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A message from City & State

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Weather

Mostly sunny then chance of thunderstorms in New York City and Buffalo and scattered showers in Albany. New York City, high 82; Albany, high 91; Buffalo, high 83.

A message from Amazon

Helping New Yorkers save on everyday essentials

Everyday costs add up fast in New York. Amazon helps make life more affordable with low prices on essentials, groceries, household items and more. According to an independent study by Profitero, Amazon prices are, on average, 14% lower than other major U.S. retailers—helping New Yorkers save on the things they need every day. [Learn more](#)

From City & State

* [Cait Conley is getting the “Red to Blue” boost](#), as the DCCC has added the Democratic challenger to Rep. Mike Lawler in the Hudson Valley to the program designed to flood support and extra funding to Democrats in priority (ideally, winnable) seats.

A message from The Firefighters Association of the State of New York

FASNY is thrilled the volunteer firefighter tax credit bill has passed both houses of the New York State Legislature and now awaits Governor Hochul's signature. This would provide meaningful relief to the 80,000 volunteer firefighters who serve our communities. Governor Hochul has long been a supporter of the volunteer fire service and

understands the critical role volunteers play in protecting local communities. Signing this bill would deliver long-overdue recognition to those who answer the call: <https://fasny.com/news/nys-legislature-passes-tax-credit-bill/>

Read First

By Kate Lisa

Seventy percent of registered Onondaga County voters support the forthcoming Micron chipmaking complex, but also want the company to be held legally accountable for the environmental consequences of its \$100 billion megafab, a new survey shows.

The poll was shared exclusively with City & State ahead of the ceremonial start of construction today, when the concrete foundation for the first of the complex's four fabrication plants will be poured. In attendance will be Gov. **Kathy Hochul**, several members of President **Donald Trump**'s cabinet, Rep. **John Mannion** and other officials.

The poll, conducted by left-leaning think tank Data for Progress and commissioned by Jobs to Move America, surveyed 624 registered voters in Onondaga County between May 14 and 27. The poll has a margin of error of 4 percentage points.

The survey also shows 87% are in favor of contracts legally requiring Micron to invest in job creation, environmental protection and public infrastructure.

"These results show voters are paying attention to the potential harms of the Micron project if enforceable protections are not put in place," said **Katie Mulligan**, Syracuse organizer at Jobs to Move America, noting the "massive amount of public support Micron is receiving."

Indeed, 60% of voters polled said the Clay semiconductor manufacturing hub, which is slated to receive over \$11.6 billion [in federal](#) and [state funds](#) over the next decade, will have a negative impact on the environment, with 78% explicitly concerned about increased pollution and chemical waste.

A spokesperson for Micron said it completed a [20,000-page environmental review](#) that includes detailed plans for mitigating a range of potential negative impacts. Micron and the state are also each contributing \$250 million to a Green CHIPS Community Investment Fund to offset the facility's effects.

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New this morning

* New York City officials lifted most restrictions from the streets and buildings surrounding 235 E. 42nd St. yesterday evening, as emergency crews continued working on the tower

where support beams began buckling the day before, [Crain's New York Business reports](#).

* A day after structural damage imperiled the largest-ever planned office-to-residential conversion in the U.S., investors and lenders said they are reconsidering future commitments to these complex real estate projects, [The Wall Street Journal reports](#).

* Jay Clayton, the U.S. attorney in Manhattan, announced the appointment of a new deputy, James McDonald, who would oversee the prosecutor's office while Clayton prepares for his confirmation process to be President Donald Trump's director of national intelligence, [The New York Times reports](#).

* New York City Council Speaker Julie Menin is demanding the Mamdani administration order Upper East Side building owners to disinfect their cooling towers to prevent a further Legionnaires' disease outbreak that has already infected at least 36 people, [the New York Post reports](#).

* As backlash against artificial intelligence – and educational technology more broadly – sweeps New York City's public schools, Chancellor Kamar Samuels has told principals to hold off on new technology purchases until a long-overdue AI policy is ready, [the Daily News reports](#).

* More news below ...

A message from Climate Jobs

Thank you to the leaders who secured the Sustainable Future Fund's \$1 billion investment in clean energy. Now let's keep the progress going and build our way out of the energy and affordability crises with good union jobs, lower emissions, and affordable energy. Learn more [here](#).

* Democrat Cait Conley holds a 6-percentage-point lead over two-term Republican Rep. Mike Lawler in the race for a hotly contested New York swing district, according to a poll released yesterday by FM3 Research for the House Majority PAC, [the Post reports](#).

* A man was arrested in connection with a shooting in Coney Island that wounded eight people, including four children, on the Fourth of July, the New York City Police Department announced, [NY1 reports](#).

* New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani said he is "quite content" with the city's current primary system, offering a cool reception to open primary proposals as a separate court fight seeks to put the issue before voters this fall, [amNewYork reports](#).

* Calls are growing for Gov. Kathy Hochul to sign nation-leading food safety legislation – which would require greater disclosure of food chemicals, testing of baby food and infant

formula for heavy metals and sodium warnings on chain restaurant menus, among other things – into law before the end of the year, [State of Politics reports](#).

* Some of the biggest names in banking, law and artificial intelligence are expanding their footprints in Manhattan and Brooklyn office towers, [The City Reporter reports](#).

Editorial pages

* This summer, the eyes of the world are on the World's Borough – with Flushing Meadows Corona Park specifically serving as a global center of sports and culture, [Queens Borough President Donovan Richards and Alliance for Flushing Meadows Corona Park Executive Director Anthony Sama write for amNewYork](#), but is the World's Park able to live up to that moniker?

