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Events Calendar

February 2016

Dear Neighbors,

Here is a listing of activities in our community that you may enjoy attending.

On Tuesday, February 2, Community Board 7 will vote on the Department of Transportation's **Amsterdam Avenue street redesign**. The public is welcome to attend and make public comment. The meeting will be at 6:30pm at Goddard Riverside Community Center, 593 Columbus Avenue at 88th Street.

If you have a four-year-old, it's time to **apply for Pre-K!** The application period for the 2016-2017 school year is open until March 4, 2016. You can apply [online](#), over the phone (718-935-2067), or in person at a [Family Welcome Center](#) using a single application.

A volunteer knowledgeable on **health insurance issues** will be available in my office on Thursdays from 12:30pm - 2:30pm. If you can't make it then, she will be available on phone and email at other times.

This month's free Housing Clinic is on **Harassment & Citywide Housing Related Campaigns** on Wednesday, February 3, from 6pm - 8pm. You can also meet with a lawyer for a free consultation regarding any housing topic. Spread the word to your neighbors! [See the flyer for the full season.](#)

If you want to learn about how we can create more equitable neighborhoods, you might be interested in the Museum of the City of New York's panel on **Affordable Housing and Communities** on Thursday, February 4th at 6:30pm. I look forward to speaking on the panel alongside developers and community advocates to discuss zoning, economic development, community engagement and prioritization of tenant's rights. [Learn more.](#)

HOPE 2016, the **yearly street homeless count**, was postponed and is now happening on Monday, February 8, from 10pm-4am (note the late time!). With an adequate headcount, HOPE is more likely to receive adequate federal funding to address street homelessness. If you want to volunteer, there will be a volunteer training site at PS191 (210 West 61st Street), and you can learn more about the initiative [here](#).

When the Parks Department sprays a park with pesticide, it posts signage 24 hours before and 72 hours after its application. My bill to require the Parks Department to **notify residents by text or email of pesticide applications** is having its first hearing on February 12th. You can learn more about it [here](#), and if you want to submit testimony about the bill, contact my Legislative Director Sarah Mallory at smallory@council.nyc.gov.

Two of my bills to **increase access for people with disabilities** will be voted on by the full Council later this month! The date is subject to change, but right now the meeting is scheduled for February 24th at 1:30pm. You can check [here](#) closer to the date to confirm.

Calling all schools and non-profits serving District 6 residents: if you would like to request **funding from the City**, the application is live. The first deadline is on February 12th, so don't wait. You can download the form and other necessary materials [here](#).

See you in the community!

Helen.

Monday, February 1 - Sunday, February 7

Jane and Charlotte Forever

January 29 – February 7

Location: Walter Reade Theater, 165 W. 65th Street, north side, upper level

An anticipated joint retrospective of legendary mother-daughter duo Jane Birkin and Charlotte Gainsbourg. Highlights include Lars von Trier's *Melancholia*, Agnès Varda's *Kung Fu Master!*, Serge Gainsbourg's *Je t'aime moi non plus*, and photo exhibition "Actresses by Kate Barry." Learn more at filmlinc.org

AARP FREE Tax Aid, Tax help for seniors

Tuesday, February 2nd, 9:30 AM-1:30 PM

Location: Goddard Riverside, Bernie Wohl Center, 647 Columbus Avenue (91/92)

Special attention for those 50+ in age.

Community Board 7 Full Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 2nd, 6:30 PM

Location: Goddard Riverside Community Center, 593 Columbus Avenue at 88th Street

* Vote on the Amsterdam Avenue Redesign

Community Board 4 Full Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 3rd, 6:30 PM

Location: Fulton Auditorium, 119 9th Avenue (17/18)

Macauley Authors Series Presents Writer Alexander Chee and His New Novel The Queen of the Night

Thursday, February 4, 7 PM

Location: Macaulay Honors College at CUNY, 35 West 67th Street, between Central Park West and Columbus Avenue

Book signing and informal reception. Reservations are advised at 347-460-4292.

