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## December Events Calendar from

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Photo: Crab Apple Grove in Riverside Park

## Events Calendar

### December 2015

Happy holidays! Here is a listing of activities in the community that you may enjoy attending.

Join me and the Broadway Mall Association as we **light up the mall!** There will be live music, snacks, and good cheer. The event is on Tuesday, December 1 at 6:30pm at Verdi Square (Broadway at 73rd Street). [Learn more.](#)

This month's **free housing clinic** is on Housing Part (HP) Actions, Repairs, Bedbugs & Cockroaches on Wednesday, December 2, from 6pm-8pm. You can also meet with a lawyer for a free consultation. Spread the word to your neighbors! [See the flyer for the full season.](#)

In addition, the Medicare Rights Center and I are holding a **Medicare Enrollment Awareness Event** on Wednesday, December 2, from 4pm-5pm at B'nai Jeshurun Synagogue (257 W 88th St, between Broadway and West End Avenue). Join us to learn about changes to Medicare taking place in 2016, and get connected to programs that help pay the costs associated with Medicare. [See the flyer.](#)

Get a **free smoke / carbon monoxide alarm** from my office at 87th & Columbus on Thursday, December 3 from 10am-12pm! The event is sponsored by my office and the FDNY. [See the flyer.](#)

My office is hosting a **hats, gloves, and scarves drive** this month from December 1st - 16th. Clean out your closet, and help your neighbors stay warm! Drop off is at my district office at 563 Columbus Avenue at 87th Street, Monday - Thursday (10am-6pm) and Friday (10am-4pm), and donations will go to the West Side Campaign Against Hunger. [See the flyer.](#)

See you in the community!

Helen.

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## Tuesday, December 1 - Sunday, December 6

### Light Up the Nights

*Tuesday, December 1, 6:30pm*

Location: Verdi Square, Broadway at 73rd Street

FREE. Join us as we count down and light up the malls! Performances by The Beit Rabban Hebrew Children's Choir and the Reaching for the Arts Choir. Hot beverages and snacks by Fairway Market and Gigi Café. Meet your neighbors. Brought to you by the Broadway Mall Association with Honorary Chair Council Member Helen Rosenthal. [Learn more.](#)

### Community Board 7 Full Board Meeting

*Tuesday, December 1, 6:30 PM*

Location: The School at Columbia, 566 West 110th Street (Broadway).

### Le Conversazioni: An Evening with Adam Gopnik

*Tuesday, December 1, 6:30pm*

Location: New-York Historical Society, 170 Central Park West at Richard Gilder Way (77th St.)

Broadway star Melissa Errico will perform songs from the new musical *Table*, written by Adam Gopnik with music by David Shire. Renowned for his beautiful and thought-provoking work as an author and journalist, Gopnik reflects upon the major influences of his accomplished career in an intimate conversation with award-winning director and novelist Antonio Monda. Cost: \$34 (members \$20). [Buy tickets.](#)

### Community Board 4 Full Board Meeting

*Wednesday, December 2, 6:30 PM*

Fulton Center Auditorium, 119 Ninth Avenue (between 17th and 18th Streets)

### Medicare Enrollment Awareness Event

*Wednesday, December 2, 4pm-5pm*

Location: B'nai Jeshurun Synagogue (257 W 88th St, between Broadway and West End Avenue)

Join us to learn about changes to Medicare taking place in 2016, and get connected to programs that help pay the costs associated with Medicare. Hosted by the Medicare Rights Center and Council Member Helen Rosenthal. [See the flyer.](#)

### Selected Shorts: An Evening with Joy Williams and Don DeLillo

*Wed, Dec 2 at 7:30pm*

Joy Williams, winner of the Rea Award for the Short Story, and author of the new collection, *The Visiting Privilege*, and Don DeLillo (*White Noise*, *Underworld*), team up to present a selection of their fiction. The stories will be performed by Joanna Gleason,

James Naughton, and others. Hosted by James Naughton. For tickets and more information, visit [symphonyspace.org](http://symphonyspace.org)

### **Free Smoke / Carbon Monoxide Alarms**

*Thursday, December 3, 10am-12pm*

Location: Office of Council Member Helen Rosenthal, 563 Columbus Avenue at 87th Street

Pick up a free smoke / carbon monoxide alarm and keep your family safe. Sponsored by the Office of Council Member Helen Rosenthal and the FDNY. [See the flyer.](#)

### **Holiday Arts and Crafts Exhibition & Sale**

*Thursday, December 3 @ 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm*

Location: National Council of Jewish Women – New York Section, 241 West 72nd St.

