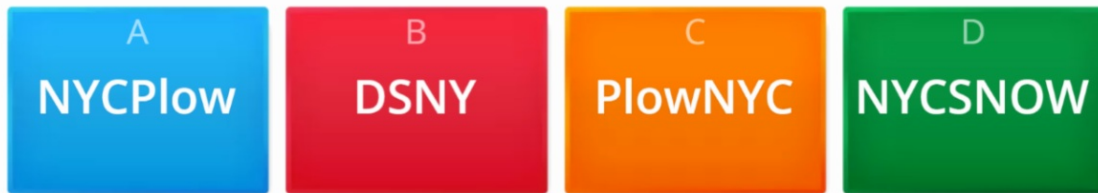
[Register here!](#)



Ready New York Winter Weather WordWall

Are you a Ready New Yorker? See how many winter weather facts you know!

What app can New Yorkers use to track the progress of DSNY snow removal vehicles?



[Trivia Link here!](#)

**John D. Solomon Fellowship for Public Service
Open for Applications**



New York City Emergency Management announces the launch of the 2023-2024 John D. Solomon Fellowship for Public Service application cycle, the City's first student fellowship devoted specifically to emergency management. The program will provide ten graduate students in the New York City area the opportunity to complete a nine-month, paid fellowship with a city agency or nonprofit organization.

If you're interested, you can [apply here](#).

Christina Curry, Mayors Office of People with Disabilities

On this episode of "Prep Talk" Christina Curry, Commissioner of the Mayor's Office of People with Disabilities, the first African American woman in the role, discusses how she became an advocate for the Deaf and people with disabilities.

You can listen to the latest episode on [SoundCloud](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), and [Spreaker](#).

For the full Press Release, click [here](#)!

Find out about NYCEM's Accomplishments in the 2022 Annual Report



The New York City Emergency Management Department released its annual report that highlights the agency's accomplishments from January 2022 through December 2022. The report presents a snapshot of the agency's role in leading the coordination of the City's response to numerous incidents while supporting its mission to help New Yorkers prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies.

NYC Emergency Management has led the coordination of the City's response to multiple emergencies. From a five-alarm fire in the Bronx, to an active shooter, assisting Puerto Rico after Hurricane Fiona, to record breaking heat during the summer months, the agency has faced these challenges head-on, while adapting to the challenges of each emergency and implementing lessons learned from prior responses. The Annual Report is aligned with NYC Emergency Management's [Strategic Plan](#) for the first time, highlighting the impressive progress the agency has made over the last year towards achieving the goals set forth in the plan.

For the full report, click [here](#) or visit [NYC.gov/2022-em-annual-report](https://nyc.gov/2022-em-annual-report). We encourage sharing with members of your community!

FEMA Youth Preparedness Council



Young Leaders – Apply to FEMA’s Youth Preparedness Council Today!



Represent Your Community



Learn & Grow



Create Change Now!

**Applications Due
March 6, 2023**



FEMA

Do you know any teens who want to build leadership skills while making a difference in their community? FEMA is now accepting applications for its Youth Preparedness Council. Spread the word with students in your community by letting them know about this unique opportunity.

To learn more, see our [New Releases](#) and visit our [website](#).

Apply to the council [here](#).

Go YPC!

**Apply to NYC Small Business Opportunity
Fund**

Apply now

NYC Small Business Opportunity Fund

The NYC Small Business Opportunity Fund is made possible through public-private partnerships with the following:



If you're a NYC-based business - a startup, growth-stage business, or needing a boost after the pandemic - the NYC Small Business Opportunity Fund is a trusted, affordable way for you to invest in your business.

- No minimum credit score required
- Loans up to \$250,000 at 4% fixed interest rate
- Free business support
- easy to apply
- no application fee

[Apply today](#) and get your business on a sustainable path toward growth and success, and spread the word to other small businesses.

Call 888-SBS-4NYC or visit SBSOpportunityFund.nyc for questions or help with your application.

To access this flyer and toolkit (available in 21 languages) click [here](#).

Flood Bulletin

Are you concerned about flooding in your neighborhood?



Join us!

We're looking for adults (18+) who are residents of NYC to participate in a focus group about how people find information about flooding in New York City, and what kind of information about urban flooding is most useful to them. Your input will help us develop a tool for sharing real-time information about local flooding in your neighborhood.

Participants will be asked to commit to joining up to 9 group sessions of one hour each (1x per month February 2023 - August 2023). Sessions will be held virtually and in person.

