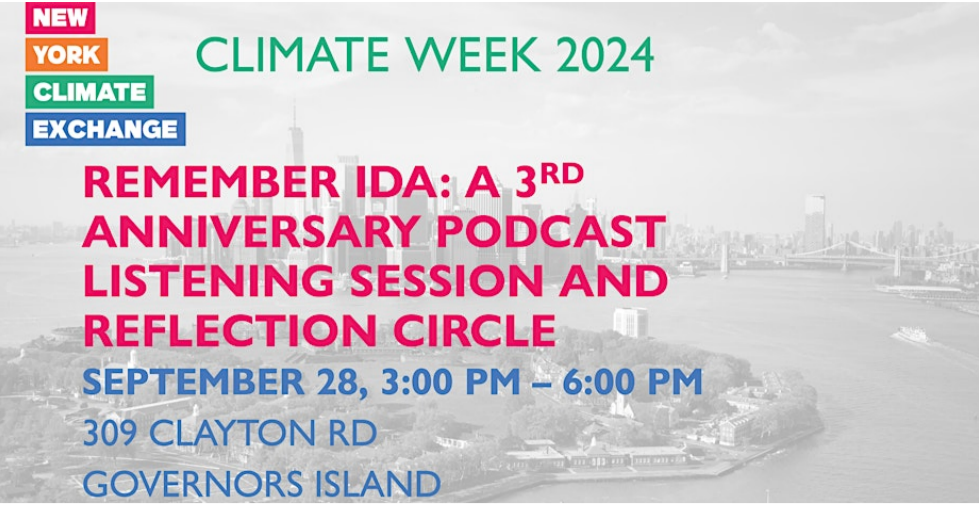




Seeking Governors Island Volunteers



We're collaborating with the [New York Climate Exchange](#) on an event during Climate Week this year, and we're looking for volunteers to help out with setup and tabling at the event.

📅 Saturday, September 28
🕒 3 to 6pm EDT
📍 Governors Island

More info about the event [here](#).

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After the listening session, we will hold a reflection circle, inviting climate justice experts, researchers, educators, and audience members to discuss what has happened since Ida, and what still needs to change to prevent future deaths and ensure public safety.

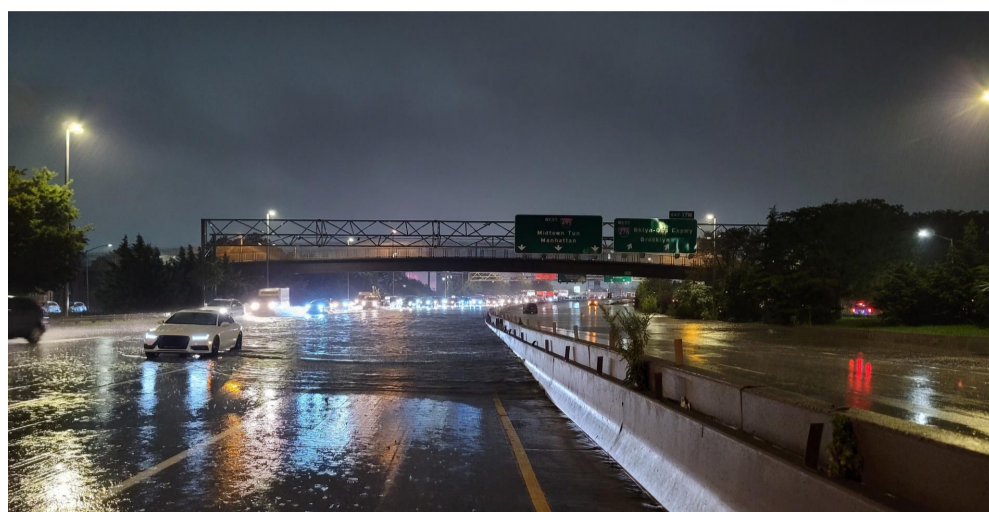


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🇺🇸 Queens Name Explorer Job Alert 🇺🇸

We're looking for a part-time Name Explorer [Outreach Coordinator](#) to work closely with the Queens Memory staff, the QPL Marketing and Metadata Department staff, and Urban Archive to engage members of the public and bring new knowledge into the QPL local history collections. The Name Explorer Outreach Coordinator will be responsible for leveraging research and assets generated by the [Name Explorer](#) to reach audiences across Queens, raising awareness of this local history and engaging the public to contribute their knowledge and energy to the Name Explorer.

