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## September Events Calendar from

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## Events Calendar

### September 2015

Dear Neighbors,

Hope you've had a chance to rest and take some time for yourself in August. Although I haven't found the time to read a book yet (waiting for Stacy Schiff's *The Witches* coming out in October), I've been reading a lot of long magazine articles — which is close as I can get to summer reading! [Bill McGibbon's piece about solar power investments](#) is eye-opening. According to McGibbon, the price of solar has dropped dramatically; it's now almost as cheap as gas and coal. Price is moving quickly and energy companies are trying to protect their investments by influencing elections in Arizona, pushing renewables in Vermont, and allowing customers to sell excess solar energy back to the grid in Georgia.

Join me at the Hearing Loss Association of America's NYC **Walk 4 Hearing** on Sunday, September 27. The 5K / 3.1 mile walk begins at West 97th Street and Riverside Drive, and it's a great way to raise money and awareness for hearing loss, which affects 22% of New Yorkers age 45 and over. Festivities at 9am and the walk begins at 10am. [Learn more.](#)

The West Side Community Garden is hosting a free, two-day **Arts and Crafts Festival** with activities for kids on Saturday, September 19th and a concert, poetry, and a wine and cheese on Sunday, September 20th. Both days will feature artist wares, paintings, photographs, ceramics, jewelry, hand designed notecards, quilting, and more — a great way to start your holiday shopping! [See the flyer.](#)

I was happy to support the **Movement Speaks: Interactive Dance Workshops for Older Adults**, an eleven-week program that gives older adults a fun way to exercise and be social. The program is entirely free and culminates in a performance in December. The workshops take place on Wednesdays from 1:30pm-3pm, September 9-December 9 at Goddard Riverside Senior Center, 593 Columbus Avenue (btw 88th and 89th street). For more information, please call (347) 683-2691 or e-mail [rebecca@dvpnyc.org](mailto:rebecca@dvpnyc.org). [See the flyer.](#)

Verdi Square at 72nd and Broadway is hosting **free outdoor concerts** on three Sundays in September: Sunday, September 13 features American Musical Theater; Sunday, September 20 has Jazz; and Sunday, September 27 is Opera. All concerts start at 5pm and last one hour. [Learn more](#).

Business owners: don't miss a free class, **Signing a Commercial Lease: What You Need to Know!**, offered by the Department of Small Business Services on September 9 from 5:30pm - 8:30pm. Learn how to negotiate your lease term and build exit strategies into the lease; how to avoid signing "form" leases that favor the landlord; what strategies you can use to limit personal liability; and what to look for in the permitted use provisions. NYC Business Solutions Lower Manhattan Center, 110 William Street, 7th Floor. [RSVP](#).

The Museum of the City of New York is offering **discounted tickets to Upper West Siders** to a talk on September 30th about historian Eric Foner's latest book, Gateway to Freedom: The Hidden History of the Underground Railroad (2015). The book brings to life New York City's little-known role within the underground railroad system between 1830 and 1860, drawing on a recently-unearthed record of fugitive slaves secretly kept by Sydney Howard Gay, a white New Yorker who worked with black associates in his office - a secret "station" for fugitive slaves. Use the code **DIST6** to get your \$10 tickets (normally \$16). [Buy tickets](#).

**My office will close for Labor Day Weekend** at 4pm on Wednesday, September 2 and reopen at 10am on Tuesday, September 8

Hope you find some events, listed here, that are meaningful to you.

Warmly,



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## Tuesday, September 1 - Sunday, September 13

### **Little Tots Take Over: Ready for School!**

*September 1 - September 7*

Starting school can be very exciting. You learn new things, get new supplies, read new books and make new friends. Give your school supplies a new twist, meet amazing authors and join in interactive performances in this week-long celebration at CMOM with special back to school programs every day. Click [here](#) for details. (Hint, check out the events highlighted in orange.) Location: Children's Museum of Manhattan, 212 West 83rd Street (between Columbus & Amsterdam).

