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## *The President's Message*

Your club will be having a POP-UP GENERAL MEETING at the Moose Lodge Family Center, TUESDAY JUNE 30th, 2020 at 7 PM SHARP!!! We need to get back on the rails and the MOOSE LODGE needs our patronage, as well.

Members will be provided a boxed meal and a bottle of water, soft drinks and spirits are available for sale at the bar. We've gone thru a great effort, in concert with moose and our own Gyroville partners, to produce a meeting and feed the members, while adhering to the CDC restrictions. Moose lodges are non-political and we must remember to curtail the use of profanity at the bar and limit language at your tables. We have a great relationship with the moose...let us not change it.

The 10-13 clubs were on "hold" but we're all getting back to business. We are all horrified by the deaths of so many of our family members, friends, acquaintances, neighbors, coworkers, etc. Covid 19 has punched the wind out of us. Then there's the ungodly anti-police attacks. We're dazed by what's happened to our NYPD, New York City and the rest of the world. Nobody has a cure-all response or strategy. At the general meeting, we'll conduct club business and try to plan the fall season.

There are no sponsors scheduled as of this writing. After club business, raise your hands to come up and speak about how you feel. One of the best forms of emotional therapy is sharing your thoughts and sentiments and talking about your thoughts and emotions. If you don't think it helps you, do it for the rest of us...we can use the camaraderie, more than ever.

After the World Trade Center attack, we achieved great strides talking to one another about what we experienced, especially those of us who were there and relive the horrible memories, often. Whereas the Covid virus has somewhat finite cures and treatments, the political and social climate seems almost infinitely incurable. Carry on and keep your chin up. I surmise that you're more resilient than you know.

Most of us walked foot posts and/or train patrolled solo. I'm confident we can endure and surpass the current garbage. Some of us are still active and in uniform, here in Florida. We have extra stresses and concerns. Because I'm still active in uniform for almost 40 years, I'm not the proverbial best leader for your club. Board positions should be filled by retirees.

Since almost nobody steps up, your friends on the board will continue in our efforts to go forward. Although I don't have individual conversations with most of you, myself as well as all of your board volunteers, are caring and concern ourselves with the preservation and continuation of the club, in the spirit of 10-13. Thomas Paine was quoted "These are the times that try men's souls". You're all equal to the task. 10-13! -Martin

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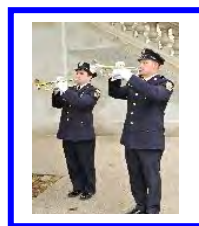
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# De Blasio's progressive agenda could put another Giuliani in City Hall

New York City is reeling from two crises the likes of which it hasn't seen in decades.

The coronavirus pandemic has so far taken the lives of 21,000 New Yorkers and cratered the city's economy.

The reaction to the horrific George Floyd killing delivered a second blow. The massive peaceful protests were unifying and inspiring for many. But the mayhem in some parts of the city — looting, arson and violent attacks on police — was deeply disturbing.

In response to both crises, New York Gov. Cuomo and City Mayor de Blasio vacillated and squabbled. They've done little to reassure New Yorkers that the city has a future worth sticking around for.

The pandemic drove hundreds of thousands from the city. Many won't return. Now, residents and businesses — retailers especially — have another incentive to leave.

Images of Times Square, Soho and Fifth Avenue sacked by looters could scare tourists away for years.

Park Slope resident Kay Hymowitz, who documented her borough's stunning revival in her book, "The New Brooklyn," now fears the opposite trend. "I'm afraid we're seeing the beginning of de-gentrification," she says.

Even before the pandemic, high rents and unreliable transit were making city life too tough for many. New York's population peaked in 2016 and has been declining ever since.

According to a gloomy Moody's Analytics forecast, pandemic fears mean that even the next generation of workers will likely bypass New York for "decades to come."

What will it take to bring them back? First, people will need to feel safe.

