



May Events Calendar from  
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## Events Calendar

### May 2015

Dear Neighbors,

**Thank you to the over 2,200 people who voted in Participatory Budgeting!** The winners are: the Mobile Food Pantry for the West Side Campaign Against Hunger, the Hudson Greenway Bike Safety Improvements in Riverside Park, Crosstown Bus Countdown Clocks, and the Athletic Turf Field at MLK High School. [Learn more.](#)

#### Love Your Tree Day

The West 80's Neighborhood Association, several other organizations, and I are hosting Love Your Tree Day to clean up tree beds on the Upper West Side. On **Saturday, May 2**, from 11 am - 2 pm, participants and tree adopters will clean up tree beds in the West 80's. Participants can pick up a free tree care bag, including a dog reminder sign, and refreshments from my district office at 563 Columbus Avenue as long as supplies last. [Learn more.](#)

#### May Housing Clinic

This topic of our housing clinic this month will be **SCRIE & DRIE**. We will have staff attorneys from the Urban Justice Center for people seeking specific legal advice. **Wednesday, May 6, 6pm-8pm** at Goddard Riverside, 593 Columbus Avenue (between 88th and 89th). [See the flyer.](#)

#### Great Saunter

This **Saturday, May 2**, join UWS'er Cy Adler in celebrating Manhattan's shoreline with the Great Saunter, a walk around Manhattan's rim. Walk through over 20 parks along three rivers. Starts at 7am at Fraunces' Tavern. [Learn more.](#)

#### Carnegie Hall Concert on the UWS

I'm proud to sponsor a FREE concert that brings Carnegie Hall to the Upper West Side! The concert will take place **Saturday, May 30 at 5pm** at St. Michael's Church, 225 West 99th Street (at Amsterdam Avenue). [Learn more.](#)

## How wrongful violations impact restaurants and tenants

Every time a city agency issues a building, health, or other violation, the case goes to the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH) and an administrative judge decides if the case is valid. Of the 218,000 cases that OATH heard last year, over 73,000 cases were dismissed. That means someone had to take off from work or shut their business for the day to go to court — only to have the case dismissed. I hosted an episode of Represent NYC to discuss this issue with James Versocki from the New York State Restaurant Association and Shafaq Islam from the Urban Justice Center. Airs this **Sunday, May 3 at 7pm on MNN**. [Watch the promo](#).

Warmly,

*Helen.*

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## Friday, May 1 - Sunday, May 10

### Law Day Legal Information Fair

Friday, May 1, 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

FREE. The City Bar will be hosting a Law Day legal information fair at Collect Pond Park (Leonard Street between Centre and Lafayette) in Manhattan. Lawyers will be available at the fair to provide basic information and advice on such issues as landlord/tenant law, consumer law, estate planning/elder law, foreclosure, bankruptcy prevention, small claims court, divorce and family law, and more. [Learn more](#).

### CitiBike Open House for Permanent Bike Mechanics & Permanent and Seasonal Bike Field Techs

Friday, May 1, 9 am – 5 pm

5202 Third Avenue, 2nd floor Brooklyn, NY 11220

All candidates should: bring at least 3 copies of their resume; know which position(s) they are interested in / qualified for; be prepared to indicate which shifts you will be able to work); be prepared to provide 3 professional references upon request). Due to the nature of the open house, candidates may not be able to be seen immediately. Please block out at least one hour for your interview. Candidates will only be seen on Friday May 1st, between the designated Open House hours of 9 am – 5 pm. [Learn more](#).

### FDNY 150th Anniversary Open House Celebrations

Saturday, May 2

FREE. Say thank you to the brave men and women of the FDNY who serve our neighborhood!

Firehouse: E-74, 120 West 83 Street, Open House: 1pm - 3pm

Firehouse: L-25, 207 West 77th Street, Open House: 1pm - 3pm

Firehouse: E-40 / L-35, 131 Amsterdam Avenue, Open House: 11am - 1pm

### West Side Community Garden's Annual Tulip Festival

Saturday May 2 - Sunday May 3, 11am-4pm

With a display of a wide variety of more than 12,000 tulips, spring flowers, and blossoming cherry trees, this block-wide floral event attracts not only New York gardeners, but a steady stream of area families and tourists from around the world. Member volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and give horticultural tours of the planting beds. Wheelchair accessible. West 89th Street between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues.

