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KIDS ROCK! at the Annual Civic Council Halloween Parade & Old Stone House Festivities

Halloween Day in Park Slope truly makes the neighborhood feel like a small town. Trick or treating along 7th and 5th Avenues is always packed. Park Slope’s small business owners provide thousands of pounds of candy every year – a celebration of Brooklyn community and generosity. Along the side streets, families continue their own traditions -- ranging from greeting goblins with bowls of candy, inviting them onto their haunted stoops, or staging a case-ment window puppet performance. And all this is just a lead-in to one of the great community events of the year – the Park Slope Civic Council’s Halloween Parade.

Neighbors from across the city join to spectate and participate in the popular annual family event, founded in 1986. The theme for this year’s parade is “Mother Earth.” With more than 3,000 visitors lining 7th Avenue from 14th to 3rd Streets, and more along the route from 3rd Street to JJ Byrne Playground, the parade is a great excuse for a stoop party with friends and neighbors. It’s also a DIY/maker’s dream – from the skaters who mystically lead the parade each year, to themed family costumes, to giant puppets, Park Slope’s creative community is out in force.

For families with younger children who aren’t quite ready for the big parade, the Old Stone House & Washington Park and Park Slope Parents will host the 4th annual costume contest and mini-parade on the Sunday before Halloween – October 27 at 2 PM. We’ll be looking for the most imaginative takes on this year’s theme, with prizes in lots of different categories, followed by a parade around the perimeter of JJ Byrne Playground. You can be as creative as you like, share your love for Mother Earth and appreciate meeting neighbors new and old for some fall fun. Start planning your costume now!

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PSCC Awards 4 Scholarships to Outstanding H.S. Students

There was an air of excitement and gratitude as Community Service Scholarships were presented by the Park Slope Civic Council to four outstanding students at the final trustee meeting at the Old Stone House on Thursday evening, June 6, 2019. The recipients of the scholarships are graduating seniors attending high schools at the John Jay Educational Complex and have exemplified a remarkable level of volunteer and community service. Each student received a \$2,500 scholarship to assist with their continuing education.



Photo by Tom Regan

Scholarships were awarded to (pictured left to right) Dilcia Arzu Martinez from the John Jay School for Law (attending LaSalle University), Sarahi Flores Castillo from Park Slope Collegiate (attending College of Staten Island), HongDa Ou from the Secondary School of Journalism (attending NYC College of Technology) & Ashley Vergara from Millenium Brooklyn H.S. (attending New York University).

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Reflections from our President

Coming Home Again

I recently had the pleasure of spending three weeks with family and friends along the shores of Lake Champlain, Schroon Lake, Casco Bay, and Cape Cod Bay. The settings were bucolic, the company stimulating, the sunsets stunning, the repast delicious, and the libations ample. This is the one time during the year when I am able to spend time with my family of origin, as well as my family of choice. Happy, relaxing, and laughter-filled. A much-needed and restorative time.

And yet, a few weeks into my travels, I began to feel a gravitational tug back to the place I have called home for over three decades: Park Slope. I found myself missing some of the characteristics that have come to represent my Brooklyn neighborhood--a small town within a much larger metropolis--spontaneous stoop sits, informal conversations on the Avenue, greeting neighbors and business owners. Simple, everyday occurrences such as these have come to typify treasured neighborhood experiences.

The spirit of generosity and camaraderie within our neighborhood seamlessly extends to the Park Slope Civic Council, an organization which has emboldened me in my desire to preserve and cultivate all that is good and wonderful in Park Slope. Though I have been involved with the Park Slope Civic Council for over 15 years, I am continually impressed with the level of volunteerism, the creative mix of passion and intelligence, and the selfless commitment that our trustees and members exemplify. You are a remarkable group of people inhabiting a stunning, culturally rich and, yes, very remarkable neighborhood.

We enthusiastically invite you to a season of neighborhood events. Whether you attend one of our monthly meetings at the Old Stone House, attend Food For Thought, the House Tour, our film festival, participate in the Halloween Parade, Civic Sweep, Mulchfest, Jingle Bell Jamboree, or apply for community grants or architectural awards, please continue to contribute to the fabric of our neighborhood. We value you and are grateful for your participation and enthusiasm. You make our home a very special place.