Enjoy wine and cheese while you peruse artwork created in the Council Lifetime

Learning program at National Council of Jewish Women, New York Section – including painting, stained glass, collage, weaving, and more. Items will be available for purchase. Proceeds support local artists and NCJW NY. Come find the perfect holiday gift! [Learn more.](#)

### **19th Annual Dana Holiday Lighting in Central Park**

*December 3, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM*

Location: [Charles A. Dana Discovery Center, inside the Park at 110th Street between Fifth and Lenox Avenues](#)

FREE and family friendly! Celebrate the season at our 19th Annual Holiday Lighting in Central Park. Meet Santa and friends, watch a live ice carving demonstration, sing carols on the Plaza, and warm up with hot cocoa and cookies. The event concludes with lighting a flotilla of trees on the Harlem Meer. Strollers are not allowed on the Plaza, but stroller parking will be provided. This event, organized by the [Women's Committee of the Central Park Conservancy](#), is made possible by our founding sponsor, ConEdison. Event is rain, snow, or shine. For more information, please call 212.310.6675.

### **Free Music Fridays Volume 2 CD Release Party**

*Friday, December 4, 5–8 pm*

Location: American Folk Art Museum, 2 Lincoln Square, Columbus Ave between 65th and 66th Streets

FREE. Celebrate the release of the second compilation CD from the popular [Free Music Fridays](#) series. The 16-track CD features songs from independent artists who have performed at Free Music Fridays, and the compilation will be available exclusively at the museum. There will be live performances by Matthew Brookshire, Kate Vargas, E.W. Harris, Sweet Soubrette, Richard McGraw, Pete Lanctot, Abby Ahmad, Mark Rogers and Mary Byrne, Tuelo and her Cousins, plus special guests. This festive evening is free and open to the public. No RSVP is necessary, but seating is limited. Hosted by Lara Ewen.

### **Chorus Concert: Soli Deo Gloria: Mass In B Minor By Johann Sebastian Bach**

*Saturday, December 5, 7pm*

Location: St. Ignatius of Antioch, 552 West End Avenue @ West 87th Street

We open our 35th season with "Soli Deo Gloria," a performance of the monumental Mass in B minor by Johann Sebastian Bach. In celebration of our 35th anniversary, the

theme for the season is "journeys"—looking at how far the Chorus has come and celebrating its future. The Mass plays a significant role for the Chorus in recalling its performance history and tradition. [Buy tickets](#).

### **Lincoln Center at the Movies: New York City Ballet, George Balanchine's The Nutcracker™**

*December 5 at 12:55. December 10 at 7:00*

In New York City Ballet's famously extravagant staging, Balanchine's stunning choreography shines amidst awe-inspiring set pieces, ornate costumes, and grand one-of-a-kind visual effects, like the one-ton Christmas tree that grows to an astonishing 40 feet. [Learn More](#) [Buy Tickets](#)

### **A Victorian Christmas Magic-Lantern Show with the American Magic-Lantern Theater**

*Sunday, December 6 at 3pm*

Location: Museum of the City of New York, 1220 Fifth Avenue at 103rd Street  
Travel back to the time of Jacob Riis with an authentic Victorian-era magic-lantern show, including performances of holiday carols and classic fairytales, such as Hans Christian Anderson's "The Little Match Girl." Use the code DIST6 for [discount tickets!](#)

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## **Monday, December 7 - Sunday, December 13**

### **Beneath the Inequality: A Conversation With Darren Walker and Philip K. Howard**

*Monday, December 7, 6pm-7pm*

Location: Macaulay Honors College, 35 West 67th Street  
FREE, but [RSVP is encouraged](#). Beneath the Inequality: Ford Foundation President Darren Walker and Common Good founder Philip K. Howard will discuss the underlying forces driving inequality in the US. Walker and Howard will discuss why a 21st-century view of inequality must look not only at economic disparities around the globe, but at the complex web of inequality that shapes our world: inequality in politics and participation; in culture and creative expression; in education and economic opportunity; and in the prejudicial ways that institutions and systems marginalize low-income people, women, ethnic minorities, Indigenous peoples, and people of color.

