



News From New York State Senator

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Dear Neighbor,

Well, you certainly can't say there's nothing going on uptown! It's impossible to list everything in the district, but here are 81 ways to get informed, inspired, involved +/- entertained, including tremendous theatre and music throughout the district this weekend and next week, the upcoming ArtStroll, job fairs, clean-ups and more! **And don't miss the final section with an updates on SBS service coming to W. 125th Street, as well as the LG/Palisades development and how you can get involved.**

**** There is still time to submit for the Uptown Arts Stroll and for your event to appear in the online guide at www.artstroll.com, and join us to celebrate them at the Arts Stroll kick off celebration on Thursday, May 29th, at Highbridge Park, 6-8:30pm.****

And of course, happy Mothers' Day you all! Whether you are a mom, have a mom, or honor a woman in your life who helped to nurture you, we celebrate all of the Moms in our lives.

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Please share this e-mail with friends/neighbors. If you know someone who'd like to subscribe, have them e-mail Liz Ritter at elritter@adrianoespallat.org with their ZIP code. If you have an event you'd like to list here, email Liz the details (**text or .doc format, please**, not .pdf or .jpg).

*****TODAY & TOMORROW*** (10 items)**

TODAY/THURSDAY (5 items)

Second-Career Night at the Jewish Theological Seminary An Evening of Information and Conversation on Mid-Career Religious and Graduate Jewish Studies. Includes dinner, information, and discussion on how to pursue a new path at JTS toward meaningful study and fulfilling careers in the Jewish community and beyond. The program is designed for adults at mid-career, parents with families, and others for whom graduate study could represent a significant transition. For more information and to register, visit www.jtsa.edu/secondcareer or contact Admissions at admissions@jtsa.edu or 212-678-8022. **Thursday, May 8th, 5:30-8:30 pm.**

Contact Liz Ritter at elritter@adrianoespallat.org to receive updates via email

Tenant Interim Lease Apartment Purchase Program Where do we go from here? Today, thousands of low-income families have been waiting for the opportunity to purchase their apartments through TIL. Many families have waited 10+ years and while there has been some headway in assisting TIL tenants, there is still a long road ahead. Come for a transparent discussion on how we can move forward. At the Isabella Geriatric Center, 515 Audubon Ave. @ W. 190th St. **Thursday, May 8th at 6pm.**

Washington Heights Film Class will be showing the Oscar-nominated documentary *How to Survive a Plague* with guest speaker Ed Sikov. Ed is the author of many acclaimed books on film, including biographies of Bette Davis, Billy Wilder and Peter Sellers, and the superb *Film Studies: An Introduction*. More than that, he has first-hand experience of the AIDS epidemic and the courageous activists who fought government indifference at a time when thousands were dying. We promise you a memorable and moving evening. Our programs take place in the Social Hall at Hebrew Tabernacle Congregation, 551 Fort Washington Avenue (at 185th St.). Talk begins at 7 p.m., the film is screened at 7:30 and is followed by a spirited discussion. Admission to single programs is \$15, but you can buy a membership for the year pro-rated at \$60/35 for seniors and full-time students. (We also have a special offer of a second membership at half-price, so two regular memberships are \$90, two seniors/students are \$55.)

Thursday, May 8th beginning at 7pm. For more information on our programs, please take a look at our website at <http://www.wahifilmclass.com>.

A celebration of *The Prizefighters* continues! We're on to Word Up Community Bookshop after a fabulous and friendly evening at Coogan's last Monday, where Washington Heights gym owner Artemio Colon served as guest of honor and the crowd watched *Rocky*. Yo! Thank you all who made the evening such a great one. This time the conversation is being hosted by Led Black of the Uptown Collective in a talk/interview/sparring session about the book, boxing, and writing. Pound cake will be served! **Thursday, May 8th at 7 pm.** And stay tuned: photographs from *The Prizefighters* will be exhibited at the Inwood branch of the New York Public Library as part of the Uptown ArtStroll, from the end of May until the end of June.

UP Theater presents *Broad Channel*, an original play by James Bosley. A struggling family discovers that a painting brought home by Grandpa George, a hero of WWII, is worth a million bucks... and was stolen from a victim of the Holocaust. At the Cabrini Repertory Theater, 701 Ft. Washington Ave. @ W. 190th St. Tickets are \$18 (\$12 for seniors/students); call 646-296-3180, email info@uptheater.org or visit www.uptheater.org for more information. **Thursdays-Saturdays at 8pm; Sundays at 3pm, through May 18th.**

TOMORROW/FRIDAY (5 items)

Lilly Ledbetter Standing Up for Women City Workers More than 5,000 School Safety Agents, a majority woman workforce represented by Teamsters Local 237, have joined a federal class-action lawsuit against the City of New York to secure equal pay. The agents--who work in our public schools and guarantee the safety of students and teachers--are paid \$35,000 annually, compared to the \$42,000 paid to male peace officers who provide security for public hospitals and other city agencies. We will continue to call on Mayor de Blasio to fulfill his promise to fairly settle this case. On the steps of City Hall. Email contact@nownyc.org to let us know you'll join! **Friday, May 9th at 11am.**

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Literacy, Inc.'s Blossoming Readers Spring is in full bloom! Not only are plants and flowers growing, your children are growing as readers. This spring event is filled with nature themed literacy activities. At Word Up Community Bookshop, 2113 Amsterdam Ave. @ W. 165th St. **Friday, May 9th at 3pm.**

