

# West 104<sup>th</sup> Street

**BLOCK ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

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Editor: Nancy Lian

*Hark the Heralds of the...*

## **23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Yard Sale**

After welcoming moderate temperatures, blooming flowers, song birds, river breezes, and sunshine that harbinger spring, block residents prepare for the harbingers of the 23rd Annual West 104<sup>th</sup> Street Yard Sale, scheduled for September 29. With confidence usually reserved for the cycles of nature, neighbors anticipate the nesting on their doorsteps of a colorful flock of solicitations for donations for the Book Sale, Bake Sale, Silent Auction, and "What-A-Bargain."

Some veterans of past Yard Sales have already begun to cull their collections for cookbooks, mysteries, novels, plays, poetry collections, histories, biographies, memoirs, art volumes, atlases, dictionaries, and other intellectual nourishment for the hungry readers who crowd the tables stocked with used books. Others are searching their drawers and closets for used kitchenware, jewelry, toys, embroidery kits, unopened personal care products, and other knick-knacks to offer the foragers who excavate the clutter at the "What-A-Bargain" table.

Some residents are busy researching and experimenting with recipes for original cookies, cakes, pies, snacks, finger food, and other creations to grace the tables of the Bake Sale. Others are itemizing their neglected antiques, vintage collectibles, artwork, and good-as-new items that would provide the thrill of acquisition to bidders at the Silent Auction.

While awaiting the solicitations for books, baked goods, bargains, and bid-worthy items, a brigade of residents are poised for the announcement that launches the charge for the limited number of ten-foot vendor spaces, where they can display the treasures retrieved from the darkest corners of their closets. In addition to relieving home clutter

*(Cont'd in next column)*

### ***Fundraising project to replace our rusted Tree Guards: Update***

Good news! We have nearly reached our funding goal and hope to start work this summer. The NY Tree Trust and contractors are scheduled to visit the block soon to determine the final dimensions of the tree guards and pits.

We are still short funding for one tree guard. If you have not yet made a contribution to the replacement project or, if you can contribute additional funds, we urge you to please do so now. You can use the enclosed dues envelope for your contribution. Write your 100% tax deductible check to the *NY Tree Trust* and give it to any building representative listed in the newsletter. You will be helping the entire block while taking advantage of a tax deduction

and pocketing some cash, they look forward to sharing laughs with neighbors and making new friends.

All block residents, of course, can look forward to an offer to join the labor force that transforms West 104<sup>th</sup> Street between Riverside and West End into a bargain hunter's paradise. In addition to setting up and breaking down displays of merchandise, they can apply the special talents required to serve burgers and hot dogs, to hawk raffle tickets, and to facilitate the live performances by seasoned New York musicians.

Watch your doorsteps. Details will arrive, as sure as the robins of spring.

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## Neighborhood News

**Silver Necklace with Pendant found at 102 & WEA. To claim it please email [p.halak@yahoo.com](mailto:p.halak@yahoo.com).**

### Cell Phone Drive June 1-30, 2012

A donated cell phone can become a lifeline for an isolated or otherwise vulnerable individual who needs to call 911. SECURE THE CALL, a charity, collects and converts old cell phones into 911 emergency access phones. You can support this important cause by bringing your used cell phone to Assembly Member O'Donnell's Community Office; 245 W. 104th St. any time until June 30. For more information, please visit [www.securethecall.org](http://www.securethecall.org).

### Letter to the Editor:

*It is time for--another--reminder to dog owners that dog urine and feces are NOT good for plants, trees, or grass. They do not "water," "fertilize," or have "no effect" on plants. Your neighborhood volunteer gardeners kindly request that dogs not be allowed to pee/poop on vegetation, run through gardens, or pee on the tree pit plantings.*

*And, please, please pick up after your dog and dispose of the bag in the trash, not the garden, sidewalk, or street. It is very disheartening to have to clean up after them or walk through the leavings as we try to make the neighborhood beautiful for all of us to enjoy. An example: One miscreant daily uses the area next to the garden in front of 320 RSD and has left a veritable stratum of droppings. There's so much of it, and it has gone on for so long, that it's easily recognizable as the same dog. Thank you to the vast majority, considerate dog owners.*

*Karen Gershenhorn*



### THANK YOU PLANTERS

It was a glorious Mother's Day weekend, but that didn't stop the intrepid 104<sup>th</sup> street residents from giving up their weekend

and hitting the dirt (and pavement) to beautify our block. In record time 25 barren tree beds up and down the block were turned into patches of color. If you enjoy the plants, please help water them. The plants need the water to survive and thrive.