Current and future New Yorkers must be convinced the city is not a giant petri dish. And they'll need to trust that crime won't surge out of control.

Those shouldn't be impossible goals.

New York state now performs over 50,000 coronavirus tests per day. And as few as one percent of those tests are coming back positive.

NYC pulled itself out of near financial ruin in the '70s (left). Now that the city is roiled by a pandemic and social unrest, the bad days could return without the right policies in place.

Continued frequent testing should help raise confidence as people head back to work and play. A coronavirus vaccine, likely to be available next year, will further calm anxieties.

Fear of crime will be a tougher battle. Over his two terms, Mayor de Blasio has dismantled Giuliani- and Bloomberg-era programs that helped make New York the safest big city in the United States.

Now crime is surging back. Murders are up 25 percent so far this year.

While some say "defund the police" is just a slogan, New York's City Council took it literally, pushing to cut \$1 billion from the NYPD budget.

There are valid arguments for investing in social programs along with traditional policing. But they aren't likely to reassure New Yorkers worried that dialing 911 will yield a busy signal.

It didn't have to be this way. New York came back strong from the 2008 financial crisis and enjoyed more than a decade of growing tax revenues. Those years could have been used to repair the city's broken finances and out-of-control pensions.

Instead, de Blasio focused on progressive pet projects. The mayor's \$1 billion ThriveNYC mental-health initiative — spearheaded by his wife Chirlane McCray — has struggled to "identify concrete results," said The New York Times.

Now the mayor has put McCray in charge of a new Taskforce on Racial Inclusion & Equity that will help supervise the city's coronavirus response.



For its part, state government failed to rein in soaring pension costs or bring financial discipline to the MTA. A 2017 investigation revealed it costs six times more to build a mile of subway tunnel in New York than in Paris. Meanwhile, mass-transit ridership fell by 90 percent during the peak of the pandemic. Federal coronavirus relief payments don't come close to filling the gap in fares. The MTA estimates operating losses could reach \$8.5 billion.

With tourists gone and many businesses closed, tax receipts have plummeted. The city's Independent Budget Office predicts a \$14 billion shortfall over the next three years.

Grappling with this financial meltdown will take leaders with the courage to take on unions and other powerful constituencies. There's little evidence either de Blasio or Cuomo has the stomach for this fight.

New York has been here before. The city scraped bottom in the 1970s and '80s, with collapsing finances and soaring crime.

By 1994, voters had had enough, electing the rough-edged prosecutor Rudy Giuliani, who made crime a top priority. Mayor Michael Bloomberg tempered but continued those tough-on-crime policies, and the city's economy boomed.

Today, New York risks careening back to the troubled '70s and '80s. Rather than continuing to support progressive agendas like de Blasio's, it's easy to imagine voters will turn to hard-headed pragmatists who promise to take on the chaos.

## [NYPD cops seek clarity on how to respond to tasing threat after Rayshard Brooks shooting](#)

A New York City police union wants to know how cops should respond to the threat of being tased after an officer in Atlanta was charged with murder for fatally shooting Taser-wielding Rayshard Brooks last week.

The Sergeants Benevolent Association penned a letter to NYPD Commissioner Dermott Shea Friday asking for clear guidance should a similar situation arise.

Currently, NYPD officers are trained that deadly physical force is acceptable when staring down a Taser.

"We respectfully request that the department issue a clear directive answering the following question: if threatened with the use of a [conducted electrical weapon] or Taser, are officers authorized to use deadly force to protect themselves and/or others?" wrote SBA President Ed Mullins.

Brooks, 27, was shot by Atlanta police officer Garrett Rolfe during a foot chase following a field sobriety test in the parking lot of a local Wendy's restaurant last Friday.

Rolfe and a second officer, Devin Brosnan, chased Brooks after he grabbed one of their tasers and ran off.

Rolfe fired his gun, striking Brooks in the back as Brooks turned and pointed the stolen Taser back at him.