Broadway Plaza Job Fair Various retail positions available at the soon-to-be-opening Broadway Plaza; see “Educational/Vocational” section below for details. **Friday, May 9th, 5pm – 8pm.**

*****THIS WEEKEND*** (20 items)**

SATURDAY (12 items)

NYCitizenship in Schools provides free immigration information, assistance and financing options to eligible parents of students in the city’s public schools who are lawful permanent residents and seeking to begin the application process to become U.S. citizens. All information is free and confidential. In order to be eligible, applicants must be a Lawful Permanent Resident with a child in a New York City public school and meet certain other criteria. View eligibility requirements <<http://www.nyc.gov/html/imm/html/nycitizenship/eligibility.shtml>, register for an event <https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/EventRegistration/RegForm.aspx?eventGuid=37d5feb8-20d7-4ea3-915c-9d65a117b706> or visit <http://www.nyc.gov/html/imm/html/nycitizenship/nycitizenship.shtml> for a complete list of dates and additional details. At John Jay College. **Saturday, May 10th.**

Highbridge Park Spring Bird Migration Walk Spring is an exciting time to see wildlife in the park and Mike Feller knows just how to find the most interesting species traveling North for the summer months. Join this expert naturalist, with 35 years of experience in NYC Parks to learn about migrating birds in Highbridge Park. Please bring binoculars. Meet in Highbridge Park at W. 155th St. & Edgecombe Ave. **Saturday, May 10th, 9am - 10:30am.**

GreenThumb Workshop: Building a GardenHaus Ever wondered, “What can I build in my community garden?” Join GreenThumb for a GardenHaus build day at Carolina Garden. We will be constructing an approved garden casita and discussing the techniques and tools needed to successfully build a beautiful structure in your community garden. <http://www.greenthumbnyc.org/gardenevents.html?qs=2014/05/10/greenthumb-workshop-building-a-casita-in-your-garden>. **Saturday, May 10th, 9am – 2pm.**

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Annual Spring Flea Market at the RING. Sell your old stuff; make some money! Buy yourself some new stuff! There is still time to sign up for a space. It's a good thing: great for the environment, for your living space, and for supporting the RING Garden. Spread the word... everywhere! For more information on reserving a space, **call our reservation specialist, Nancy, 212-567-1971. Info: www.ringgarden.org.** Thanks to all who have hosted and participated in recent RING activities. **Saturday, May 10th, 10am – 4pm.** (Rain date: May 17th)

Riverkeeper Sweep/Greg Hopper Day Join the Harlem River Park Task Force for this “It’s My Park Day!” event; see link for details: [https://www.dropbox.com/s/hh1v00j5tw2x7ya/2014 IMPD Flyer.pdf](https://www.dropbox.com/s/hh1v00j5tw2x7ya/2014%20IMPD%20Flyer.pdf). **Saturday, May 10th, 10am–2pm.**

Mothers on Post Fair Celebrate Mothers’ Day with Literacy, Inc. and Inwood Community Services with a fun-filled block party for Mom. LINC will have literacy art crafts, and games for the entire family. Free! Post Ave. between Academy & W. 204th Streets. **Saturday, May 10th, 11am–3pm.**

Celebrating Fort Tryon Park with Photography from Aliza Holtz We are proud to spread the news that one of our frequent volunteers and contributors, Aliza Holtz, is exhibiting her photos of Fort Tryon Park. Her photographic exhibition, “Celebrating Fort Tryon Park,” opens on Saturday in the Gold Wing Gallery of the Hebrew Tabernacle at 551 Fort Washington Avenue at W. 185th Street, and remains through the end of June. We are so inspired by her work and we hope you will be too! **Saturday, May 10th at noon.**

Second Annual Riverkeeper Sweep at North Cove and Preliminary Study for the Four Coves Biodiversity Project. Join Manhattan Wetlands & Wildlife Association (MWAWA) and Conservancy North to celebrate the second annual Riverkeeper Sweep Community Clean-up. What started as a desolate dumping ground is now one of the

richest habitats in Manhattan and a bird watcher's paradise. The community clean-up begins with an hour and half long talk on biodiversity at noon with James Cole of Conservancy North and Jim "Birdman" Cataldi, EPA award winner, wildlife rehabilitator, and head of MWAWA. Please arrive a little early and come ready to muck around! (Sturdy shoes or boots and long sleeves recommended.) RSVP to andrea@conservancynorth.org. At the Harlem River, end of Ninth Avenue, just north of 207th Street. **Saturday, May 10th, noon – 4pm.**

Music at Morris-Jumel: Sweet Songs to the Broadwood Clara Rottsolik, soprano, and Sylvia Berry, fortepiano, perform works by Mozart, Haydn and Rossini. Ms. Berry will play on her newly restored 1806 Broadwood piano, featured on her recent recording Haydn in London. Tickets are \$25 per person and \$20 for members. Advanced registration is required; call 212-923-8008. At the Morris-Jumel Mansion, located between W. 160th and W. 162nd Streets just east of St. Nicholas Ave. **Saturday, May 10th, 4pm – 6pm.**

The Beethoven Festival Orchestra led by NoMAA grantee Cesar Civetta will present Jennifer Khosharsky, mezzo soprano; Manna Knjoi; soprano, Ming Kwong; pianist & Raemond Martin; baritone. At the Church of the Intercession, 550 W. 155th St. Suggested donation \$20. **Saturday, May 10, 7:30pm.**