### **Music Mondays: Horszowski Trio + Claremont Trio: Schubert 3+4+5**

*Monday, December 7. Performance begins at 7:30pm. Doors open at 6:45pm.*

Location: 2504 Broadway at 93rd street.

FREE. Two of today's most lauded trios intertwine for a sampling of Schubert's glorious music for trio, piano four hands, and string quintet. "Destined for great things," (New Yorker), the Horszowski Trio brings together three long-admired performers, now hailed for their "impressive" performances as a trio (New York Times). The Claremont Trio, "one of America's finest young chamber groups" (Strad), has distinguished itself both for "passion and precision" (Boston Globe) in traditional repertoire and for its many commissions of new works. Wheelchair accessible.

### **In Search of Teachers and Parents for Sanitation Focus Group**

*Tuesday, December 8th*

*Teachers' session: 4pm. Parents' session: 5pm.*

Location: 519 8th Avenue, 23rd Floor, New York, NY 10018

The NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) is seeking participants to join in a focus group taking place the afternoon of Tuesday December 8th. The teachers session will be held at 4:00pm and the parents session will be held at 5:00pm. The session will be moderated and should last 1 hour. Attendees will receive a \$50 gift card for participating. Requirements are (you must meet requirement for either A or B): A) NYC resident AND parent of an elementary, middle or high school aged child who currently attends public school in NYC, or B) NYC resident AND current teacher at a NYC public school, elementary, middle or high school. DSNY employees are not eligible. Slots will be filled first come, first serve. Interested candidates should email: [scoutingvgd@gmail.com](mailto:scoutingvgd@gmail.com). Candidates will receive a reply back confirming their spot at the session.

### **Hour of Code for Students Grades 3-8**

*Event: Friday, December 11, 3:30pm-5:30pm*

*Sign up by Tuesday, December 8*

Location: Franciscan Community Center, 214 West 97th Street

FREE. Sign up your kids (grades 3-8) for an hour of fun, activity-based introduction to computer programming! Call (212) 932-8040 x.23 or email [fcc@fccnyc.org](mailto:fcc@fccnyc.org) to sign up.

[See the flyer.](#)

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

*Tuesday, December 8th 7:00pm*

Location: Bloomingdale School of Music, 323 West 108th Street.

FREE and open to the public. Works by major American composers who have lived and worked in New York City, including Copland, Ives, Previn, and Del Tredici.

### **Behind the Scenes: Reminiscences of Dubuffet and Ossorio**

*Tuesday, December 8, 6:30–8 pm*

Location: American Folk Art Museum, 2 Lincoln Square, Columbus Avenue between 65th and 66th Streets.

Join Jennifer Pinto-Safian, collector and former art brut dealer, and artist Michael Solomon, Alfonso Ossorio's former assistant, to hear stories and anecdotes about the lives of legendary artists Jean Dubuffet and Alfonso Ossorio. Moderated by Dr. Klaus Ottmann, Deputy Director for Curatorial and Academic Affairs, Phillips Collection.

Tickets: \$15 members, students, seniors; \$20 non-members. Purchase tickets [here](#). For more information, please contact [publicprograms@folkartmuseum.org](mailto:publicprograms@folkartmuseum.org).

### **PSA 6 Community Council meeting (NYCHA)**

*Thursday, December 10, 7pm*

Location: PSA 6, 2770 Frederick Douglass Blvd (between 147th & 148th Streets)

### **Holiday on the Hudson**

*December 12 @ 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm*

Where: West Harlem Piers Park, West 125th Street & Marginal Street

FREE. Join us for our annual holiday tree lighting party. Celebrate the season with the local community, enjoy live music to sing and dance with, make holiday decorations and more. Weather looking iffy? Wanna know if the event is still on? Check the SOH [Twitter feed](#) or visit [nyc.gov/parks/soh](http://nyc.gov/parks/soh) 2 hours before the event. Held by the Riverside

Park Conservancy.