This includes in-person outreach to engage community boards and civic groups who can help us connect meaningfully with the communities they represent. The Outreach Coordinator will also plan and lead public programs (such as story shares, scanning events, and edit-a-thons) where members of the public would get assistance creating contributions to Queens Name Explorer. Additionally, the Outreach Coordinator will collaborate with Queens Memory and QPL staff to use social media, public programming, and local press to achieve strategic goals around audience engagement and acquisition of new knowledge.

Full job description is [here](#).

- The rate of pay is \$50.16 per hour.
- Flexible schedule with a maximum of 10 hours per week with moderate travel required.
- This is a temporary grant-funded position through August 31, 2025.
- Part-time positions do not offer any medical or health benefits.

If interested, please [send us](#) your resume and cover letter. Reference "Name Explorer Outreach Coordinator_EXT" in the subject line. Resumes will only be accepted by email.

The Queens Public Library is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

🍂 Fall Calendar Sneak Peek 🍂

We have two exciting three-part series (that's six events!) coming up from [September to November](#). One series is focused on [climate justice in Queens](#) - a topic at the center of our new season of the Queens Memory Podcast (currently in production). [Queens Name Explorer](#) is the highlight of another three-part series, which kicks off on Sunday, October 6 with an in-person [conversation about Queens history](#) at the Voelker Orth Museum.

From [climate storytelling](#) to [Queens History](#) to an [Open House New York Listening Party](#), there's no better time than now to volunteer with us. Please [get in touch!](#)



📅 Upcoming Events 📅

September 19 and October 17 – Join us online for [Learn More About the Queens Memory Project](#), an opportunity to hear about the work we do with volunteers and community partners across the borough. The Queens Memory team will provide an overview of our programs and cover the many ways you can help as a volunteer and contribute to the Queens Public Library's archival collections. Hear about opportunities to record interviews with Queens residents, contribute photos and other materials, assist with transcription and audio editing, and help with our outreach and programming. Register [here](#). We will follow up with a confirmation and event link. **This program is not recorded.** (12 - 1 pm EDT)

September 26 and October 24 – At our [oral history interviewing workshop](#), you will learn how you can contribute to Queens Memory and help us record interviews with fellow Queens residents. Together we will review tips for oral history interviews, from initial outreach to recording to transcription. Register [here](#). We will follow up with a confirmation and event link. **This program is not recorded.** (12 - 1 pm EDT)

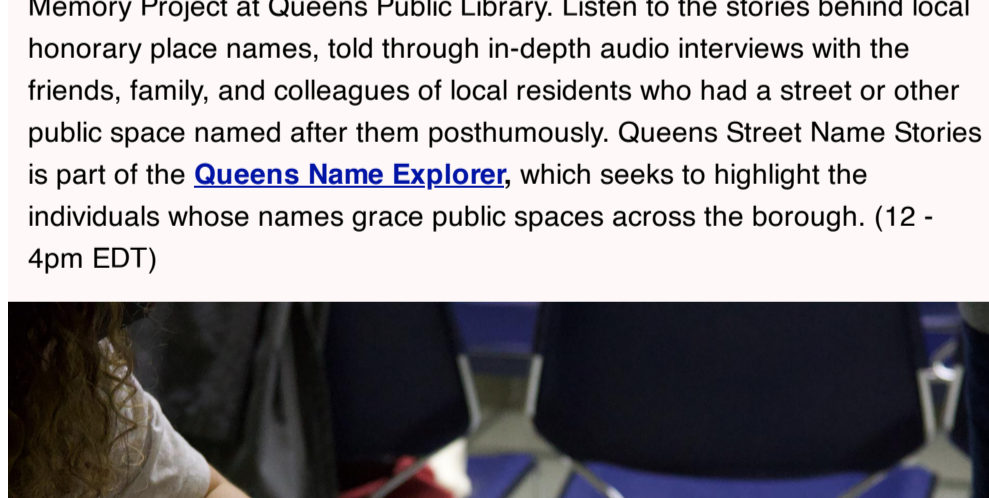
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October 6 – Have you ever wondered who Horace Harding was? Why Shea Stadium bore that name? About the origins of Murray Hill? The streets, neighborhoods, and landmarks of Queens are not just locations — they're a tour of the Borough's rich history and diverse heritage. Join CUNY Law Professor Rebecca Bratspies [at the Voelker Orth Museum](#) to explore the fascinating history behind Queens' place names. Drawing from her recent book [Naming Gotham: The Villains, Rogues, and Heroes Behind New York Place Names](#), Professor Bratspies will share stories of Revolutionary War figures, civil rights pioneers, robber barons, and Tammany Hall politicians who have left their mark on our infrastructure. (1:30 - 2:30pm EDT)