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“Light Graffiti” / An Art Intervention: Join visiting artist Vicki DaSilva as she “paints” with light and slow-shutter photography to create whimsical images at night in iconic indoor and outdoor locations. This is part of the North River Arts / East River Flows Arts Initiative of the West Harlem Arts Fund. You can see short videos of Ms. DaSilva’s first project under the Harlem viaduct (filmed on April 5th), at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nk3pJNhGZ6k> or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AiCbKDWpeKw>. Meet at the 9A Restaurant & Lounge, 2331 12th Ave. Feel free to come early and have dinner at one of the area’s many restaurant co-sponsors, including the Cotton Club, Dinosaur BBQ, Covo Trattoria and 9A! several restaurants Dinosaur BBQ on W. 125th St. & Twelfth Ave. **Saturday, May 10th at 8pm.**

SUNDAY (8 items)

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Sir William’s Dog Run Clean Up Join us in sprucing up Manhattan's largest dog run, Sir William's Dog Run, in the heart of Fort Tryon Park. We need help keeping your dog’s playground clean and safe! We will be maintaining this shared space by cleaning, weeding, and adding woodchips in areas around the run. Meet in Sir William's Dog Run in Fort Tryon Park. **Sunday, May 11th, 11am - 2pm.**

Overlook Concert in Riverside Park at 116th, sponsored by Riverside Park Conservancy. Featuring French Cookin' Blues Band, led by David "Doc" French. This well-known band plays authentic Blues from the Delta to Chicago and New York, to Texas and Louisiana. Free and open to the public. **Sunday, May 11th at 2pm.**

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Cornerstone Chorale Presents Mozart’s *Requiem* With orchestra, conducted by Richard Stout, and featuring soloists Adrienne Patino Dunn, Desirée Baxter, Deepak Marwah and Russell Ashley. Do not miss this exquisite piece of music. At the Holyrood Church, 715 W. 179th St. at Ft. Washington Ave. \$15 (\$8 students/seniors); reception follows. For more info, call 212-795-5738 or visit www.cornerstonechoralenyc.org. **Sunday, May 11th at 3:30pm.**

Concert at the Lounge at Hudson View Gardens Accomplished clarinetist Ayako Oshima will present a program of repertoire including duos for two clarinets with her husband Charlie Neidich and as well as other works with pianists Naoko Oshima and Evelyne Luest. Oshima and Neidich together and individually have distinguished themselves internationally as performers and teachers of the clarinet. Neidich appears regularly as soloist and chamber artist with the world's leading ensembles. Included on the program are works by Poulenc, Fauré, Ravel, Neidich and arrangements for two clarinets and piano. \$12 donation includes post-concert reception with the artists. Cash bar. **Sunday, May 11th at 5pm.**

Jubilee Concert with Willy Tokarev In celebration of "Victory Day," the Diana Bagrationi Foundation & VK Studios present the solo performance of legendary Russian-American composer & singer Villi Tokarev. At Symphony Space Theater, 2537 Broadway (at W. 94th St.). Call or email the box for tickets: 212-864-5400 / <http://www.symphonyspace.org/event/8235/Music/jubilee-concert-with-willy-tokarev>. **Sunday, May 11th at 5pm.**

The Part of You That is Me: A Reading of Queer, Crossed and Hidden Histories from Multiple Diasporas with local poet Lola Koundakjian, and others; hosted by Nancy Agabian. At the Bowery Arts + Science, 308 Bowery NYC. Tickets are \$10 at <http://www.boweryartsandscience.org/>. **Sunday, May 11th, 6pm – 7:30pm.**

*****NEXT WEEK*** (9 items)**

#WHIN & DINE is the official Washington Heights & Inwood Dine Week! Participating restaurants offer discounted *prix fixe* dinners. This program is the perfect way to showcase Northern Manhattan's culinary treasures, from W. 155th to W. 220th Streets. No tickets or passes required; food lovers simply dine at as many participating restaurants as they please! Visit www.whindine.com for a complete list. May 12th – 23rd, \$26.95 3-course *prix fixe* dinner (per person), 4pm-9pm. Join us at District 12 (4892 Broadway, btw. W. 204th & W. 207th Streets) for our launch celebration with 1-hour open bar, live music, giveaways, *hors d'oeuvres*, and cupcakes; you will also have the opportunity to try District 12's *prix fixe* menu. **Monday, May 12th, 6pm – 9pm.**

The Association of Dominican Classical Artists Presents "The Villa-Lobos Experience" Join us for an evening of music composed and influenced by the Brazilian visionary, Heitor Villa-Lobos. Arguably the best-known classical composer from South America, Villa-Lobos (1887-1959) wrote works that incorporate not only his native folk and afro music, but also style elements from classicism, impressionism, and the baroque. May's concert features a variety of works by the Brazilian master including the uniquely scored *Mystic Sextet*, the unforgettable *Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5*, and the rarely played *Quatuor Symbolique* in the original version with chorus. ADCA's President, Artistic Director and Harpist Adán Vasquez leads a stellar assembly of Upper Manhattan talent, including series favorites Jorge García on clarinet, Nelly Rocha on cello, and Pedro Vizzarro on viola. At City College's Aaron Davis Hall, Theater B, W. 135th Street & Convent Ave. FREE, but registration is required: <http://www.dominicanclassical.org/season-tickets.html>. **Monday, May 12th, 7pm – 9pm.**

It's Time for an Upgrade New York! Get On the Bus to Albany: Lobby with NOW for the Women's Equality Act, which includes provisions to strengthen our anti-violence and human trafficking laws, tackle discrimination in the workplace, and safeguard women's abortion rights. In New York City, 40% of single mothers and their children live in poverty; the number of rapes has increased by 57% since 2009, and full-time working women in the metropolitan area face a 15% wage gap. It's time for an upgrade New York! We need laws as strong as New York women. **Tuesday, May 13th; leaves at 7am SHARP.** Our buses are filling up! Reserve your spot NOW!