### **Central Park Paws' Bagel Bark: Great Hill**

Saturday: May 2: 7:30 am – 9:30 am

FREE. We can't wait to see you at our first Bagel Bark of the year! Connect with your fellow dog owners and enjoy a light breakfast during off-leash hours (until 9:00 am). Then, leash up your pup and learn new techniques for training your dog to be a good Park citizen. Master Trainer Ian Phillips, owner of See Spot Run NYC, will offer a free 30-minute training session from 9:00 am – 9:30 am. Location: Great Hill (inside the Park at West 106th Street)

### **The Great Saunter Around Manhattan's Rim**

Saturday, May 2

Start 7AM at Fraunces' Tavern

Explore Manhattan on foot. Walking is the cheapest, natural way to stay fit. See New York Island's waterfront at 3 MPH. Walk through over 20 parks along three rivers. Go to [www.shorewalkers.org](http://www.shorewalkers.org) for more info about THE GREAT SAUNTER OF 2015

### **E-Waste Events from the Lower East Side Ecology Center**

FREE. Recycle your electronics!

Saturday, May 2, 10am-4pm: West 43rd Street between 9th & 10th Avenue

Sunday, May 3, 10am-4pm: Morningside Park, at Morningside Avenue between W 113th & 114th Streets

### **On A Wing Festival**

May 2, 12pm - 3pm

FREE. Kick off the May migration season with Central Park Conservancy's annual On A Wing Festival. Look for migrating warblers and other songbirds in the Ramble. Meet live bats, butterflies, and birds of prey at the Belvedere Castle. Contribute to the Park's biodiversity by releasing live Painted Lady butterflies into the Shakespeare Garden! Borrow a Discovery Kit and participate in a scavenger hunt in the Ramble, exploring firsthand how the Conservancy's work has made the Park a sanctuary for birds and other winged beings. Location: Belvedere Castle, mid-Park at 79th Street. Please [RSVP](#) to let us know you are coming.

### **Join Bruce's Nightwalk in New York to Benefit Guiding Eyes for the Blind**

Saturday Night, May 2. Sign in: 7pm. Walk: 8pm

100% of all donations go to Guiding Eyes for the Blind, a non-profit organization that provides guide dogs and training for blind people. Organized by Bruce Stark of Beacon Paint & Hardware. Location: the school yard at Columbus Avenue and West 77th Street.

### **Concert: Gary Dranch & Friends**

Saturday, May 2, 2:30 p.m.

Join us concert of German clarinet quintets from composers such as Paul Hindemith and Johannes Brahms. NYPL Library for the Performing Arts, 40 Lincoln Center Plaza. Wheelchair accessible.

### **Hippo Playground Spring Fair**

Sunday, May 3, 10 am - 4 pm

This Sunday Hippo Playground will be transformed into a wonderland of fun activities! This year we will have 6 Inflatables, including an Animal Kingdom Bouncy and a Gaga Ball Pit, as well as a Kiddie Swing Carousel. We are also excited to introduce a Bubble Blowing Pool, which is going to be heaven for bubble blowing fans. The Ponies and Petting zoo are coming back, along with Cupcake Decorating, Face Painting, and dozens of activities and crafts for your children. And don't forget about our delicious grill serving hamburgers, hot dogs and lots of other delicious treats! WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! Hippo Playground, Riverside Park at 91st Street.

### **Alzheimer's Cafe**

Tuesday, May 5, 3:30-5:00 PM

Join us for a social gathering for persons with memory loss and their family members. Spend time chatting with others and enjoy coffee, tea, and cake. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, New York City Chapter. Metropolitan Towers, 146 West 57th Street, 30th Floor. RSVP by 5/1/15 to: [wpanken@alz-nyc.org](mailto:wpanken@alz-nyc.org) or 646-744-2917.