### **Lecture: "Worker Cooperatives: Sustainable and Growing"**

*Sunday, September 6, 11:00am*

A worker cooperative is a values-driven business that puts worker and community

benefit at the core of its purpose. Researchers and practitioners estimate that there are 300-400 democratic workplaces in the United States, employing around 7,000 people and generating over \$400 million in annual revenues. Joe Rinehart, a long time social justice and environmental activist, and guests will share their experiences with us. Location: New York Society For Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th Street. [Learn more.](#)

### **Family Performance Festival: Park Discovery!**

*Sunday, September 6, 12pm - 1:30pm*

FREE. Explore Central Park's diverse plant and animal life through hands-on nature activities led by Central Park Conservancy environmental educators. All ages welcome. Please [RSVP](#) to let us know you're coming. This program takes place rain or shine, except in extreme weather conditions (heavy rain, sustained winds of 30mph or heat index above 95 degrees). Location: Great Hill, between West 103rd and West 106th Streets

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

*Tuesday, September 8, 6:30 PM*

American Museum of Natural History (Enter under the stairs on Central Park West). [See full calendar.](#)

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

*Wednesday, September 2, 6:30pm*

Roosevelt Hospital, 1000 Tenth Avenue (between 57th and 58th Streets), 2nd Floor Conference Room B. [See full calendar.](#)

### **An Evening of Music & Conversation With the Israeli Chamber Project.**

*Wednesday, September 9 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm*

Moderated by Graham Parker, General Manager of WQXR Radio & Vice President, New York Public Radio. General admission: \$15, students & seniors: \$10. Location: Goddard Riverside Bernie Wohl Center, 647 Columbus Avenue (between 91st and 92nd Streets). [Buy tickets.](#)

### **Signing a Commercial Lease: What You Need to Know!**

*Wednesday, September 9, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.*

FREE. Join us at an upcoming class to learn: How to negotiate your lease term and build exit strategies into the lease; How to avoid signing "form" leases that favor the landlord; What strategies you can use to limit personal liability; and What to look for in the permitted use provisions. NYC Business Solutions Lower Manhattan Center, [110 William Street, 7th Floor.](#)

### **Author's Night: "Breaking Ground: My Life in Medicine"**

*Wednesday, September 9*

6pm - 6:30pm Arrival and Refreshments; 6:30pm - 7:30pm Presentation

FREE, but advance registration is required. Former U.S Health and Human Services Secretary Louis W. Sullivan talks about his award-winning memoir, Breaking Ground: My Life in Medicine, which recounts his life from his childhood in the Jim Crow South through his extraordinary career. Sullivan details his experiences—including his New York City years—when in 1958 he was appointed the first Black intern at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. Location: The New York Academy of Medicine, 1216 Fifth Avenue at 103rd Street. [RSVP here.](#)

### **Folk Art Pioneers Lecture: Avis Berman on Juliana Force**

*Thursday, September 10, 6:30 - 7:30pm*

Discover the key historical figures who helped frame and promote the study of American folk art in the United States. Avis Berman, noted scholar and author of *Rebels on Eighth Street: Juliana Force and the Whitney Museum of American Art*, will provide insight into the key role that Juliana Force, the first director of the Whitney Museum of American Art, played in championing American folk art in the 1920s and '30s. Location: American Folk Art Museum, 2 Lincoln Square, Columbus Avenue between 65th and 66th Streets. Tickets: \$20 members, students, seniors; \$25 non-members. Purchase tickets [here](#).

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## **Monday, September 14 - Sunday, September 20**

### **2015 Paris Climate Conference (COP21): What to expect and what should follow?**

*Wednesday, September 16, 6pm-8pm*

Columbia University Morningside Campus, Buell Hall. Info: [sp2865@columbia.edu](mailto:sp2865@columbia.edu). [Learn more](#).