### **Chamber Music Concert**

*Saturday December 12, 6:30 p.m.*

Location: St. Michael's Church W. 99th St. and Amsterdam in the Recital Hall.

FREE. The Chamber Music Center of New York presents a chamber music concert by their young musicians. Works by Beethoven, Schumann, Bridge, and Julius Klengel.

### **Judy & the Maccabees: A Hanukkah Family Musical**

*Sun, Dec 13, 11 am*

Location: Merkin Concert Hall, 129 W. 67th St.

Featuring the Poppy Seed Players. In this delightful re-imagining of the ancient Hanukkah story, Judy is a feisty young girl who leaves her father to help the Maccabees in their fight for religious freedom. At first, Judas Maccabeus, the leader of the Maccabees, dismisses Judy and assigns her menial tasks, but she ends up coming up with the plan that helps them win the war and return to Jerusalem. In the final scene, they experience the miracle of the Temple Menorah. Tickets: 212 501 3330 or click [here](#).

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

### **24th Precinct Community Council meeting**

*Wednesday, December 16, 7 PM*

Location: 24th Precinct, 151 West 100th Street (between Columbus & Amsterdam)

### **Public Hearing on Maximum Base Rent**

*Thursday, December 17, 10am - 12:30 pm and 2pm - 4:30pm*

Location: 25 Beaver Street, 5th floor, Room 510

The New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) will conduct a public hearing relating to Maximum Base Rent (MBR) for rent controlled housing. Pre-registration of speakers is advised. Those who wish to pre-register may call the office of Michael Berrios, Executive Assistant, at (718) 262-4816 and state the time they wish to speak at the hearing and whom they represent. Pre-registered speakers who have reserved a time to speak will be heard at approximately that time. Speakers who register the day of the hearing will be heard in the order of registration at those times not already reserved by pre-registered speakers. Speaking time will be limited to five minutes in order to give as many people as possible the opportunity to be heard. Speakers should be prepared to submit copies of their remarks to the DHCR official presiding over the hearing. The hearing will conclude when all registered speakers in attendance at the hearing have been heard. DHCR will also accept written testimony submitted prior to the end of the hearing. Submissions may also be sent in advance to Michael Berrios, Executive Assistant, 6th Floor, Division of Housing and Community Renewal, Gertz Plaza, 92-31 Union Hall Street, Jamaica, NY 11433. To obtain a report on the DHCR recommendation for the 2016-2017 MBR cycle, interested parties should call (718) 262-4816.

### **The Café at Ethical -- vocalist Maggie Dee and Friends**

*Friday, December 18, 7:30pm-9:30pm*

Location: The New York Society for Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th Street (between Columbus and Central Park West), Social Hall

Thank goodness it's Friday, and there's a welcoming place to unwind relax, enjoy music, refreshments (including one complimentary wine or beer), good company, and great entertainment! This month brings you vocalist Maggie Dee and friends, bringing us the jazz standards from mellow to swing, along with some delightful contemporary tunes. Get up and dance if the music moves you! Or just sit back and enjoy.

Suggested Donation: \$20

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## Monday, December 21 - Thursday, December 31

### Winter Recess Wonderland

*Monday, December 28 - Thursday, December 31*

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

Join us at the Children's Museum of Manhattan during the holiday break week for a festival of programs inspired by our love for New York. Design a window inspired by the city's famous displays. Create larger than life big apple holiday decorations or create your own costume inspired by The Radio City Rockettes. You're invited to design ornaments that express your hopes for the coming year to add to our annual Christmas Tree and help us ring in 2016 during our annual New Year's Rockin' Eve Ball Drop & Parade.

