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Health care capacity lost as a result of the sale of Rivington House must be restored.

I've joined with Councilmember Chin and Community Board 3 in calling on the de Blasio administration to compensate the Lower East Side community for the loss of the health care beds at Rivington House, an AIDS patient hospice that was sold for \$116 million to a private developer, likely to be converted to luxury condominiums because of the lifting of a deed restriction prohibiting such a sale.

The city must restore the health care capacity that is going to be lost to the community and fix the process by which these kinds of decisions are made, making it more transparent and notifying the community board and other community leaders in advance.

New members announced for Community Boards; leadership training sessions set.

This year's slate of appointments to Manhattan's 12 Community Boards have taken effect and include 81 new members among the 312 appointments overall. The [complete list](#) of appointees for the 2016-2018 term is available on my website.

New and reappointed members will soon be able to sign up for my office's Leadership Training series. Courses include *Land Use and Zoning 101*, *Advanced Land Use & Zoning*, *the NYC Budget Process and the Role of Community Boards*, *Community Planning Tools*, *Conflicts of Interest and Freedom of Information*, and *Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity*. The [online registration](#) process is now open.

Register now for kids' sports classes this summer in city parks.

Spring is here and that means summer isn't far behind. The summer sports program

schedule has been finalized and is open for registrations. The City Parks Foundation sponsors a wide variety of classes, including soccer, track and field, golf, tennis, and multidisciplinary “Get up and go!” sessions. **Register** as soon as possible in order to ensure a place. (Classes are organized by sport—just click on the sport you want, then click on class registration on that sport’s page.)

Free outdoor movies in city parks have begun!

At sundown across the city, screens begin to flicker with “Movies Under the Stars,” free films the entire family can enjoy. Sponsored by the Mayor’s Office of Media and Entertainment and the Parks Department. The **full schedule** of films is available online.

EVENTS

May 9: Help make Stonewall a national historic site.

6 – 9 pm, PS 41, 116 W. 11th St.

Congressman Jerrold Nadler and I are cosponsoring a public meeting on the proposal to designate a new unit of the National Park System at Christopher Park and the surrounding streets, dedicated to the history of the Stonewall Uprising that inspired the LGBT movement. To RSVP, visit Congressman Nadler's **website** or call 212-367-7350.

May 9: Forum for Mitchell-Lama residents.

6:30 – 8:30 pm, 1 Centre Street, 19th Floor South

This is a follow up from last year’s Mitchell-Lama Roundtable. HPD’s Assistant Commissioner Julie Walpert as well as a representative from the NYS Homes and Community Renewal will be available to discuss Mitchell-Lama financing and preservation options. **RSVP online.**

May 12: SCRIE clinic at New York City Agencies Resource Fair.

12:15 pm, Sirovich Center for Balanced Living, 331 E. 12th Street

I’m co-sponsoring a Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) info session with Assemblymember Deborah Glick at the Sirovich Center for Balanced Living.

May 14: FDNY open house.

Times and locations vary

Learn about the lifesaving work of the FDNY at firehouses and EMS stations citywide at the annual FDNY Open House on Saturday May 14. Take a tour, pick up fire safety

education literature, and meet local firefighters, paramedics, and EMTs. You can even learn more about careers in the FDNY. To find an open house near you, visit nyc.gov/fdnyopenhouse and click on “FIND YOUR FDNY OPEN HOUSE.” Open House hours will vary by location, from late morning to mid-afternoon.

May 14: Resiliency workshop for restaurants.

10 am – 12 pm, 110 William St., 7th Floor board room

The Department of Small Business Services and the New York State Restaurant Association are sponsoring a special business resiliency workshop geared towards the restaurant industry. This workshop is designed to help you better prepare your assets and employees for emergencies. You will also learn how to develop a continuity plan for your business and your employees. [RSVP online.](#)

May 18: Construction jobs at Essex Crossing development on the Lower East Side.

4 – 6 pm, Grand Street Settlement, 80 Pitt Street

Learn about upcoming positions and construction job skills training at the huge Essex Crossing development on the Lower East Side. The event is sponsored by Delancey Street Associates, Community Board 3, the Lower East Side Employment Network, Workforce1, and Building Skills.

May 18 & 27: Citizens preparedness training programs.

New York State is offering two training sessions for Manhattan residents so they can have the tools to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions. Each participant will receive a free Citizen Preparedness Corps Response Starter Kit. [RSVP online.](#)

• **May 18:** *6 – 8 pm, Harlem Hospital, 506 Malcolm X Boulevard*

• **May 27:** *10 am – 12 pm, Adam Clayton Powell State Office Building, 163 West 125th Street*

May 23: Resiliency workshop for art galleries.

6 – 8 pm, Pace Gallery, 534 West 25th St

The Department of Small Business Services is also sponsoring a resiliency event for art galleries. The workshop will help participants prepare for and protect against storms and floods, and draft a business continuity plan that is specifically tailored to galleries’

needs. [RSVP online](#).

May 24: Information session on applying for grants through the New York City Regional Economic Development Council

8:30 - 10 am, 1 Centre Street 19th Floor South

New York State's 10 [Regional Economic Development Councils](#) (REDC) will distribute over \$750 million in grants this year to provide direct assistance to businesses and other organizations for community development projects, waterfront revitalization, workforce development and more.

My office is joining with the New York City REDC and Empire State Development to host an information session on the process and to hear from past recipients of REDC grants. Please [RSVP online](#) to attend the information session. You can apply for a grant via the state's [Consolidated Funding Application](#).

Through May 30: A show of quilts in the MBPO gallery.

1 Centre Street, 19th Floor South Art Gallery

Empire Quilters, a Manhattan-based community of “quilters” is the sponsor of this month's exhibit in the gallery with a show titled “Urban Inspirations.” Empire Quilters is an all-volunteer group that meets monthly from September to June for speakers, show and tell, and technique classes. They donate many quilts to nursing homes, hospitals, and others in need. If you want to get involved, monthly meetings are held at the Church of the Holy Apostles, 269 Ninth Ave. (at 28th St.). Find out more on the [Empire Quilters website](#). Please visit the gallery during normal business hours, through May 30.