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## February 2014 Events Calendar

Dear Neighbor,

Here are just a few of the events going on in and around our district that I thought might be of interest. My office is happy to announce an event or volunteer opportunity that is open to the public and takes place in our neighborhood or specifically affects those that live in the area. If you would like your organization's event included in our events listing, email us at [district6events@gmail.com](mailto:district6events@gmail.com). I look forward to hearing from you.

*Helen Rosenthal*

### ARTS

**ATHENA FILM FESTIVAL.** Now in its fourth year, the Athena Film Festival — a celebration of women and leadership — is an engaging weekend of feature films, documentaries and shorts that highlight women's leadership in real life and the fictional world. The four-day festival includes conversations with directors and Hollywood stars and workshops for filmmakers. See the [schedule](#) for screening and workshop times. Barnard College, Broadway and 116th Street, February 6th at 6:30 p.m. Single tickets, \$12 for adults; \$5 for students. Additional ticket package options available.

**EXHIBITION OF PUBLISHED ILLUSTRATION ART BY NATIONALLY KNOWN ARTIST SAMSON POLLEN.** Monday, February 10, 2014 at 1:45pm. Refreshments will be served. Hamilton Senior Center, 141 West 73rd Street. (212) 787-7710.

**JAZZ ACROSS THE AMERICAS: COLOMBIA & PERU.** Afro Latin Jazz Alliance Presents Arturo O'Farrill and the Afro Latin Jazz Orchestra in JAZZ ACROSS THE AMERICAS: COLOMBIA & PERU. Featuring compositions and performances by: Pablo Mayor, Gregorio Uribe, Gabriel Alegria, Laura Andrea Leguía, and Ivonne Paredes. With additional guest artists: Yuri Juarez, Freddy "Huevito" Lobatón, Nestor Gomez, Marcelo Woloski. Admission: \$20, Students/Seniors/Children: \$15, Symphony Space Members: \$15. For tickets go to [symphonyspace.org](http://symphonyspace.org), call 212.864.5400, or visit the box office. For questions regarding the work of the Afro Latin Jazz Alliance, upcoming performances by the Afro Latin Jazz Orchestra, or how to get involved, feel free to send an e-mail to [info@afrolatinjazz.org](mailto:info@afrolatinjazz.org) or call 212-283-4086. Symphony Space. 2537 Broadway at 95th Street. February 14–15, 8:00 PM. Pre performance discussion on Friday, February 14, at 7:00 pm.

**LANDMARK WEST: PRESERVATION HAPPY HOUR.** Wednesday February 19th, 7:00 p.m. Preservation Happy Hour with [Art Deco Society of New York](#) and [Tribeca Trust](#) at Cercle Rouge on West Broadway. Free to join, drinks not included. [RSVP here.](#)

**LANDMARK WEST: RESEARCH YOUR HISTORIC HOUSE WORKSHOP.** Wednesday February 26th 6:30 p.m. Research your Historic House Workshop. LW! staff will lead you through the basics of research to learn more about your historic home! [RSVP here.](#)

**LANDMARK WEST: WALKING TOUR OF HARLEM.** Sunday February 16th, 12:30 p.m. Walking tour of Harlem with historian and author of Harlem: Lost and Found, Michael Henry Adams. Tickets: \$25 for

non-members, \$15 for current members. [Click here to purchase tickets.](#)

## COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

**COMMUNITY BOARD 4: FULL BOARD MEETING.** Wednesday, February 5, 6:30pm. Fulton Auditorium, 119 Ninth Avenue. For a full list of all CB 4 meetings, see the [CB 4 Calendar](#)

**COMMUNITY BOARD 7: FULL BOARD MEETING.** Tuesday, March 4, 2014, 6:30 PM. Congregation Rodeph Shalom, 7 West 83rd Street (at Central Park West). For a full list of all CB 7 meetings, see the [CB 7 Calendar](#).

## EDUCATION

**CUNY FATHERHOOD ACADEMY.** The CUNY Fatherhood Academy is a free 4-month, 3 day a week program that can help you earn a GED, prepare for college, get work experience through a part-time job or an internship, explore careers, learn about parenting, health, and financial literacy, and gain valuable information on your rights and responsibilities as a father. Open to fathers with or without a high school diploma or a G.E.D. Learn more [here](#). LaGuardia Community College. 29-10 Thomson Avenue Room C-225, Long Island City, NY 11101. Contact David Speal: (718) 730-7336 or [dspeal@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:dspeal@lagcc.cuny.edu).