We had a great turnout this year. If walking down the block makes you smile (and how couldn't it?), you can thank Captain Bonnie Dry, Barbara Bryan, Jane Cohen, Teresa Elwert, Mike Fara, Mary Koval, Joyce Mann, Michelle Massick and her children Max and Kala, Katherine Randall, Joe Rappaport, Shep Siegel, Phyllis Sperling, Kate Walbert and her daughter Iris. We want to especially thank Max, Kala and Iris who not only helped plant, but lowered our demographic considerably. It was great fun and we look forward to seeing more families next year.

### Contributors to the June 2012 issue:

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**SAVE THE DATE Saturday, Sept. 29  
23<sup>rd</sup> Annual W 104<sup>th</sup> St. Yard Sale**

### W 104 ST BLOCK ASSN FINANCIAL REPORT May 2012

<b>Opening Balance (5/01/12)</b>		<b>\$48,258.14</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Dues, individual	\$240.00	
Newsletter ads	80.00	
T-shirts	113.00	
Interest	6.19	
<b>Total</b>	<b>319.19</b>	<b>619.19</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Guard service	2,654.88	
Guard supplement	200.00	
Plants	973.10	
Planters	25.83	
Misc.	16.33	
<b>Total</b>	<b>-3,870.14</b>	<b>-3,870.14</b>
<b>Corrections</b>		
Check delayed		<b>-2,710.19</b>
<b>Closing Balance (5/31/12)</b>		<b>\$42,037.00</b>

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**Police/COMMUNITY Watch**  
Crime reports at recent Precinct  
Community Council meetings

emphasize grand larceny of unattended property in public places. In April, vehicular accidents were up due in part to driver inattention and visibility problems created by double-parked cars. Injuries partly related to disuse of seatbelts. Police are working to reduce the number of bicycles attached to trees and poles and blocking sidewalks. A recent mugging incident occurred at 2 am between Bway and Riverside on 108 St. Extra police are periodically stationed in the precinct, especially on or near Amsterdam and Columbus. Recent complaints brought to the council included ones about a gang of dirt bikers near Morningside Park and tour buses of various companies using Central Park West between 106<sup>th</sup> and 110<sup>th</sup> for travel and parking. *Trudie Grace*

**Westside Federation Block Association Board Meeting: May 7, 2012**

Guest Speaker Deputy Inspector Nancy Barry, Commander 24<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct reported that the 125 police officers and 90 auxiliary officers allow for more foot patrol. Officers are on Broadway corners Thursdays and Fridays from 9AM to 3PM. Crime is down although there have been car break-ins, cell phone theft, and identity theft. Undercover officers during the night and evening hours prevent car theft. Thieves specifically target GPS devices in cars. Cell phone snatching is common at the 96<sup>th</sup> St Bwy subway station and officers are on the street and in the station to deter theft. Barry reminded all to shred documents with personal information as protection against identity theft.

*Mary Koval*

**Mosquito Alert for Upper West Siders**

A Town Hall Meeting, sponsored by Assemblymember Linda B. Rosenthal – 67<sup>th</sup> AD on May 17, resulted from NY 311 calls reporting an increase in mosquitoes during the winter months. Panelists were from the NYC Dept of Health and Mental Hygiene, Dept of Transportation, Con Edison, NYC Environmental Protection and an expert in Entomology from Cornell University. The epicenter is W 84<sup>th</sup> Street from CPW to Riverside where residents sleep under mosquito nets. Mosquitoes are migrating along the Upper West Side and as far as Brooklyn. The infestation is from a particular mosquito species, an “underground” breeder, in subways and sewer lines. Waheed Bajwa, PhD from the NYC DOH assured the audience that this species does not carry the West Nile Virus, but their bites cause welts and allergic reactions. All agencies committed to eradicating the problem by flushing sewer lines, inspecting subway tunnels, etc. A “hotline” for mosquito reporting will allow agencies to catalogue locations of infestation. To avoid mosquito bites, use window screens, mosquito repellent, especially DEET, avoid heavy perfumes, empty containers containing standing water, and report any large areas of standing water to the NYC 311 line.

