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## January Events Calendar from

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## Events Calendar

### January 2015

Dear Neighbors,

I wish you all a joyous and peaceful New Year. I look forward to another year of working with all of you to support and strengthen our wonderful West Side community and the City as a whole.

Here are a few highlights of events in the community next month:

### City Council Funding Applications for FY16

The application to apply for funding for FY16 will be available on my website next week. The submission deadline is Friday, February 20, 2015 -- one month earlier than previous years!

### Housing Clinic

This month our housing clinic focuses on **Harassment**. As always, we'll have at least one staff attorney from the Urban Justice Center for people seeking specific legal advice. Wednesday, December 3, 6pm-8pm at Goddard Riverside, 593 Columbus Avenue (between 88th and 89th).

### Challenging Behaviors Workshop for Parents

Resources for Children with Special Needs (RCSN) and I are hosting a workshop that will give parents practical tools to understand and address challenging behaviors at home. The workshop is free, but registration is required. Register [here](#). Tuesday, January 13, 1:30pm-3pm. Location: P.S. 811 Mickey Mantle School, 466 West End Avenue at 82nd Street. Subway: 1 to 86 Street. More info: 212-677-4650 x 22.

### Manhattan Community Boathouse fundraiser

The Manhattan Community Boathouse, which provides free kayaking on the Hudson River at 56th Street and 72nd Street, needs your help. Their dock at Pier 96 was stolen this fall, and they're trying to raise money to buy a new one. [Learn more](#).

## Kindergarten Admissions Information Session

January 12, 6pm - 7:30pm. The High School of Fashion Industries, 225 West 24th Street. For children born in 2010, the application period opens on January 7 and closes on February 13. Like last year, families can apply online by visiting [www.nyc.gov/schools/kindergarten](http://www.nyc.gov/schools/kindergarten), over-the-phone by calling (718) 935-2400 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday or in person at one of the [Family Welcome Centers](#). If families have any questions or concerns with filling the application, they should contact [ES\\_Enrollment@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ES_Enrollment@schools.nyc.gov).

If you have an event you'd like to add, just send it to [district6events@gmail.com](mailto:district6events@gmail.com) and my staff will add it to the Events Calendar page on my website.

Warmly,



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## Thursday, January 1 - Sunday, January 4

### Employment

#### **West Side Campaign Against Hunger Chef Training Program**

*Apply before January 5th*

We are currently accepting students for our 12-week class! First session starts Monday, January 5th. Bilingual classes Monday-Thursday 12pm-4pm. We are looking for dedicated, disciplined, and committed students who are eager to learn, build technical skills, and are willing to work in the field. For more information or to apply, please contact Gricek Okazaki at 212-362-3662 ext. 116 or email [gokazaki@wscah.org](mailto:gokazaki@wscah.org). You may also contact Chef Andrea Bergquist at 212-362-2662 ext. 125 or email [abergquist@wscah.org](mailto:abergquist@wscah.org).

### Parks

#### **Iconic Views of Central Park Tour**

*Sunday, Jan. 4*

See some of the Park's most iconic places and learn about their history, design, and magnificent restoration. Route involves a few stairs. Tour starts and ends at the Dairy Visitor Center, mid-Park at 65th Street. Tickets \$15 (Members \$10). Purchase tickets now: [Jan. 4](#).

### Policy

#### **Ring in the New Year with Calls for Reform**

*Sunday, January 4, 11:00am*

Free and open to the public. Leader Anne Klaeyesen. As we reflect upon 2014, it seems clear that ethics took quite a beating. From climate change deniers in positions of power who promote fossil fuels and hydro-fracking over solar and wind power to racist police practices that target, and too often kill, African-American men; from income and wealth inequality to a report confirming the CIA's wanton use of torture; in myriad ways we have witnessed behavior that calls out for reform. Leader Anne Klaeyesen examines today's moral landscape and suggests ethical policies that we can support. New York Society For Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th Street.

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## Monday, January 5 - Sunday, January 11

### Community

#### Three Kings Day Parade

*January 6*

106th & Park Avenue. For more than three decades El Museo del Barrio has celebrated and promoted the Three Kings Day tradition with an annual parade. This year's parade begins at 106th Street and Lexington Avenue and travels to Third Avenue to end at 115th Street and Park Avenue. The procession features camels, colorful puppets, floats, and thousands of students and community members as participants. For complete information, visit [elmuseo.org](http://elmuseo.org).

