



## Bedford • Barrow • Commerce

Block Association  
46 Barrow Street • New York, NY 10014

### BBC News & Views

There will be no December meeting. Instead, come to:

#### The Bedford Barrow Commerce

##### Block Association

##### 2013 Holiday Party

**When: Saturday, December 14, 6-9 PM**

**Where: Greenwich House Music School,  
46 Barrow St., Auditorium**

**Price: Adults, \$15; Children (under 12), \$5**

**Food, Fun, Fellowship— Greenwich Village Style**

\* Buffet Dinner. Fresh cold cuts, scrumptious salads, and succulent sweet treats are the fare. Don't miss Dora's legendary cookies and pies! Drinks — juice, wine, and fresh-brewed coffee — are also provided. Home-baked goods are welcome; bring them with you or drop them off at the School at 4:00PM on Party Day.

\* Al. E. Gator & Friends Puppet Theatre Presents puppets, puppets, and more puppets — for children of all ages!

\* Special visit by Santa Claus and his helpers. Santa is dropping in early this year to give every boy and girl a holiday treat. Ho, Ho, Ho! And Santa has many prizes to give away to Raffle Winners!

\* Holiday Sing-Along. The incomparable **Jaison Coles** and **Lucy Gallagher** will lead us in singing all our holiday favorites.

Elves wanted to trim tree and help decorate! Report to Mama Elf, **Kathy Donaldson**, at the Music School at 4:00 PM on Party Day.



#### A BBC Holiday Tradition

Once again, BBCer **Dale Belli** has asked the BBC to put the word out to encourage our members to make /donate items for the PWA Christmas Project. Especially needed are sweaters and sweatshirts /sweatpants, hats, gloves scarves, mittens,

etc. Dale writes that “we need mainly men’s gifts.” Also very welcome — and appreciated — are rolls of wrapping paper and plenty of tape. These items will be distributed through The Urban Live Source Connection to people with AIDS in need of warmth in over 40 NYC area hospices and hospitals. We’ll collect all contributions at the BBC Holiday Party. Thank you all for your generosity and holiday spirit!

### Nabe Notes

**Your Village, Your Story: An oral history project of Greenwich Village.** Jefferson Market Library is hosting an oral history interviewer training to prepare for the January 2014 launch of its Greenwich Village oral history project Thursday, Dec. 5, 6:30-8:30pm rsvp 212-242-5233 or [FrankCollerius@nypl.org](mailto:FrankCollerius@nypl.org)

**The Village Outreach Program** is a non-sectarian/non-denominational program at St. Luke in the Fields helping people in need in NYC. Outreach provides support and dignity for children, teens and adults who are falling between the cracks of social services and programs. There are all levels of support starting from \$10 and all contributions are tax deductible. Visit [www.crowdrise.com/reachoutforoutreach](http://www.crowdrise.com/reachoutforoutreach) or [stlukeinthefields.org](http://stlukeinthefields.org) to see what each level of contribution provides. You can also send a check to The Church of St. Luke in the Fields, 487 Hudson Street.

**A great neighborhood tradition! The Annual Police Roast Beef/Vegetarian Dinner** will be held at Our Lady of Pompeii (25 Carmine Street), Senior Center, in Father Demo Hall, on Tuesday, December 3, 6-9 PM. \$13 at the door. Please call **Sandy Gavin**, 212.989.3620. Many thanks to the great officers of our Sixth Precinct who do ALL the serving!

**The Cherry Lane Theatre (38 Commerce St.) presents**, on the Mainstage, “One Night . . .” by Pulitzer Prize-winner **Charles Fuller**, directed by **Clinton Turner Davis**. November 6 - December 15. Monday and Tuesday at

7:00 PM, Thursday and Friday at 8:00 PM, Saturday at 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM, Sunday at 3:00 PM. What happens to our servicemen and women when they come home? Exploring the lingering effects of trauma, injustice, and one woman's recompense, "One Night . . ." takes an unflinching look at what is happening to women in the US Armed Forces when their decision to serve exposes them to an unforeseen battle against their fellow soldiers. Commissioned by Cherry Lane Theatre. Price: \$66, Student and Military \$20 with valid ID at the box office. For information, please call (212) 989-2020.