"While every case in which an officer employs deadly force has its own unique set of circumstances and legal intricacies, this highly publicized case has raised questions among NYPD officers as to how they should respond if they are threatened with a taser," Mullins continued.

"Many NYPD officers have learned during their training that they are authorized to use deadly physical force if they are threatened with a Taser."

Both Atlanta cops involved in the death of Brooks were fired and Rolfe could face a felony murder charge, Fulton County's top prosecutors have said.

"Guidance and clarification is needed not only for insight regarding the criminal liability of officers moving forward, but for their safety and the safety of everyone involved in these potential situations," Mullins wrote.

The NYPD did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

**If you are on Medicare this information is for you.**

Information regarding the submission and processing of the 2019 Medicare Part B Reimbursements from the NYC Office of Labor Relations (OLR) .

The email address to submit your Medicare reimbursement forms is:

[NYCRETIREESHBP@EMBLEMHEALTH.COM](mailto:NYCRETIREESHBP@EMBLEMHEALTH.COM)

Be advised: They are currently not accepting physical mail at this time.

Members who must submit via US Mail should wait until their office re-opens before mailing your applications and documents.

There is no guarantee that any mail already sent will be held until the office is reopens.

Please read the following explanation before you submit your form as this can be confusing:

Members should submit only one of the forms! Therefore, if you submit the [IRMAA form](#), do not submit the Differential Form and vice versa!

[DIFFERENTIAL FORM](#)

For those on Medicare before 2016 and were shorted from \$1 up to \$318 (last year it was \$300):

You must submit the [DIFFERENTIAL FORM](#) with a copy of your Social security 1099 for 2019

(A Sample of the 1099 is on page 2 of the attached IRMAA form)

**\*\*Members who are not collecting social security and make payments directly to Medicare should also prepare this Differential form for reimbursement.\*\***

The 2019 Medicare Part B Reimbursement Differential Request forms submitted now and processed will be paid in March 2021.

[IRMAA FORM](#)

Some members have more than the standard amount deducted for Medicare premiums due to higher incomes. You would fill out the IRMAA Form only. There is no need to send the Differential form as it will be included with your IRMAA payment.

To determine if you have more deducted you must look at your Social Security Administration Medicare Premium Notice for 2019 for any income related monthly adjustment amount. You should have received this letter in late 2018 and kept it for this purpose.

(A Sample copy of the Social Security Administration Medicare Premium Notice is on page 3 of the attached IRMAA form)

If you fall into this category, you prepare the Medicare Part B IRMAA reimbursement form. The IRMAA form will also include your request for the differential money.

You must submit copies of your 2019 Social Security 1099 and your Social Security Administration Medicare Premium notice stating the amount of your Medicare Premium for 2019.

The 2019 Medicare Part B IRMAA reimbursement forms are processed and paid in October 2020

The completed form and required attachments should be scanned and emailed to:

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REMINDER: If you are on Medicare and never received any reimbursement, OLR will reimburse you retroactively for 3 years. You must complete the application and include a copy of your Medicare card.

# Shootings surge in NYC amid disbanding of NYPD's plainclothes anti-crime unit

Shootings are surging this week in New York City, with 28 incidents and 38 victims reported since Monday — the day the NYPD disbanded its plainclothes anti-crime unit, The Post learned on Friday.

By comparison, the same week last year there were only 12 shootings for the entire week.

In the most recent reported shooting, at 4 p.m. Friday in East New York, Brooklyn, a 27-year-old man died of multiple gunshot wounds to his torso, face and leg in front of 640 Stanley Avenue.

A 17-year-old boy who was also shot there was in stable condition, police said.

"This is what the politicians wanted — no bail, nobody in Rikers, cops not arresting anyone," one angry law enforcement source said Friday.

"All those things equal people walking around on the street with guns, shooting each other."