Respectfully submitted, Joe Rydell

It's Time to Treat Gowanus as an Eco-District



As PSCC web site followers and meeting attendees know, the Civic Council has been an active participant in over four years of discussion regarding the future shape of the Gowanus neighborhood. This year we joined the **Gowanus Neighborhood Coalition for Justice (GNCJ)**, a diverse coalition of residents and community organizations advocating for a just, inclusive, and resilient Gowanus neighborhood and planning process, in order to better understand the needs of residents and learn from the Plan analyses by other local community organizations. As a result, when PSCC responded in **general terms**, and then in **specific detail**, to rezoning plans released by the NYC Department of Planning, we argued for a more equitable, inclusive and ecologically-sound approach.

Following a particularly difficult week that saw flooding on 4th Avenue and sporadic power outages and subway failures throughout the neighborhood, PSCC joined other GNCJ partners in an **urgent call** for environmentally-sensitive planning during Gowanus rezoning, noting the value of an Eco-district. "An Environmental Special District that has equity at its core would establish specific targets to ensure there is not a net increase in combined sewage overflow (CSO) and energy demand; invest in local parks and increase urban tree canopy; mitigate flooding and provide support for emergency preparedness; and improve health and social resiliency by addressing critical capital needs at the neighborhood's three NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA) campuses."

An environment special district, or an Eco-District, is a commitment to putting people and climate at the center of planning. It fills an unmet need to strengthen local neighborhoods through establishing socio and ecological goal-oriented standards and conducting performance-based review of both municipal commitments and developer requirements. Governance of such entities typically includes individuals, organizations and local government agency representatives. Such districts have been popular in European cities for over a decade and sites are being piloted in US cities such as Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Portland and Miami - there even is a less populated designated environmental special district in Staten Island.

Growing climate challenges and historic inequities demand a willingness to rethink the past ways we have planned for urban neighborhoods. We have the opportunity to make sure that the Gowanus rezoning creates a healthy place to live for both current and future residents. Given the acceleration of climate change effects, we need to act now.



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PSCC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Annual Food for Thought gala funds four college scholarships for community service

VOLUNTEERISM & GRANTS

- Awarding annual grants to diverse organizations that enrich the community
- Partnering with neighboring organizations on issues of mutual concern

ADVOCACY

- Creating NYC's largest historic district
- Campaigning for mass transit improvement
 - Promoting more livable streets
- Supporting local merchants and businesses



HONORING SERVICE & ACHIEVEMENT

- Ortner Awards for projects preserving the character and grace of the neighborhood
- Lovgren Awards honoring individuals and organizations for professional and volunteer service

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- In recent years PSCC has sponsored Town Hall meetings on the future of 4th Avenue, reducing our carbon footprint, and expanding the historic district

SUSTAINABILITY

- Civic Sweeps and neighborhood cleanups
- Partnership with Prospect Park Alliance Mulchfest

SPONSORSHIP

- The Halloween Parade
- PSCC Historic House Tour
 - Art Slope
 - Food for Thought

Our Mission Statement

The Park Slope Civic Council promotes the health, vitality and character of the Park Slope neighborhood and advocates for the interests of residents, businesses and others with a stake in the community.

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Meet The Civic Council

Photo by, Jonathan Lief



And our Newest Trustees are . . .



John Ciferni

Born on 14th Street, John Ciferni is the third-generation owner of Tarzian Hardware. Growing up, he worked at the store with his parents Paula Ciferni and Harry Tarzian. After 9/11, John enlisted in the army, and then returned to the store as manager, ready to lead the business toward its 100th anniversary. Tarzian supports local charities, the Civic Sweep, youth baseball, the annual PSCC Örtner Awards, donates supplies to other local initiatives and sponsors the annual Soapbox Derby at PS 321. John has served as president of the 7th Ave. Chamber of Commerce and joined an exploratory committee to create a 7th Ave BID. John intends to use his trusteeship to work with the Small Business Committee and help increase membership.