Auditions for Tales from Hans Christian Andersen with the Pied Piper Children's Theatre. Elementary production (ages 5-14); perfect for young children and kids with little-to-no theatre experience. Children auditioning do not need to prepare anything, just show up! Rehearsals begin June 16th for performances July 10th-13th. We hope to see you there! At the Theatre Space at Holy Trinity Church, 20 Cumming Street (corner of Seaman Avenue, one block north of the Dyckman Street A train station.) **Tuesday, May 13th at 5pm.**

Time is Brain: Stroke Detection, Treatment & Prevention Don't miss this presentation on stroke, the fourth leading cause of death and leading cause of serious disability in the US. learn about the things that can save a life! This lecture will focus on stroke warning signs and symptoms, the latest treatments available for stroke as well as stroke prevention, including the various modifiable behavior patterns that can help prevent this disease. There are nearly 800,000 strokes in the US each year and 1 of 6 Americans is affected by stroke. There will be two presentations, in Spanish and English, so that members of the community may engage in the discussion more easily and have a more fruitful dialogue with the presenting physician. At the Vivian and Seymour Milstein Family Heart Center, 173 Ft. Washington Avenue, near W. 168th St. RSVP to Julio Batista, Director Community Affairs at 212-305-9196. **In English, Tuesday, May 13th, 6:30pm-8pm.**

The Sylvan Winds return for a concert of winds & guitar Join us for an exciting evening of mostly Latin works along with some truly rare jewels. Come early to view the collection of Spanish art and stay for a post-concert reception in the Bancaja Sorolla Galery surrounded by the magnificent paintings that make up Joaquin Sorolla's "Visión de España." Free, but reservations required: 212-926-2234 x250 or friends@hispanicsociety.org. **Wednesday, May 14th at 7pm.**

Robert Vuichard & Broadway Chamber Players at Bloomingdale School of Music Exploring the Metropolis's Composers-in-Residence, Robert Vuichard. Vuichard will be presenting premieres of several new works and arrangements in collaboration with Broadway Chamber Players in this, the culminating program of his EtM Con Edison Composers' Residency at Bloomingdale School of Music. Now in its fifth year, the EtM Con Edison Composers' Residency, provides free space in New York City cultural and community facilities for composition work. Each year, eight NYC-based composers are selected for residency in four host facilities. Composers receive three months of free workspace and a stipend and present one free public program in cooperation with the host facility. Admission to the concert is free; a reception follows. At the Bloomingdale School of Music, 323 West 108th Street; info: 212-663-6021. **Wednesday, May 14th, 7:30pm – 9:00 pm.**

NoMAA grantee Artists Unite 187th Street Gallery Project presents opening of David Ferrando's "Chaos Demands Attention," a show of paintings, mixed media & sculpture. On view through June 30th at the Berkshire Bank Gallery Space, 210 Pinehurst Ave. (corner of W. 187th St.) **Thursday, May 15th at 5:30pm.**

Dos Pueblos: a Partnership of Two Cities Dos Pueblos, a fantastic nonprofit located on the West Side, is holding our annual event on at the West Park Presbyterian Church at 165 W. 86th Street. The event is free and open to the public, with a live salsa band playing and presentations about the organization's sister-city partnership with Tipitapa, Nicaragua. **Friday, May 16th, 6:30pm - 9:30pm.**

*****NEXT WEEKEND*** (9 items)**

Legal Empowerment Series on Housing for residents and owners with organizing sessions to assist in preparing your legal efforts. Attorneys will be available. Continental Breakfast at 8am; Session 1 (Leases, Contract of Sales, NYCHA, SRO's, and Sublets), 9am-10:30; Session 2 (Renewals, Vacancies, Succession), 10:30am-noon; lunch, noon-1pm; Session 3 (Tenants Rights and Co-op/Condo Governance), 1pm-2:30pm. All attendees will receive a FREE Housing Resource CD. Hosted by Community Board 12's Housing & Human Services At the Isabella Geriatric Library (515 Audubon Ave. @ W. 190th St.) **Saturday, May 17th, 8am to 3pm.**

7th Annual Dance Recitals of Mary Poppins & Let's Go to the Movies (4:30pm) by Broadway Performing Arts Center. Mother Cabrini High School. 701 Fort Washington Ave. For more information, visit <http://www.broadwaypac.com/>. **Saturday, May 17th at 10:30am, 1:30pm & 4:30pm.**

34th Precinct Community Affairs Spring Event Come participate and interact with members of the 34th Precinct. There will be games, music, food, crime prevention information, health screenings, and giveaways. It's fun for the whole family. On Sherman Avenue between Dyckman & Academy Streets. We hope to see you there! For more information, call the 34th Pct. Community Affairs office at 212-927-0576. **Saturday, May 17th, noon – 5pm.**