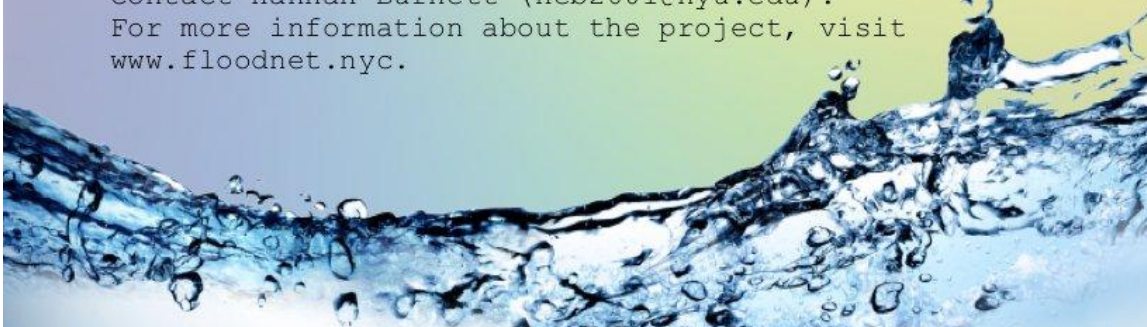
How to join: Email Hannah Burnett, heb2601@nyu.edu

Compensation

Participants will receive one \$25 Amazon gift card at the conclusion of each session, for a total of up to \$225.

Questions?

If you have questions about the study, your eligibility, language, or accessibility, please contact Hannah Burnett (heb2601@nyu.edu). For more information about the project, visit www.floodnet.nyc.



Community Flood Watch Project

Report Flooding in New York City



As **sea level rises** around NYC, tidal flooding in coastal neighborhoods is getting more frequent and widespread.

What can we do?

The "**Community Flood Watch Project**" is a growing network of residents and organizations who report local flooding, share experiences and access resources related to flooding in NYC coastal communities.

Researchers use these reports to visualize how "normal" high tides could look in the future due to sea level rise, and to improve forecasts of flooding and coastal hazards.

Communities can use this shared database of images, reports and maps to communicate their neighborhood's needs and visions to city leaders.

SUBMIT A FLOOD REPORT



You can join in! To submit a flood report with a photo, time, depth, location and impacts...

Download the 'MyCoast' app, register, and add a report.



Or visit this page:

<https://mycoast.org/ny/flood-watch/>

MORE INFORMATION

www.srijb.org/jbfloodwatch/



Katie Graziano

New York Sea Grant

Science and Resilience Institute at Jamaica Bay

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Community Flood Action Kit

Community Flood Action Toolkit

Protect your property from flood risk

The Community Flood Action Toolkit is a new resource from the team at FloodHelpNY. This toolkit provides high-level information about flood insurance and retrofits.

The toolkit is available in English, Spanish, Simplified Chinese, Russian, and Haitian Creole.

Link to toolkit and more information: [Flood Risk Is Rising | News and Info on Flooding | FloodHelpNY.org](#)

Upcoming Events



HUD EXCHANGE

*Resources and assistance to support
HUD's community partners*

RFI for HUD's CDBG-DR Rules, Waivers, and Alternative Requirements

HUD Seeking First-of-Its-Kind Public Input to More Equitably and Accurately Allocate Disaster Recovery Funds.

Public comments requested on or before **February 21, 2023**. Late-filled comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

<https://mailchi.mp/hudexchange/rfi-for-huds-cdbg-dr-rules-waivers-and-alternative-requirements-87-fr-77864-now-available>

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**

The Resilient Nation Partnership Network Call for Student Submissions

- The Resilient Nation Partnership Network is excited to announce this year's "Next Generation of Resilience" Student Showcase. **On April 26**, four students will share their perspectives focused on this year's theme: Voices of the Future - Natural Hazard Resilience and Climate Change.
- Are you an undergraduate or graduate student, 18 years of age or older, or do you know a student who is a great fit for this opportunity? If so, please submit your story [here](#) by **Tuesday, February 28**. Four students will be chosen to share their story at this event.

Donate Now to Help Those Affected by the Earthquake in Turkey and Syria

Cash is the best way to donate: it's fast to send and allows flexibility in the response. If you wish to contribute toward relief efforts for the victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, click on this link: [Help Now NYC](#).

The NYC Service Partnerships Application

NYC Service recruits and places full-time NYC Civic Corps AmeriCorps members at select partnering community-based organizations for 10 months. **Applications must be submitted by February 22, 2023.** Interested or have questions? Visit nyc.gov/hostciviccorps for more information and to apply!



**SAVE NOW ON YOUR WATER BILL,
GET AMNESTY TODAY!**

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!



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.

[Amnesty link here!](#)

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 with Job ID: 536135.

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

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

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