### Community Board

#### Community Board 4 Full Board Meeting

*Wednesday, January 7, 6:30 PM*

Fulton Center Auditorium, 119 Ninth Avenue

#### Community Board 7 Full Board Meeting

*Tuesday, January 6, 6:30 PM*

Congregation Rodeph Sholom, 7 West 83rd Street (Central Park West)

#### Community Board 7 Preservation Committee Meeting

*Thursday, January 8, 6:30 PM*

250 West 87th Street (West of Broadway)

### Education

#### Dr. Mark Bertin: "Executive Function Skills in Children"

*January 5, 6pm-7:30pm*

One of the newest findings in child development is the importance of executive function, a set of cognitive abilities that act as our "brain manager." Executive function is responsible for self-monitoring, planning, organizing and even emotional regulation. It is critical for social development, family relationships and academics. This workshop will include a discussion of how research on executive function can guide teachers and parents in making wise decisions with children of any age. Free, with a \$10 donation requested. The Church of St. Thomas More, 65 East 89th Street.

#### Become an Urban Fellow Today!

The Urban Fellows Program is a highly selective, nine-month fellowship which combines work in Mayoral offices and City agencies with an intensive seminar series that explores current urban issues impacting public policy. Program participants are diverse and come from all over the country to work in New York City. Application deadline is January 9, 2015. For more information, visit: <http://on.nyc.gov/1pgsepY>

### Environment

#### Riverside Park Mulchfest 2015

*Saturday, January 10th, 10am - 2pm*

Help us turn NYC's Christmas Trees into nourishment for the city's trees and plants! Volunteers are needed to help remove ornaments and lights from trees, load them into the chipper, and bag the resulting wood chips. These wood chips are used to nourish trees and plants on streets and gardens citywide. If you like, you can take home your

very own bag of mulch to use in your backyard or to make a winter bed for a street tree. More than 30,000 trees were recycled last year. Help us top this number! [Sign Up to Chip In!](#) We'll send full details & directions a week before.

## Parks

### **Northern Forts Tour**

*Thursday, Jan. 8*

History buffs will love this tour of key sites in the American Revolution and the War of 1812. Learn about the rich pre-Park history of the Harlem Meer and its surrounding landscapes. Route involves many hills and stairs. Tickets \$15 (Members \$10). Purchase tickets now: [Jan. 8](#).

### **Iconic Views of Central Park Tour**

*Friday, Jan. 9*

See some of the Park's most iconic places and learn about their history, design, and magnificent restoration. Route involves a few stairs. Tour starts and ends at the Dairy Visitor Center, mid-Park at 65th Street. Tickets \$15 (Members \$10). Purchase tickets now: [Jan. 9](#).

## Policy

### **Intro Appreciative Inquiry**

*January 8, 6:30pm*

8-session course on second and fourth Monday afternoons and Thursday evenings, starting on January 8 and 12. Appreciative Inquiry is the cooperative search for the best in people, their organizations, and the world around them. Free for Members; \$160 requested donation from non-members. New York Society for Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th Street off CPW. Access from the Columbus Circle Subway Lines : ABCD1

### **Ethics and the Theater**

*January 9, 7:00pm*

Third by Wendy Wasserstein - Play Reading and Discussion. \$10 Suggested Donation includes beverages and snack at 6:30PM reception. New York Society for Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th Street off CPW. Access from the Columbus Circle Subway Lines : ABCD1

### **Torture is Bad For America**

*Sunday, January 11, 11:00am*

Free and open to the public. Dr. Joseph Chuman, Leader. It feels too gruesome to talk about, but perhaps that is why we should. Though the basic outlines of the abuse of detainees throughout the early stages of "The War and Terrorism" have long been known, the exhaustive and recently published report of the Senate Intelligence Committee elaborates patterns of brutalization far more extensive and violative than assumed. Moreover, the CIA's withholding of the torture program from superiors has transformed this sorrow episode of American history into a rogue operation. It does not speak well for our democracy. Torture is the most horrid abuse of human dignity imaginable, the central value on which Ethical Culture is based. In my address I will look at the historical picture, why there is no excuse ever to torture a human being, and how torture is not only immoral and futile as a means of gathering intelligence, but how it renders us less safe from those who plot to do us harm. New York Society For Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th Street.

## Special Needs

### **Help me fit in! Social Skills for Teenagers with Autism Spectrum Disorder**

*Wednesday, January 7, 10am - 12pm*

Sinergia Inc, 2082 Lexington Ave. 4th Floor. Presenter: Sheri Klugmann, Ramapo for Children. This workshop will explore the social world of teens, examining the "hidden" rules of socialization and the challenges of dealing with relationships, appropriate

behavior, peer pressure and safety. It will present ways in which parents can help teens establish appropriate topics of conversation, initiate and maintain friendship, and make safe and sensible choices as they navigate their way through adolescence.

\*Simultaneous English/Spanish translation available \*Light refreshments will be served

\*The event is only for adults, we do not offer child care service. [Sign up](#).

