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COMMUNITY UPDATES

Manhattanville Garden Blooms in Harlem

Sisters Annette and Arlene Wilcox have transformed the Manhattanville Houses Garden into a vibrant green space in Harlem, continuing their family's horticultural legacy. The garden, started in 2017, began with donated daffodils and has since blossomed into a community oasis with begonias, marigolds, and knockout roses.

"Our mom cultivated a garden here in the '60s, and it's come full circle that we're back, giving back to the community," Arlene shared. For the Wilcox sisters, the garden is not just about beauty, but also about mental well-being and community

connection. "It soothes you," Annette said. "There's always room to fill and grow."

From their childhood summers in the Catskills to leading a green initiative in Manhattanville, the sisters are bringing nature back to the neighborhood. They continue to expand the space, hoping to inspire local youth and add climbing roses to the community center wall. Read the rest of the story on

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Manhattanville Residents: Audit Classes at Columbia

Did you know that as a resident of the Manhattanville and Grant houses you can audit selected courses in the arts and sciences at Columbia, free of charge?

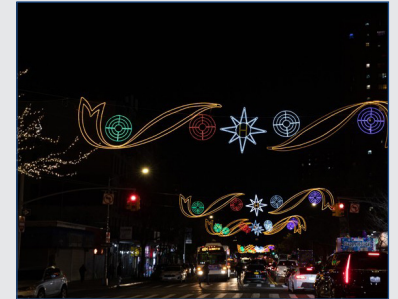
Auditors are silent participants in class—no examinations or papers are required, no grade is assigned, and no credit is granted for course completion. Entrepreneur and resident of the Grant Houses, Gretchel Hill, found that her auditing experience gave her the confidence she needed to be successful.

"My journey attending the School of the Arts gave me the patience, discipline, and courage to become an entrepreneur and inventor."



Learn more about the Manhattanville Course Auditing program at neighbors.columbia.edu/auditing

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Harlem Holiday Lights 2024
Nov. 19, 6 pm - 8 pm

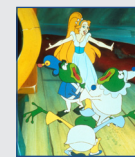
Join the Caravan of Lights parade to ring in the holiday season and get a head start on your shopping while supporting Harlem businesses. neighbors.columbia.edu/lights24

Visual Arts + Sound Art Columbia Open Studios
Nov. 12, 12 pm - 1 pm

Columbia MFA students present their work in an "Open Studios" event on 125th St. neighbors.columbia.edu/open-art

Lights on the Plaza
Nov. 19, 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm

Before Harlem Holiday Lights, head to "The Plaza" on the Manhattanville campus for refreshments and a festive holiday tree lighting. neighbors.columbia.edu/lights-plaza-24



Lenfest Kids: 'Thumbelina'
Nov. 23,
12 - 1:30 pm

Lenfest Kids will be showing the animated classic, *Thumbelina*. All local families are encouraged to join the viewing. neighbors.columbia.edu/thumbelina