[Learn more.](#)

Affordable Housing and Communities, featuring Council Member Helen Rosenthal

Thursday, February 4th, 6:30 PM

Location: Museum of the City of New York, 1220 5th Avenue (at 103rd Street)

Join a panel of city officials, developers and community advocates to discuss how to create more equitable neighborhoods through zoning, economic development, community engagement and prioritization of tenant's rights. [Learn more here.](#)

Seed Starting Indoors, Grow to Learn NYC Workshop

Thursday, February 4, 4:30 PM-6:30 PM

Location: PS 249K, The Caton School, 18 Marborough Road, Brooklyn, NY.

Want to start on your growing season early? Join Grow To Learn NYC to start seeds indoors, including proper timing and planting, care and transplanting them outdoors in your garden. [Register here.](#)

Summer Fun and More

Saturday, February 6th, 11 AM-3 PM

Location: Hotel Pennsylvania, 402 7th Avenue (32/33)

Presented by IncludeNYC, Love, equity and access for young people with disabilities. For New York City children and young people with disabilities and their families. For more information, call 212-677-4650 or [go here.](#)

Monday, February 8 - Sunday, February 14

FILM SCREENING: TRIGGER: The Ripple Effects of Gun Violence

Monday, February 8, 8pm

Location: West Park Presbyterian Church, 165 West 86th Street

Whenever an act of gun violence occurs, communities are fractured at every level.

This is what makes TRIGGER such a powerfully moving film. It shares the stories of individuals that encounter gun violence in various sectors of our communities: parents, children and siblings of victims, school teachers, trauma surgeons, law enforcement, legislators, pastors and grief counselors. Although we often think of a bullet as being an end, for those affected, it is only the beginning. Click [HERE](#) for some of the stories, or "ripple" highlighted in the film. A discussion following will include an update from Metro New York IAF's policy initiatives for Gun Safety. Produced by the Presbyterian Church

(USA) in cooperation with Interfaith Broadcasting Commission. There is a \$10 requested donation.

Urban Art Legends: A Conversation and Book Launch with DAZE, Alan KET & Nick Walker

Tuesday, February 9 at 6:30 pm

Location: Museum of the City of New York, 1220 5th Avenue at 103rd Street

In just forty years, what was once viewed as mindless vandalism – graffiti – has grown into a highly valued, socially relevant urban art form found in galleries and museums around the world—as well as on walls and trains. Join renowned graffiti artists Alan KET, Nick Walker, and DAZE, the star of our exhibition, [Chris “Daze” Ellis: The City is My Muse](#), to discuss KET’s new book, *Urban Art Legends*(2015), which explores the pioneering urban artists that have driven graffiti’s shift from underground into the mainstream. They will consider the contentious position of graffiti as an art form and explore their choices to challenge classical ideas of art through this uniquely urban medium. Use the code DIST6 for discount tickets!

St. Agnes Library Branch Book and Multimedia Sale

Wednesday, February 10th, 1 PM-5 PM

Location: 444 Amsterdam Avenue (81/82).

For a selection of paperback, hard-cover books, CD’s, DVD’s and much more, check out this midweek sale. Most selections from \$2 or less.

Police Service Area 6 Community Council Meeting

Thursday, February 12th, 7pm

Location: PSA 6, 2770 Frederick Douglas Blvd.

The Low-Down on Pre-K Admissions

Thursday, February 12th, 6PM-8PM

Location: The New School, Theresa Lang Community and Student Center, Arnold Hall, 2nd Floor, Room 1202, 25 West 13th Street, between 5th Avenue and Avenue of the Americas

Night to Shine Prom, sponsored by Tim Tebow Foundation

Friday, February 12th, 7:30 PM-10:30 PM

Location: St. Malachy’s Church, Times Square

A nationwide prom for people with special needs, this event will be hosted in more than 200 churches across the nation and in 8 countries around the world.

New York City Ballet Family Saturdays Program, “Choreographic Voices”

Saturday, February 13th

Location: David H. Koch Theater at Lincoln Center, between 62nd and 65th streets, and Columbus and Amsterdam Avenue.

A perfect introduction for children ages five and up to the classical world of dance. A limited amount of discounted tickets of \$5 (normally \$22) are available. Call 212-870-5636 or email education@nyballet.com.

The Valentine’s Day Monologue Festival

Sunday, February 14th, 7:30 PM

Location: Goddard Riverside Community Center, The Bernie Wohl Center, 647

Columbus Avenue (91/92).