Ken Stevens

A longtime college professor at both Chicago's Institute of Design and Parsons in NY, Ken Stevens developed an interdisciplinary undergraduate curriculum and taught courses in design management and product design. He founded his own design office to explore a diverse range of products with patents on folding furniture, equipment, toys, restaurant chafers and diaper changers. He continues to apply his inventing skills designing display holders for everything from tools to wine. Ken was deeply involved with kids' sporting activities: He founded the St. Francis soccer league and coached the SFX youth baseball program. When he is not helping grandchildren on science fair projects or solving equipment problems for the Park Slope Food Co-op, he still finds work to do on the brownstone he's owned for 43 years. He is grateful for our vital community and the endless blessings of Prospect Park.



Madeleine Rumely

Madeleine (Maddy) Rumely, CPA, is a native New Yorker. She is an accountant with a decade of experience serving small business owners, real estate investors and international clients. Maddy looks forward to leveraging her tax and accounting background to serve Park Slope and the PSCC! She is a member of the Park Slope Food Co-op and Congregation Beth Elohim. On a personal note, she and her husband, an attorney, live in Park Slope and are expecting their first child in October 2019. She has also enthusiastically volunteered as a mentor with Big Brothers/Big Sisters NYC for 10+ years.



Tiff Ziter

Tiff Ziter is a decorative painter, entrepreneur and business manager by trade. A Vermont native, she has lived in Park Slope for the past fifteen years and now feels invested in the community that has given so much to her. By joining the PSCC, she hopes to share her interests in sustainability and emergency preparedness and encourage neighborhood participation in these important areas. Tiff lives with her companion and young child in Center Slope.



Trustee Spotlight on Peter Bray *by David Alquist*

Long-time Civic Council Trustee Peter Bray retired recently from his position as Executive Director of the Brooklyn Heights Association, offering him and his many fans an opportunity to reflect upon his distinguished career in the non-profit sector.

An Indiana native, Peter took a break from studying philosophy at Yale to backpack around Europe on \$5/day. Seeing European cities first-hand was a "life-changing experience," and Peter returned home with a mission "to do whatever I could do to make American cities better places to live." Back home after graduation, Peter worked 3 years on a federal rail safety project involving elimination of 43 at-grade urban rail crossings. This project also required an historic resource survey, and rehabilitation of a derelict railroad station, sparking Peter's passion for historic preservation. Peter's next step was a Master's in Urban Planning at MIT, where he learned the importance of community engagement -- a bottom-up, rather than top-down, approach. While at MIT, Peter met legendary urban planner Edward Logue, who oversaw Boston's Faneuil Hall-Quincy Market revitalization. Via Logue, Peter began working with the South Bronx Development Organization, where he found himself managing the famous Charlotte Gardens project. Elsewhere in the Bronx, Peter worked in housing rehabilitation and engaged with a local credit union. He later founded his own nonprofit, the New York City Nonprofit Assistance Corporation (NYCNAC), whose mission was to strengthen the capacity of credit unions to serve low-income New Yorkers. Peter helmed NYCNAC for 16 years, before merging it into another nonprofit. At this point, Peter accepted a position to lead the Brooklyn Heights Association. What some might have assumed to be a rather sleepy position turned out to be anything but, with multiple crises (and litigation) involving Brooklyn Bridge Park development, and the crumbling Brooklyn-Queens Expressway!

Along the way, Peter engaged with the Civic Council's efforts to expand the Park Slope Historic District, chairing the Historic District Committee and serving as a Trustee. Under Peter's leadership, the original 1973 historic district was expanded in 2012 and again in 2016 (and more coming soon).

Although an Indiana native, Peter has deep Park Slope roots: he occupies the Garfield Place house purchased by his grandfather in 1934. His grandfather, a barber, once ran a shop in the rear of the parlor floor of Peter's home.