And join with your neighbors at the Cherry Lane Theatre for the Mentor Project Launch Party to announce the 2014 Mentor Project finalists on Wednesday, December 4; 7 PM: Cocktails; 8 PM: Announcement Program. Reception to follow. RSVP (and for more information) at jnorwood@cherrylanetheatre.com. or 212-989-2020 x26

**The Greenwich House Music School** (46 Barrow St., between Seventh Ave. So. & Bedford St.) announces, as part of its "Sound It Out" Jazz Concert Series on Friday, December 6, 2013, 8 PM: The new cross-cultural collective CUBINDUS - featuring **Rez Abbasi, Roman Filiu, Aruan Ortiz** and **Michael Sarin**. Tickets: \$15 (\$12 for students and seniors).

Saturday, December 7, 8:00PM: Guitarist extraordinaire **Ben Monder** plays a rare solo show. Tickets: \$12 (\$10 for students and seniors).

Thursday, December 12, 7:30 PM: Saxophonist/composer **John**



*Ben Monder*

**O'Gallagher** convenes an all-star band to explore his artful, visceral arrangements of pieces by Second Viennese School icon Anton Webern. Tickets: \$20 (\$15 for students and seniors).

Thursday, December 19, 7:30 PM: Pianist **Bobby Avey** plays his compositions — richly melodic, excitingly dramatic — in two settings: one set with his trio, a second set with added horn. Tickets: \$15 (\$12 for students and seniors).

Friday, December 20, 7:30 PM: Fay Victor ds an all-star band in her vocal re-creations of music by the great, unsung pianist-composer **Herbie Nichols**. Tickets: \$20 (\$15 for students and seniors). ALSO, at GHMS: Concert:

Wednesday, December 11, 8 PM: **LP Duo** will present minimal and crossover music by composers from USA, Denmark, Columbia, Serbia and Croatia. Tickets: \$15 (\$10 for students and seniors).

**The Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preser-**

**vation announces its programs for December:**

**"Sorting the Henrys: The Breevorts and Greenwich Village."** A lecture by historian **Susan deVries**. Wednesday, December 4, 6:30-8:00 PM, Baha'i NYC Center, 53 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street. This is a private event using the facilities of the New York Baha'i Center. Free; reservations required.

**"Old Buildings, New Forms: New Directions in Architectural Transformations."** A new book by architect **Françoise Bollack**. Tuesday, December 10, 6:30 – 8:00 PM. NYU Lecture Hall Room 101, 19 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, near Mercer Street. Free; reservations required.

**"Everyday Lives, Ordinary People: A History of East Village Immigrants."** Wednesday, December 11 6:30 – 8:00 PM. 14A Washington Mews (between Fifth Avenue and University Place), 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Lecture Hall. Free; reservations required. To register, please call (212) 475-9585 ext. 35.

**The Gotham Center for New York City History** announces the following programs for December:

**"The Changing Status of Women in New York City, 1913-1950: The Case of Theresa Bernstein."** Tuesday, December 3, 2013, 6:30-8:00PM, Skylight Room.

**"Endtimes? Crises and Turmoil at the New York Times, 1999-2009."**

Tuesday, December 10, 2013, 7:00-8:30 PM, Elebash Recital Hall. All events are free and open to the public. For more information, call 212-817-8471. All forums take place at The Graduate Center, City University of New York, 365 Fifth Avenue, between 34<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> St.



## 2013 GUIDE TO HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

**Join Us for a Great Neighborhood Holiday Tradition!** The Annual Police Roast Beef/Vegetarian Dinner will be held at Our Lady of Pompeii, Senior Center, in Father Demo Hall, on Tuesday, December 3, 6:00-9:00 PM. \$13 at the door. Please call **Sandy Gavin**, 212.989.3620, for more information. Many thanks to the great officers of our Sixth Precinct who do ALL the serving!