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## Monday, January 12 - Sunday, January 18

### Arts

#### **New York, New York Series: American Musicals**

*Tuesday, January 13th, 7:00pm*

The second concert in the “New York, New York” series celebrates songs from some of the great American Musicals. Composers such as George Gershwin and Victor Herbert will be heard, as well as John Kander’s iconic song “New York, New York.” This concert is free and open to the public. Bloomingdale School of Music, 323 West 108th Street. 212-663-6021. [bsmny.org](http://bsmny.org)

#### **Music Access Project Recital**

*Thursday, January 15th, 7:30pm*

A recital by the students of Bloomingdale's Music Access Project. This concert is free and open to the public. Bloomingdale School of Music, 323 West 108th Street. 212-663-6021. [bsmny.org](http://bsmny.org)

#### **The Curious Case of the Sonata: Instrumental Inventions of Italy in the 17th Century**

*Friday, January 16th, 7:00pm*

The musical developments of the early 1600s: new musical forms and a striking new relationship between composer and performer. Presented on period instruments by the Dorian Baroque Ensemble, including BSM faculty cellist Margalit Cantor. This concert is free and open to the public. Bloomingdale School of Music, 323 West 108th Street. 212-663-6021. [bsmny.org](http://bsmny.org)

#### **Movement: A Celebration Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

*Thursday, January 15 at 7pm*

WNYC will kick off the MLK weekend early with “Movement: A Celebration Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,” an evening of music, poetry and dance at The Jerome L. Greene Performance Space, the station’s intimate event venue. WNYC’s John Schaefer and Wes Jackson, founder of the Brooklyn Hip Hop Festival, will host this event exploring how social and civil rights movements can be expressed, pursued and propelled through the arts, and will take a closer look at the role movement plays in activism through a range of artists and performers whose work has been influenced and inspired by the legacy of Dr. King. Guests include singer Maya Azucena, poet and actress Liza Jesse Peterson, dancers from the Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company; young orators Anjali and Ariya Blow; jazz, folk and soul musician, Morley; cello and voice duo Bethany & Rufus with Peter, Paul and Mary’s Peter Yarrow; a cappella ensemble Khorikos, and all-women Afro-Brazilian percussion band Batala NYC. The evening will conclude with a set by DJ Natasha celebrating music and freedom. Tickets for “Movement” are available at [www.thegreenespace.org](http://www.thegreenespace.org).

### Community

#### **Neighborhood Grants Application Information Sessions**

*Monday, January 12. Webinar | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM*

Join us for a [grant information session](#) to learn more about the grants and have your

questions answered. For more information and to RSVP, contact Tehmina at [tbrohi@citizensnyc.org](mailto:tbrohi@citizensnyc.org) or 212-822-9563.

## Community Board

### Community Board 7 Housing Committee Meeting

*Monday, January 12, 6:30 PM*  
250 West 87th Street (West of Broadway)

### Community Board 7 Transportation Committee Meeting

*Tuesday, January 13, 7:00 PM*  
250 West 87th Street (West of Broadway)

### Community Board 7 Business & Consumer Issues Committee Meeting

*Wednesday, January 14, 7:00 PM*  
250 West 87th Street (West of Broadway)

### Community Board 7 Youth, Education and Libraries Committee Meeting

*Thursday, January 15, 6:30 PM*  
250 West 87th Street (West of Broadway)

## Environment

### Smart Grid and Energy Storage

*Wednesday, January 14, 2015, 7 p.m.*  
Seafarers & International House, 123 East 15th Street. For information: NYC Sierra Club; <http://nyc.sierraclub.org/sustainability-series>.

## Policy

### Ethics and War

*January 13, 7:00pm*  
Six sessions, second Tuesdays. This course will investigate several of the complex ethical issues that arise in situations of war. Members: \$25; Guests: \$50. New York Society for Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th Street off CPW. Access from the Columbus Circle Subway Lines : ABCD1

### Ethics in Film

*January 16, 7:00pm*  
Dead Man Walking (1995). \$5 suggested donation includes snacks and beverages. Doors open at 6:30PM. New York Society for Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th Street off CPW. Access from the Columbus Circle Subway Lines : ABCD1

### “Hear Our Voices, Count Our Votes: MLK’s March Continues.” WNYC and the Apollo Theater Co-Present WNYC’s Ninth Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration

*Sunday, January 18, 3-5pm*  
Free and Open to the Public. Co-Hosted by WNYC’s BRIAN LEHRER and MSNBC’s Melissa Harris-Perry. With Congressman Charles Rangel, Majora Carter, Darryl Pinckney, among others. On Sunday, January 18th at 3pm, WNYC’s Peabody Award-winning host Brian Lehrer and MSNBC’s Melissa Harris-Perry will convene a discussion that looks at how—50 years after the passage of the historic Voting Rights Act—communities across America continue to grapple with voter disenfranchisement, suppression, strained police-community relations, discrimination and other challenges to full equality. Lehrer will kick off the afternoon with a one-on-one conversation with Congressman Charles Rangel. “Hear Our Voices, Count Our Votes” is free and open to the public, but RSVPs are mandatory at: [www.wnyc.org/community](http://www.wnyc.org/community) or [www.apollotheater.org](http://www.apollotheater.org).

