



# Growing Together

Monthly Newsletter for Columbia University's Manhattanville in West Harlem Development

**C**olumbia's long-term plan for the old Manhattanville manufacturing area will revitalize the four former industrial blocks from 125th/129th to 133rd Street between Broadway and 12th Avenue, and three small blocks along the east side of Broadway from 131st to 134th Street, into an environmentally sustainable and publicly accessible center for academic and civic life woven into the fabric of the West Harlem community.

## Project Scope

The initial phase of development will include the Jerome L. Greene Science Center, the Lenfest Center for the Arts, a new home for the Columbia Business School, and The Forum. Later phases will emphasize interdisciplinary scholarship, including biomedical engineering, nanotechnology, systems biology, and urban and population studies, as well as housing for graduate students and faculty.

## Current Construction Activity

### The Forum

Occupants have moved in. Punch list, commissioning, and training continue.

### Columbia Business School

The Columbia Business School's two new facilities, The Ronald O. Perelman Center for Business Innovation and the Henry R. Kravis Building, are currently under construction. Steel erection is currently underway for both buildings and concrete floor pours are in progress. In addition, concrete on metal deck installation is ongoing. Underground plumbing, concrete slab on grade, and vapor barrier installation is ongoing at the sub-cellar 3 level. The dewatering system is in operation.

### W. 132nd Street Demolition

The former Tuck-it-Away facility and adjacent former apartment complex on the corner of W. 132nd Street and Broadway are scheduled for demolition in fall of 2019.



*The Forum was recognized with a 2019 MASTerworks Award from the Municipal Art Society of New York, its second prestigious recognition in the architecture community. (Photo: ©Nic Lehoux)*

## Columbia University Career and Resource Expo April 2



Save the date! A Columbia University Career and Resource Expo will be held on Tuesday, April 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at The Forum, located at 605 West 125th Street. Explore careers, meet representatives from Columbia University, attend job preparedness training, and learn how to use Columbia University's employment website. Pre-register for the event at [cufo.columbia.edu/2019expo](http://cufo.columbia.edu/2019expo).

## Project News

### The Forum Wins Second Architectural Award

**The Forum** was recognized with a 2019 MASTerworks Award for "Best New Building" from the Municipal Art Society of New York (MAS).

The three-story, 56,000-square-foot Forum, which opened in September 2018, was designed by Renzo Piano Building Workshop, with Dattner Architects as executive architect and Caples Jefferson as associate architect.

The MASTerworks Award is the second honor bestowed upon The Forum, following the [2019 AIA New York Merit Award](#) announced in January.

Selected each year by an esteemed jury, the MASTerworks Awards pay tribute to projects that make a significant contribution to New York City's built environment. From some of the city's most iconic buildings to its hidden gems, the list of past winners includes the New Lab, the Fulton Center, McCarren Pool, Brooklyn Bridge Park Boathouse, the High Bridge, and the Museum at Eldridge Street.

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## What to Expect

Although contractors carefully stage construction activities to minimize disruption to the surrounding community, the nature of construction work is such that some disruptions will occur. The community should expect the following in the coming months:

- Regular work hours are 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday
  - Weekend work may be performed.
- Closure of certain traffic lanes, parking lanes, sidewalks and crosswalks, including:
  - No standing on West 125th Street between Broadway and West 129th Street.
  - There is a no parking zone in effect on the west side of Broadway from West 125th to 129th Streets.
  - Broadway sidewalk is open from West 129th to West 130th Street. The Broadway parking lane is a no parking zone.
  - West 131st Street between Broadway and 12th Ave is closed and will remain closed until early 2019.
  - West 130th Street between Broadway and 12th Ave is a no standing or parking zone.

## Community Amenities and Benefits

To access the Columbia University's [Community Services Website](http://manhattanville.columbia.edu), please visit: [manhattanville.columbia.edu](http://manhattanville.columbia.edu) then click "Community" in the navigation menu.

### Minority, Women, and Local Businesses and Workforce

Columbia has made a significant commitment to the minority, women, and local (MWL) construction contracting and workforce community throughout the course of the project: MWL construction trade contracting goal of 35 percent and MWL construction trade workforce goal of 40 percent. Working with construction contractors and the building trades, Columbia is working to enhance the role MWL firms and workers play in building the new campus. All figures represent non-specialty construction services and related materials.

#### *Construction Contracting*

In the third quarter 2018 (July 1 to September 30), Columbia paid \$9,614,045 to MWL firms, representing 44 percent of total construction spend. \$3,407,108 of that figure was paid to local companies.

Cumulatively from August 1, 2008, through September 30, 2018, Columbia paid \$278,746,844 to MWL firms, representing 42 percent of total construction spend, excluding the amount paid to the construction manager. \$140,898,917 of that figure was paid to local companies.

#### *Construction Workforce*

In the third quarter 2018 (July 1 to September 30), the MWL construction workforce delivered 26,279 hours worked, representing 42 percent of the total workforce hours for the construction of the new Manhattanville campus. 1,381 hours of that figure were performed by the local workforce.

Cumulatively from August 1, 2008, through September 30, 2018, the MWL construction workforce delivered 1,614,422 hours worked, representing 50 percent of the total workforce hours for the construction of the new Manhattanville campus. 267,229 hours of

that figure were performed by the local workforce.

## Jobs and Opportunities

As the project progresses, we expect additional opportunities for people with a wide range of skills and experience in the coming years.

We are working with our construction partners Lendlease (for Phase 2 foundations/below-grade) and Turner Construction (for the Business School) to assist those interested in employment with construction firms currently working at Columbia. For more information, please visit the Manhattanville Employment Opportunities page at [manhattanville.columbia.edu/jobs-opportunities](http://manhattanville.columbia.edu/jobs-opportunities).