The shooting spree includes at least five murders, sources told The Post.

One murder happened Monday at 10 p.m. on Franklin Avenue in The Bronx, where a 34-year-old man was fatally shot in the back and hip; a second shooting victim at that scene was hospitalized.

There was another slaying early Wednesday outside a Brooklyn party, where a well-liked Queens-based DJ, Jomo Glasgow, 35, was fatally shot in the torso in front of a house party on East 49th Street near Snyder Avenue.

The dying victim had managed to drag himself around the block before collapsing, police said. A second victim, a man in his 30s, was shot in the buttocks outside the same party.

Members of the NYPD's anti-crime unit were reassigned to uniformed patrol duties on Monday — part of what Police Commissioner Dermot Shea called a "seismic" shift affecting some 600 cops.

Here's what's happening to the NYPD's disbanded plainclothes unit:

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The week's shootings include an incident from 3 a.m. Wednesday in Jamaica, Queens. A 29-year-old man there suffered a graze wound to the chest and a gunshot to the right shoulder.

On Thursday night alone, there were at least five shootings just in Brooklyn.

At 7:30 p.m. on Pennsylvania Avenue in East New York, a 30-year-old man was shot in the chin.

At 9:24 p.m. on East 93rd Street in Brownsville, a 36-year-old man was shot.

At 10:23 p.m. on Albany Avenue in Crown Heights, a 20-year-old man was shot in the arm and leg.

At 10:30 p.m. at Bushwick Avenue and Cornelia Street in Bushwick, a 27-year-old man was shot in the arm.

Just before midnight, at Marcus Garvey Boulevard and Gates Avenue in Bedford-Stuyvesant, a 20-year-old man was shot in the leg.

The shootings continued into the morning on Friday.

## **Messages call for NYPD July 4th strike to protest anti-police climate**

Text messages circulating throughout the New York Police Department are calling for members to "strike" on July 4 in protest of anti-police rhetoric and budget cut proposals as tensions in the wake of recent officer-involved deaths have reverberated across the city and country, sources confirmed to Fox News.

"NYPD cops will strike on July 4 th [sic]," states one of the two messages being sent around the NYPD. "To let the city have their independence without cops."

The flier states that the alleged "strike" will begin at "1500 hours," or 3 p.m. The New York Post was first to report the news. Fox News has confirmed the report and obtained images of both messages. It wasn't immediately clear who started the chain.



The message goes on to state that police are told they cannot strike because of New York State's Taylor Law, formally known as the "Public Employees' Fair Employment Act," that bars public employees from doing so.

"The people and this city doesn't honor us why honor them," the flier further states. "So it's easy to loot and riot without repercussions but it's not easy to do our job because the city will hang us."

An NYPD spokesperson told Fox News any suggestion that the NYPD would not be available to do its job "is false."

"New York City Police Officers will be here today, tomorrow, and on the 4th of July to protect all New Yorkers," NYPD spokesperson Sgt. Mary Frances O'Donnell said in an emailed statement.

Racial tensions have flared nationwide in the wake of the death of George Floyd on May 25. Floyd, a 46-year-old black man, died after a white Minneapolis police officer, Derek Chauvin, knelt on his neck for more than eight minutes despite Floyd saying multiple times that he could not breathe.

Demonstrators worldwide took to streets to decry racism and protest police brutality, which has further strained the relationship between the police and the public.

Over the last three months, the coronavirus crisis has dealt an estimated \$9.5 billion blow to New York City's budget, leading some elected officials to peer closely at police department funding.

That scrutiny only intensified as pandemic lockdowns gave way to protests spurred by Floyd's May 25 death in Minneapolis, with demonstrations in New York marred by looting and violent clashes between officers and demonstrators.

Last Friday, city council leaders joined the city's elected fiscal watchdog and police reform advocates in calling for \$1 billion in cuts to the nearly \$6 billion police budget. Among the proposals: slashing overtime, trimming the approximately 36,000-officer force through attrition, and investing some of the savings in social services and communities impacted by police misconduct.