## Kids

### **“Make Me Kawaii” with Kei Meguro**

*Saturday, January 17, 2015 | 11:00am & 12:00pm | 5 & Older Sign up*

Learn how we designed the brand new Hello from Japan! exhibit and make yourself into a kawaii (meaning cute) cartoon character with graphic designer and illustrator Kei Meguro. Children’s Museum of Manhattan (CMOM), 212 West 83rd Street, 212-721-1223, [cmom.org](http://cmom.org).

### **Draw Like a Manga Artist with Misako Rocks!**

*Saturday, January 17, 2015 | 2:00 & 3:30pm | 5 & Older Sign up*

Misako Rocks! takes you step by step as you learn how to draw your own comic book character in the popular Japanese manga style. Children’s Museum of Manhattan (CMOM), 212 West 83rd Street, 212-721-1223, [cmom.org](http://cmom.org).

### **Too Cute Fashion! So Kawaii!**

*Sunday, January 18, 2015 | 10:00am-12:00pm | All ages | Drop-in*

Design your own sunglasses or armband and learn about the colorful aesthetics of kawaii (meaning cute), the popular, child-inspired fashion. Children’s Museum of Manhattan (CMOM), 212 West 83rd Street, 212-721-1223, [cmom.org](http://cmom.org).

### **The James Beard Foundation Presents Hideyo Yamada**

*Sunday, January 18, 2015 | 2:00 & 3:30pm | 5 & Older Sign up*

Meet Japanese expert chef Hideyo Yamada and explore healthy Japanese recipes. Tastings provided! Children’s Museum of Manhattan (CMOM), 212 West 83rd Street, 212-721-1223, [cmom.org](http://cmom.org).

### **CMOM Kamishibai**

*Saturday, January 17, 2015 | 12:30-1:00pm | All ages | Drop-in*

*Sunday, January 18, 2015 | 12:30-1:00pm | All ages | Drop-in*

Kamishibai is a traditional form of Japanese storytelling. Join CMOM educators for an interactive telling of traditional and modern kawaii-inspired stories. Children’s Museum of Manhattan (CMOM), 212 West 83rd Street, 212-721-1223, [cmom.org](http://cmom.org).

### **Children's Workshops at the NYC Ballet**

*Saturday, January 24 at 12:45 PM*

Appropriate for children ages 5 - 8. Join the artists of New York City Ballet in this 45-minute pre-performance exploration of the music, movement, and themes of a ballet featured in the matinee performance. NYCB Teaching Artists guide children in a ballet warm-up and movement combination, concluding in a lively performance for accompanying family and friends. No prior dance training needed. All Children’s Workshops take place before family-friendly matinee performances. Performance tickets must be purchased separately. Attire: clothing that is comfortable to move in. Ballet shoes are optional. Tickets: \$12 per person. Please note: both children and adults will need a ticket in order to attend. Location: John and Barbara Vogelstein Studio, David H. Koch Theater. Enter via Underground Concourse.

## Parents

### **Kindergarten Admissions Information Session**

*January 12, 6pm - 7:30pm*

The High School of Fashion Industries, 225 West 24th Street. For children born in 2010, the application period opens on January 7 and closes on February 13. Placement offers will be distributed in early April and pre-registration at schools starts in April. Like last year, families can apply online by visiting [www.nyc.gov/schools/kindergarten](http://www.nyc.gov/schools/kindergarten), over-the-phone by calling (718)935-2400 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday or in person at one of the [Family Welcome Centers](#). This year the kindergarten application is translated into nine languages on-line, and the Family Welcome Centers will have translated paper copies of the applications as well. For more information, visit the [Kindergarten Admissions website](#). If families

have any questions or concerns with filling the application, they should contact [ES\\_Enrollment@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ES_Enrollment@schools.nyc.gov).

### **Challenging Behaviors Workshop**

*Tuesday, January 13, 1:30pm-3pm*

This workshop will give parents practical tools to understand and address challenging behaviors at home. When it comes to your child, the expert is you. Hosted by Resources for Children with Special Needs (RCSN) and Council Member Helen Rosenthal. Workshop is free, but registration is required! Register [here](#). Location: P.S. 811 Mickey Mantle School, 466 West End Avenue at 82nd Street. Subway: 1 to 86 Street. More info: 212-677-4650 x 22.

