

West 104th Street

BLOCK ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

February 14, 2015

EDITOR: Jon Smith

Letter from the President for 2015

Dear Neighbor,

As we begin the New Year, our 45th, we like to take stock. Thanks to residents like you, our block is better maintained and safer than ever — despite the economic pressures that have forced some neighboring blocks to curtail security and beautification efforts. Recent member contributions to the West 104th Street Block Association have made the following possible:

- Expanded tree beds protected by new iron guards
- Increased spring and summer plantings of beautiful flowers and greenery
- Care and feeding of our precious trees
- Jean, our security guard, on patrol daily from 4:00 pm to 12:00 am
- Maintaining members' 40% discount on parking fees at local garages — an unbeatable bargain!
- The West 104th Street Newsletter
- Advocacy to the City agencies that control pests, traffic and other quality of life issues
- Email notices of neighborhood events and special discounts

And now for the coming year we can all look forward to:

- Our **newly redesigned website** www.west104blockassociation.com — packed with local news and perspectives unavailable from any other source and a 'Community Message Board'

where you can post comments and list items and services for sale. If you haven't had a chance to log in and scroll through it, please give it a try. We welcome comments and feedback.

- 25th Annual West 104th Street Yard Sale — with food, live music and over 60 vendors, a most respected happening on the Upper West Side
- The much anticipated 50/50 Raffle — offering better odds than the New York Lottery. Last year, residents bought over \$2,500 worth of tickets and the top prize winner received \$1270. This year we want to make it even more.



- **New For Children** coming activities: story telling in the park, face painting, and much more
- **Sunset cafe gatherings in Riverside Park to meet neighbors** (We are expecting the café to reopen and will work with the management to arrange gatherings for residents when the weather warms.)
- As we begin our **45th year**, now is the time for all true souls to come to the aid of their Block Association and join your neighbors who keep

West 104 Street welcoming, beautiful, and secure. If you have already paid your dues, your neighbors thank you. If not, please pay them now.

- **You can now log onto our website** (www.west104blockassociation.com) and pay your dues using **PayPal**. Or, if you prefer, simply fill out the dues slip at the end of this newsletter, place it in an envelope with your check payable to the West 104th Street Block Association, and hand it to any board member, mail it to the treasurer, or leave it with doorman at 320 Riverside Drive for Gary Waskow.
- All amounts are helpful and appreciated. The recommended annual dues payments are \$140 for block residents and \$70 for off-block residents. Quarterly payments of \$35 are welcome.

**** Special reminder to members taking advantage of our parking discounts. ****

To keep your Parking Discount, you must pay your yearly individual annual dues by Feb 25

Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and neighborly New Year.

Sincerely,
Gary Waskow,

President, West 104th Street
Block Association

**WEST 104 STREET BLOCK ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL REPORT January-December 2014**

Opening Balance (1/01/14) \$34,244.62

Income

Dues, individual	\$24,609.00	
Co-op contributions	5,456.04	
Other	350.00	
Newsletter ads	1,630.00	
T-shirts	24.00	
Yard Sale	10,728.15	
Interest	32.71	
Total	\$42,829.90	\$42,829.90

Disbursements

Guard service	3,3878.15	
Guard Supplement	700.00	
Printing & Mailing	49.00	
Plants	12,303.59	
Yard Sale	3,583.09	
Misc.	70.00	
Total	-\$50,583.83	-\$50,583.83
Correction-Check Delay	3,183.59	+ 3,183.59

Closing Balance (12/31/14) \$29,674.28

**W 104 ST BLOCK ASSN FINANCIAL REPORT
January 2015**

Opening Balance (1/01/15) \$29,674.28

Income

Dues	8423.00	
Interest	1.81	
Total	+8424.81	+8424.81

Disbursements

Guard service	5,224.74	
Guard supplement	350.00	
Bank fee	70.00	
PayPal fees	47.96	
Total	-5692.70	-5692.70

Check delayed -2,223.09

Closing Balance (1/31/15) \$30,183.30

Contributors to the February issue:

Beverly Block, Barbara Boynton, Bonnie Dry, Jeff Howitt, Mary Koval, Nancy Lian, Lynn Max, Jon Smith, Gary Waskow

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We Get Letters:

Dear Gary

My husband and I are pleased to donate \$200 this year to the 104th Street Block Association in appreciation of the outstanding work that you, the Board, and volunteers do in improving the lives of all of us who are lucky enough to live on 104th Street.

