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NYC EXPANDS Health Bucks FOR SNAP RECIPIENTS

Daily benefit will rise from \$10 to \$14
in January 2027 to help families buy
fresh fruits and vegetables
at city farmers markets.



New York City will increase the daily benefit available through its Health Bucks program by 40% beginning in January 2027, Mayor Zohran Kwame Mamdani announced.

The program helps New Yorkers enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) afford fresh produce at farmers markets and farm stands. For every \$2 spent on fresh fruits and vegetables at participating vendors, recipients receive matching Health Bucks benefits.

Under the expansion, the daily maximum will rise from \$10 to \$14. The administration expects to distribute nearly \$2.3 million to SNAP recipients through the program in 2027, supporting both families and local farmers market vendors.

“Every day, New Yorkers walk into a store hoping prices haven’t gone up again,” Mamdani said, explaining that the program is intended to make fresh produce more affordable while supporting local markets and farm stands.

City health officials said the expanded benefit could help address food insecurity and make nutritious foods more accessible. Research from the NYC Health Department found that nearly eight in 10 adults at risk of food insecurity had difficulty affording balanced meals. Eighteen percent reported eating no fruits or vegetables the previous day, while nearly one-third received food from emergency services such as food pantries.

The program is available at more than 100 farmers markets and farm stands across the city. Health Bucks are also distributed through community and faith-based organizations to encourage participation in nutrition education and other health-related activities.

Funding comes from city resources and \$5.7 million in new federal grant funding through the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program, which supports efforts to increase fruit and vegetable purchases among SNAP recipients.

The expansion is part of the administration’s broader effort to make healthy food more affordable. Earlier this year, Mamdani identified La Marqueta in East Harlem as the first planned location for the city’s municipal grocery store program. The administration intends to open one store in each borough by the end of his first term. Health Bucks marks its 20th anniversary this year. Since 2005, the NYC Health Department has distributed more than \$20 million in benefits through the program.

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HOW CAN YOU MANAGE BIPOLAR DISORDER SYMPTOMS?

by Stan Popovich

There are several ways to manage bipolar disorder. Here are practical tips to help you navigate your current situation.

1. Monitor your mood: It’s important to recognize the warning signs of an oncoming manic or depressive episode. Make a list of symptoms that preceded your previous mood episodes. Try to identify the triggers or outside influences that may have led to your situation. Keep a close watch for subtle changes in your mood, sleeping patterns, happiness, energy level, and thoughts.

2. Develop a wellness toolbox: It’s helpful to have a wellness toolbox to draw from. A wellness toolbox consists of coping skills and activities you can do to maintain a stable mood or to get better when you’re feeling “off.” Discuss with your counselor the coping techniques that will work best.

3. Manage stress: Stress can be a big trigger for people who are bipolar. Identify areas of your life that are stressful and find better ways to manage that stress to keep your bipolar disorder under control. Talk to your counselor on how you can manage anxiety in your life. This also applies to those who go to college, manage their career goals, and take care of their families.

4. Avoid drugs and alcohol: Drugs and alcohol can worsen bipolar disorder and trigger events that create additional problems. It’s best to find effective ways to deal with your situation rather than relying on drugs and alcohol.

5. Prioritize physical health: Taking care of your physical health can help support your mental well-being. Getting enough sleep can keep your mood stable or shorten an episode. Eating a balanced and nutritious diet can help you feel well, think clearly, and calm your mood.

6. Have a strong support system: Use the support of your family and friends who can assist you when you are struggling with your bipolar disorder. Sometimes you may need encouragement from those close to you. Having a support system can reduce loneliness and isolation in your life.

7. Stay socially connected: When you’re depressed, social situations can seem overwhelming. You might feel like being alone, but it’s important not to isolate yourself. Being alone can increase the symptoms of depression. Get involved in social activities, such as local book clubs or athletic teams. Spending time with friends and family can help you feel more confident.

8. Involve friends and family: Share the warning signs and triggers you have identified with family and close friends so they can better support you. Develop a plan and share how you would like them to help you. They can identify the behaviors and actions that signal a mania episode first and help you prevent your symptoms from reaching the highest level.

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QUINN QUESTIONS – DO YOU LOOK LIKE SOMEBODY FAMOUS?

by Rix Quinn

Have you ever been told you look like somebody famous?

A couple years ago, several friends and I sat around a lunch table, and tried to judge who our companions resembled. My friend Jim said, “Quinn, you just have a generic face. “That’s not an insult,” he added. “You look like somebody everybody knows, but whose name they can’t remember.” Jim was right. As I surveyed our group, I quickly identified people who looked sort of like presidents, or movie stars, or astronauts, or comedians. But I look like the guy you see at the mall, but you can’t remember which store I work for. Or I resemble a teacher you liked in high school, or somebody you see downtown in the coffee shop. Sometimes I’m grateful for my average face. When I was in my 20s, it was a real money-saver.

How? In my town are two seminaries, where folks train to be ministers. I’ve had many jobs in my life, but preacher is definitely not one. However, for a few years, one restaurant recognized me as a young, bright seminarian. Whenever I went there, they greeted me warmly, and asked how I was doing in my studies. I told the cashiers they had me mixed up with an actual preacher, but they didn’t believe me. They frequently gave me free soft drinks, or a complimentary meal. I have wondered whatever happened to that young preacher who looked like me. Did he eat free as often as I did? I often took my first dates to that generous restaurant. If that date didn’t like me, I hadn’t spent much money on her.