## **Policy**

### **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Remembrance Day**

*Sunday, January 18, 11:00am*

Free and open to the public. Dr. Anne Klaeyesen Presides. At this year's annual celebration of Dr. King's life and legacy, Leader Anne Klaeyesen will interview a young African-American woman who is following in his footsteps and forging a career in human rights activism. Kira Shepherd is Director of Campaigns and Organizing at The Black Institute (TBI) whose mission is to shape intellectual discourse and dialogue and impact public policy uniquely from a Black perspective (a perspective which includes all people of color in the United States and throughout the Diaspora). Before joining TBI founder Bertha Lewis, Kira wore many hats in the fight for social and economic justice, serving as a grassroots organizer, communications specialist, civic advocacy curriculum writer, legal advocate and coalition partner. New York Society For Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th Street.

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## **Monday, January 19 - Sunday, January 25**

### **Arts**

#### **Dancer Chats at NYC Ballet**

*Friday, January 23 at 6:45 PM*

Appropriate for all ages. Join us on select Friday evenings for 45-minute informal pre-performance chats with NYCB dancers. This is your chance to ask questions about a dancer's daily routine and performance rituals one-on-one. Speakers are subject to change. Please note: Reservations must be made prior to 4 PM on the date of the event. Tickets: Free Event. To make a reservation, click on a date listed below, call 212-496-0600, or visit the David H. Koch Theater Box Office. Location: New York City Ballet Rehearsal Studios, Samuel B & David Rose Building, 7th Floor (165 West 65th Street between Broadway and Amsterdam)

#### **Bloomingdale School of Music Ensembles Concert**

*Friday, January 23rd, 7:30pm*

Performances by the BSM Preparatory Orchestra, Intermediate Orchestra and the Bloomingdale Chamber Orchestra. This concert is free and open to the public. Location: Christ and St. Stephen's Church, 120 West 69th Street.

#### **Guitar Festival**

*Saturday, January 24th, Time TBA*

Performances by BSM guitar faculty and students. Contact BSM for more information. This event is free and open to the public. Bloomingdale School of Music, 323 West 108th Street. 212-663-6021. [bsmny.org](http://bsmny.org)

#### **Instrument Discovery Day**



*Sunday, January 25th, 11am-1pm*

Bloomington's popular open house offers students of all ages the chance to try out instruments and meet our dedicated and talented faculty. This event is free and open to the public. Bloomington School of Music, 323 West 108th Street. 212-663-6021. [bsmny.org](http://bsmny.org)

### **The Blank Slate Writing Workshop: Even Doctors Can Learn to Write**

*January 24, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM*

The New York Academy of Medicine, 1216 Fifth Avenue at 103rd Street. This full day workshop will teach short essay and op-ed writing. Participants will work on a 500-800 word essay in the course of the day, aided by continuous individual and group feedback. [RSVP](#).

### **Bibliography Week Lecture: The History of Material Forgery**

*January 24, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM*

The New York Academy of Medicine, 1216 Fifth Avenue at 103rd Street. Recent forgeries of early modern books using photopolymer plates have attained a high level of sophistication. This talk will look at the longer technological, intellectual, and material aspect of book forgery, looking especially at efforts to create convincing artifacts, rather than merely forge texts. [RSVP](#).

## **Community**

### **Basics of Community Organizing Workshop**

*Saturday, January 24, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM*

Bring your neighbors together to work on issues that matter to you. Space is limited, [register online](#) or contact Tehmina at [tbrohi@citizensnyc.org](mailto:tbrohi@citizensnyc.org) or 212-822-9563. Hosted by the Citizens Committee for New York City.

### **2015 Neighborhood Grants**

It's grant application season! Neighborhood Grant Applications are due January 26, 2015. Through our [Neighborhood Grants](#), Citizens Committee awards micro-grants of up to \$3,000 to resident-led groups to work on community and school improvement projects throughout the city. We prioritize groups based in low income neighborhoods and Title I public schools. We support projects that address issues that communities identify as important to them - anything from community gardens to tenant organizing. Questions? Contact us at [grants@citizensnyc.org](mailto:grants@citizensnyc.org) or 212-822-9563. Our online application is now available: [click here to access it](#).

## **Community Board**

### **Community Board 7 Land Use Committee Meeting**

*Wednesday, January 21, 7:00 PM*

250 West 87th Street (West of Broadway)

## **Environment**

### **E-Waste Recycling Event: Upper West Side**

*Sunday, January 25, 2015 @ 10am - 4pm*

West Side YMCA, W 63rd St b/w Central Park West & Broadway. Bring your unwanted and broken electronics to our e-waste collection event! For our FAQs including a list of accepted electronics, please click [here](#). For more information about our e-waste program, click [here](#). This collection event runs from 10 am - 4 pm, rain or shine. Hosted by the Lower East Side Ecology Center.

