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## Events Calendar

### January 2016

Dear Neighbors,

Here is a listing of activities in our community that you may enjoy attending.

Calling all schools and non-profits serving District 6 residents: if you would like to request **funding from the City**, the application is now live. You can download the form and other necessary materials [here](#).

If your child was born in 2011 and you live in NYC, it's time to apply to **kindergarten**. The enrollment period lasts through January 15, 2016. [Learn more](#).

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If you have a live (or, formerly live) Christmas tree to get rid of, consider bringing it to MulchFest this weekend. The Parks Department is coordinating the event, which will **recycle holiday tree into mulch** that will nourish plantings across the city. There are a few locations in Central Park and Riverside Park: [see the flyer](#).

In addition, Love Your Tree Day is kicking off the first day of MulchFest by **revitalizing tree beds** with newly made mulch on Saturday, January 9, 11am-1pm in Riverside Park near 83rd Street. They're still looking for volunteers, so if you're interested, be sure to contact Melissa Elstein at [melissa@west80s.org](mailto:melissa@west80s.org). [See the flyer](#).

**IDNYC will remain free in 2016**, and there are even more museums offering a year of free membership with the ID this year, including the Guggenheim, MoMA, and the Metropolitan Opera. You can also get discounted tickets and memberships to

CitiBike, the New York Theatre Ballet, and Animal Care Centers of New York. Sign up for an appointment [here](#).

See you in the community!

Helen.

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## Friday, January 1 - Sunday, January 10

### Community Board 7 Full Board Meeting

*Tuesday, January 5, 6:30 PM*

Congregation Rodeph Sholom, 7 West 83rd Street (Central Park West). [Learn more.](#)

### Community Board 4 Full Board Meeting

*Wednesday, January 6, 6:30pm*

Roosevelt Hospital, 1000 Tenth Avenue (58/59 St). [Learn more.](#)

### Ayudamos a tus hijos mientras los adultos estudian.

*Enero 7, 2016*

GRATIS. Adultos- inglés gratis, clase computadora gratis, clase matemática para GED gratis. Registracion, Miercoles y Jueves a las 6:30 pm. Inscripciones los Miercoles y Jueves. Redeemer Community Center, 150 w 83 st (entre Columbus y Amsterdam). Tel 973-780-3818. <http://youtu.be/lYheFS5tMp8>

### Planned Parenthood's Activist Council Training on Reproductive Freedom

*Saturday, January 9, 10am-4pm*

Location: 26 Bleecker St

Join PPNYC for our semiannual Activist Council Training on reproductive freedom! Workshop topics include PPNYC's health services, reproductive justice & intersectionality, NYC policy issues, and practice in engaging in tough conversations on reproductive health. No former experience in reproductive health, rights, and justice required. Just passion and interest in learning more about advocating for people's access to reproductive health care! RSVP: [bit.ly/ACWinter2016](http://bit.ly/ACWinter2016). Free breakfast & lunch provided. Any questions? Email [Amanda.Matos@ppnyc.org](mailto:Amanda.Matos@ppnyc.org)

### NYC Parks presents New Year, New You? Adult Fitness Challenge!

*Saturday, January 9, 9am-2pm*

Location: Gertrude Ederle Recreation Center, 232 West 60th Street

FREE and open to the public! Join us in a half day marathon to start 2016 with new challenges for the health of mind and body –fitness class will include: Ageless Fitness, Yoga, Cross Training, Zumba, Iron-Quisition. For Adults and Seniors. For more information, please call (212) 397-3159.

### Take your tree to MulchFest 2016!

*Saturday, January 9 & Sunday, January 10, 10am - 2pm*

Bring your holiday tree to a designated city park to be recycled into mulch that will

nourish plantings across the city! Locations in Riverside Park and Central Park. [See the flyer.](#)

### **Tres Suenos: When Muslims, Jews, and Christians Dream Together**

*Sunday, January 10, 6pm*

Location: West Park Presbyterian Church, 165 West 86th Street

West-Park Church, the Center at West Park, and Noche Flamenca present An Interfaith celebration and exploration of the three cultures and religions of Andalusian Spain. Hosted by Reverend Dr. Robert Brashear and Martin Santangelo, Noche Flamenca. with Special Guests – Rabbi Roland Matalon, B’nei Jeshurun, and Chaplain Rabia Harris, scholar in residence for the Community of Living Traditions at Stony Point Center. Featuring singers, musicians and dancers from Noche Flamenca (and other special guests). Background: In a day and time when politicians in the US and globally exploit fear of our Muslim neighbors, it is helpful to revisit a time when our communities lived in collaboration and cooperation with one another. The result was a “golden age” of philosophy and culture where all three traditions influenced each other. The evening will feature performances of music and poetry from the traditions and conversation with Dr. Brashear, Rabbi Matalon, Chaplain Harris and Mr. Santangelo. There is a \$10 requested donation. For more information contact: Sharon Levy, Noche Flamenca at 917-330-4423 or Rev. Dr. Robert Brashear at 646.541.3329.