It's all about LOVE! An evening featuring original love monologues. Music by Johnny Rosch. Valentine's Day dinner and desserts by Ray Andino. [Register here.](#)

Lecture, The Farthest Reaches of American Racism

Sunday, February 14, 11 AM

Location: New York Society for Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th Street. [Learn more.](#)

Monday, February 15 - Sunday, February 21

Northern Forts Tour, Central Park Tour

Monday, February 15th, 11 AM

Location: Charles A. Dana Discovery Center, inside Central Park at 110th Street, between 5th and Lenox Avenue. [Purchase tickets here or learn more about The Central Park Conservancy.](#)

24th Precinct Community Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 17th, 7 PM

Location: 24th Precinct, 151 West 100th Street, between Amsterdam and Columbus Avenue.

Monday, February 22 - Monday, February 29

20th Precinct Community Council Meeting

Monday, February 22nd, 7pm

Location: 20th Precinct, 120 West 82nd Street, between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues

Premios Urbanos: Visiting Presenters

Wednesday, February 24th, 8pm

Location: Symphony Space, 2537 Broadway (94/95)

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SoundBoy Cartagena' desde Panamá King black y Flama, Desde Puerto Rico El debut mundial Juancky ladiferencia. Participación especial de El Inclonable, La materialista, urbana, Josephine, krailes, Julisa Camacho.

Diversity in Technology Awards

Thursday, February 25th, 6:45 PM

Location: The Bowery Hotel, 335 Bowery

An event to honor multicultural participation in current technology. [Click here to purchase tickets.](#)

A4TY: Album for the Young

Saturday, February 27th, 11 AM and 2 PM

Location: Leonard Nimoy Thalia Theater, 2537 Broadway (94/95)

Bloomingdale School of Music's student composition project, "A4TY: Album for the Young", presents its culminating concerts, featuring performances and original compositions by BSM students. Call 212-663-6021 ext. 0 for information on tickets.

Ongoing Events

Apply for Pre-K

January 25 - March 4

The Pre-K for All application period is now open for all families with a four-year-old born in 2012. The pre-K application period for the 2016-2017 school year will be open from January 25 - March 4, 2016. Families can apply online, over the phone, or in person at a Family Welcome Center using a single application. (Online at nyc.gov/prek. Over the phone by calling 718-935-2067. In person, at a [Family Welcome Center](#).)

New York City Ballet, Winter Performances

January 19 - February 28

Location: David H. Koch Theater at Lincoln Center, between 62nd and 65th Streets, and Columbus and Amsterdam Avenue

New Music Director Andrew Litton raises the baton to begin winter with a tribute to American composers who influenced his career: Barber, Bernstein, and Gershwin. Three programs celebrating Founder George Balanchine follow, offering eternal favorites such as [Agon](#) and [Symphony in C](#), along with [Ballo della Regina](#) (last performed in 2009) and the edgy [Kammermusik No. 2](#). Two of these will be featured on January 23 when the NYCB marks his birthday at the annual [Saturday at the Ballet with George](#), a day of events and performances paying homage to the Company's raison d'être.

FUSE PROJECT: new music, new visions

Monday, February 1st-11th

Location: Symphony Space, 2495 Broadway (94/95)

Over the course of eleven days, Symphony Space is throwing open its doors to composers, musicians, actors, writers, and thinkers—all of whom are pushing the boundaries of innovation. Newly commissioned works, world premieres, and the launch of a brand new performance and podcast series are all part of this exciting first installment of the Fuse Project. For more information, [click here](#).

Mystery and Benevolence: Masonic and Odd Fellows Folk Art from the Kendra and Allen Daniel Collection

January 21 - May 8th

Location: American Folk Art Museum, 2 Lincoln Square, Columbus Avenue (65/66).

FREE. For more information, call 212-595-9533 or [go here](#).

Just Dance!

Midwinter Recess, February 13-21

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

In this weeklong festival, celebrate dance and movement at the Children's Museum. Experience other cultures with the dancers of Kinding Sindaw and J-Hoon Musical

Ensemble, explore health with PopFit Kids, and appreciate the arts and creativity with Manhattan School of Music and Jersey City Ballet Theater. [More information](#).

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.

- **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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