### **Manhattan Developmental Disability Council: Family Support Services Advisory Council meeting**

Tuesday, May 5, 5:30-7:30 pm

Center for Family Support, 333 Seventh Avenue (at 28th Street), 9th Floor. Light Supper Will Be Provided. Spanish Spanish or Cantonese interpretation provided if requested by April 27, 2015. Contact Margaret at 212-799-2042 or [Margaret.puddington@gmail.com](mailto:Margaret.puddington@gmail.com) to request interpretation.

[www.manhattanddcouncil.org](http://www.manhattanddcouncil.org)

### **Expiring Rent Laws Episode on MNN**

Tuesday, May 5, 8pm

The 50 West 93 Street Tenant Association worked with MNN's "Let Them Talk" with host Paul DeRienzo to put together a very important episode of on housing, and we urge all tenants to watch. On June 15th the rent stabilization laws expire. This show will provide you with valuable information regarding this most important issue. The panel discussion about affordable housing will include City Council Member Mark Levine, housing attorney David Hershey Webb, and Delsenia Glover, Campaign Manager for the Alliance for Tenant Power and Rent Regulation Lead Organizer for Tenants and Neighbors. MNN can be seen on the following channels: Time Warner Cable: channel 56; Verizon Fios: channel 34; RCN: channel 83.

### **Community Board 7 Full Board Meeting**

Tuesday, May 5

Mount Sinai Roosevelt Hospital, 1000 Tenth Avenue (West 59th Street)

### **Community Board 4 Full Board Meeting**

Wednesday, May 6, 6:30pm

Fulton Center Auditorium, 119 Ninth Ave, between 17th and 18th Streets

### **Mannes in Unison Spring Concert**

Thursday, May 7 at 8:00 pm

FREE. Under the direction of Lucie Robert, Mannes in Unison is a new series of recitals featuring performances by world-class faculty members and alumni performing alongside exceptional students. No tickets or reservations required; seating is first-come first-served. Concert Hall, Mannes School of Music, 150 West 85th Street.

### **Monday, May 11 - Sunday, May 17**

#### **MUSIC MONDAYS presents: Hearing Voices: Music of Kate Soper**

Monday, May 11, 7:30 PM

FREE. Recent recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship and an opera commission from the Met Museum, New York-based composer and singer Kate Soper has emerged as a leading creative voice of her generation. Her "erudite, hilarious, furiously inventive" works (New Yorker) combine a literary sensibility, quirky theatricality, and command of instrumental and vocal idioms that are "...consistently astounding" (New York Times). Advent Lutheran Church, 2504 Broadway at 93rd St.

#### **CB7 Transportation Committee Meeting on CitiBike**

Tuesday, May 12, 7pm

[See CB7 website for details.](#)

#### **Lincoln Square Business Improvement District 18th Annual Meeting**

Wednesday, May 13, 8:15am

Space is limited; RSVP's are required. Please email [info@lincolnsquarebid.org](mailto:info@lincolnsquarebid.org) or call 212-581-3774 by Friday, May 8. Fordham University, 113 West 60th Street, 12th floor. (Enter at Columbus Ave. & 60th St.). [Register online.](#)

#### **March to Save #1MillionHomes!**

Thursday, May 14, 5pm in Foley Square

The laws protecting 1.1 million rent regulated apartments in NYC expire in June. Tenants must come together to protect our communities and keep New York affordable. On May 14, march across the Brooklyn Bridge to save New York City for working class tenants! Questions? Call Darren at (212) 608-4320 ext.316 or email [darren@tandn.org](mailto:darren@tandn.org) . [Learn more.](#)

#### **Grow to Learn Workshop: Rainwater Harvesting In Schools**

Thursday, May 14th, 4:30 - 6:30pm

Location: Urban Assembly for Green Careers, 145 W 84th St. Cost: Free. [Please RSVP](#) \*Registered schools will receive 1 50-gallon rain water barrel

