

# COLUMBIA NEIGHBORS

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### COMMUNITY UPDATES

#### See Sparkling Holiday Lights in Uptown NYC

The holiday season Uptown is in full swing! Columbia was thrilled to mark the official start of the holidays with the 125th Street Business Improvement District and its partners during the 30th annual **Harlem Holiday Lights “Caravan of Lights”** parade and a “**Lights on the Plaza**” tree-lighting celebration on the Manhattanville campus. Thank you to everyone who stopped by and to the 125th Street Business Improvement District and its partners for such a wonderful celebration!

Enjoy the lights on the Manhattanville campus and 125th Street throughout the holiday season,

but make sure to visit more places Uptown that are decked out in full holiday flair. Many parks Uptown will be turning their tallest evergreens into holiday trees for the season, including **St. Nicholas Park, Morningside Park, and Montefiore Park**. You can even catch a glimpse of the holiday tree on the plaza of the **Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. State Office Building** as you’re strolling down 125th Street. **Haven Plaza** in Washington Heights will also be adorning its pedestrian plaza in lights and holiday decor. See more holiday lights at [neighbors.columbia.edu/lights-23](https://neighbors.columbia.edu/lights-23).

#### Shop Local This Holiday Season

Looking for the perfect gift this holiday season? In every corner Uptown, local businesses offer a treasure trove of unique gifts for yourself or your loved ones.

Step into **NiLu Gift Boutique** in Harlem for candles, books, art prints, trinkets, decor, and more. Find your literary friend’s next read at **Word Up Community Bookstore** or **Sisters Uptown Bookstore** in Washington Heights. For the fashionista in your life, gift an incredible vintage find from **Trintage** in Harlem. If you’re a guest for Christmas dinner, bring a bottle of wine from **Vino Fino** or sweets from **Mondel Chocolates** in Morningside Heights.



NiLu Gift Boutique. Photo credit: NiLu Gift Boutique

For more gifting inspiration, visit *Neighbors’ Shop & Dine Local* guide, which supports locally owned restaurants, stores, and other businesses, on [neighbors.columbia.edu/shoplocal](https://neighbors.columbia.edu/shoplocal).

### COMMUNITY EVENTS



#### Holiday Lighting Celebration

December 11, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

A free celebration on Haven Plaza in Washington Heights with music, hot chocolate, tea, and pastries.

[neighbors.columbia.edu/haven-23](https://neighbors.columbia.edu/haven-23)



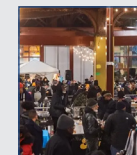
#### Culture on the Corner: Chef Quie

December 14,

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The next installment of The Forum’s series invites local legend Chef Quie Slobert from Charles Pan-Fried Chicken to share his culinary story along with a cooking demonstration.

[neighbors.columbia.edu/quie-forum](https://neighbors.columbia.edu/quie-forum)



#### Harlem Night Market

December 2, 9, and 16,  
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Harlem Night Market—a night of fun, food, and shopping—returns to La Marqueta in December for the holiday season.

[neighbors.columbia.edu/nm-holidays](https://neighbors.columbia.edu/nm-holidays)



#### Music Monday ft. Every Voice Choirs

December 18,

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Join Every Voice Choirs—a youth music organization at Teachers College, Columbia—for a free concert taking place in The Forum, as part of the Music Monday series.

[neighbors.columbia.edu/evc-monday](https://neighbors.columbia.edu/evc-monday)