Russian-American Cultrual Heritage Center(RACH-C)'s 8th Annual Children's Festival of Russian Culture Children's Russian Folk Ensembles provide a taste of centuries old Russian music & dance along with contemporary song & dance. At NYU's Skirball Performance Center, 566 LaGuardia Place. For event information, call 212-992-8484 or visit <http://russianamericanhistorymonth.org/2014/02/26/8th-annual-international-childrens-festival-of-russian-culture/> or www.russianamericanhistorymonth.org. Call 212-352-3101 for ticket info (\$15/\$20/\$25) or click here to buy online: <http://nyuskirball.org/events/index>. ****SPECIAL NOTE**** RACH-C is making up to 100 complimentary tickets available to our neighborhood families!! If you're interested, please email our office (eventsRSVP@adrianoespailat.org) with your name, contact info, and the number of tickets you would like, and I will forward your information to RACH-C, which will have tickets held for your at the box office. **Saturday, May 17th at 3pm.**

Muscota's 4th Annual Spring Gala & Auction Live music, drinks, delicious appetizers by 181 Cabrini Cafe and Saggio, and a chance to win fabulous items in our live and silent auction! All money raised will support the programs at the Muscota New School. At the Columbia Boathouse (enter via driveway at W. 218th St. & Seaman Ave.) Ticket price includes all food and drinks: \$20 in advance (purchase at <http://tinyurl.com/pekc4f8>) or \$25 at the door. For questions or more information, contact Nancy Fiaschetti at nancymarchetta@yahoo.com. We hope to see you there! **Saturday, May 17th, 6pm - 9pm.**

PPCT/Delphi Theatre Open Mic Night Open to all kinds of performers including singers, actors, poets, story-tellers, comedians, jugglers, magicians, dancers, and instrumentalists. Tables will be set up: Bring your dinner! At the Theatre Space at Holy Trinity Church, Inwood, 20 Cumming Street (corner of Seaman Avenue, one block north of Dyckman Street A train station). Admission: \$2 General Admission. To sign up in advance, email info@piedpipertheatre.com with your name, the nature of your act, and the approximate length (7 minutes max including setup). *Please remember that this is a family theatre! All performance acts are subject to approval; management reserves the right to shut down any acts deemed inappropriate for a family environment.* **Saturday, May 17th at 6:30pm.**

Riverside Park Clean-up Day! Help clean up Riverside Valley Community Garden (138th Street in Riverside Park). We will do a range of tasks, such as weeding, spreading woodchips and mulch, raking, etc. To volunteer, email RiversideParkCleanUp@anschechesed.org. **Sunday, May 18th, 9:30am - 12:30pm.**

Clothing Swap Do you have clothes sitting in bags waiting to give away? Are you looking for a good reason to clear out your closets and welcome spring? The Uptown Community Church in partnership with the Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights announces its annual clothing swap. Bring gently used clothing on Sunday May 18th at 12:30pm. Then stick around and look through all your neighbor's clothes and "shop" for yourself! Leftover clothes will be donated to local organizations that collect clothing for the needy. Shopping bags will be available for all of our Swap Shoppers (as long as supplies last). At the Hebrew Tabernacle, 551 Ft. Washington Ave. @ W. 185th St. **Sunday, May 18th, 12:30pm-3:30pm.**

Voces/Voices Theater Performance Upper Manhattan teens join with the People's Theatre Project and Seven Stories Institute for the culminating performance of their VOICES/VOCES program. The participants study the role of youth throughout history in the struggle for justice and work together to create their own theatrical protest piece on their role as youth and artists in Northern Manhattan today. **At the Morris-Jumel Mansion, located between W. 160th and W. 162nd Streets just east of St. Nicholas Ave. FREE with Museum admission, but advanced registration is required; please call 212-923-8008. Sunday, May 18th, 3pm – 5pm.**

*****LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY / SAVE THE DATE*** (12 items)**

Harlem is... Theater 1821 to Now marks the launch of a year-long citywide, multi-arts focus on Harlem's historic role in the development of Black Theater and its impact. View of exhibit & roundtable. Aaron Davis Hall @ The City College of New York, W. 135th St. & Convent Ave. **Tuesday, May 20th at 6pm.**

Contact Liz Ritter at elritter@adrianoespailat.org to receive updates via email

Celebrate Mothers' Day with Assemblywoman Rosa Please save the date for my Second Annual Mother's Day Celebration. It will be held on at Isabella Geriatric Center, 515 Audubon Avenue @ W. 190th St. A list of honorees and more details will come in the next few days. **Wednesday, May 21st, 6pm-8:30pm.**

I am New York Juan Rodriguez by NoMAA grantee Organic Magnetix. Performance tells the story of NYC's first immigrant. El Museo del Barrio 1230 5 Ave @ 104 St. Free. For more information visit <http://www.organicmagnetix.com/current/>. **Tuesday, May 27th at noon (student matinee) & Wednesday, May 28th at 7:30pm.**

Up the Hudson: Paintings by J. Gregory Coutinho Curated by Jeff Hoppa, and on view at the Indian Road Café, 600 W. 218th St. through May 31st. Opening reception **May 27th, at 6:30pm - 8:30pm.**

ArtStroll kickoff celebration Each year NoMAA selects outstanding people and/or organizations from the community to honor during the Uptown Arts Stroll. In 2014, we are excited and pleased to announce this year's honorees: **Annette Aguilar**, drummer, musician, band leader and educator; **René de los Santos**, visual artist and arts activist; **Sky Pape**, internationally renowned visual artist and "an ardent nature-nerd, culture-hound, and pom-pom waver for creative folks of all stripes"; and **Janifer Wilson**, writer and owner of Sister's Uptown Bookstore. These honorees exemplify the amazing talent and professional excellence of our diverse arts hub. We are proud of their achievements! At the water tower plaza in Highbridge Park (enter at W. 172nd St. & Amsterdam Ave.), **Thursday, May 29th, 6pm - 8:30pm.**