Again, a very big thank you to the 104th Street Block Association for the miracles you work on 104th Street.

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Grab a Front Row Seat

New York City offers many fine vantage points for the observation of life. None tops a seat on the board of a community-based organization.

When you serve on the board of the West 104th Street Block Association, for example, you discover — over and over again — that a neighborhood is a ...

- Living organism changing constantly
- Foundation stone of the City's culture and commerce
- Proving ground for the best and worst policy ideas
- Laboratory testing quality-of-life hypotheses
- Comedy of urban manners
- Exploration of the limits of human adaptability

As a board member, you enjoy not only a front row seat on a never-ending performance that matches the variety of a three-ring circus. You also gain the opportunity to step forward to participate.

If you can spare an hour and a half a month, you can make a difference in the quality of life enjoyed by your friends and neighbors on West 104th Street. Simply join the Block Association Board, attend a meeting each month, share your ideas, voice your opinions, and team up with others, like yourself, who care about our neighborhood and enjoy the satisfaction of community service.

You are welcome, without obligation, to attend the Board's next meeting, to meet the members, and to see the difference that you can make.

Simply contact Gary Waskow by email waskowg@yahoo.com or phone (212) 932-9082.

24th Precinct Community Council Meeting

Those invited to speak about various programs of interest included representatives of Foundation for a Drug Free World NY (drugfreeworldny@gmail.com) and of the Civilian Complaint Review Board, an independent agency that addresses police misconduct complaints.

A longtime community member who participated in the Citizens' Police Academy program's fourteen-week course described her experience and highly recommended the course.

Captain Marlon Larin of the 24th Precinct introduced six new probationary officers, who will be paired with veteran officers for training before being sent to "hot" ("impact") zones. They are in their mid-to-late twenties and have previously had other work experience.

Captain Larin also noted that, by the end of 2014, grand larceny, including unattended property and credit card fraud, had continued to be an issue in the precinct. He added that, in 2015, there has been a jump in burglary at SROs and nursing homes, among other locations.

A recent incident in the subway station at 103rd Street involved a homeless man, seemingly dangerous and deranged. The police responded quickly, and the man was taken to a hospital for psychiatric evaluation.

Trudie Grace

Riverside-West End Historic District Extension II Stalled

The designation of the Riverside-West End Historic District Extension from 70th Street to 109th Street was to be voted on by the Landmark Preservation Commission in three segments. The two southern districts have already been approved, but the last section, 89th to 109th Streets, has not even been calendared for a vote. Already developers are buying property and threatening to either demolish or significantly alter buildings in our neighborhood. We must act now to preserve our beautiful architecture and the history of our community.

E-mail Landmarks Preservation Chair Meenakshi Srinivasan at comments@lpc.nyc.gov or call the LPC at 212 669-7700.

Also contact our elected officials and let them know of your concerns:

Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer at 212 669-8300 or gbrewer@manhattanbp.nyc.gov

City Council Member Helen Rosenthal at 212 873-0282 or Helen@helenrosenthal.com

Assembly Member Daniel O'Donnell's office at 212 866-3970 or odonnelld@assembly.state.ny.us

Lynn Max



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Coyote Captured in Riverside Park!!!

Here's a wild story that comes to us by way of The West Side Rag and DNAInfo.com. A coyote was spotted on Saturday, January 10 in Riverside Park. Someone called the police to report seeing it and the police responded.

They tracked the coyote down and captured it in the 74th Street basketball courts. For the full story, copy the links below into your web browser:

dna.com story link:

<http://tinyurl.com/dna-story>

West Side Rag story link:

<http://tinyurl.com/westsideragstory>



Photo from 24th Precinct



Interested in Discussing Block Activities for Your Kids? Please contact Mary Koval, Board Member, at mtkoval@aol.com

Improvements That YOU Would Recommend in our Neighborhood?

Let Us Know!

As an advocate for you, our block residents, we are in constant contact with our Council Member, Helen Rosenthal, and Assembly Member, Daniel O'Donnell. Helen Rosenthal has asked for our ideas for improving bicycle and pedestrian safety and any other issues.