#### **Dos Pueblos Spring Fiesta**

Friday, May 15th, 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Live Salsa Music by GRUPO INTERNACIONAL. Your participation ensures better health, education, and environmental awareness for families in Nicaragua. McGalpin

Hall, WEST PARK Presbyterian Church, 165 W. 86th Street (at Amsterdam Avenue).  
\*Space not readily accessible to persons with disabilities\*

### **West 102nd & 103rd Streets Block Association Spring Bazaar**

Saturday, May 16, 10am-5pm

This event is a great way to turn unwanted items into quick cash -- and have fun in the process! It's also a great way to help the Block Association raise funds for the many activities and services we provide our Upper West Side community. Making money, and raising money -- two great things to do while meeting neighbors and spending a day outdoors in our beautiful neighborhood! Location: outdoors on West 103rd Street between West End Avenue and Riverside Drive.

### **Bloomington School of Music Performathon**

Saturday, May 16, 9am – 9pm

This all-school event raises much-needed funds for scholarships provided to more than 20% of our students each year. Through Performathon, students, faculty, parents and friends come together to raise vital funds for financial aid. Over the past decade Bloomington has awarded over \$1.5 million in student scholarships. By seeking sponsorships, securing ads, donations, and Prelude ticket sales, the Bloomington family ensures that everyone in our community has access to our high quality music programs. [More info.](#)

### **Last chance to experience Hello From Japan!**

This exhibit closes on May 17

Have fun learning about life in present day Japan in a playful, immersive environment. Hello from Japan! is an interactive exhibit in CMOM's Lower Level Gallery. Explore the exhibit, then join us for art programs highlighting super cute kawaii culture and kamishibai story times – a traditional form of Japanese storytelling. For more information, visit <http://www.cmom.org>. Children's Museum of Manhattan, 212 West 83rd Street (between Columbus & Amsterdam)

## **Monday, May 18 - Sunday, May 24**

### **Broadway Mall Association's Spring Gala**

Tuesday, May 19, 6:30-8:30 pm

The Broadway Mall Association will be honoring our first Director of Horticulture Anne Warner Linville, who will be receiving the Eugene Hide Award, and celebrating our horticulture program. The Gala is from 6:30-8:30 pm at the historic Apple Bank Savings on 2100 Broadway (between 73rd and 74th St.). Cocktails and tastings from Hamilton Heights restaurants will be offered in addition to an art raffle. Individual tickets: \$300. Benefit Committee Tickets: \$600. [Learn more.](#)

### **Sounds & Spirits: Henry Butler and Classic New Orleans Cocktails**

Thu, May 21, 7:30pm

Henry Butler, one of the premier exponents of the great New Orleans jazz and blues piano tradition, comes to Symphony Space for an evening of jazz, Caribbean, classical, pop, blues, and R&B. Your ticket includes a classic New Orleans cocktail. [Learn more.](#)

## Monday, May 25 - Sunday, May 31

### **William Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew**

May 26 - June 28

FREE. Central Park. Presented by New York Classical Theatre. [Learn more.](#)

### **Lecture: Dan Siegel - Kindness & Compassion: Integration Made Visible**

May 28, 7pm

\$20. New York Times best-selling author and Executive Director of the Mindsight Institute, Dr. Dan Siegel explores how kindness and compassion are a natural outcome of the process of integration. New York Society for Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th Street. [Learn more.](#)

### **Carnegie Hall Neighborhood Concert**

Saturday, May 30, 2015 at 5 PM

FREE. Sponsored by Council Member Helen Rosenthal. Julia Bullock and Renate Rohlfing. St. Michael's Church, 225 West 99th Street (at Amsterdam Avenue). [Learn more.](#)

## Ongoing

### **CityParks Seniors Fitness**

FREE. This FREE program is for people ages 60 and over and will be offered until June 19th.. Seniors Fitness offers free tennis lessons, yoga instruction, and fitness walking in 14 parks across the city. [Visit here for details and to register.](#) Registration is also available on-site. All equipment is provided free of charge.