*Mary Koval*



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Livia Yanowicz, founder of Complete Elder Care and Mariann Perseo an attorney whose practice concentrates on wills/estates, real estate and Elder Law presented guidelines on keeping control of finances and bills in case of illness or extended vacation. Bills that *must* be paid on time are long term care insurance and mortgage payments. (Rent controlled/stabilized residents should make pay promptly too.) Phone and electric bills are less critical; non-payment will cause inconvenience but not an eviction procedure. 'Notification' is offered by all of the above. For example, if we miss a long term care payment, the insurer must notify the person(s) designated to receive notification of the bill. The designee can then remind us to pay the bill or can pay it for us.

Bills may be paid electronically from your checking account on line (set-up through your bank.) A monthly check may be sent automatically for recurring bills such as mortgage payments. A payee like the telephone company may automatically debit our checking account each month. Paying by phone each month is time consuming.

If you need help for bills, finances or medical records, ask a relative or friend, or consider hiring a Daily Money Manager (DMM.) The DMM is trusted with access to our checking account, so be careful who to select.

Different kinds of accounts at banks or investment firms are available. Each has different levels of protection and

rights of survivorship. *Joint Tenants with rights of Survivorship* is a joint account which allows all parties on the account to write checks. If one party dies the funds (or stocks or real estate) belong to the survivor. A *Tenants-in-Common* account either requires all parties to sign checks or can authorize one partner to do so. The important difference is that if one partner dies his heirs receive what was his share of the account. In a *convenience* account, most likely used if we are indisposed, the account is ours even if we designate someone else to sign the checks.

Both Ms. Yanowitz and Ms. Perseo urged an annual review of all documents: will, power of attorney, bank and brokerage accounts. Also review trustees, notificatees, beneficiaries, wielders of our health proxy and holder of our power of attorney. (For more info on BAiP see p8.)  
*Phyllis Sperling*

***Block Bulletin Board***

*Carnival of Miracles* by **Richard Einhorn** will be performed by The Sinfonia Players as part of its program **Freedom's Ransom** (music also by Bach, Monteverdi, Karen Hansen and others). June 21 at the Park Avenue Christian Church, 1010 Park Ave. at 85<sup>th</sup> St. at 8 pm. Tickets: \$10 at the door. For more information call: 718.852.0023.

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## The Friendly Faces at the Friendly Valet Cleaners



Ronnie and Kwan, the new husband and wife management team of Friendly Valet Cleaners on Broadway, are delighted to be returning to an area of the city Kwan knows well. When he first moved to the United States from Korea in 1981, he lived with his brother at 549 Riverside Drive; later they moved to Broadway and 112th St. and lived there until 1988, when he married Ronnie and moved to Montville, New Jersey. During that formative period Kwan earned a degree in Management Information Systems (a.k.a M.I.S.) from Baruch College and for many years was involved in the computer and e-commerce industry, finally forming his own company, which developed software for small businesses.


In 1995, his company started developing commercial websites. Some of these were for environmental groups, so Kwan became increasingly educated about key environmental issues. From them he learned about PLA, a plastic made from corn, which is far less dangerous to the environment than ordinary plastic bags, which, when disposed of improperly, seriously endanger the environment, especially wildlife and sea life, who often swallow these plastic bags and cans and die a horrible death.

"300 million pounds of plastic is used by the dry cleaning industry every year" he says. In order to combat this, Kwan and Ronnie sell or rent the Green Bags you have seen increasingly on the streets and at their store, where 90% of their customers have opted to use these green cloth bags. Each person can buy one for \$10 or rent one for a refundable \$10. The bag also doubles as a convenient carryall for dirty laundry brought in. Shirts are sent out to a factory which, unfortunately, returns them in plastic bags. Ronnie and Kwan will remove the plastic bags if you own a Green Bag, and dispose of them properly. Kwan encourages people to purchase or rent a second Green Bag if you are a high use family or simply always want to have an extra bag, so if you decide to send in laundry before your clean clothes are ready, you can do so. Each bag belongs exclusively to that owner and is labeled as such. When I asked Kwan if other dry cleaners on the UWS also use these Green Bags he said, "I don't see any other stores using them."