## Washington Square Park Annual Tree Lighting

Wednesday, December 11, 5 PM-6 PM, at the Washington Arch. The **Rob Susman Brass Quartet** and children and grown-ups alike will sing holiday songs. The sparkling lights on the resplendent tree will be turned on to mark the beginning of festive winter evenings. Santa Claus himself has promised to appear and lead the children in the illumination countdown. The Washington Square Association provides complimentary songbooks.

### **BBC Holiday Party**

Put it on your calendar! Bedford Barrow Block Association Holiday Party — the BEST Holiday Party in the Village! — Saturday, Dec. 14, 6:00-9:00 PM, at Greenwich House Music School (46 Barrow St., Auditorium), Adults: \$15, Children (under 12): \$5. Food, fun, fellowship — Greenwich Village Style!

### **Sing Messiah!**

Handel's Messiah Open Audience Sing (Judson Memorial Church, 239 Thompson St.) Sunday, December 8, 3:00 PM. Join us for this Greenwich Village holiday tradition! Our very own **Michael Conley** will conduct the audience in a joyful rendition of Handel's Messiah. Scores will be provided and light refreshments at intermission. Make new friends and lend your voice! Tickets will be available at the door (\$15 or \$10 students).

### **Shop Made in Clay for the Holidays**

December 13 & 14, 2013. Friday, December 13, 6:00-9:00 PM (\$10 suggested donation); Saturday, December 14, 12:00-6:00 PM. Greenwich House Pottery will host "Made In Clay," its Annual Handmade Holiday Sale taking place in the charming, 1928 brick walkup at 16 Jones Street in the heart of Greenwich Village.

With 28 ceramic artists selected from our staff and members, this sale conveys the wonderful variety of American ceramics being created today, exhibiting works ranging from traditional vases and sake sets to hand-built lidded boxes and jewelry. Friday night opening includes a wine and cheese reception. Saturday afternoon we will sell hot apple cider and cookies to enjoy while you shop.

**A Village Holiday Concert** (Judson Memorial Church, 239 Thompson St.) Friday, December 13, 7:00 PM; Sunday, December 15, 5:00 PM. Two performances of the WVC's Christmas Concert, featuring the West Village Chorale, brass ensemble, and harp, in seasonal favorites, stunning holiday arrangements, Benjamin Britten's beloved "Ceremony of Carols" and carols for all to sing! Please call 212.517.1776, for ticket information.

**Greenwich Village Caroling Walk.** Saturday, December 21, 3:00 PM at Judson Memorial Church. Join us for our 39<sup>th</sup> year strolling through our historic, Dickensian neighborhood as we lead seasonal carols and songs. Refreshments, conviviality, and more singing follow back at Judson Memorial Church (entrance at 55 Washington Square South, at Thompson). Song books and light refreshments provide. Free and open to all!

**Christmas Eve Caroling in Washington Square Park** Tuesday, December 24 2013 — 5:00 PM–7:00 PM. **The Rob Susman Brass Quartet**, a song leader, and the rev-

elers from all over the city will lustily sing out the familiar tunes. The words are in the songbooks distributed compliments of the Washington Square Association, but many will know them by heart. "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" will ring out to remind us all of the true meaning of the holidays.

**St. Luke in the Fields Christmas Activities** (Episcopal) (212.989.0562), 487 Hudson Street.

Tuesday, December 24, 5:00 PM: Christmas Pageant  
Tuesday, December 24, 10:00PM: Christmas Music by the St. Luke's Choir; 10:30 PM: Christmas Vigil  
Wednesday, December 25, 10:30 AM: Christmas Morning Mass

**Our Lady of Pompeii Christmas Activities** (Roman Catholic) (212.989.6805) 25 Carmine Street.

Tuesday, December 24, 5:00 PM: Vigil Mass; 12:00 AM, Midnight Mass  
Wednesday, Dec. 25, 9:00 AM: Mass; 11:00 AM: Mass; 12:15: Mass