## **Kids**

### **Martin's Mosaic**

*Monday January 19th, 2015 | 10:45am – 11:30pm & 12:00pm – 1:45pm | 4 & Younger | Drop-in*

Honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by creating a mosaic of his portrait. Children's Museum of Manhattan (CMOM), 212 West 83rd Street, 212-721-1223, [cmom.org](http://cmom.org).

### **Historic Heroines: Coretta Scott King**

*Monday January 19th, 2015 | 10:30am & 12:00pm | 5 & Older Sign up*

Create a children's book in honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his wife Coretta Scott King. Learn about The Coretta Scott King Book Award, given out to outstanding African-American writers and illustrators of children's literature. Children's Museum of Manhattan (CMOM), 212 West 83rd Street, 212-721-1223, [cmom.org](http://cmom.org).

### **Community Tile Design with Mugi pottery studio**

*Monday January 19th, 2015 | 2:00 & 3:30pm | 5 & Older Sign up*

Celebrate MLK day with a day of service! Help CMOM and local Upper West Side neighbor, Mugi Pottery studio, design fun and educational ceramic tiles to decorate CMOM's outreach partner locations. Children's Museum of Manhattan (CMOM), 212 West 83rd Street, 212-721-1223, [cmom.org](http://cmom.org).

### **Hello from Japan! Daily Programs**

*Tuesday-Friday January 20-23rd, 2:00-2:30pm | All ages | Drop-in*

CMOM Kamishibai. Kamishibai is a traditional form of Japanese storytelling. Join CMOM educators for an interactive telling of traditional and modern kawaii-inspired stories. Children's Museum of Manhattan (CMOM), 212 West 83rd Street, 212-721-1223, [cmom.org](http://cmom.org).

### **3D Mascot Maker**

*Tuesday, January 20, 2015 | 3:00-4:45pm | All ages | Drop-in*

*Wednesday, January 21, 2015 | 3:00-4:45pm | All ages | Drop-in*

*Thursday, January 22, 2015 | 3:00-4:45pm | All ages | Drop-in*

*Friday, January 23, 2015 | 3:00-4:45pm | All ages | Drop-in*

In Japan, the cuter-than-cute phenomenon of kawaii has influenced corporations and local governments to create their own adorable mascots. Create a 3D mascot of your own to represent your family, school or sports team! Children's Museum of Manhattan (CMOM), 212 West 83rd Street, 212-721-1223, [cmom.org](http://cmom.org).

### **Anime Fans Make Japanese Fans with Manga Artist Sakura Maku**

*Saturday, January 24, 2015 | 2:00 & 3:30pm | 5 & Older Sign up*

Design traditional Japanese fans using your favorite anime characters with comic book artist and School of Visual Arts professor Sakura Maku. Children's Museum of Manhattan (CMOM), 212 West 83rd Street, 212-721-1223, [cmom.org](http://cmom.org).

### **Imaginary Friends with Illustrator Aya Kakeda**

*Sunday, January 25, 2015 | 2:00 & 3:30pm | 5 & Older Sign up*

Create your own kawaii (meaning cute) friend and learn about character design with the Society of Illustrators's award-winning artist Aya Kakeda. Children's Museum of Manhattan (CMOM), 212 West 83rd Street, 212-721-1223, [cmom.org](http://cmom.org).

### **Kawaii Vinyl: Designer Toys**

*Saturday, January 24, 2015 | 10:00am-12:45pm | All ages | Drop-in*

*Sunday, January 25, 2015 | 10:00am-12:45pm | All ages | Drop-in*

Create your own custom designer toy inspired by kawaii (meaning cute) characters from manga and anime. Children's Museum of Manhattan (CMOM), 212 West 83rd Street, 212-721-1223, [cmom.org](http://cmom.org).

## **Parents**

### **Problem with picky eaters?**

*Thursday, January 22, 2015, 6–7PM*

Help your child broaden their tastes and enjoy a healthy diet. Dr. Charles Platkin, Professor, Hunter College; nutrition and public health advocate

## Policy

### **Theater of the Oppressed**

*January 20, 7:00PM*

NYC Fare Thee Unwell. Love, The Health Careless System. Donations accepted. New York Society for Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th Street off CPW. Access from the Columbus Circle Subway Lines : ABCD1

### **How the Right Is Wrong About Science**

*Sunday, January 25, 11:00am*

Free and open to the public. Leader Curt Collier. With the rise of conservatism in America we have been witnessing an increasing anti-science bias. The new Republican majority in the House and Senate will result in vehemently anti-science representatives being appointed to key positions, roles that will shape the future of America for years to come. How bad is it going to get and what can we do to stop them? New York Society For Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th Street.