Another critical element in Organic Dry Cleaning establishments such as theirs is the non use of PERC, a harsh chemical solvent used for many years until it was banned by the Environmental Protection Agency. Other methods of organic cleaning use Hydrocarbons or Wet Cleaning. Fuller explanations of these procedures and related environmental issues can be found on their website: [www.fvcleaners.com](http://www.fvcleaners.com)

You can also use the website to request free pickup and delivery (in available areas) and you will receive your choice of free cups or containers for babies made from PLA, the environmentally safe corn plastic, when your online pickup and delivery order reaches \$100. Other services offered by Friendly Valet cleaners include sewing, tailoring and alterations. Check the website for specifics.

Kwan is very pleased to be back in the neighborhood that first hosted him when he arrived in the U.S. many years ago, and he and Ronnie are seriously considering moving back to the Upper West Side. When I asked Kwan and Ronnie what their customers were like Kwan immediately replied: "The majority of people are so pleasant. I'm enjoying dealing with them." Kwan and Ronnie are also very interested in building good relationships with the local community and providing good service. "I'm running this business as if I were the customer" says Kwan. I changed the window and the sign. I don't like flashing lights. I like a clean, traditional look." When I asked Kwan what his hopes for the future of the business were he said: "We need your help and awareness of what we are doing. We need to have a dialogue to know what the customer wants, so we can stay here forever."



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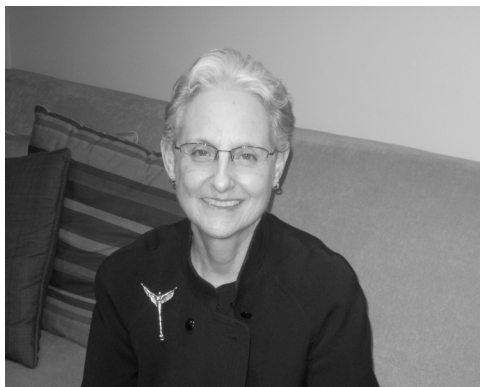
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## In the Spotlight

### NYC Commissioner for the Aging, Lilliam Barrios-Paoli

Lilliam Barrios-Paoli, 320 Riverside, was appointed Commissioner of the New York City Department for the Aging (DFTA) in December of 2008 by Mayor Michael Bloomberg,



following a long career in both City government and the non profit sector, including stints as Chief Executive for Agency Services at United Way and Executive Director of Lincoln

Hospital in the South Bronx. When I incorrectly called her current position the Department of Aging she grinned slyly and said: "We decided that DOA was probably not a good name for an agency dealing with aging, so we changed it to DFTA."

When I asked Lilliam how she had come to this lofty position she explained that she had been well known to Mayor Bloomberg's Deputy Mayor for Health and Human services, Linda Gibbs, for many years primarily because of Lilliam's work as Commissioner in various City Agencies in prior Administrations. The Department for the Aging was undergoing some changes, and that had resulted in some acrimony between the Agency and the not for profits that provide the services. She explained that NYC contracts out many of its services to non-profits, and there is always some tension between the Agency as the funding and monitoring entity, and the provider community.

Because she had had very good relationships with many of these provider communities, especially those connected to families and children, she was well known and therefore, she would be seen as a conciliatory appointment, she surmised. Additionally, she feels that having been Commissioner of four other City Agencies, under two other Mayors, dealing with a wide variety of issues, like workforce development, child welfare, housing and social welfare, and knowing the way government works, was a great preparation for her current job.

Lilliam's primary responsibilities include supervision of 258 Senior Centers serving 30,000 hot lunches daily, 16,000 home delivered meals and case management for the ever growing number of home bound and fragile elderly. The most rewarding part of her job, she immediately responded, is going to the Senior Centers and experiencing the vitality, excitement and ethnic diversity of them, since most are neighborhood based. "Mayor Bloomberg kindly gave our agency extra money to create several new state of the art centers, with swimming pools, artists in residence, even computers with Skype so that the home bound can participate in activities; because they are

so inviting these centers have been over taken by the 65-75 age cohort who have created many new programs. It's been

wonderful to see senior empowerment" she smiled. I then asked Lilliam if the Bloomingdale Aging in Place program, which our Block Association participates in, is part of the DFTA agency. She said no, they are actually an independent outgrowth of the 27 programs the city does sponsor for NORCs, meaning Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities. Years ago, when affordable housing communities such as Peter Cooper and Stuyvesant Villages were built, young families moved in and stayed for decades, but now the remaining residents are aging and in need of services. These types of homes were not planned as retirement communities, but have, de facto, become them, so services must be brought to them.