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Pierre is licensed and highly experienced in mold remediation. He has spent the past 23 years performing all levels of hygienic maintenance, and refurbishment work on heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems. Pierre is also certified by the ACAC, American Council for Accredited Certification, formerly known as the American Indoor Air Quality Council. EnviroBliss only staffs experienced, licensed technicians. They supply cleaning solutions that bring value to their clients whether at home or at the workplace. EnviroBliss' concern is to make the lives of all their clients stress-free and as smooth as possible. For the past decade, EnviroBliss has worked with countless families with individuals that suffer from asthma, bronchitis, allergies, and other respiratory diseases that are extremely susceptible to mold and chemicals. Expect the best quality HEPA vacuums and the latest in least-toxic methods that capture and remove suspended microparticles left behind after conventional remediation. Envirobliss can assist your family in a healthier home, as they have with so many other individuals and families.

May Dooley, a mold inspector, and owner of EnviroHealth Consulting, Inc., says of EnviroBliss: "Pierre has worked with many of my mold inspection clients. These individuals largely come through doctors' referrals and tend to be very sensitive to mold. Invariably they comment on how accommodating and detail-oriented he and his workers are. A recent comment from a couple living in Manhattan was, 'Pierre is amazing! We are so happy with his work!' I have worked with Pierre for over ten years since the company was founded in 2007. Clients even beyond the tri-state area, as far away as Pennsylvania and Delaware, have spoken highly of his work. I relax when I know that EnviroBliss will be on the job."

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It's Awards Season...Celebrating our Community

Lovgren Winners Honored for Service to the Community



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Pictured from the left: Professional Service honorees Susan Donoghue and Josh Mandelbaum, and Volunteer Service honoree Cynthia Dantzig

Each year since 1979, the Park Slope Civic Council has honored people or organizations for their outstanding service to the community. The awards, one for a volunteer, and other(s) for professional service, are named for George Lovgren, the Park Slope activist who in the 1960s worked tirelessly to save the Union Street Firehouse from closure. The awards epitomize the Civic Council's philosophy – that it's people caring about their community who make Park Slope a great place to live.

This year's award for **Voluntary Service** was given to **House Tour Volunteer and Graphic Designer, Cynthia Dantzig**. For 24 consecutive years, Cynthia has created beautiful House Tour posters publicizing the Annual Park Slope House Tour. Cynthia has been a Civic Council member for over 50 years. A Senior Professor of Art at Long Island University with a BFA from Yale, she has received a Mellon Foundation grant and also has been awarded the Newton Teaching Excellence Award. Cynthia is the author of several books, among them *100 New York Painters*, *100 New York Photographers*, *100 New York Calligraphers* and *Alphabet City – Signs of New York*.

Awards for **Professional Service** were given this year to **Susan Donoghue, Prospect Park Alliance President and Park Administrator, and Josh Mandelbaum, Executive Director of 826NYC**, the charity behind the Brooklyn Superhero Supply Store.

Susan Donoghue has been President of the **Prospect Park Alliance** since 2014, setting the overall strategy for the Park and leading a workforce of 200 Alliance and NYC Parks staff. She is responsible also for several recent Park improvements as well as future improvements, among them: restoration of the ballfields, creation of a playground for kids made from Sandy-damaged trees, and restoration of the Wellhouse, the last remaining building by Park designers Olmsted and Vaux, into a comfort station with composting toilets – a first for a NYC park, and many more.

The **Brooklyn Superhero Supply Store**, 15 years on 5th Ave, is one of the most magical places in Park Slope. When you first walk in, you'd be forgiven for initially thinking you're just in a souped-up comic-book store where you can purchase items such as an *invisible jet*, *x-ray vision pills*, *a mind-reading device*, or even a *can of "super strength"*. But if you pass through a 'secret door' in the corner (assuming you know where it is), you'll access a hidden "homework den," really a *schoolwork help-center*, where local kids of any background from our neighborhood and beyond get help with their reading and writing from the all volunteer staff. The Superhero Supply Store is a local gem not only because it removes the stigma from seeking help with schoolwork, but because it also inspires kids - in a fun & creative way - to do well in school at the same time.

