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March Events Calendar from *Helen Rosenthal*

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Events Calendar

March 2015

Dear Neighbors,

We've slimmed down the events calendar to highlight some of the great events happening on the Upper West Side. Be sure to use the Community Events Calendar box at the end of this newsletter to see more events from local institutions.

March Housing Clinic

This month our housing clinic will be a DHCR Overview, including MCIs and 1/40ths. As always, we will have staff attorneys from the Urban Justice Center for people seeking specific legal advice. **Wednesday, March 4**, 6pm-8pm at Goddard Riverside, 593 Columbus Avenue (between 88th and 89th).

Town Hall

Save the date! My Town Hall will be on **Monday, April 27**, 6pm-9pm at the W83 - Redeemer Presbyterian Church on 150 West 83rd St (between Columbus and Amsterdam). Over a dozen agencies have already confirmed attendance, including the Department of Transportation, Department of Education, and the Department of Sanitation. For the month of March, [you can submit your questions for city agencies on my website](#), and the most popular questions will be covered in the first half of the evening. (The second half will be an open mic Q&A.)

2015 Summer Youth Employment Program

New Yorkers from ages 14-24 can now apply to the 2015 Summer Youth Employment Program! The deadline is **April 10**, and you can apply online [here](#). Please note that all applicants will need photo ID (which you can get for free using the City's [IDNYC](#) program).

Warmly,

Helen

March Highlights

Shen Wei: An Evening of Conversation and Performance

Tuesday, March 3, 7pm

Shen Wei discusses his innovative choreography and artistic process with dance critic and historian Suzanne Carbonneau. Live performances include selections from the award-winning *Folding* and excerpts from the new *Untitled 12-1*. New York Historical Society. [Buy Tickets >](#)

Community Board 7 Full Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 3, 6:00 PM

Fordham University, 113 West 60th Street (Columbus Avenue)

Governor Cuomo's Citizen Preparedness Training Corps

Wednesday, March 4, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

LaGuardia Community College, 31-10 Thomson Avenue, Main Stage Theater, Long Island City. Register [here](#).

The American Plate: A Culinary History in 100 Bites

Thursday, March 5, 7pm–8pm

Discover lost American food traditions and follow a tantalizing culinary journey through the evolution of America's vibrant cuisine and culture at a lecture with the HISTORY channel's chief historian, Dr. Libby O'Connell. Wine and cheese reception and book signing to follow the lecture. Tickets: \$10 members, \$12 non-members. Purchase tickets online by clicking [here](#). For more information please contact publicprograms@folkartmuseum.org. American Folk Art Museum, 2 Lincoln Square (Columbus Avenue between 65th and 66th Streets).

Rally 4 Public Housing

Thursday, March 5, 12pm

Come out and support public housing residents' call for \$2 billion in funding for NYCHA: \$1 billion from New York City and \$1 billion from New York State. Location: City Hall Park. Sponsored by NYC Council Member Ritchie Torres, Real Affordability for All Coalition (RAFA), and the RAFA Public Housing Committee. RSVP to Mo George: 212-860-6001. Let your voice be heard!

Piano Project 2015: Music of the Americas

Thursday, March 5: Presentation & Masterclass with Anthony de Mare

Saturday, March 7: Recitals at 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30

FREE. Faculty and students perform music from North, South, and Central America over four recitals. Bloomingdale School of Music, 323 West 108th Street. 212-663-6021 | info@bsmny.org

NYPL St. Agnes Branch Book Sale

Saturday, March 7, 12pm - 4pm

Sale of books and multimedia at the St. Agnes branch of the New York Public Library. 444 Amsterdam Avenue between 81st and 82nd Streets basement, fully accessible. Our gently used books and recordings are all community donated.

Muslim Arts Festival: Letters and Illuminations

March 7-8

The Children's Museum of Manhattan invites you to explore the beauty and variety of calligraphy, illuminations and painting in Muslim art. As you design patterns and practice calligraphy techniques, learn how these colorful and beautiful art forms provide a window into traditions that go back centuries. For more information on festival activities, visit <http://www.cmom.org/visit/calendar>. Children's Museum of Manhattan, 212 West 83rd Street (between Columbus & Amsterdam).

Just Kidding: Beats, Rhymes, and Breaking

Sat, Mar 7, 2015 11:00am

Sun, Mar 8, 2015 11:00am

From head spins to windmills, and from 6-step to the trusty pop and lock, prepare the kids for a unique program of jaw-dropping breakdance action with the Manzana City Crew -- returning to Just Kidding after a sold-out extravaganza last season! For tickets and more information, visit symphonyspace.org

Alzheimer's Association Educational Meeting: Accessing Home Care in 2015

March 9, 6pm-8pm

This meeting will provide details on the essentials of health and insurance advocacy. [Click here to learn more](#). 360 Lexington Avenue., Fl. 4. Speaker: Peter Travitsky, LMSW, JD (admission pending), New York Legal Assistance Group.

Keeping It Green for Families

Sunday, March 15: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sunday, March 29: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Spend quality time with your family helping keep Central Park green. Central Park Conservancy environmental educators will lead mulching projects throughout the Park. Ages 5+. Closed-toe shoes required. Families only; no groups, please. Space is limited; pre-registration required. Registrants receive project location one week before the event. Email discovery@centralparknyc.org to register.