Another component of the city's NORC programs involves training doormen, live-in superintendents, meals on wheels volunteers and even UPS delivery personnel to become aware of NORC seniors who might be in need of services, since the elderly tend to come to them first for help with many basic needs. There are currently 1.2 million New Yorkers over age 65 living alone and that number increases daily.

Lilliam was born in Mexico City, living there with her parents and sister until she came to New York to pursue a Master's degree and then a PhD from the New School for Social Research. Her father worked for an American advertising company, so both parents encouraged her to learn English from the age of 3, although Spanish was the primary language of the home. After 40 years of speaking and using English she considers that her primary language, although she enjoys speaking Spanish on a daily basis. "I still count and curse in Spanish, too," she grins. After graduating with her PhD, she began a brief stint teaching anthropology at Rutgers University, but soon became restless and when she found a job in a City Agency (HRA), discovered that she was really a bureaucrat at heart. "I like problem solving, and this job showed me what a great challenge and opportunity working in government was."

She discovered over the years working for both the city and the non profit sector that large agencies must create strict rules in order to create fairness and prevent corruption, but these rules ultimately "can tie us up in knots" and that can be frustrating when trying to get things done quickly. Therefore, finding solutions that would make things work for all concerned was both challenging and rewarding.

When Lilliam moved to New York, she lived primarily on the East Side, first in Peter Cooper Village for many years, then on 25th Street and Second Avenue. When she decided to buy a place in 2003, she had many friends in this area, so she began to search with a friend who also found an apt. at 320. "I love living here. It's a much more diverse neighborhood with a greater sense of community, and people are much friendlier. There's a lot of caring about politics and social concerns. I didn't get that sense anywhere else I've lived previously. Now I only wonder why it took me so long to look on the West Side. I like it so much better here."

By Joyce Mann

## Selected Calendar of Summer Events

**NOW-6/24 Twelfth Night.** New York Classical Theater. Follow the actors; bring a blanket for seating. Meet at 103<sup>rd</sup> St. and CPW. 7:00PM. Family workshops on 6/9, 6/10, 6/23, 6/24 at 5PM. Additional performances 6/26-7/22 in Battery Park. Meet at Castle Clinton. Info: [www.newyorkclassical.org](http://www.newyorkclassical.org) FREE

**6/1-6/17 Sing for Hope Street Pianos.** Pianos available to all to encourage exploration of music. Riverside Park, Pier 1 at 70<sup>th</sup> St. Daily for two weeks. FREE. [www.riversideparkfund.org](http://www.riversideparkfund.org)

**6/10 Urban Park Rangers Nature Exploration Red Tail Hawks.** Bring binoculars and field guides. River Run Playground @ 83<sup>rd</sup> St. & RSD. 10AM – 12PM. FREE. [www.nyc.gov/parks/rangers](http://www.nyc.gov/parks/rangers)

**6/7-7/1 Comedy of Errors.** Shakespeare by Hudson Warehouse actors. Soldiers and Sailors Monument at 89<sup>th</sup> & Riverside. Every Thursday – Sunday at 6:30PM. FREE.

**6/8 Shape Up in West Harlem Piers Park: Yoga.** Jan O'Connell teaches yoga. West Harlem Piers Park @ 125<sup>th</sup> St. 2:30PM-3:30PM. FREE. [www.nyc.gov/parks/soh](http://www.nyc.gov/parks/soh)

**6/9 RCTA Sunset Concert Series.** The Riverside Clay Tennis Assn hosts summer sunset concerts. Jazz Bassist Ron McClure opens the 2012 concert season. Lawn North of 96<sup>th</sup> St. Clay Courts. 7:00PM – 9:00PM. FREE. Rain Date: June 10 7:00PM. Concerts continue 6/23, 6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/11, 8/18.

**6/9 PS 75 Spring Fair.** Fun, games, and community wellness. 95<sup>th</sup> St. between WEA and Riverside. 12:00PM-4:00PM. FREE.