### **Summer on the Hudson: Pride and Prejudice**

*Thursday, September 17, 7pm-11pm*

FREE. Bring a blanket and come over to the lawn for free films brought to you by The Chatsworth on 72nd Street. Ground seating only at this event and seating is limited, unreserved, and available on a first-come, first-served basis beginning 1-2 hours before the event. If there is heavy rain at the time of the event, the event will be canceled. Location: 72nd Street Track and Lawn (in Riverside Park). [Learn more](#).

### **Arts and Crafts Festival 2015 at the West Side Community Garden**

*September 19th and September 20th, 10:30 am to 4:30 pm*

FREE. Saturday Program: Children's Arts and Crafts and Amazing Danny the Clown. Sunday Program: New York String Orchestra, Writers and Poets, and a Wine and Cheese Reception. Both days: Art Exhibition & sale of artist wares, paintings, photographs, ceramics, jewelry, hand designed notecards, quilting, and more. Location: West Side Community Garden, West 89th Street between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues. [See the flyer](#).

### **Annual Chess-in-the-Park Rapid Open**

*Saturday, September 19*

NYC Parks will be partnering with Chess-in-the-Schools to hold the 15th Annual Chess-in-the-Park Rapid Open. This tournament will host over 700 chess players of all abilities at the largest outdoor chess tournament in the country. To register for the tournament, visit [www.chessintheschools.org](http://www.chessintheschools.org). You will need to provide a name, section, phone number, email address, and USCF chess rating (if applicable). REGISTER IN ADVANCE! Limited to the first 700 entrants. Location: Bethesda Fountain in Central Park (Enter at 72nd Street). Contact: Community Outreach, 212.360.3443. [See the flyer](#).

**Street Fair: Columbus Avenue, 68th-86th Streets**

*Sunday, September 20*

Sponsored by the West Manhattan Chamber of Commerce.

**Instrument Discovery Day at Bloomingdale School of Music**

*Sunday, September 20th, 11am - 1pm*

FREE. Join Bloomingdale School of Music on Sunday, September 20th from 11:00am to 1:00pm for the school's bi-annual Instrument Discovery Day. Members of BSM's administrative staff and faculty will be on hand to guide children and families through the different instruments offered for instruction at the school. Children will have to opportunity to hear, hold, play, and experience over 10 different instruments during this free event. [Learn more.](#)

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**Monday, September 21 - Wednesday, September 30****Governor Cuomo's Citizen Preparedness Training Corps**

*Tuesday, September 22, 6pm to 8pm*

FREE. Location: Hudson Guild, 441 West 26th Street. New York State is offering courses for residents to have the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions. Preparedness Kit will be passed out (One per Family). Space is limited. Participation will be on a first come first serve basis. [RSVP.](#)

**Person, Place or Thing with Randy Cohen & Jill Abramson**

*Thursday, September 24, 7pm - 8:30pm*

FREE, but RSVP requested. Emmy Award-winning writer Randy Cohen brings his popular podcast and radio show, Person Place Thing, to Macaulay Honors College to interview Jill Abramson, former executive editor of the New York Times. Location: Macaulay Honors College, 35 West 67th Street (between Columbus & Central Park West). [Learn more.](#)

**Lincoln Center at the Movies: San Francisco Ballet, Romeo & Juliet**

*September 24 at 7pm*

With its passionate choreography, spine-tingling swordsmanship, and celebrated score by Sergei Prokofiev, this colorful and emotional retelling of Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet has packed houses around the world. [Buy Tickets](#)

**Assistive Technologies for Learning, Communication, and Accessibility**

*Monday, September 28, 10am - 12pm*

Learn about how Assistive Technology may help address your child's needs! Mark Surabian, has utilized assistive technologies to serve the educational and vocational needs of individuals with disabilities for over 25 years, across five states, in both private and public school systems, residential facilities, and within individual homes. Presenter: Mark Surabian, Assistive Technology Consultant. Location: Sinergia Inc, 2082 Lexington Avenue (at 126th Street), 4th Fl. Questions? Tel# (212) 643-2840 Ext #305 or [autisminitiative@sinergiany.org](mailto:autisminitiative@sinergiany.org). \*\*\*Simultaneous English/Spanish translation available - Light refreshments will be served. \* The event is only for adults, we do not offer childcare service \*