Please let us know your ideas on bicycle safety and pedestrian safety. Please contact Gary Waskow, West 104th Street Block Association Board President at:

west104blockassociation@gmail.com

You may also leave your suggestion by visiting our **NEW** Community Bulletin Board at:

<http://bloomingdale.org/resources/forum/>

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COMMUNITY CORNER

The Westside Federation of Neighborhood and Block Associations

At a recent meeting, Joselinne Minaya, Community Coordinator for the NY County DA's Office, spoke to the group regarding recent crimes in our area.

The Crime Prevention Initiative has given NYPD personnel cell phones and tablets for each officer. This will allow the officers to keep in constant contact as well as access the police data base for outstanding warrants, etc. In the near future, portable devices will be available to scan fingerprints too.

So if you see an officer looking at his cell phone, do not assume he is sending personal texts or emails; he may be communicating with his fellow officers to apprehend a suspect!

Ms. Minaya also spoke of recent telephone and debit card scams. Her advice:

- The NYPD or related organizations never call soliciting donations. If you receive such a call, hang up!

- Scammers target elderly people and impersonate their children or grandchildren asking for money. Warn family and friends about such scams.
- All Con Edison and NYPD personnel have identification badges. Do not allow anyone access to your home claiming to be such a representative without first checking for identification.
- Never use a debit card in a restaurant; use a credit card as it is easier to claim a fraudulent expense on a credit card if there's a problem.
- Never use an ATM machine in which the card insert device is loose. This may indicate that a duplicating device has been illegally installed.

Tri-Organizational Activities:

Networking in the Neighborhood (NITN)

Your three neighborhood organizations, West 104th Street Block Association, the West 102nd/103rd Streets Block Association, and Bloomingdale Aging in Place, have come together to form a new group based on our neighbors' interest to connect with others who are running a

business from home. The group is aptly named, "Networking in the Neighborhood" or NITN.

The group's focus is to exchange ideas, best practices, and challenges with others in the neighborhood running a business from home. The group may consist of writers, artists, entrepreneurs, and many others.

An introductory meeting will be led by Harriet Hoffman. She is an experienced networker, who has a consulting business with two components: one for organizational development and grant writing services for not-for-profit organizations, and the other to help seniors and baby boomers make the most of their Medicare and Social Security benefits.

The first event was scheduled for Friday, February 9 at 10AM. If you would like to receive details and/or attend future events, reply to: BloomingdaleNITN@gmail.com. Please include your first and last names, type of business, email and phone number. Also, if you think you could assist with organizing this sort of NITN meet up on a regular basis, please include that, too.

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In the Spotlight

Mark Nowogrodzki

By Nancy Lian



Mark Nowogrodzki is a Renaissance man transported into the 20th/21st centuries. You will often see this distinguished white-haired gentleman in the neighborhood walking with his distinctive gold-handled cane.

Mark was born in 1920 in Warsaw, studied German and Latin in high school, and focused on a future as an electrical engineer. He went to Grenoble for a year of university study, returned to Poland to do some mountain hiking, and got stuck there when World War II broke out. His remarkable journey leaving Poland in 1940 via Trans-Siberian Railway for nine days, during which he taught himself English, to Vladivostok, then to Japan, and finally to America is a book in itself.

Mary, the daughter of family friends also left Warsaw on the same route as Mark, but later. They met again in New York and were married in 1942, just before Mark was recruited into the US Army. During his basic training he was granted US citizenship before being shipped out. Although he should have had a choice of Intelligence Service, engineering, or Officer School, he was sent as an infantryman to Africa. Since he was not attached to a specific unit, he had no mailing address, no pay and no mail. (Eventually his back pay and 25 letters from his wife reached him.)

His adventures took him from Casablanca in Morocco to Algeria and Tunisia, and then he was sent for training in strategic intelligence to a special British intelligence unit. Mark's talents as writer and editor provided promotions up to the rank of Technical Sergeant. His assignments took him to many war theaters. Eventually, during the time of the Battle of the Bulge, an incident occurred during which he came closest to losing his life. He and an officer were collecting a captured German general and returning to their unit. An unplanned delay meant the officer's coded pass had expired, and they were

saved from instant firing by the lucky arrival of a jeep with soldiers who could properly identify them. He earned a Bronze Star Medal for his military service.