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

### **Community Board 7 Transportation Committee Meeting**

*Tuesday, January 12, 6:30 PM*

Location: Fordham University, 113 West 60th St. at Columbus Avenue.

Agenda will include the plan to add a northbound protected bike lane on Amsterdam Avenue. [Learn more.](#)

### **Politics, Money, and Anarchy: Historic House Museums**

*Thursday, January 14 at 6:30 pm*

Location: Museum of the City of New York, 1220 Fifth Avenue at 103rd Street

In what seems like the “perfect storm,” historic sites (and historic house museums in particular) are facing an uncertain future. Lovers of history cannot agree on the best ways to ensure long-term stewardship. The debate has been highlighted by the recent publication of *The Anarchist’s Guide to Historic House Museums* by Franklin Vagnone & Deborah Ryan (Left Coast Press, 2015). What are the critiques? What are the solutions? Join a panel of invested experts to become a part of a lively, and at times heated debate regarding these fragile historic sites. This program delves into the themes of last year’s popular exhibition, *Saving Place: 50 Years of New York City Landmarks*. Reception to follow! Use the code DIST6 for discount tickets! [Buy tickets.](#)

### **Film Screening: In Our Backyard**

*Thursday, January 14 @ 6pm - 8pm*

Location: NCJW NY Council House, 241 West 72nd St., First Floor

“In Our Backyard” is an investigative look into the widely unknown and unspoken world of domestic sex trafficking in Brooklyn. Documenting the emotional stories of recent survivors while also presenting the work of heroic aid organizations, law enforcement

agencies, and politicians, the film will raise awareness to fight this serious epidemic. For more information, contact Yael Reisman at [yreisman@ncjwny.org](mailto:yreisman@ncjwny.org) or (646) 884-9462. [Learn more](#).

### **The Cafe at Ethical**

*Friday, January 15, 7:30-9:00pm*

Location: New York Society For Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th Street

This month's Cafe at Ethical features Leo Liebeskind's rich, textured vocals, guitar playing, and imaginative, poetic lyrics. His music creates a blend of soulful blues, folk, country, and rock music, drawing on the likes of Bob Dylan, Lucinda Williams, the Band, and many other artists for inspiration. Cost is \$20 for non-members, \$10 for members, and includes refreshments, and one free drink.

### **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration at the Children's Museum of Manhattan**

*Saturday, January 16 - Monday, January 18, 2016*

Children's Museum of Manhattan, 212 West 83rd Street (between Columbus & Amsterdam)

As we honor the memory of Martin Luther King Jr., join us for a powerful and energetic weekend of workshops and performances. Contribute to our own mini-memorial in honor of Dr. King by helping us create Martin's mosaic. Double Dutch with the 2015 World Champions Stan's Pepper Steppers and clap your hands to the joyous energy of a live performance with The World Famous Harlem Gospel Choir. [Learn more](#).

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

### **Bloomington School of Music: Ensembles Concert**

*Friday, January 22nd, 7:30pm*

Location: Christ at St. Stephen's Church, 120 W 69th St

FREE and open to the public. Performances by the BSM Preparatory Orchestra, Intermediate Orchestra and the Bloomingdale Chamber Orchestra.

### **Governor Cuomo's Citizen Preparedness Corps Training**

Our next trainings will be:

Tuesday, January 19, 6pm - 8pm - Cooper Union, 7 E 7th Street

Tuesday, January 26, 7pm - 9pm - Sloan Kettering, 430 East 67th Street

To register, visit <http://www.prepare.ny.gov/training-events>

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## **Monday, January 25 - Sunday, January 31**

### **Volunteer for HOPE Count 2016**

*Monday, January 25th, 10pm-4am (note the late time!)*

HOPE Count 2016, the yearly street homeless count, is looking for volunteers. The event will be held January 25th from 10pm-4am (note the late time!) With an adequate headcount, HOPE is more likely to receive adequate federal funding to address street homelessness. There will be a volunteer training site at PS191 (210 West 61st Street), and you can learn more about the initiative [here](#).