How to be a History Detective: Using high tech tools and old-fashioned sleuthing to uncover the history of Upper West Side buildings

Monday, March 16, 6:30pm

FREE. Learn how to research the history of your own building, your school, your church, your synagogue or your favorite example of UWS architecture. Hostelling International, 891 Amsterdam Avenue (at 103rd St.). All are welcome. Sponsored by the Bloomingdale Neighborhood History Group, the Neighborhood Preservation Center, Columbus Amsterdam BID and Hostelling International.

Guided tour of the Shearith Israel Synagogue

Wednesday, March 18, 11am

Join us for a guided tour of the famed Spanish Portuguese Synagogue, Shearith Israel (2 West 70th Street). Space is limited. \$10.00/person. To reserve your spot, contact us no later than March 10 at sdrazen@ncjwny.org. National Council of Jewish Women New York.

Grassroots Fundraising Workshop

Saturday, March 21, 11am - 3pm

Support your group's work with community fundraising efforts. Space is limited, [register online](#) or contact Tehmina at tbrohi@citizensnyc.org or 212-822-9563. Hosted by the Citizens Committee for New York City.

At the Kids' Table with Sarah Lohman: Chinese Food, American Story

Sat, March 21st, | 2pm - 4pm

Like it has for many immigrant groups, food created a pathway to acceptance for Chinese in America. During this program families will explore NYHS's groundbreaking exhibition [Chinese American: Exclusion/Inclusion](#) and will then cook some of the first foods that Chinese immigrants introduced to Americans. We'll recreate the first popular Chinese take-out, chop suey, from a century old recipe, and make dumplings by hand-filling, folding, and cooking them to eat in class. Ages 8 and up. Adults and children must purchase tickets to participate. [\\$16 \(members \\$10\)](#). DiMenna Children's History Museum, New York Historical Society.

Strings Festival

Saturday, March 28, 2:00pm

Bloomingdale School of Music students and faculty perform dance inspired music over the day with recitals at 2:00pm & 5:00pm, along with a Dance Party featuring the NYC Baroque Dance Company at 6:30pm. This day-long event is free and open to the public. This event is free and open to the public. 323 West 108th Street, (212) 663-6021, www.bsmny.org.

Advanced ESL Communications courses

Weekly, Mondays and Thursdays

Grace & St. Paul Church, part of the W71st Street Block Association, is offering two Advanced ESL Communications courses this spring. The two weekly hour-long courses will begin Monday, Feb. 16 and Thursday, Feb. 19, each to begin at 5:15. Participants may choose one or both classes. Recommended donation per class hour per person is \$35, and \$15 each for two ESL colleagues who sign up together. Community native speakers from the community, especially from the W. 71st Street Block Association, are invited to attend to support the participants for \$10. Private tutoring is available upon request. You are encouraged bring electronic devices such as lap top, I-pads. Call Carol >646 234-4696, Eve >917 526-0705.

Grants

GrowNYC Grants

[The 2015 Mantis Tiller Garden Grant](#): Deadline is March 6th, 2015; \$350 value (awardees receive a Mantis Tiller). [Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program](#): Deadline is March 17th, 2015; Amount: \$0 - \$250,000. [The Pollination Project](#): Deadline is rolling; Amount: \$1000.

Apply for the 2015 Clare Weiss Emerging Artist Award

We are excited to announce that the 2015 Clare Weiss Emerging Artist Award will be taking place at Court Square Park in Long Island City, Queens! The \$10,000 award is granted to one emerging artist who submits the most compelling proposal for an outdoor sculpture in Court Square. The location changes annually and is determined based on the site's visibility and proximity within a neighborhood underserved by public art. The deadline for applications is March 22, 2015. We greatly appreciate your assistance with sharing this amazing opportunity with possible applicants. For more information, please see the [NYC Parks website](#).

Volunteer Opportunities

Join the NYPD Manhattan North Youth Leadership Council

Are you between the ages of 14-18? Do you have great ideas? Do you want to make a difference in your community? If so, then the PBMN Youth Leadership Council is for you! Topic: How to create stronger Police / Community Relationships. You **MUST** register in order to participate. To register, contact P.O. Richards 20th Precinct at (212) 580-6412, Netfa.Richards@nypd.org, or Ysswheel@nypd.org. [See the flyer](#).

Promote Compost at Greenmarket

Help promote organics diversion for composting in New York City. Every week, food scraps are collected from neighborhood residents and transported to local compost sites for processing. Volunteers are needed to help participants navigate the drop off and to answer questions from the public. No experience or training necessary, just bring a positive attitude and enthusiasm for waste diversion and recycling. Volunteers needed at the 79th Street Greenmarket, Sundays 9am-1pm, 79th St & Columbus Ave. Click [here](#) to volunteer.

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

- **March 4, 2015:** DHCR Overview, including MCIs and 1/40ths
- **April 1, 2015:** Housing Court 101
- **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.

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 expeditor, 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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Libraries

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

Museums

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[Children's Museum of Manhattan](#) | [Folk Art Museum](#)
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