### 20th Precinct Community Council meeting

*Monday, December 28, 7pm*

Location: 20th Precinct, 120 West 82nd Street (between Columbus & Amsterdam)

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## Ongoing Events

### Hats, Gloves, and Scarves Drive

*December 1st - 16th*

Council Member Helen Rosenthal's office is hosting a hats, gloves, and scarves drive. Clean out your closet, and help your neighbors stay warm! Drop off is at 563 Columbus Avenue at 87th Street, Monday - Thursday, 10am-6pm, and Friday, 10am-4pm. [See the flyer.](#)

### Youth Beginner Ice Skating Clinics

*Time: 4:30 PM – 5:15 PM*

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

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

FREE. This free, 5-lesson ice skating clinic teaches the basic elements of ice skating through group and individual instruction. Each session includes equipment rental. Ages 6-10. Space is limited; pre-registration is required. Each child may register for a maximum of two sessions. Please call 212-348-4867 for more information.

Location: Lasker Rink, Mid-Park between 106th and 108th Streets (enter the Park at 110th Street and Lenox Avenue)

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

*Applications are due January 26th*

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

## **Free Saturday Basketball Program**

*Saturdays: September 19 - December 19*

*High School (Ages 14-17): 10am-12pm. Elementary School (Ages 6-10): 1pm-3pm. Middle School (Ages 11- 13): 3pm-5pm*

FREE. Goddard Riverside Community Center presents a Free Saturday Basketball Program (includes basketball clinic & in-house tournament). Location: Joan of Arc Complex - Beacon Program, 154 West 93rd Street, between Columbus and Amsterdam. To register email [beacon@goddard.org](mailto:beacon@goddard.org) or call 212-866-0009.

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

*October 13, 2015 - January 2016*

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

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## **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 (at 27th Street).

- 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**

### **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.

- **December 2, 2015:** HPs, Repairs, Bedbugs & Cockroaches
- **January 6, 2016:** Non-primary residence
- **February 3, 2016:** Harassment & City-wide Housing Related Campaigns
- **March 2, 2016:** DHCR Overview, including MCIs and IAs; Preferential Rent, Reduction in Services
- **April 6, 2016:** Housing Court 101
- **May 4, 2016:** SCRIE and DRIE
- **June 1, 2016:** Succession Rights

### **Housing Conservation Coordinators (HCC) Legal Clinic**

HCC offers a free legal clinic on Monday evenings from 7pm – 9pm. To meet with a volunteer attorney, visitors must call the front desk (212) 541-5996 to reserve a spot in the clinic in advance. Only the first eight callers will be able to reserve an appointment. Any New York City resident who does not qualify for HCC's legal services\* can visit HCC's Legal Clinic, regardless of income or address. Our volunteer lawyers provide brief legal information, explain basic legal rights and may refer visitors to other legal resources/organizations/agencies. The Clinic is for 15-minute consultations only. You do not retain the volunteer attorney and the attorney cannot represent you or provide legal advice. While most visitors come for legal information about housing-related matters, attorneys may (at their own discretion) field questions about other basic, legal matters, as well. Visitors are asked to bring all documents relevant to their questions.

### **NYC Housing Connect**

Looking for affordable housing? The NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) have developed an online portal to search and apply for affordable housing opportunities in New York City called NYC Housing Connect. On the site, you can: Learn how to apply for affordable housing in New York City; View current and upcoming housing opportunities; Start, save, and complete an application for your household; Apply to housing options for which you may qualify. NYC Housing Connect seeks to simplify the application process for you. To visit the site [CLICK HERE](#). Applying and qualifying for affordable housing can be a long process, and you are not guaranteed to receive housing. Your household must not only qualify with detailed criteria on a property-by-property basis, but you must also be selected at random in that property's lottery. Preferences noted in the advertisement will be given first consideration. For other housing resources for New York City, visit the [Affordable Housing Resource Center](#).

### **NYC Housing Development Corporation**

HDC finances rental properties reserved for households that meet certain income restrictions, commonly referred to as either low-income or middle-income. Each posting specifies how many of each type of apartment is available. To apply, please follow the instructions on the application information or advertisement posted for each development. All apartments are awarded through a lottery; your eligibility is determined by income. There is no application fee, facilitator, outside expediter, or broker involved

in this process. Filling out the application for the specific project that is advertising available units is the ONLY way to apply for one of the apartments. [See available listings](#).

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