



MAJOR TOPICS & OTHER ISSUES

MARCH AWARENESS MONTH

National Colorectal Cancer

National Nutrition

National Endometriosis

Save Your Vision

Workplace Eye Wellness

National Problem Gambling

National School Breakfast Week

National Patient Safety Awareness Week

National Sleep Awareness Week

National Poison Prevention Week

Brain Awareness Week

Root Canal Awareness Week

World Kidney Day

National Women & Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

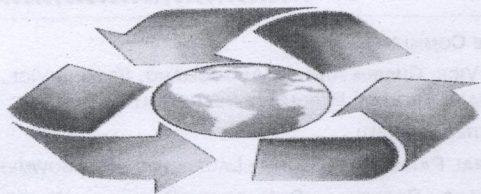
World Tuberculosis Day

American Diabetes Alert Day

Celebrate Black History Month: African-American Monuments in New York City's Parks

The monuments in our parks honor the heights of human achievement and the depths of human sacrifice. They are intended in permanent form to commemorate persons, events and values of lasting consequence to the evolution of our city, nation and the world, and to our advancement as a people.

In honor of Black History Month, this exhibition examines those monuments in the Parks collection that honor key African-American figures in the arts, sport, the military, science, and the abolition movement and who are preserved in our collective memory. Also remembered are the many thousands of anonymous people who, until emancipation, did not have the rights of citizenship and were enslaved.



"MOVE OVER LAW"

NY VTL § 1144-a. Operation of vehicles when approaching a parked, stopped or standing authorized emergency vehicle

New York State became the 48th state to enact a "Move Over Law," requiring motorists to change lanes or slow down when approaching a stopped emergency vehicle or else risk getting a ticket. It's similar to the existing law requiring vehicles to move over when they see flashing emergency lights approaching behind them.

Under the new law, failing to "exercise due care" when approaching a stopped emergency vehicle could result in fines of up to \$275, mandatory state surcharges of either \$80 or \$85 depending on the court and up to 15 days in jail. In addition; the moving violation also would place 3 points on a driver's license.

The New York City Smokers' Quit Line (311) may provide a 2-week starter kit of nicotine patches, gum, or lozenges for eligible smokers trying to stop smoking. You will be screened over the phone to determine eligibility. The Quit Line also provides counseling, information on available services, information about using nicotine patches and referrals to local programs and clinics.

BLOCK PARTY

According to the Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO):

Block Party - A Block Party is a street activity requiring the closure of a single block of a street, or a portion thereof, for a single day intended for a community-based, not-for profit organization, association, or the like, which has an indigenous relationship to the specific street, community or both.

Report Tax Evasion and Fraud

The Department of Finance conducts criminal investigations on taxpayers who do not obey the City's tax laws. We ask the public to help us.

All information received will be kept confidential. If you wish, Finance can acknowledge we have received your complaint. Please provide us with your name, address, and/or telephone number. Due to tax secrecy laws, we cannot provide updates on the status of our investigation.

Online: NYC.GOV

[Online Complaint Form](#)

By Phone:

Call 311 (24 hours a day)

By Mail or Fax:

New York City Department of Finance
Office of Tax Enforcement
345 Adams Street, 13th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Fax: 718-403-3911

There is no money reward for reporting a tax crime. You do, however, have the satisfaction of helping New York City in its fight against tax evaders. This helps make sure all businesses and individuals pay their fair share.

Department of Finance Senior Citizen Homeowners' Exemption (SCHE)

Owners of 1-, 2-, and 3-family houses, condominiums, or cooperative apartments who are age 65 or older by December 31st, may qualify for a tax reduction. Benefits may start as soon as the next fiscal year.

If a husband and wife, siblings or registered domestic partners own the property, only one owner needs to be 65 or over by December 31 to apply for SCHE. However, the amount of reduction is based on the combined Federal Income Tax Return figures for all owners on the deed. This applies for owners who do not live with you, e.g., your children.

You can reduce your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) by subtracting unreimbursed medical expenses to figure your eligible income. The net combined amount must be less than \$37,400 and the property must serve as the owner's primary residence. This means you must live in the house, condominium, or cooperative apartment more than six months a year.

Your personal income for the tax year prior to July is used for the new property tax year. For example, you would use your AGI for the 2010 income tax year to figure the benefit for the new property tax starting July 2011.

Homeowners who apply and receive SCHE will also automatically receive Enhanced STAR benefits.