**FREE JOURNALISM CAMP FOR LOW-INCOME HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.** Princeton University is offering an all-expenses-paid program for low-income high school student journalists that will take place next summer on the Princeton campus. The program's goal is to diversify college and professional newsrooms by encouraging outstanding students from low-income backgrounds to pursue careers in journalism. For more information and to apply, [visit the Princeton website](#).

**KINDERGARTEN ADMISSIONS PROCESS.** Kindergarten admissions are open to children born in 2009 until Feb. 14. You can apply online, over the phone at 718-935-2400 or in person at a borough enrollment office. For more information read the [Advocates for Children](#) resource or download the [Kindergarten Connect flier](#).

**LW! & APPLE WORKSHOP.** When: Weds. Feb 5. Where: [UWS Apple Store](#) (B'way & 68th St). Time: 7:00 PM. NO CHARGE. [RSVP at the Apple Store Website](#). Interested in creating a digital walking tour for your historic district? Join LANDMARK WEST! at the Upper West Side Apple store for a demonstration of the LW! Walking Tour app. The updated iPhone app uses technology to offer a uniquely local perspective on NYC history, architecture and culture. Q&A will follow.

**NPR'S GUIDE TO YOUR SPECIAL EDUCATION CHILD.** Students with disabilities are entitled to an Individualized Education Program, commonly referred to as an I.E.P., under federal law. This means having an evaluation and getting the right services to meet their individual needs, whether they have autism, an emotional disturbance, physical disabilities or learning disabilities like dyslexia. The New York City Education Department breaks down the I.E.P. process into [five basic steps](#).

**NYCDOE PARENTS' GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING THE IEP PROCESS.** This is a PDF from the NYC Department of Education for parents interested in the Individualized Education Program (IEP). The goal of this presentation is to provide information so that: parents will understand their rights regarding special education; collaboration between family and school personnel will be enhanced; and parents and school personnel will participate in special education matters as knowledgeable partners. [Download here](#).

**PROPOSALS FOR COMMUNITY LEARNING SCHOOLS.** The UFT will be asking for new proposals from schools seeking to become Community Learning Schools. The UFT currently provides support to 16 Community Learning Schools. These schools each have a resource coordinator who works to bring the school community and greater community together to provide needed services. The services include on-site medical care, mental health services, dental care, tutoring or arts programs. Ask your School Leadership Team to put in a proposal if you think your child's school is a good candidate to become a Community Learning School.

**TEN BASIC STEPS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION.** When a child is having trouble in school, it's important to find out why. The child may have a disability. By law, schools must provide special help to eligible children with disabilities. There's a lot to know about the process by which children are identified as having a disability and in need of special education and related services. This brief overview is an excellent place to start. Here, we've distilled the process into 10 basic steps. Once you have the big picture of the process, it's easier to understand the many details under each step. [Learn more](#).

**TRANSITIONING TO KINDERGARTEN: INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES.** Feb. 10 and 11: The DOE invites families of disabled students born in 2009 to attend a kindergarten orientation meeting. For more information, view the [Department of Education website](#).

## FUNDRAISERS

**2014 JUSTICE TRAILBLAZER AWARD DINNER HONORING PIPER KERMAN, AUTHOR OF ORANGE IS THE NEW BLACK.** Please join us at the 2014 JUSTICE TRAILBLAZER AWARD DINNER honoring PIPER KERMAN, author of Orange is the New Black. PIPER KERMAN is the author of the highly acclaimed memoir Orange is the New Black: My Year in a Women's Prison, which was adapted

into an original television series for Netflix. ERROL LOUIS is NY1's political anchor and host of the station's "Inside City Hall" the city's premiere news program covering New York politics and government. All proceeds benefit the John Jay College Center on Media, Crime & Justice, the nation's only university-based, non-partisan forum for discussion, networking and information-sharing between the media and the criminal justice community in the U.S. and abroad. John Jay College - New Building, 524 West 59th Street, Moot Court Room, 6.68. Monday, February 10. Sponsors' Reception with Ms. Kerman, 5:15 pm. Awards dinner hosted by NY1's Errol Louis, 6:30 pm. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets or become an event sponsor.