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## Affordable Housing

### **FREE Monthly Housing Clinics**

Council Member Helen Rosenthal, Goddard Riverside's SRO Law Project, and The Urban Justice Center present FREE 2014-2015 Monthly Housing Clinics and Workshops from October 2014 - June 2015 (6pm-8pm) at Goddard Riverside Community Center, 593 Columbus Avenue (between 88th and 89th Streets), Manhattan. On the first Wednesday of each month, the clinic will offer a presentation on a variety of topics, to be followed by a question and answer session. The funding is provided by the Housing Preservation Initiative of the New York City Council. Each evening, at least one staff attorney will meet with individuals who are seeking specific legal advice. (Bilingue: Español) For questions, contact the Urban Justice Center at (646) 459-3017 or Anna Gago at the Office of Council Member Rosenthal at (212) 873-0282 x.204. Sign-up sheet starting at 6pm each evening

- **May 6, 2015:** SCRIE and DRIE
- **June 3, 2015:** Succession Rights, Preferential Rights and Non-Primary Residence

## **HCC Legal Clinic**

HCC offers a free legal clinic on Monday evenings from 7pm – 9pm. To meet with a volunteer attorney, visitors must call the front desk (212) 541-5996 to reserve a spot in the clinic in advance. Only the first eight callers will be able to reserve an appointment. Any New York City resident who does not qualify for HCC's legal services\* can visit HCC's Legal Clinic, regardless of income or address. Our volunteer lawyers provide brief legal information, explain basic legal rights and may refer visitors to other legal resources/organizations/agencies. The Clinic is for 15-minute consultations only. You do not retain the volunteer attorney and the attorney cannot represent you or provide legal advice. While most visitors come for legal information about housing-related matters, attorneys may (at their own discretion) field questions about other basic, legal matters, as well. Visitors are asked to bring all documents relevant to their questions.

## **Sources for Finding Affordable Housing**

### **NYC Housing Connect**

Looking for affordable housing? The NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) have developed an online portal to search and apply for affordable housing opportunities in New York City called NYC Housing Connect. On the site, you can: Learn how to apply for affordable housing in New York City; View current and upcoming housing opportunities; Start, save, and complete an application for your household; Apply to housing options for which you may qualify. NYC Housing Connect seeks to simplify the application process for you. To visit the site [CLICK HERE](#). Applying and qualifying for affordable housing can be a long process, and you are not guaranteed to receive housing. Your household must not only qualify with detailed criteria on a property-by-property basis, but you must also be selected at random in that property's lottery. Preferences noted in the advertisement will be given first consideration. For other housing resources for New York City, visit the Affordable Housing Resource Center at [www.nyc.gov/housing](http://www.nyc.gov/housing).

### **NYC Housing Development Corporation**

HDC finances rental properties reserved for households that meet certain income restrictions, commonly referred to as either low-income or middle-income. Each posting specifies how many of each type of apartment is available. To see rental opportunities for low-income applicants, please click [here](#). For middle-income rentals, please click [here](#). To apply, please follow the instructions on the application information or advertisement posted for each development. All apartments are awarded through a lottery; your eligibility is determined by income. There is no application fee, facilitator, outside expediter, or broker involved in this process. Filling out the application for the specific project that is advertising available units is the ONLY way to apply for one of the apartments. [See available listings](#).

## **COMMUNITY EVENT CALENDARS**

### **Arts**

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## Colleges and Universities

[Bard Graduate Center](#) | [Fordham Law](#) | [John Jay College of Criminal Justice](#)  
[Julliard](#) | [Lucy Moses School](#) | [Mannes College-The New School for Music](#)

## Libraries

[Library for the Performing Arts](#) | [Riverside Library](#) | [St. Agnes Branch](#)

## Museums

[American Museum of Natural History](#) | [Central Park Zoo](#)  
[Children's Museum of Manhattan](#) | [Folk Art Museum](#)  
[Museum of Biblical Art](#) | [Metropolitan Museum of Art](#)  
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## Parks

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