**6/16 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Bloomsday on Broadway** A celebration of life, love, and language in James Joyce's *Ulysses*, as "Music in Bloom". Director Lanny Meyers and soprano Lisa Flannagan curated the music. Peter Jay Sharp Theater at Symphony Space 91<sup>st</sup> and Broadway. 7:00PM. \$25.00 [www.symphonyspace.org](http://www.symphonyspace.org)

**6/16 Globesonic Sound System Dance Party.** Open air dance party with DJ's and drummers. Far End of Pier I @ 70<sup>th</sup> St. 2:30PM-10:30PM. FREE. [www.nyc.gov/parks/soh](http://www.nyc.gov/parks/soh)

**6/17 and 6/24 Payback** Margaret Atwood's work is the basis for this documentary on "debt". Leonard Nimoy Thalia at Symphony Space. 3:30PM \$13.00 (Seniors \$11.00)

**6/19 Thalia Kids' Book Club: Middle School and Maximum Ride** James Patterson discusses his books and summer reading with author, Mathew Cody. Peter Jay Sharp Theater at Symphony Space 91<sup>st</sup> and Bway. 6PM. \$15.00 [www.symphonyspace.org](http://www.symphonyspace.org)

**6/21 MAKE MUSIC NEW YORK.** is a live, free musical celebration across the city. Public spaces throughout the five boroughs become impromptu stages for over 1,000 free concerts. Go to [makemusicny.org](http://makemusicny.org) for details.

**6/21, 6/23, 7/1 The Tempest** By Experience presents a limited theater release of Shakespeare's work starring Christopher Plummer. Leonard Nimoy Thalia at Symphony Space. 7:00PM. 7/1 at 2:00PM \$21.00 (Seniors - \$18.00)

**6/30 Fishing Festival.** NYC Urban Parks Rangers connect you to the life in the Hudson River. Equipment provided. W Harlem Piers @ 125<sup>th</sup> St. 1AM-3PM. FREE. [www.nyc.gov/parks/soh](http://www.nyc.gov/parks/soh)

**6/30 Let's Fall in Love** An exclusive look into New York and Chinese Jazz. Leonard Nimoy Thalia at Symphony Space 7:00PM. \$15. [www.symphonyspace.org](http://www.symphonyspace.org)

**7/1 Tai Chi.** Join Silvana Pizzuti to learn and practice Tai Chi, a martial art with health benefits for all fitness levels. Soldiers & Sailor's Monument @ 89<sup>th</sup> St. 8:00AM-9:00AM. FREE.

**7/10 Edouard Vuillard and Post Impressionism.** Explore Edouard Vuillard's paintings and relationship to Impressionism and Post Impressionism. The Jewish Museum 1109 5<sup>th</sup> Ave at 92<sup>nd</sup> St. 10AM – 1PM. \$10 Register by 6/29. Includes meal.

**7/11-8/8 Tots Soccer & Pee Wee Basketball.** All 5 and under are welcome at this introduction to soccer and basketball. 71<sup>st</sup>. Soccer Field and Basketball Courts. Wednesdays 9:30AM-10:30AM (Soccer) and 10:30AM-11:30AM (Basketball)

**7/11-8/15 Movies Under the Stars.** Pack a picnic and settle in for a night of premier Hollywood movies. Open Captioned. Pier 1 @ 70<sup>th</sup> St. Wednesdays at 8:30PM. FREE. List of movies at [www.riversideparkfund.org](http://www.riversideparkfund.org)

**7/11 City Noir: John Adams Conducts the Julliard and Royal Academy of Music Orchestras.** Works of Respighi, Ravel, and Adams. Avery Fisher Hall 7:30PM. \$15-\$30.00

**7/12-8/16/12 Children's Performance Series.** Music, storytelling & theater for young audiences. Pier I @ 70<sup>th</sup> St. Thursdays from 10:30AM-11:30AM. FREE.

**7/24 Selected Shorts on Tour: Cape Cod, MA** Host Isaiah Sheffer, John Shea, and Laura Esterman perform funny and moving tales about watery escapades. Check website for venue 8:00PM \$10.00 [www.symphonyspace.org](http://www.symphonyspace.org)

**8/1 Young Dancemakers Company.** Free dance concert of original choreography created by NYC teens. Peter Jay Sharp Theater at Symphony Space 2:00PM FREE.

### Ongoing

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