October 10 – Join us at [Cambria Heights Library](#) for a conversation on climate justice, flooding, and housing in Southeast Queens. The event will include a topical panel discussion guided by climate researchers and local residents followed by a moderated Q&A. Come ready to share stories about how flooding and the changing climate affect your life. **This event will be recorded and archived.** Portions of the audio may be used for the fourth season of the Queens Memory Podcast. Refreshments will be served at 5:30pm. The panel discussion will begin at 6pm. (5:30 - 7:30pm EDT)

October 19 – Do you have a canister of 8mm film or a VHS tape in your closet that you've always wanted to watch, but don't have the equipment? Do you have family home movies you're trying to keep safe for future generations? Join us on [Home Movie Day 2024](#) at the Expertwood Library to screen your movie and get preservation advice from experts! Home movies on film, CD, DVD, videotape, and mobile devices are all welcome. Home Movie Day is made possible by the expertise and equipment generously shared by our partners at NYU AMIA Student Chapter and XFR Collective. Please [register here](#) to receive an event reminder. (12 - 4pm EDT)

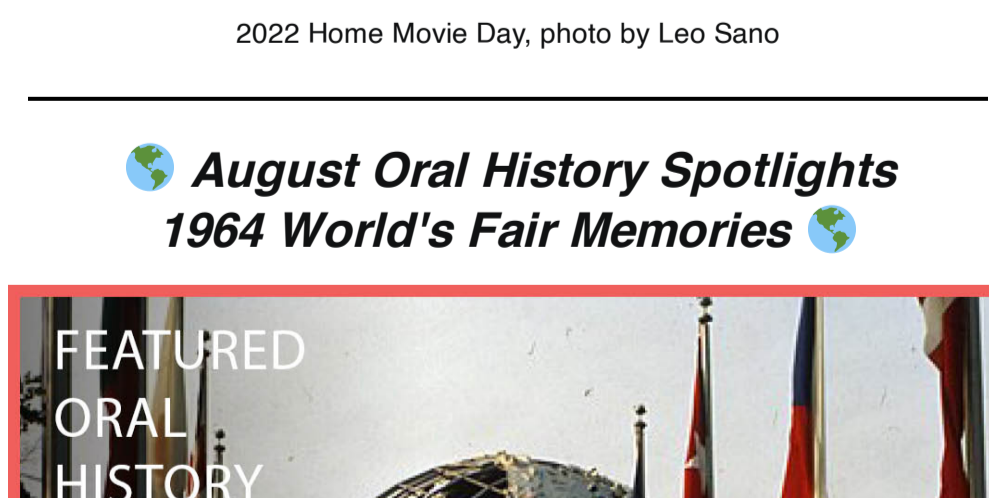
October 20 – Ever wonder who the people behind the named streets in your neighborhood were? What were their stories? What did those local heroes mean for their communities? What can we learn from their legacies? Join us for this [Open House New York Weekend event](#) on 34th Avenue Open Street for a listening party featuring [Queens Street Name Stories](#), an interactive audio map created by students from the Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism at CUNY in collaboration with the Queens Memory Project at Queens Public Library. Listen to the stories behind local honorary place names, told through in-depth audio interviews with the friends, family, and colleagues of local residents who had a street or other public space named after them posthumously. Queens Street Name Stories is part of the [Queens Name Explorer](#), which seeks to highlight the individuals whose names grace public spaces across the borough. (12 - 4pm EDT)



2022 Home Movie Day, photo by Leo Sano

🌍 August Oral History Spotlights

1964 World's Fair Memories 🌍



[John Kriskiewicz](#) speaks about what it was like attending the 1964-1965 New York World's Fair as a child. Kriskiewicz, who was approximately 5 years old at that time, shares memories of the technology exhibitions, the pavilions of various states and countries, the exhibition of Michelangelo's Pietà, and the diversity of cultures at the fair.

Kriskiewicz discusses the history of Flushing Meadows Corona Park before and after the fair, the goals of the fair's president Robert Moses, and efforts to preserve and restore the New York State Pavilion. Furthermore, Kriskiewicz deconstructs common criticisms of the fair (e.g. its celebration of consumerism), examines how the fair coincided with the dawn of a postmodern world, and explains how the fair inspired Kriskiewicz to become an architect.

[This interview](#) was collected as part of the Queens College Fall 2016 American Studies 110W Course: Introduction to American Society and Culture taught by Prof. Douglas Manson.