Sadly, my face aged out of the eager young student look, and I began to resemble somebody’s cousin. I became the guy you think you saw at a family reunion, but you are not sure what branch of the family. My face is slowly sagging into that of a kindly uncle, one who tells funny stories and is welcome everywhere. Which means that pretty soon, people may think they actually know me...and I can maybe get offered some free meals again!

CATHY NOLAN: GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

by Dr. Sharon M. Cadiz

As Halloween approaches, I remember the yellow and orange “trick or treat” bags that Cathy Nolan gave out. Perhaps there are others who remember this annual effort undertaken by Cathy and her staff. There are countless other reminders of the care she took to provide for the communities she served; however, most wouldn’t even know that her hand was on so many projects and plans that went on to enrich the quality of life for children and families.

For those who may not know, Cathy Nolan was elected in 1984 to serve the 37th Assembly District that included: Sunnyside, Ridgewood, Astoria, Woodside, Long Island City, Maspeth, Queensbridge, Ravenswood, Dutch Kills and Blissville. It seems unfathomable to think that one designated leader could manage to stay connected to such a diverse group of communities with their varied needs and concerns. Her staff members who were locally-based and those who were in Albany were instrumental in aiding her in being responsive to her constituents. She had many roles over the years, including being the Chair of the Education Committee for 12 years (from 2006-2018), and there are school children today enjoying the benefits of what she was able to do such as “shaping state school funding, policy, and legislative oversight”. The record shows that “she pushed for universal Pre-K, smaller class sizes and higher graduation rates across New York State and New York City.” She was the first woman to chair the Assembly Labor Committee; and ended her 38-year career in the Assembly as Deputy Speaker (2019-2022).

My personal memories of Cathy, and what I value most about her leadership, goes back to 1985 when I was a director at the People’s United Methodist Head Start Program. It was during a politically charged time when the Gramm-Rudman deficit reduction cuts threatened funding to Head Start. Cathy visited the program flanked by two local community leaders, one of whom was Marie Konecko. Cathy’s interest and concern about the potential impact of funding cuts to the program really impressed me. Fortunately, the plan’s effort to prevent federal budget deficits using spending constraints failed and Head Start was spared. I always remember Cathy’s visit and the way she seemed to stand with us as we faced a potential loss of funding.

Another very meaningful stand that Cathy took relates to the fact that in 2009 she sponsored “The Farmworkers Fair Labor Practices Act” which was passed ensuring measures granting “collective bargaining rights, overtime pay, a day of rest and expansion of workers’ compensation benefits” to New York State farm workers who were excluded from workplace protections. I only discovered this when I was collaborating on a book about New York’s food system. I didn’t find out about it because she did a big splash in the press or posed for “photo ops.” This is another memory that stays with me and makes me proud of her. During one of many of the Long Island City Chapter NAACP Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. luncheons where she and her parents attended, along with members of her staff, I came to understand her passion for labor, as I heard her father share his experiences.

As Halloween and Election Day approach, I am taking my fond memories of Cathy’s remarkable record of performance, as well as the dedicated efforts of her amazing staff over a distinguished 38 year career; and blending them into my hopes for those who assume office; those who staff the offices of elected officials; those who are community leaders and volunteers who organize safe holiday events; those who see public service as a sacred trust; those elected representatives who work to achieve success for their constituents and not themselves; and finally, those who have the right to vote who are proudly going to the polls to vote, fulfilling the measure of value and worth backing each vote, each elected official, and each citizen and new arrival aspiring to be a citizen.

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NOV. 3:

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In addition to voting for candidates, NYC voters will decide on

five proposed amendments to the City Charter –

the rules that govern how our city operates.

THE PROPOSALS WILL APPEAR ON THE BACK OF THE BALLOT.

1

PUBLIC SPACE & OUTDOOR DINING

Streamlines the approval process for using public sidewalks and streets for outdoor dining, accessibility ramps, benches, planters and similar uses.

2

CITY CONTRACTING & NONPROFITS

Provides more flexibility in procurement rules to reduce paperwork and speed up the process for nonprofits and businesses seeking city contracts.

3

TRANSPORTATION, CITY LAND & OFFICE LEASING

Streamlines review of certain street-safety and transit projects, and changes processes for the sale or lease of certain small, unused city-owned properties and office space.

4

CONSTRUCTION PERMITTING

Creates a centralized permitting hub by bringing about 40 construction approvals from 18 agencies into one system, and moves waterfront permitting to the Department of Buildings.

5

RAINY DAY FUND

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VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

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During the 2025 mission, the team treated more than 3,500 people in four days, and Dr. Belli personally cared for 200 patients. This fundraiser will cover medical supplies and travel expenses, with all proceeds going directly toward the mission so the team can reach even more people.

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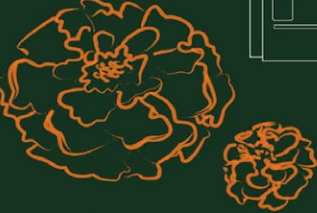
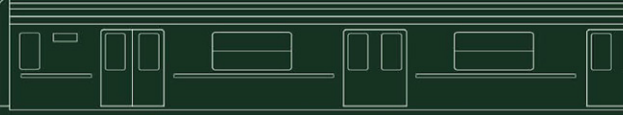
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