Chancellor's Parent Conference Series The Department of Education, in partnership with the Coalition for Educational Justice (CEJ), will be hosting a series of Parent Conferences. The purpose of these Parent Conferences is to empower parents as leaders, and to reinforce the essential role of parents in their children's academic success. Free breakfast and child care for children 5+ are provided; on-site interpretation available upon request. For more information, visit:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/ParentsFamilies/welcomeslider/ChancellorsParentConferences.htm>

- **Elementary School Conference** at the Long Island City High School, 14-30 Broadway, Queens. **Saturday, May 31st, 8am – 1pm.**
- **Middle School Conference** at the Van Siclen Community Middle School, 800 Van Siclen Ave., Brooklyn. **Saturday, June 7th, 8am – 1pm.**

The Annual Spring Clean is looking for community groups or individuals to volunteer to make an impact on their community. We will be covering from Marble Hill to W. 152nd Street. If you are interested in forming a group, or joining one of the already formed groups, please contact Allison James at allisonnyc@gmail.com. Include your group name if applicable as well as area you would like to be involved in cleaning. We are creating sub-groups in Marble Hill, Inwood, Hudson Heights, Eastern Washington Heights and Lower Washington Heights. All supplies provided by Dept of Sanitation. Let's clean the streets and be proud of the community we live in! **Saturday, May 31st, 9:30am - 1pm.**

Baroque Cello Recital Anthony Albrecht, an Australian cellist and 2014 graduate of Juilliard's Historical Program, will present a farewell recital featuring a repertoire of favorites studied during his time in New York City. All proceeds will go towards the restoration of Morris-Jumel Mansion. **At the Morris-Jumel Mansion, located between W. 160th and W. 162nd Streets just east of St. Nicholas Ave.** Admission is pay-what-you-wish donation, call 212-923-8008 to reserve. **Saturday, May 31st, 3pm – 5pm.**

Drums Along the Hudson Sunday, June 1st; details to follow.

Hike the Heights Saturday, June 7th; details to follow.

Big Green Gym Day Sunday, June 8th; details to follow.

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A Toast to Fort Tryon Park / Wine Tasting Fundraiser Thursday, June 19th, 6:30-9:00pm; details to follow. Tickets are on sale now at www.FortTryonParkTrust.org.

*****HOW YOU CAN HELP*** (1 item)**

The WHIN Music Project recently launched the Orchestrating Dreams online campaign through IndieGoGo. This is a wonderful program to bring music and orchestral instruction to our neighborhood's children. With a little more than a week to go, they are just a few hundred dollars short of their \$6,500 goal! Visit <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/whin-music-project-orchestrating-dreams> to view their video, learn about WHIN, and help put them over the top! Every dollar goes to provide FREE music programming for our community's children. For more information, email David Gracia: david.gracia79@gmail.com.

*****EDUCATIONAL & VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES *** (7 items)**

Build a Better School Contest: Win \$10,000 for Your School Schools can win \$10,000 to help students achieve their academic goals while improving their school. Middle and high school students are invited to work with a member of their school's staff to submit a three-minute video explaining why their school is in need of additional funding and what improvement they can undertake to build a better school. PA/PTAs are also invited to collaborate with their Parent Coordinator/and or other staff member and students on a project. Principals must review and approve all submissions. A completed submission form <http://schools.nyc.gov/ParentsFamilies/Build%20a%20Better%20School%20Submission%20Form> should accompany all video submissions to the address identified on the attached forms. The winners will be selected based on school's need, the spirit of students' collaboration as demonstrated in the video, project creativity and the project's connection to an academic goal. For more information see attached informational flyer or send inquires to eb@schools.nyc.gov. **Deadline: May 9th**.

Broadway Plaza Job Fair Various retail positions available at the soon-to-be-opening Broadway Plaza at W. 231st St. & Broadway in the Bronx. You must be in attendance to apply; Broadway Plaza retailers will be there! At the New York Public Library's Kingsbridge Branch, 291 W. 231st St. (btw. Corlear & Tibbett Avenues). For more information, contact Bronx Community Board 8 (718-884-3959 / bx08@cb.nyc.gov). **Friday, May 9th, 5pm – 8pm.**

PPCT/Delphi Theatre Artistic Director Applications are NOW BEING ACCEPTED for the new Artistic Director position at Pied Piper Children's Theatre (PPCT) & Delphi theatre. Click here (<http://www.piedpipertheatre.com/>) for the job description for the position, which can also be found under the Downloadable Forms tab. Please read the job profile carefully and submit materials to our new PPCT email account created for job applications: jobs@piedpipertheatre.com. **Application deadline is Thursday, May 15th**.

Spanish (ELE) Reading Assessments All students who receive native language arts instruction in Spanish must take the Spanish (ELE) Reading Assessment, which will be administered on **May 20th**. For a complete list of assessments see the 2013-2014 City and Statewide Assessment calendar <<http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/ronlyres/F28E5F39-B926-4487-B164-02D6853A2D63/0/AssessmentCalendar20132014.pdf>>. For a list of all calendar visits the visit the Calendars' website <<http://schools.nyc.gov/Calendar/2013-2014+School+Year+Calendars.htm>>. Please contact your school with specific questions about your child.