## Additional Information

This newsletter and our weekly construction updates (which contain more specific information about construction impacts) will be available on the web at [manhattanville.columbia.edu](http://manhattanville.columbia.edu) and at various locations at the project site and throughout the Manhattanville area.

Please note that construction activities are subject to change based on field conditions. We appreciate the patience and cooperation of everyone who is temporarily inconvenienced by these projects.

Should you have questions about construction activity, call the Columbia Facilities Services Center at (212) 854-2222, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or e-mail [projx@columbia.edu](mailto:projx@columbia.edu). For more project information, to view upcoming bid opportunities, and to sign-up for our e-mail updates visit [manhattanville.columbia.edu](http://manhattanville.columbia.edu).

### Neighboring construction projects not related to Columbia

- New York City Department of Transportation's Protective Coating of the Riverside Drive Viaduct from St. Clair Place to 135th St., please contact Community Liaison Hugh Smith at 917-434-1385 or via e-mail at [riversideviaduct@gmail.com](mailto:riversideviaduct@gmail.com).

## The Columbia Community Service Annual Coat, Clothing, and Toiletries Drive



The Columbia Community Service (CCS) 72nd Annual Appeal is seeking gently used coats and clothing to assist families in need. All donations will go to [Cathedral Community Cares](http://CathedralCommunityCares.org) as it works to combat and alleviate poverty through preventative services, education, and advocacy, targeting the issues of health and hunger. Cathedral Community Cares runs the Clothing Closet, which distributes used clothing for children, men, and women every Thursday. This year, CCS is also requesting travel size toiletries that will be used to create hygiene kits for homeless individuals.

This is an easy, convenient, and helpful way to support your neighbors. Please drop off your donations at The Forum Café lobby, located at 605 West 125th Street. Donations are accepted seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., until April 30.

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Offices on the upper floors of The Forum are initially being used by University-wide Columbia programs, while the transparent ground floor is designed to invite the community into the building. (Photo: ©Nic Lehoux)

Columbia will be accepting the Best New Building Award along with the other [2019 MASTerworks winners](#) at a ceremony at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in Harlem on March 28.

As a non-profit advocacy organization, Municipal Art Society of New York mobilizes diverse allies to focus on issues that affect New York City, from sidewalk to skyline. Through three core campaign areas, MAS protects New York's legacy spaces, encourages thoughtful planning and urban design, and fosters inclusive neighborhoods across the five boroughs.

## Community News

### Scholarship Applications Now Available For Little Lions Camp This Summer – Deadline March 14



Since 2009, Columbia University has offered a total of 250 scholarships to the West Harlem Development Corporation to select locally eligible children to attend Columbia University's Summer Little Lions Camp.

The West Harlem Development Corporation (WHDC) is now receiving applications for scholarships for Little Lions Camp for this summer. Winning applicants will receive a free two-week session between June 10 and August 2, 2019.

Eligible applicants for a scholarship must be Manhattan Community District 9 residents between the ages of 6 through 12. Manhattan Community District 9 is bounded by Cathedral Parkway on the south; 155th Street on the north; Manhattan, Morningside, St Nicholas,

Bradhurst, and Edgecombe Avenues on the east; and the Hudson River on the west.

The camp consists of sports and games typically including basketball, whiffle ball, volleyball, soccer, track, frisbee, dodgeball, gaga ball, and more, along with activities such as arts and crafts, scavenger hunts, and trivia games. Many of the counselors and instructors at Little Lions Camp are Columbia students, student-athletes and coaches. In addition to the expert staff, campers have access to Columbia's Division 1 athletic facilities. Applications for scholarships are available on the [WHDC website](#) at [westharlemcdc.org](#) and are due to the WHDC by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 14.

### Saturday Science at the Education Lab



The next Saturday Science at the Zuckerman Institute's Education Lab is scheduled for March 9 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Photo: Lou Rocco)

Families and community groups are invited to explore the workings of the brain through hands-on activities and unique scientific resources at Saturday Science events. Activities and demonstrations are designed to be engaging, informative, and used as launching points for further exploration, reflection and discovery. Learners of all ages can join scientists in the Zuckerman Institute's Education Lab, located at 609 West 129th Street, for the events.

#### Winter/Spring 2019 Schedule:

March 9, 2019: Healthy Brain, Happy Brain

April 13, 2019: Mad Science

May 18, 2019: Saturday Science goes to [Super Saturday STEM Expo](#)

Visit [zuckermaninstitute.columbia.edu/saturday-science](#) for more information and to register to guarantee your attendance. Guests can arrive at any time between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Saturday Science is free and open to the public.

### Women, War & Peace II: New York Launch Event

In a year when women are mobilizing and running for office in unprecedented numbers, Women, War & Peace II uncovers the untold histories of those who have made it possible. The new [PBS series](#) reveals the transformative power of contemporary peacebuilders around the world and demonstrates how some of the biggest international stories of recent memory are shaped by women.

Join us on March 12 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a conversation with an all-female cast of directors and preview of scenes. This event will take place at The Forum Auditorium at 605 West 125th Street, and is free and open to the public. To register to attend, please contact [events@ei.columbia.edu](#).

# Construction Progress Images



Columbia Business School site, looking north



Lenfest Center for the Arts (left) and the Jerome L. Greene Science Center, with the Small Square in the foreground



The Forum, looking north (Photo credit: Frank Oudeman/ Columbia University)



Aerial view looking northeast

## Sustainable Partnerships