The GI Bill enabled him to continue studies in electrical engineering and he earned both a BEE (*cum laude*) and an MEE at the then Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. His wife Mary became an architect and they had a son and a daughter. Mark's career took him to Hazeltine Electronics, Phillips, and finally to RCA, where he worked until retirement.

During his 24 years at RCA he was an engineering manager in the Tube Division, working on advanced microwave tubes and satellite communications systems., as well as radars for the Apollo moon landing project. Later he led a research group and was also involved in the management of the prestigious RCA Laboratories in Princeton, NJ, where his group developed industrial radars for steel mills and locomotives, medical diagnostics instruments for the Navy, and a successful therapeutic treatment for cancer, among other projects. He and his family moved to our block in 1955, and after 59 years, he has no plans to leave.

This endlessly fascinating man of 94 years travels frequently to Albany and Ithaca to visit his grandchildren, nurtures his abiding hobby harvesting and cooking wild mushrooms, now through his grandson's enthusiastic endeavors. (He gave up his passion for downhill skiing at age 80.)

What is retirement? For Mark it means continuing self-employment, translating fiction, memoirs, documents, dissertations, and poetry from his many languages: Polish, English, German, Yiddish, and French. (We ignore the high school Latin.) It means volunteering weekly at the Institute for Jewish Research working in their archives. It means encouraging his talented daughter, Susan, in her ceramics studio. It means weekly bridge, which he has enjoyed since high school. It means supporting and encouraging his four grandchildren, and even providing a poem on fruit flies for his granddaughter's Ph.D. thesis :

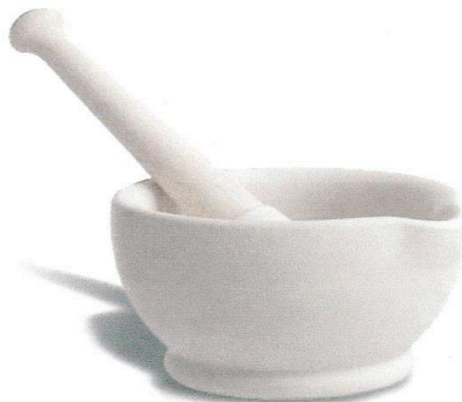
Sing praise for the humble fruit fly:
Though with a tiny brain,
it teaches us the "what" and "why"
of nature's vast domain.

Whether Darwin or creation,
whether "great design" or chance,
its many generations
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that reason does defy,
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Tri-Organizational Sunday Brisk Walk

The West 104th Street Block Association is collaborating with the West 102nd & 103rd Streets Block Association and BAiP to offer residents a 60-minute group walk on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. Led by neighbor Teresa Elwert, the walk will be at a brisk pace – target 20 blocks in 17 minutes – and usually incorporate hills.

You can use the walk as training for planned activities, such as fundraising walks or any long-distance walk requiring endurance and cardio-vascular conditioning. Or just use it as your weekend morning constitutional. The idea is to get together with nearby neighbors and exercise and have fun.

Members will have the option to stop for refreshments in a nearby shop after the walk. Teresa has a great deal of experience and runs a popular brisk walking group on alternate weekday mornings. If you're interested in participating on Sundays, please email

BloomingdaleTrioWalk@icloud.com so that you can receive detailed information and the local meeting place.

If you'd like to lead a similar group on Saturdays, please contact Mary Koval at mtkoyal@aol.com

Electronic Waste Re-Cycling: New York State Law – Effective January 1, 2015

According to NY State Law, all computers and other electronic waste from all NYC residential buildings must now be recycled. This law went into effect January 1, 2015. The NYC Sanitation Department (DSNY) will no longer collect electronics left at the curb. Fines will be levied for non-compliance.

Apartment buildings with 10 or more residential units are eligible for a free DSNY pickup. The first step in this process is to schedule a site visit. Check with your building management or super to confirm who will initiate the process. More information can be found and site visits scheduled via the DSNY's website; click on <http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycwasteless/html/contact/enrollmentform.shtml>.