**Judson Memorial Church** (Ecumenical), 55 Washington Square South (betw. Sullivan & Thompson Streets)

Tuesday, December 24, 11:00 AM: Festival Service; 4:00 PM: Children's Service; 7:30 PM: Dignity Mass

## **Neighborhood Notes & Notables**



Singer/songwriter **Carly Simon** has sold her Commerce Street apartment for close to its \$2.325 million asking price, the Post reports. The 2BR/2BA duplex was originally listed for \$3.8 million but even a glowing writeup in the *Daily News*, after it had already been chopped to \$2.75 million, couldn't find it a buyer. But at long last, the apartment has found someone to appreciate its wide-plank flooring, two fireplaces, and bathtub in a non-bathroom.

*from Curbed*

## Resources & Information

A former manager of Scandinavian restaurant Smorgas Chef was arrested after stealing more than \$4,000 the NYPD said. **Mirko Dragas**, who worked at the Greenwich Village restaurant for just three months, was arrested for swindling \$4,346 from the business by submitting false invoices and charging personal expenses to the company's credit card. Dragas, started as a manager at Smorgas' Downtown location but frequently worked at the Village outpost, at 283 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, after he was promoted to operations manager, which also gave him access to the company's books.

**Michael Glick** was arrested after blocking traffic, attacking a police officer and trying to grab the officers' guns, police said. 29-year-old **Glick** ran into the intersection of Seventh Avenue and Bleecker Street and stopping traffic about 5:10 AM on Sunday, November 24 according to a police report.

When officers tried to give him a ticket, Glick ran north on Bleecker Street. The officers caught up with him in front of 99 Perry St.; Glick punched one of the officers and knocked him to the ground and tried to pull two officers' guns from their holsters. Two officers were hurt, one with a sprained wrist and the other with a sprained wrist and cuts to the hand, police said. Both officers were treated at a nearby hospital, according to the criminal complaint. Glick was charged with assault, attempted criminal possession of a weapon, obstruction of governmental administration, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct, according to the Manhattan District Attorney's office. He is due back in court on March 18.

Two men snatched a pair of iPhones from patrons at Ten-june nightclub, at 26 Little West 12<sup>th</sup> St., Saturday morning, November 23, police said. One customer told police that her iPhone 5 was swiped from her bag inside the bar, while another patron reported he had been jostled and noticed his phone was missing about 1:15AM. Club security stopped 33-year-old **Mounir Jaouani** and found that he was carrying both victims' phones, which were worth \$600 each, according to the police report. **Hocine Ouldhoumou**, 26, was arrested in the thefts as well.

A man arrested for panhandling in a subway station bit a police officer trying to handcuff him, police said. Police spotted **Preston Smith**, 49, panhandling and blocking the uptown 1 subway platform at Christopher Street and Seventh Avenue about 7:10PM. on November 15, according to the police report. Smith was found with a switchblade, police said. Once he was taken to a holding cell at the 6<sup>th</sup> Precinct, Smith bit an officer in the hand as the officer tried to handcuff Smith to take him to the bathroom, police said.

A man poked a bar security guard in the eye and broke the bar's glass door, police said. The security guard of Hangar Bar, at 115 Christopher St., told police 28-year-old **Tavarius Graves** poked him in the eye, causing him severe pain, at about 11:40 p.m. on November 12. Graves was charged with harassment, assault and criminal mischief, police said. Hangar Bar and Graves' lawyer did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

*from DNAinfo*

European chain **100 Montaditos** brings a different kind of sandwich to Greenwich Village. Taking name and inspiration from the Spanish tapa montados — meaning to “ride” — the restaurant offers a selection of 100 teeny sandwiches stuffed with fillings from Serrano ham to grilled chicken to Manchego cheese. Besides the stuffed breads, the Brava Potatoes are seasoned wedges deep fried until crispy on the outside and molten on the inside. Each order comes with ketchup, for American palates, and ali oil (aoili). 176 Bleecker Street between Sullivan and MacDougal Streets, (646) 719-1713; us.100montaditos.com.

*from Gothamist*

*A photo of Commerce Street taken in 1938.*