Borough-Wide Workshops for Families of Middle School Students Interested in Applying to Arts-Based High Schools Join us for an evening of learning and community building at the NYCDOE Office of the Arts and Special Projects', "Middle School Parents Info Session." Families will have the opportunity to attend a workshop conveniently located within the borough where they reside, receive information regarding their children's preparation for high school auditions, and speak with experts from the Arts and the Enrollment Offices. At the Lincoln Center Institute (70 Lincoln Center Plaza). Seats are limited. Families must register to attend! To register,

click here: <http://www.cvent.com/Surveys/Welcome.aspx?s=8861fbb8-0055-4ffe-a8a3-f6b30c8b5cb9>. Contact: Darleen Garner dgarner@schools.nyc.gov / 212-356-8557. **Wednesday, May 21st, 6:30pm - 7:30 pm**. Additional sessions in other boroughs on **May 8th & 17th**.

Chancellor's Parent Conference Series The Department of Education, in partnership with the Coalition for Educational Justice (CEJ), will be hosting a series of Parent Conferences. The purpose of these Parent Conferences is to empower parents as leaders, and to reinforce the essential role of parents in their children's academic success. Free breakfast and child care for children 5+ are provided; on-site interpretation available upon request. For more information, visit:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/ParentsFamilies/welcomeslider/ChancellorsParentConferences.htm>

- **High School Conference** at the High School of Fashion Industries, 225 W. 24th St., Manhattan. **Saturday, May 3rd, 8am – 1pm.**
- **Elementary School Conference** at the Long Island City High School, 14-30 Broadway, Queens. **Saturday, May 31st, 8am – 1pm.**
- **Middle School Conference** at the Van Siclen Community Middle School, 800 Van Siclen Ave., Brooklyn. **Saturday, June 7th, 8am – 1pm.**

State Pre-College Enrichment Program (S-PREP) at the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs at Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons is recruiting NYC high school students for the 2014-2015 academic year. S-PREP is a rigorous academic year program designed for students who are who are seriously interested in pursuing a career in medicine or related health professions. Students must be a New York residents who are minority (e.g., Black, Hispanic, Native American, or Alaskan Native) or economically disadvantaged (*see economic eligibility guidelines*) enrolled in high school grades 9–12. The long range objective of the program is to increase the number of minority physicians and health care professionals. The program offers a schedule of basic and medical science courses. The courses may include, but are not limited to the following: anatomy, biochemistry, embryology, calculus, chemistry, genetics, neuroscience, organic chemistry, physics, physiology, and pre-calculus. In addition, the program offers a SAT preparation course provided by Kaplan. Classes start in **October** of the academic year and are held on Saturdays, in morning and afternoon sessions. Medical, dental, and graduate students serve as course preceptors. In addition to the rigorous academic schedule, the program offers mandatory college preparation and career development workshops, college counseling services, field trips and college tours. Download the application here: <http://ps.columbia.edu/education/node/1996>; deadline is Tuesday, July 22nd. If you have any questions, email sprep-ps@columbia.edu.

NEWS, INFORMATION, OPPORTUNITIES & ONGOING EVENTS (6 items)

Literacy Inc.'s (LINC) Reading Everywhere Month is the perfect opportunity to expand your family's daily reading routine to fun and unusual places. During the month of May, bring your books while you travel, do laundry, wait for appointments; and of course, bring them to the park. New York City has 29,000 acres of park land that includes playgrounds, botanic gardens, community gardens, and beaches. Not only are these great places to read, there is so much learning and exploration your family can do. You can bird watch, examine plant life, or explore the animal life in a pond. See above for various activities during LINC's Inwood Reading Everywhere Week throughout the neighborhood. These fun and exciting events are fantastic ways to engage your children in literacy learning, and will give you ideas for educational activities you can do with your family at home. Be sure to join us for each event to receive free books, and win prizes! For more information please visit Literacy, Inc's staff at 5030 Broadway, suites #639 & #641.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of NYC's Mentoring Children of Promise Program The Mentoring Children of Promise Program aims to help families by matching youth that have an incarcerated parent or family member with a fully screened and trained, volunteer mentor. Through this mentoring relationship youth are afforded the opportunity to learn resilience in the face of adversity, the importance of healthy relationships, as well as gain the support to grow to be successful young adults. Print a flyer

<<http://schools.nyc.gov/ParentsFamilies/welcomeslider/Big%20Brother%20Big%20Sister%20Mentoring%20Program%20Flyer>>. To refer a child, contact Lissette Hernandez: 212-686-2042 ext 162 or lhernandez@bigsny.org.

Safe at Home: The Hudson Community Project The YM & YWHA of Washington Heights & Inwood has collaborated with the Riverdale YM-YWHA, the Jewish Community Council of Washington Heights & Inwood, and the Hebrew Home at Riverdale to form a unique partnership to provide easier access to services for older adults. It combines our agencies' resources, expands the geographic scope of our services-and streamlines the way we provide them. The result: older adults can receive a more comprehensive selection of services aimed at helping you maintain your independence and make living at home more comfortable and secure. Some of our services include case management, housing advocacy, kosher pantry, kosher meals, social adult day care, in-home support, health maintenance, rehabilitation, and transportation. **For more information, please contact: Sarah Leiner, MSW at 212-569-6200 x 233.**

Join the Riverside/Inwood Neighborhood Garden (RING) All RING members are welcome to host an event at RING. Contact us regarding your proposed event. If you are not a member yet, it only takes \$10 to sign up for a basic membership. Visit http://ringgarden.wordpress.com/membership-information/?utm_source=Organizations+%26+Politicians&utm_campaign=c0c12360b9-2014_Spring_Flea_Market5_4_2014&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_edf8b1e193-c0c12360b9-342680069&mc_cid=c0c12360b9&mc_eid=e06db15543 to view membership options. See you soon at RING!