The second message is topped with the heading "#Blueflu," and describes how the mainstream media and New York State government officials have painted police as the "bad guys."

"Police officers like you and me took an oath to protect strangers regardless of race, class or gender," states one of the fliers. "Today we are vilified and must stand as one. Enclosed are instructions on how we will get our point across that we are necessary and must be valued."

The message, which was sent out Thursday morning, also describes how an officer should go about taking a sick day on July 4, 2020 – “the date that we will make our voices heard.” If officers are initially denied their advance request for the day off, the message further encourages them to phone the NYPD’s “sick desk,” or even go into work that day and request a “bus” – a term used to refer to an ambulance – to pick them up, according to the message.

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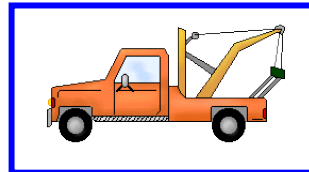
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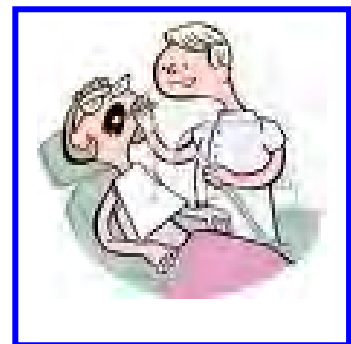
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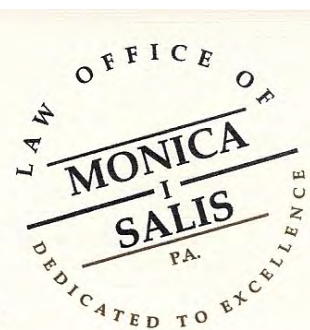
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## [2020 Medicare Premiums Announced](#)

**Click above link for the FULL article. A brief portion of the article is below:**

On November 8, 2019, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the 2020 premiums, deductibles, and coinsurance amounts for the Medicare Part A and Part B programs.

### Medicare Part B Premiums/Deductibles

Medicare Part B covers physician services, outpatient hospital services, certain home health services, durable medical equipment, and certain other medical and health services not covered by Medicare Part A.

Each year the Medicare premiums, deductibles, and copayment rates are adjusted according to the Social Security Act. For 2020, the Medicare Part B monthly premiums and the annual deductible are higher than the 2019 amounts. The standard monthly premium for Medicare Part B enrollees will be \$144.60 for 2020, an increase of \$9.10 from \$135.50 in 2019. The annual deductible for all Medicare Part B beneficiaries is \$198 in 2020, an increase of \$13 from the annual deductible of \$185 in 2019.

The increase in the Part B premiums and deductible is largely due to rising spending on physician-administered drugs. These higher costs have a ripple effect and result in higher Part B premiums and deductible.

From day one, President Trump has made it a top priority to lower drug prices. Currently, for Part B, the law requires CMS to pay the average sales price for a drug and also pays physicians a percentage of a drug's sale price. This incentivizes drug companies to set prices higher and for physicians to prescribe more expensive drugs – because that leads to a higher Medicare payment. Through the President's drug pricing blueprint, the Trump Administration is working to lower drug prices in Medicare Part B drugs.

CMS is committed to empowering beneficiaries with the information they need to make informed decisions about their Medicare coverage options, including providing new tools to help them make those decisions through the eMedicare initiative. In addition to the recently released premiums and cost sharing information for 2020 Medicare Advantage and Part D plans, we are releasing the premiums and cost sharing information for Fee-for-Service Medicare, so beneficiaries understand their options for receiving Medicare benefits. As previously announced, as a result of CMS actions to drive competition, on average for 2020, Medicare Advantage premiums are expected to decline by 23 percent from 2018, and will be the lowest in the last thirteen years while plan choices, benefits and enrollment continue to increase.

