

COLUMBIA NEIGHBORS

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COMMUNITY UPDATES

Learn New Skills with Free Course Auditing

Looking for a way to keep your mind sharp? If you live in Upper Manhattan, including Randall's Island or the South Bronx, haven't recently attended high school, and aren't enrolled at a college, you're probably eligible for the free Manhattanville Course Auditing Program at Columbia.

Auditors can observe one class per semester, but will not receive credit toward a degree. They also don't receive a grade or have to take exams or write papers.

Manhattanville auditors have the opportunity to learn professional skills in marketing, accounting, and nonprofit management courses, or they can take a liberal arts approach and seek out classes in comparative literature, philosophy, and

even biology and linguistics. The courses available to audit change every semester, and often, more classes are opened up for auditing shortly before the semester starts.

Roy Byrd, a retired computer science researcher and Columbia neighbor, has participated in the Manhattanville Course Auditing Program since 2018.

"Throughout my career, I always planned to 'move to a college town when I retire,' in order to remain intellectually vital and entertained," Byrd said. "Living near Columbia helps me achieve that, and the courses are part of the intellectual stimulation."

Learn more about eligibility at neighbors.columbia.edu/auditing.

Community Impact's Food Pantry at Ford Hall

Each year, Community Impact at Columbia University operates a food pantry that serves more than 30,000 clients. Located on the first floor of Ford Hall, 616 W. 114th, the pantry is staffed by student volunteers and is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 11 am to 2 pm, except major holidays.

At the pantry, fresh food and dry goods, donated by community groups, are provided to neighborhood families, homeless individuals, and the elderly. There is also a closet of warm clothes, and donations are accepted for clothing and housewares.



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For more questions, you can reach out to ciemergencyfoodprograms@gmail.com.

Learn more at neighbors.columbia.edu/food-pantry.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Raun Ruffin's Uptown Motown Throwdown

Nov. 1, 7-10 pm

Enjoy an evening of live Motown classic hits brought to you by Inwood Art Works.

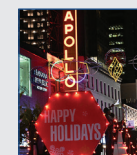
neighbors.columbia.edu/motown

The Future of Press Freedom in an Era of Democratic Backsliding

Nov. 5, 12:15-1:45pm

Co-hosted by Columbia Journalism School, a panel of legal experts and journalists will consider how to protect the crucial role of the press in our democracy and support journalists.

neighbors.columbia.edu/press-freedom



Harlem Holiday Lights Parade

Nov. 18, 6-9 pm

Floats from community organizations and sponsors will travel

on 125th Street and through Harlem to spread holiday cheer.

neighbors.columbia.edu/harlem-lights



Saturday Science: Decisions, Decisions

Nov. 22, 1-4 pm

Join Columbia's Zuckerman Institute to explore the workings of

the brain through free, family-friendly hands-on activities and unique scientific resources.

neighbors.columbia.edu/sat-sci