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## Monday, January 26 - Sunday, February 1

### Arts

#### **The Afro Latin Jazz Alliance Presents An Evening with Lionel Loueke**

*Fri, Jan 30, 2015, 8:00pm*

*Sat, Jan 31, 2015, 8:00pm*

A pre-performance moderated discussion will take place at Symphony Space on Friday, Jan. 30, 2015. The moderator will be noted composer, musician, producer and musicologist Ned Sublette. Peter Jay Sharp Theatre at Symphony Space. \$40/\$30/\$20; Members, Seniors, Students, Children \$20/\$15/\$10; Day of Show \$45/\$35/\$25. [Get tickets](#).

#### **Dancer Chats at NYC Ballet**

*Friday, January 30 at 6:45 PM*

Appropriate for all ages. Join us on select Friday evenings for 45-minute informal pre-performance chats with NYCB dancers. This is your chance to ask questions about a dancer's daily routine and performance rituals one-on-one. Speakers are subject to change. Please note: Reservations must be made prior to 4 PM on the date of the event. Tickets: Free Event. To make a reservation, click on a date listed below, call 212-496-0600, or visit the David H. Koch Theater Box Office. Location: New York City Ballet Rehearsal Studios, Samuel B & David Rose Building, 7th Floor (165 West 65th Street between Broadway and Amsterdam)

#### **Music Access Project Recital**

*Friday, January 30th, 7:00pm*

A recital by the students of Bloomingdale's Music Access Project. This concert is free and open to the public. Bloomingdale School of Music, 323 West 108th Street. 212-663-6021. [bsmny.org](http://bsmny.org)

## Community Board

### **Community Board 7 Parks and Environment Committee Meeting**

*Monday, January 26, 7:00 PM*

250 West 87th Street (West of Broadway)

### **Community Board 7 Inclusive Playground Task Force Meeting**

*Tuesday, January 27, 6:00 PM*

250 West 87th Street (West of Broadway)

### **Community Board 7 Health & Human Services Committee Meeting**

*Tuesday, January 27, 7:00 PM*

250 West 87th Street (West of Broadway)

### **Community Board 7 Steering Committee Meeting**

*Wednesday, January 28, 6:30 PM*

250 West 87th Street (West of Broadway)

## **Kids**

Hello from Japan! Daily Programs

*Tuesday-Friday January 27-30th, 2:00-2:30pm | All ages | Drop-in*

CMOM Kamishibai. Kamishibai is a traditional form of Japanese storytelling. Join CMOM educators for an interactive telling of traditional and modern kawaii-inspired stories. Children's Museum of Manhattan (CMOM), 212 West 83rd Street, 212-721-1223, [cmom.org](http://cmom.org).

### **3D Mascot Maker**

*Tuesday, January 27, 2015 | 3:00-4:45pm | All ages | Drop-in*

*Wednesday, January 28, 2015 | 3:00-4:45pm | All ages | Drop-in*

*Thursday, January 29, 2015 | 3:00-4:45pm | All ages | Drop-in*

*Friday, January 30, 2015 | 3:00-4:45pm | All ages | Drop-in*

In Japan, the cuter-than-cute phenomenon of kawaii has influenced corporations and local governments to create their own adorable mascots. Create a 3D mascot of your own to represent your family, school or sports team! Children's Museum of Manhattan (CMOM), 212 West 83rd Street, 212-721-1223, [cmom.org](http://cmom.org).

### **Bunraku Puppets**

*Saturday, January 31, 2015 | 10-12:45pm | All ages | Drop-in*

*Sunday, February 1, 2015 | 10-12:45pm | All ages | Drop-in*

Design your own mechanical puppet and work together with other visitors to create a story –just like traditional bunraku puppet performers! Children's Museum of Manhattan (CMOM), 212 West 83rd Street, 212-721-1223, [cmom.org](http://cmom.org).

### **Kamishibai for Kids**

*Saturday, January 31, 2015 | 2:00 & 3:30pm | 5 & Older Sign up*

Storyteller Dr. Tara McGowan will take you through an exciting tale, and help you create your own story. Watch as the story unfolds before your eyes in this traditional form of Japanese storytelling. Children's Museum of Manhattan (CMOM), 212 West 83rd Street, 212-721-1223, [cmom.org](http://cmom.org).

### **Japanese Woodblock Printing with Jennifer Mack**

*Sunday, February 1, 2015 | 2:00 & 3:30pm | 5 & Older Sign up*

Create your own print and learn about Japanese woodblock printing with master printer Jennifer Mack. Jennifer was recently featured at the International Mokuhanga Conference in Tokyo. Children's Museum of Manhattan (CMOM), 212 West 83rd Street, 212-721-1223, [cmom.org](http://cmom.org).