## MARKETS

**97TH STREET GREENMARKET.** This year-round market features produce from southern New Jersey, Orange County, NY, and the Hudson Valley, as well as eggs, grass-fed meat, fish, cheese, and more. 97th St between Columbus & Amsterdam, February 7th 8:00 a.m. to 2p.m.

**COLUMBIA GREENMARKET.** Shoppers will find milk and yogurt, fruit and cider, baked goods, preserved fruits and vegetables, eggs, cheese, smoked meats, pickled vegetables, maple syrup, honey, fish, and focaccia topped with locally sourced fruit vegetables, herbs and cheeses, a lunch time favorite. Located in front of the gates of Columbia University; Broadway between 114th and 116th Streets February 6th, 8:00 a.m. until 5 p.m.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

**FREE TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM BY THE NYC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR NYC SCHOOLS.** DOT educators are able to provide a FREE, hands-on, age-appropriate program for 3rd grade students. If your school is interested in these important presentations, please reach out to Odalis McSween, MPA Community Coordinator at [omcsween@dot.nyc.gov](mailto:omcsween@dot.nyc.gov). T: (212) 368-7653

## SANITATION

**PLOW NYC.** [PlowNYC](#) was created to allow the public to track the progress of Department of Sanitation clearing operations throughout the five boroughs. Enter the address in the spaces to view your street's snow removal category or to track the progress of City plows during a snow event.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

**NEW YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY: THE BLACK FIVES SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST.** In celebration of [The Black Fives](#) exhibition opening this March, the New-York Historical Society is conducting a scholarship contest inviting metropolitan area high school students to submit original essays, videos or photographs on the theme of using basketball to achieve a bigger social or community cause. A panel of distinguished judges will review applications and announce winners in each category. Complementing The Black Fives exhibition—which covers the history of pioneering African American basketball teams that played in New York City and elsewhere from the early 1900s through 1950, the year the NBA became racially integrated—this scholarship contest seeks entries that answer the question: How has basketball profoundly changed New York City history, United States history, or your own personal history? High School students in 9th through 12th grades may enter now through **February 24, 2014**. One winning entry in each of the categories (essay, photo, video) will be selected for a grand prize \$1,000 college scholarship. Go to <http://blackfives.nyhistory.org/> to submit your entry.

**LAGRANT FOUNDATION GRADUATE & UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.** The LAGRANT Foundation (TLF) provides 15 scholarships annually to ethnically diverse minority undergraduate and graduate students who are attending accredited institutions and are pursuing careers in the fields of advertising, marketing or public relations. Scholarship winners will receive a trip where they will participate in career building activities. This includes a welcome dinner with a keynote speaker, a day-long career development workshop and a scholarship recognition reception and awards program. During these activities, students will have the opportunity to meet industry professionals, network and gain exposure to the advertising, marketing and public relations world. TLF accepts applications from undergraduate students (current freshmen, sophomores, juniors and non-graduating seniors ONLY) and graduate students. Undergraduate students can find additional information about our scholarship [here](#). Graduate students can find additional information about our scholarship [here](#). Now accepting applications for the 2014 scholarship! The deadline is February 28, 2014 11:59 p.m. PST.

## TAXES

**BASIC STAR - PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION.** 131,000 out of 564,000 BASIC STAR recipients in NYC have not yet renewed their property tax exemption and are at serious risk of losing an exemption worth about \$300 on their property tax bill! The deadline has already passed (it was Dec 31), but the State is still taking renewals – note this is a one-time only STATE requirement. It is unclear how long the STATE will continue to accept renewals, so homeowners should renew ASAP if they have not already. To renew, a homeowner must go to [this website](#) or call 518-457-2036. It is a very quick and easy renewal process (only a few minutes long). DO NOT fill out an application from the City's website – you MUST GO TO THE STATE to renew! Note this renewal does not apply to enhanced STAR (which is for lower income senior homeowners).

## TRANSPORTATION

**FASTRACK MAINTENANCE SERVICE SHUTDOWNS.** Feb 3-7: No A train service between Jay St-MetroTech and Broadway Junction; free shuttle buses and J and L trains provide alternate service. Feb 10-14: C train service ends early each night; free shuttle buses and J and L trains provide alternate service. Feb 24-28: No F train service at Broadway- Lafayette St, 2 Av, Delancey St, East Broadway, and York St. F trains are rerouted via the A train in both directions between W 4 St and Jay St-MetroTech. Free shuttle buses, D and J trains provide alternate service. [See the full 2014 schedule here.](#)

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