## **Gateway to Freedom: The Hidden History of the Underground Railroad**

*Wednesday, September 30, 6:30 pm*

Join leading historians Eric Foner and Martha Hodes for a conversation about Foner's latest book, *Gateway to Freedom: The Hidden History of the Underground Railroad* (2015). The book brings to life New York City's little-known role within the underground railroad system between 1830 and 1860, drawing on a recently-unearthed record of fugitive slaves secretly kept by Sydney Howard Gay, a white New Yorker who worked with black associates in his office - a secret "station" for fugitive slaves. The event costs \$16 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors, but District 6 constituents can get \$10 discounted tickets using the code DIST6! [Buy tickets](#). Museum of the City of New York, 1220 Fifth Avenue at 103rd Street.

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## **Ongoing**

### **Movement Speaks: Interactive Dance Workshops for Older Adults**

*Wednesdays, 1:30pm-3pm, September 9 - December 9, 2015*

FREE. Led by dance artist Naomi Goldberg Haas with her professional company, Dances For A Variable Population, the 11-week dance program of workshops and a performance celebrates wellness, community and the joys of dance for seniors and community members on the Upper West Side. Participants in the workshops should wear comfortable clothing. Location: Goddard Riverside Senior Center, 593 Columbus Avenue (btw 88th and 89th street). For more information, please call (347) 683-2691 or e-mail [rebecca@dvpnyc.org](mailto:rebecca@dvpnyc.org). [See the flyer](#).

### **Concerts in Verdi Square**

*Sunday, September 13, 5:00 pm – American Musical Theater*

*Sunday, September 20, 5:00 pm – Jazz*

*Sunday, September 27, 5:00 pm – Opera*

FREE. The Verdi Square Festival of the Arts, New York's premier boutique Arts Festival, kicks off its 10th Anniversary Season at 5:00 pm Sunday, September 13, on Verdi Square, Broadway & 72nd Street. The Festival is a grass roots partnership of Upper West Side music lovers and the New York City Dept. of Parks and Recreation. Since 2006 it has presented outstanding young talents from New York and Boston conservatories in free one hour September Sunday afternoon concerts at the foot of Giuseppe Verdi's statue. [Learn more](#).

### **Volunteer Opportunity: Promote Composting at Greenmarket**

*Sundays, 9am-1pm*

Help promote organics diversion for composting in New York City at select Greenmarkets. 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. For more information, visit [www.grownyc.org/compost](http://www.grownyc.org/compost). Volunteers needed at the 79th Street Greenmarket, 79th St & Columbus Ave.

### **Kayaking at 72nd Street and 56th Street**

*Saturdays and Sundays, 10am-5pm*

72nd Street & Hudson River and at 56th Street in Hudson River Park

FREE walk-up kayaking in Riverside Park and Pier 96. Come paddle and cruise in the Hudson River on the weekends from June to September! Kayak trips on the harbor and evening classes are operated from the boathouse at Pier 96 for the park by [Manhattan Community Boathouse](#), a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization. [Learn more](#)

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## Job Training Resources

### **SAGEWorks Boot Camp**

SAGEWorks Boot Camp is a two week intensive training course that takes place in New York City or Philadelphia. The purpose of the boot camp is to provide skills that will lead to job placement. SAGEWorks assists people 40 years and older in learning relevant, cutting-edge job search skills in a LGBT-friendly environment. [Apply now](#). Start Dates (subject to slight changes), located at 305 7th Ave, NY NY 10001

- October 19th to October 30th
  - November 30th to December 11th
  - January 4th to January 15th
  - February 1st to February 12th
  - March 21st to April 1st
  - April 25th to May 6th
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## Affordable Housing

***Monthly Housing Clinics will resume October 2015. Please reach out to Urban Justice Center or Anna Gago in my office if you need to see someone prior to the October Housing Clinic.***

### **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 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](#).

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