Ping Pong tables are Open and Waiting for You! The Fort Tryon Park Trust restored the historic ping pong tables and had custom made stainless steel nets made for them. You can borrow paddles and balls courtesy of the Fort Tryon Park Trust or bring your own. Come out and play! **On the Subway Terrace in Fort Tryon Park by the 190th St. A-train stop.**

M60 Select Bus Service is coming to 125th Street! Although some preliminary preparation has been done along the route, work on the street begins in early May. Expect to see painting of bus lanes, updating of parking regulations, and installation of new fare payment machines. You may notice temporary disruptions along the route such as parking prohibitions for marking installation, etc., as the MTA makes the changes necessary to support this new service. The route will begin on W. 106th Street and travel along Broadway to W. 120th St., east to Amsterdam then north to W. 125th St., then east on W. 125th St. stopping at Amsterdam, St. Nick/Frederick Douglass, Lenox, Madison, Lexington and 2nd Avenues before crossing into Queens and continuing along Astoria Blvd. The service will begin on May 25th. Features include:

- Dedicated lane for buses between Lenox and Second Aves
- New left-turn restrictions at Fifth & Lexington Aves to improve pedestrian safety and traffic flow.
- Drivers should enter bus lanes to make right turns and for quick passenger pick-up/drop-off
- All bus lanes will be enforced by bus lane cameras.
- Parking, loading, and bus stops remain at the curb
- Off-Board Fare Payment and Transfers

The base cost of riding a Select Bus Service bus is \$2.50, the same as riding the subway or the local or limited-stop bus. Before boarding the bus, customers must pay their fares on the sidewalk at a Select Bus Service station using a MetroCard or coin machine, where they will receive a ticket as proof of payment. When the bus comes, customers may enter or exit through any of the bus doors, holding on to their ticket, which may be requested at random by MTA inspectors. There is no need to present your ticket to the bus driver. Customers without a ticket will be subject to a \$100 fare evasion summons.

*****LG/USA PALISADES UPDATE*** (6 items)**

Last week's meeting (April 30th) of the Englewood Cliffs Planning Board was extremely well-attended, with many people speaking out against the height of LG's proposed project and against the town's proposed zoning changes

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which would enable further such development. It was clear that the opposition is not just environmentalists and New Yorkers (as LG and the Englewood Cliffs mayor have alleged), but everyday residents of Englewood Cliffs who do not want to see their town destroyed by this development. They were grateful for the support of so many people throughout the town, state and region. For more coverage, visit WNYC and listen to the Brian Lehrer show's coverage: <http://www.wnyc.org/story/fight-over-palisades-view/>.

Please note in your calendars some important upcoming dates, and ways you can get involved. The Event Committee of Protect the Palisades.org encourages members and supporters to participate in the public events listed below to spread the word about LG's development and its threat to the historical and landmarked Palisades.

- 1) We are asking the public to consider carefully the character of the company from which they chose to buy their cell phones, TVs, washing machines, etc. This is not a "boycott."
- 2) Joining the Protect the Palisades Meetup group will let you know about events and make it easy to register for them, and will help us gather new supporters. It is especially important for those who are coordinating events to join our Meetup Group: <http://www.meetup.com/Protect-the-Palisades/>. To do this, create a user ID and password. Your actual email address will remain anonymous and you can choose a user name that is not your real name if you have any concerns. (Please note when you sign up you will be prompted to select interests; you can minimize emails you receive by selecting fewer or no interests.)
- 3) **Englewood Cliffs Planning Board Public Hearing **NOTE NEW VENUE:** 143 Charlotte Place, Englewood Cliffs. It's the Upper School** **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO ATTEND THIS HEARING. WE MUST HAVE A STRONG SHOWING. BRING YOUR FRIENDS. TRANSPORTATION FROM NYC WILL BE CO-ORDINATED BY NRDC.** The planning board will hear additional public testimony (continued from their April 30th hearing, which had more speakers signed up than could be accommodated in the 3-hour meeting) on proposed Master Plan which would enable development of buildings up to 150' in height along Sylvan Avenue west of the Palisades. Watch this space for details as to date, time and venue.
- 4) The New Jersey State Senate's Environment & Energy Committee has scheduled a hearing for **May 19th at 10am** in the State House in Trenton to discuss proposed zoning legislation which would protect the Palisades by rendering moot the zoning variance granted to LG by the town of Englewood Cliffs and other such local zoning laws. We are hoping for a very strong turnout. Attendees can sign up in support or opposition to the legislation. They can also sign up to testify. It is critical that we have a good showing as the opposition may come out in force. For more information about the hearing, email Joe Rappaport at jgrappaport@rocketmail.com. For more information on this legislation, visit <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2014/04/29/lawmaker-launches-bill-that-could-derail-lgs-new-jersey-hq-plans/> and <http://www.njspotlight.com/stories/14/04/28/company-s-spire-on-palisades-draws-ire-of-governors-greens-investors/>. Feel free to add a comment at the end of the NJ Spotlight article.
- 5) And of course, if you are a letter writer and you haven't already done so, please write a letter to CEO Bon-Joon Koo and ask others to do the same. For more ways to help protect the Palisades, please visit our [Take Action page](#).

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