* New York City's buses are more than transportation – they are one of the most powerful engines of opportunity in the city, [New York City Transportation Commissioner Mike Flynn writes for the Daily News](#).

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National politics

* Graham Platner, the populist political newcomer who Democrats had hoped could flip a critical U.S. Senate seat in Maine, ended his campaign with a bitter and defiant statement after a woman he previously dated publicly accused him of sexual assault, [The Washington Post reports](#).

* Federal judges have spent a full year overwhelmingly rejecting ICE's effort to lock up people the Trump administration is seeking to deport – finding a combination of illegality, unconstitutionality, incompetence and cruelty at a shocking scale, [Politico reports](#).

* The writer E. Jean Carroll can collect \$5.8 million held in escrow since a jury found that President Donald Trump sexually abused and defamed her, a federal judge ruled – a move that Trump's lawyers immediately appealed, but were denied an emergency order to block the payment from being made, [The Associated Press reports](#).

A message from Prediction Edge

Call for Nominations: HALL OF FAME – 20 Years of Impact in New York

City & State is celebrating our 20th anniversary in a Special Issue publishing on September 28th with an event headlined by Governor Hochul on September 29th in NYC. In this issue we will be featuring a special list called Hall of Fame – 20 Years of Impact in New York. In EACH of the following categories we will highlight one person, one corporation and one nonprofit who will be profiled in our issue and recognized at our event. [Submit your nomination today.](#)

Announcements

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: To New York City Council Member **Amanda Farías** ... to **Pete Webb**, Manhattan Community Board 5 member ... to **Rochelle Rodney**, former co-executive director, NY Birth Control Access Project ... to **Meredith Tannor**, policy director at the Freelancers Union ... and to **Luca O. Rallis**, founding partner of High Peak Consulting Group and former SUNY Trustee and president of the SUNY Student Assembly.

Have a birthday, career change, birth, death or life event to announce? Email us: editor@cityandstateny.com.

City & State NY Jobs

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Senior Vice President - Ostroff Associates - Albany

Ostroff Associates, New York's premier government relations firm, seeks two experienced Senior Vice Presidents with 10+ years in New York State government relations, lobbying, or public policy. This leadership role manages client strategy, advocacy, business development, and team mentorship while advancing legislative, regulatory, budgetary, and procurement objectives. Salary: \$175,000–\$200,000 plus commission, with full benefits. Submit a resume and cover letter to careers@ostroffassociates.com.

Vice President for Health and Behavioral Health - Anat Gerstein Inc. – New York City

We are seeking a vice president for our Health and Behavioral Health practice. Candidates must have at least 10 years of relevant experience, an understanding of New York and national health policy, experience telling health care related stories, and relationships with reporters and editors who cover health and behavioral health. We are looking for a seasoned creative strategist who is high-energy, enthusiastic, and deeply driven to help nonprofits achieve organizational goals.

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Sponsorship Opportunity: Get your organization in the room with the Top Workplaces in New York.

On July 22, *City & State* is gathering the best companies and organizations to work for, from tech startups to established government agencies, at an exclusive reception. Our [Top Workplaces in NY](#) list and celebration will highlight organizations that excel in **company culture**, **employee satisfaction**, **innovation**, and **growth opportunities**. These employers set the standard for workplace excellence, diversity, and employee well-being. **Interested in getting involved?** [Ask us about event sponsorship.](#)

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Today's sked

9:30 a.m. – New York City Mayor **Zohran Mamdani** and New York City Council Speaker Julie Menin break ground on a new corporate headquarters, no location provided.

9:30 a.m. – New York City Council Member Farah N. Louis, Assembly Member Kalman Yeger and community leaders host a rally opposing the city Department of Social Services' proposal to convert an existing families with children shelter to a single adult men's shelter, Holiday Inn Express, 5244 Kings Highway, Brooklyn.

10:30 a.m. – Gov. **Kathy Hochul** makes an economic development announcement, Onondaga County.

10:30 a.m. – New York City Council Member Chris Marte joins other officials and historians for a celebration of the 250th anniversary of the reading of the Declaration of Independence in New York with a reenactment, Bowling Green Fountain, Manhattan.

11 a.m. – New York City Council Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Sitings, Resiliency and Dispositions holds a hearing, Hearing Room 1, eighth floor, 250 Broadway, Manhattan.

1 p.m. – New York City Comptroller Mark Levine delivers remarks at the Police Athletic League Business Luncheon, Mutual of America, 35th floor, 320 Park Ave., Manhattan.

4 p.m. – New York City Public Advocate Jumaan Williams delivers remarks at a rally to support National TPS, Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon St., Brooklyn.

4:30 p.m. – Manhattan Borough President Brad Hoylman-Sigal visits the Museum of the City of New York and joins visitors and museum staff in “pulling down” a virtual statue of King George III, Museum of the City of New York, 1220 Fifth Ave., Manhattan.

6 p.m. – Williams co-hosts a deed theft storytelling event, Weeksville Heritage Center, 158 Buffalo Ave., Brooklyn.

7 p.m. – **Mamdani** appears on “Out of Office With The Mayor” with Errol Louis, NY1.

7 p.m. – **Mamdani** hosts the “Talk With The People” live stream. View [here](#).

8 p.m. – **Mamdani** hosts a pickup soccer match, no location provided.

Kicker

“Time is money, and we are going to give New Yorkers some of that time back – six minutes to be precise.” – New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani, on his and Gov. Kathy Hochul’s new plan to make city buses run faster, [via amNewYork](#)

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