## **Ecstatic Music Festival**

*Jan 29 – Mar 19, 2016*

Presented by Kaufman Music Center at Merkin Concert Hall

<http://www.kaufmanmusiccenter.org/mch/series/ecstatic-music-festival/>

Hailed as “the alt-classical world’s main showcase” (The New York Times) and “a kind of heaven for show-goers in search of the ever-elusive, one-of-a-kind live music experience” (The Village Voice), Kaufman Music Center’s Ecstatic Music Festival brings together more than 55 artists from across the sonic spectrum for nine collaborative, one-night-only performances. Featuring Yo La Tengo, Sonic Youth’s Lee Ranaldo, the Bang on a Can All-Stars, M. Lamar and more!

## **E-Waste Recycling Event**

*Sunday, January 31, 10am–4pm, rain or shine*

Drop-off site: West Side Y, West 63rd Street b/w Central Park West & Broadway

Presented by the Lower East Side Ecology Center. We Accept: Working & non-working computers, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice, cables, TV’s, VCR’s, DVD players, phones, audio/visual equipment, cell phones & PDA’s.

Electronics recycling is required by law. Avoid a \$100 fine. Sponsored by the West Side Y and Council Member Helen Rosenthal.

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## **Ongoing Events**

### **Soledad Barrio & Noche Flamenca present: *Antigona***

*December 11 through January 23*

Location: West Park Presbyterian Church

The idea to create a flamenco interpretation of the text and themes in Sophocles’ Antigone began when Noche Flamenca’s Artistic Director Martín Santangelo encountered the Living Theatre’s production of the classic play and was struck by the battle between an individual, disenfranchised woman and the authority of the state and its patriarchy. The idea resurfaced in 2010 when judge Baltasar Garzon was suspended from the Spanish court for his efforts to publicly honor those who fought against Franco, allowing families to bury their relatives previously left in mass graves. This breach of democracy struck Santangelo as similar to the conflict in Antigone, confirming his belief that the story is alive and relevant today. At its heart, however, the story of Antigone resonates with the roots of flamenco, which is based not in any one culture or region, but on the strength of family. Antigone’s story is her humanity and her quest to bury her brother, regardless of the circumstances. [Purchase tickets.](#)

### **Youth Beginner Ice Skating Clinics**

*Time: 4:30 PM – 5:15 PM*

*Session 3: Wednesdays, January 6 – February 3*

*Session 4: Fridays, January 8 – February 5*

FREE. This free, 5-lesson ice skating clinic teaches the basic elements of ice skating through group and individual instruction. Each session includes equipment rental. Ages 6-10. Space is limited; pre-registration is required. Each child may register for a

maximum of two sessions. Please call 212-348-4867 for more information.  
Location: Lasker Rink, Mid-Park between 106th and 108th Streets (enter the Park at 110th Street and Lenox Avenue)

### **Citizens Committee for New York City Neighborhood Grants**

*Applications are due January 26th*

What could you do with \$3,000 for your neighborhood? From gardening and community organizing to oral history projects and healthy cooking workshops, Citizens Committee awards grants of up to \$3,000 to grassroots groups working on community-building projects across NYC. Never applied for a grant before? No problem! Our [application](#) is simple to fill out.

### **Art Brut in America: The IncurSION of Jean Dubuffet**

*October 13, 2015 - January 2016*

FREE. The first major U.S. exhibition to explore the introduction of art brut to America. Location: American Folk Art Museum, 2 Lincoln Square. [More information](#).

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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.

- **January 6, 2016:** Non-primary residence
- **February 3, 2016:** Harassment & City-wide Housing Related Campaigns
- **March 2, 2016:** DHCR Overview, including MCIs and IAls; Preferential Rent, Reduction in Services
- **April 6, 2016:** Housing Court 101
- **May 4, 2016:** SCRIE and DRIE
- **June 1, 2016:** Succession Rights

### **Housing Conservation Coordinators (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.

### **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](#).

### **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 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**

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### **Colleges and Universities**

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[Julliard](#) | [Lucy Moses School](#) | [Mannes College-The New School for Music](#)

### **Libraries**

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### **Museums**

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