Apartment buildings with fewer than 10 residential units, including single-family houses, are a bit more difficult. Your building might be eligible for a pickup from The Fourth Bin; contact them directly (tel: 646-747-5985; www.4thbin.com; ecyclenow@4thbin.com). They do charge a small fee.

Other options include:

Electronics Recycling Events:

The Lower East Side Ecology operates community E-Waste collection events throughout NYC. You can contact them directly (tel: 212-477-4022; <http://lesecologycenter.org/> or check our block association website's calendar at: <http://bloomingdale.org/events-activities/calendar/>

Retail Drop-Off Programs:

You can drop off used electronics (no purchase necessary) at Goodwill, Salvation Army, Best Buy, and Staples (no TVs), or at the Lower East Side Ecology Warehouse in Brooklyn. See the [Hard-to-Recycle List](#) or the Google map of [NYC electronics drop-off locations](#) <https://www.google.com/maps/search/nyc+electronics+drop-off+locations/@40.7056258,-73.97968,10z/data=!3m1!4b1>.

Mail-Back Programs:

Many manufacturers of electronic goods offer these programs. Check your specific brand's website for details.

Donate or Sell Electronics:

If they still work, you can donate or sell electronic goods. See the [Hard-to-Recycle List](#) or click on www.nyc.gov/stuffexchange for options in your neighborhood.

Mary Koval

-----Newsletter Calendar----- February - April 2015

2/14 The Gustafer Yellowgold Show. Don't miss this insanely creative combination of catchy original songs performed by a live band, accompanying beautifully animated on-screen illustrations of a sun creature and his earthly friends. A perennial Just Kidding favorite, the annual Gustafer Yellowgold experience is not to be missed! Peter Jay Sharp Theater, 2537 Broadway 11AM \$16 kids; \$26 adults www.symphonyspace.org

2/15 It's Sunday Recital: Music of Haydn, Mozart & Tchaikovsky. Chamber Orchestra from Manhattan School of Music, Malcolm J. Merriweather, conductor. The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine 1047 Amsterdam Ave. 5PM FREE www.stjohndivine.org

2/22 Andrey Tchekmazov, Cello & Simona Frenkel, Piano: The Nicholas Roerich Museum. Bach, Tchaikovsky, Schumann Nicholas Roerich Museum 319 W 107th St. 5PM FREE www.roerich.org

2/24 JACK Quartet. Praised as "superheroes of the new music world" by the *Boston Globe*, the JACK Quartet returns to Miller's stage with the U.S. premiere of new work by Georg Friedrich Haas. Miller Theatre 2960 Broadway (at 116th St) 6 PM FREE www.millertheatre.com

2/25 Jeffery Eugenides & Martin Amis: Selected Shorts. Celebrated novelists, Jeffrey Eugenides joins one of England's most renowned authors, Martin Amis, to a night dedicated to their work. Peter Jay Sharp Theater, 2537 Broadway 7:30PM \$29 www.symphonyspace.org

2/27 Color in Sound; The Boundless Imagination of Claude Debussy: The Bloomingdale School of Music. The concert explores the many facets of Claude Debussy 323 West 108th Street (Between WEA & RSD) 7 PM FREE www.bsmny.org or our website Calendar at www.bloomingdale.org for upcoming concerts.

3/1 Oliver Markson, Piano & Nina Berman, Soprano: The Nicholas Roerich Museum. An All-Medtner Program Nicholas Roerich Museum 319 W 107th St. 5 PM FREE www.roerich.org
3/5 Poetry Reading: The Nicholas Roerich Museum. Poetry reading by Columbia University Writers' Program Alumni. Presented by Timothy Donnelly. Nicholas Roerich Museum 319 W 107th St. 7 PM FREE www.roerich.org

3/7 Aaron Diehl Quartet. Diehl's passion, technical mastery, and love of both jazz and classical music find a partner in Wolf, his friend and a fellow young bandleader with "firecracker assurance" (New York Times). Miller Theatre 2960 Broadway (at 116th St) 8 PM \$20 - \$30 www.millertheatre.com

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<http://bloomingdale.org/events-activities/calendar/>

3/10, 3/11 CAP in American History Folk. This interactive concert explores the African, European, and Caribbean influence on traditional American music. Traditional spirituals, Shaker hymns, jazz, swing, and original folk songs are explained and performed by a cast of renowned vocalists and musicians from Broadway, the Met Opera, and more! Peter Jay Sharp Theater, 2537 Broadway 11AM \$25 www.symphonyspace.org

3/13 Diplopiano II; Further Explorations: The Bloomingdale School of Music. The Koshka Duo returns with a new and exciting program of music written for two pianos. 323 West 108th Street (Between WEA & RSD) 7 PM FREE www.bsmny.org or our website Calendar at www.bloomingdale.org for upcoming concerts.