Premiums and deductibles for Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D Prescription Drug plans are already finalized and are unaffected by this announcement.

[CLICK HERE TO VISIT THE CITY OF NEW YORK OLR FOR MORE INFO ON MEDICARE](#)

The City of New York OLR will send out information and transfer forms prior to the transfer period!

## City Coverage for Medicare-Eligible Retirees

This entire article can also be found on the NYC, Office of Labor Relations website. A link to the webpage is provided below:

[CLICK HERE NYC OFFICE OF LABOR RELATIONS HEALTH BENEFITS FOR RETIREES](#)

In order to maintain maximum health benefits, it is essential that you join Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Part B (Medical Insurance) at your local [Social Security](#) Office as soon as you are eligible. If you do not join Medicare, you will lose whatever benefits Medicare would have provided.

The City's Health Benefits Program supplements Medicare but does not duplicate benefits available under Medicare. Medicare-eligible members must be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B in order to be covered by a Medicare HMO plan. To enroll in Medicare and assure continuity of benefits upon becoming age 65, contact your Social Security Office during the three-month period before your 65th birthday. In order not to lose benefits, you must enroll in Medicare during this period even if you will not be receiving a Social Security check.

If you are over 65 or eligible for Medicare due to disability and did not join Medicare, contact your Social Security Office to find out when you may join. If you do not join Medicare Part B when you first become eligible, there is a 10% premium penalty for each year you were eligible but did not enroll. In addition, under certain circumstances there may be up to a 15-month delay before your Medicare Part B coverage can begin upon re-enrollment.

If you or your spouse are ineligible for Medicare Part A although over age 65 (reasons for ineligibility include non-citizenship or non-eligibility for Social Security benefits for Part A), contact us at:

NYC Health Benefits Program  
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Coverage for those not eligible for Medicare Part A can be provided under certain health plans. Under this Non-Medicare eligible coverage, you continue to receive the same hospital benefits as persons not yet age 65.

If you are living outside the USA or its territories, Medicare benefits are not available. Under this Non-Medicare eligible coverage, you continue to receive the same hospital and/or medical benefits as persons not yet age 65. If you do not join and/or do not continue to pay for Medicare Part B however, you will be subject to penalties if you return to the USA and attempt to enroll.

If you are eligible for Medicare Part B as a retiree but did not file with Social Security during their enrollment period (January through March) or prior to your 65th birthday, you will receive supplemental medical coverage only, and only through GHI/EBCBS Senior Care.

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## **Medicare Enrollment**

You must notify the Health Benefits Program in writing immediately upon receipt of your or your dependent's Medicare card. Include the following information: a copy of the Medicare card and birth dates for yourself and spouse, retirement date, pension number and pension system, name of health plan, and name of union welfare fund.

If your plan does not provide coverage for Medicare enrollees, you will have the opportunity to transfer to another plan that does.

Once the Health Benefits Program is notified that you are covered by Medicare, deductions from your pension check will be adjusted, if applicable. The Health Benefits Program will then notify your health plan that you are enrolled in Medicare so that your benefits can be adjusted. If you are Medicare-eligible and are enrolling in an HMO you must complete an additional application which you must obtain directly from the HMO.

## **Medicare and Retiring Employees**

At retirement, employees who have chosen Medicare as their primary plan or whose dependents have not been covered on their plan because their spouse/domestic partner elected Medicare as the primary plan may re-enroll in the City health benefits program. This is done by completing a Health Benefits Application and submitting it to their agency health benefits, payroll or personnel office. Also at retirement, Medicare-eligible employees for whom the City Health Benefits Program had provided primary coverage are permitted to change health plans effective on the same date as their retiree health coverage. The necessary forms for Medicare Part B reimbursement and IRMAA can be found by clicking the link below.

[City of NY-Health Benefits Program – Medicare Part B](#)