### **In Motion Workshop at the NYC Ballet**

*Saturday, January 31 at 12:45 PM*

Appropriate for children ages 9 -12. Join the artists of New York City Ballet in this 45-minute, pre-performance exploration of the music, movement, and themes of a ballet featured in the matinee performance. Each workshop includes a ballet warm-up, a movement combination with choreography inspired by the featured ballet and a brief

interview with a NYCB dancer. No prior dance training needed. All In Motion Workshops take place before family-friendly matinee performances. Performance tickets must be purchased separately. Attire: clothing that is comfortable to move in. Ballet shoes are optional. Tickets: \$12 per person. To purchase, click [here](#). Please note: both children and adults will need a ticket in order to attend. Location: New York City Ballet Rehearsal Studios, Samuel B & David Rose Building, 7th Floor, 165 West 65th Street between Broadway and Amsterdam

### **Children's Workshops at the NYC Ballet**

*Saturday, January 31 at 12:45 PM*

Appropriate for children ages 5 - 8. Join the artists of New York City Ballet in this 45-minute pre-performance exploration of the music, movement, and themes of a ballet featured in the matinee performance. NYCB Teaching Artists guide children in a ballet warm-up and movement combination, concluding in a lively performance for accompanying family and friends. No prior dance training needed. All Children's Workshops take place before family-friendly matinee performances. Performance tickets must be purchased separately. Attire: clothing that is comfortable to move in. Ballet shoes are optional. Tickets: \$12 per person. Please note: both children and adults will need a ticket in order to attend. Location: New York City Ballet Rehearsal Studios. Samuel B & David Rose Building, 7th Floor, 165 West 65th Street between Broadway and Amsterdam

## **Parks**

### **Partnerships for Parks Capacity Grant**

Groups working on park land are eligible to apply for funding to support their programs and activities. New York City Parks-focused community groups who have a long-term commitment to their neighborhood parks and/or street trees, volunteer-run groups with small budgets, and groups with a strong history of collaborative work with Partnerships for Parks, Parks Department, and/or City Parks Foundation will receive preference. February 1. [Learn more](#).

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## **Ongoing Events**

### **Arts**

#### **Public Access Design: open call for projects on policing and legal justice reform**

Applications are due February 6th, 2015 by 8 pm.

Like many of our fellow New Yorkers, and Americans, we at CUP struggled with the news of the Michael Brown and Eric Garner grand jury decisions. We have decided to dedicate the next round of our Public Access Design program to issues addressing reform of policing and/or the legal system. All of our Public Access Design projects are collaborations in which CUP, a designer, and a grassroots community organization or advocacy group work together to create an accessible visual explanation of a complex policy issue, so that more people can understand how that system works, and more people can engage in decision-making around it. You can find out more about the program and how to apply [here](#). See examples of past projects and apply online [here](#).

### **Grant Opportunity**

#### **New York Council for the Humanities**

Have a public program idea you want to strengthen? Looking to start or expand a collaboration with other groups in your community? [Apply for a \\$1,500 Planning Grant](#). These quick grants support the preparation of humanities-based public programs, such as working with advisors, developing community-wide initiatives, and creating

interpretive plans. Eligible groups must either be nonprofits or working with a NYS based fiscal sponsor. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year.

## High School Summer Program

### Girls Who Code - 2015 Summer Immersion Program

Girls Who Code, a national non-profit organization working to close the gender gap in technology, is now recruiting for the [2015 Summer Immersion Program](#). The organization encourages high school girls currently in 10th and 11th grade to apply, regardless of prior experience or exposure to computer science. All they look for is a passion for technology and a desire to learn! Girls Who Code is hosting Information Sessions around the New York area - [check them out](#).

## Volunteer

### Riverside Park Snow Corps

Help us keep the Park safe this winter. Riverside Park has over 60 entrances and staircases that need clearing after snow falls. Whether it's one time or on a regular basis - our staff needs your help! Joining Snow Corps is easy and convenient. We will match you with the entrance and/or staircase closest to you. When a storm is coming, we'll leave everything you need (shovel, salt, hot chocolate) at a designated drop-site so you can shovel at your convenience. [Join Our Corps!](#) Please include your location and your availability.

### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

Begin the new year by taking part in this nationally recognized Day of Service on Monday January 19th, 2015. Plan ahead and find service opportunities on [nyc.gov/service](http://nyc.gov/service).

### Apply for NYC Civic Corps

The NYC Civic Corps program is now accepting applications on a rolling basis until January 15th, 2015. Newly accepted corps members will serve a five-month term beginning February 2015. Apply online [here](#).

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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 7, 2015:** Harrassment
- **February 4, 2015:** City-Wide Housing Related Campaigns
- **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](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**

[Lincoln Center](#) | [Symphony Space](#)

### **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](#)  
[New York Historical Society](#)

## Parks

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