3/15 Festifun. Festifun presents a play for children, featuring music, 4 dancers, and famous artists from Israel. This is a special show for the Jewish community. This show is in Hebrew. Peter Jay Sharp Theater, 2537 Broadway 11AM \$40 www.symphonyspace.org

3/17 New York, New York Series – Living La Vida Local: The Bloomingdale School of Music. 323 West 108th Street (Between WEA & RSD) 7 PM FREE www.bsmny.org or our website Calendar at www.bloomingdale.org for upcoming concerts.

3/26 Great Music in a Great Space: Verdi Requiem. Kent Tritle conducts a splendid cast of soloists, leading this first ever collaboration with the Oratorio Society of New York and the Manhattan School of Music Symphonic Chorus and Orchestra. The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine 1047 Amsterdam Ave. 7:30PM \$25 - \$50 www.stjohndivine.org

3/27 A Night at the Opera! Music for Flute and Guitar: The Bloomingdale School of Music. 323 West 108th Street (Between WEA & RSD) 7 PM FREE www.bsmny.org or our website Calendar at www.bloomingdale.org for upcoming concerts.

3/28 Easter Eggstravaganza Children's Art Workshop. Popular, annual egg workshop! Children can create colorful patterns on their eggs with tissue paper, glitter, glue, and paint, and build a nest for decorated eggs with twigs, feathers, and clay. Please bring two hard-boiled eggs per child. Recommended for ages 4 and up. \$8 per child, with accompanying adult. Purchasing tickets in advance is highly recommended. The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine 1047 Amsterdam Ave. 10-12PM or 2-4PM. www.stjohndivine.org

4/11 Glowing Glass Children's Workshop. Children and their families explore the shapes, colors, patterns, and stories in the Cathedral's beautiful stained glass. The program begins with a tour of the Cathedral's colorful windows, searching for diamonds and flowers, athletes and knights. Children will then make their own stained glass windows by designing patterns in shapes and color, creating picture stories, and mix paint to create the colors of the Great Rose Window. Recommended for ages 4 and up. \$8 per child, with accompanying adult. The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine 1047 Amsterdam Ave. 10-12PM or 2-4PM. www.stjohndivine.org

4/18 Spring Wine Tasting: Martin Brothers Wine and Spirits. Join Martin Brothers Wine and Spirits for their Grand Spring Wine Tasting. 2781 Broadway @ West 107th Street. 4-8 PM www.martinbrotherswine.com

Ongoing

The Nicholas Roerich Museum. The museum offers free concerts and poetry readings most every Sunday at 5 PM. 319 W 107th St. 5 PM Please check their website at www.roerich.org or the block association website calendar for events at www.bloomingdale.org

NYC Public Library for the Performing Arts, Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center. This venue offers many classes and programs throughout the months, usually free. 40 Lincoln Center Plaza. Closed Sunday. Check website for programs: www.nypl.org

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The Bloomingdale School of Music. BSM offers FREE concerts by faculty on Friday evenings. Please check their website at: www.bsmny.org or our website Calendar at www.bloomingdale.org for upcoming concerts.

The Jewish Museum. The museum offers many talks and family activities throughout the summer. Please visit their website for an interesting array of activities from art talks to art classes. www.thejewishmuseum.org

BAiP Social Activities – Bloomingdale Aging in Place (BAiP) sponsors 400 activities a year. For a complete list of activities and to learn more about this wonderful organization, please visit <http://bloominplace.org>

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Give yourself a gift of good health.

Tammy Wise offers a class in Body Logos each Sunday at the Youth Hostel, 103rd & Amsterdam. The Sunday class is a \$15 single class rate and \$64 for a series of 5 (\$13 per class). The details at: <http://www.bodylogos.com/international-hostelling/>

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