Grants Deadline Announced

The Park Slope Civic Council is accepting applications for grants to be awarded to community groups for projects in the arts, education, youth programs and civic improvement. Applications will be evaluated on their responsiveness to the needs of the community, its residents, and the merits of the program proposals. The Civic Council contemplates awarding several grants in the amount of \$500 for this cycle. For information and application forms visit our website at www.parkslopeciviccouncil.org. Send applications and any supplementary information by e-mail only to grants@parkslopeciviccouncil.org. Guidelines for submission are:

- Applicants must serve the greater Park Slope community and must be non-profit organizations whose services, programs and projects are open to residents of Park Slope.
- Funds are not provided for operating/infrastructure costs or on-going programs.
- Grant monies must be used within a year from date of award.
- Organizations that have received more than three grants from the Civic Council over the past five years will not be eligible.
- Applications must be received by the **December 13th, 2019** deadline and will be awarded in February 2020.

Ortner Preservation Awards Accepting Nominations NOW!

Have you or someone you know restored their property to its original grandeur? Stopped a piece of Park Slope history from being lost forever? Tell us about it! Submissions for 2019 Ortner Preservation Awards are being accepted now - the deadline is **January 15, 2020**.

Created in 2014, the Awards honor Everett and Evelyn Ortner, long-time residents of Park Slope and advocates for the community. Beginning in the 1960s, they played a pivotal role in transforming Park Slope – then a neighborhood in decline – into the vibrant community that it is today. The Awards are given to promote the preservation of community and architecture of the neighborhood we all love and enjoy. Details of the submission process can be found at the Park Slope Civic Council website at www.parkslopeciviccouncil.org.

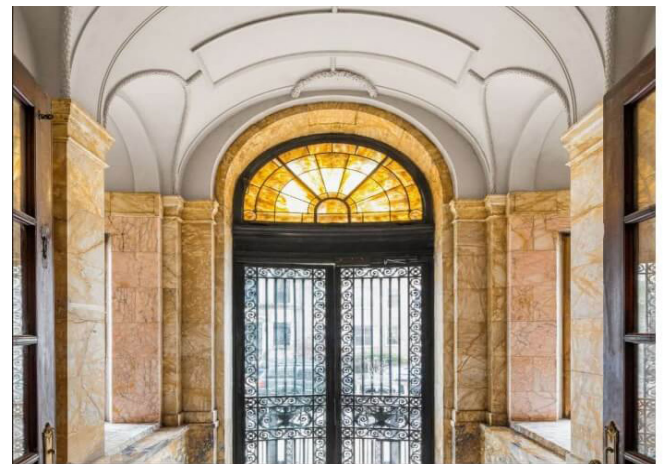


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Past winners have included the 8th Avenue Tracy Mansion (pictured above), 11th Street Alliance, Old First Reformed Church on Carroll Street and the 8th Avenue Park Slope Jewish Center among others.

Just try to imagine Park Slope without Little Things Toy Store. Think of a birthday party without presents wrapped in purple tissue paper. Little Things knows a thing or two about how to sustain a brick and mortar shop in the age of online shopping. So, what's the secret to their longevity and customer loyalty?

"The customers trust us. We're not a Target or mass marketer. It's more personal, it's local. We have events like the Lego competition, which brings the Park Slope community together," says current president Mitchell Szpicek, who was a protégé of retired founders Allen and Edith Brafman.

In 1977 the Brafmans opened Little Things in a storefront on Berkeley Place just off Seventh Avenue. The purple tissue was in use right from the start. Eventually, they took over 166 Seventh Avenue selling toys, jewelry, scarves and other gift items until they began leasing that space to Starbucks in the mid-nineties. Szpicek now runs all daily operations at Little Things' stores on 7th Avenue in Park Slope and in the Brooklyn Children's Museum.

Szpicek is still mentored by Allen, who many remember for his white cowboy hats. "He taught me that you have to con-

Retailer Spotlight *by Louise Crawford*

LITTLE THINGS
TOY STORE

stantly change it up in terms of what you're doing. Constantly reinvent yourself and pay attention to what's going on," says Szpicek.

The store's employees are probably its greatest asset for the way they interact with customers and help them select age-appropriate toys. In addition to customer service, they are trained in child development.

Still, it's the customers that matter most: "We want them to be able to come back if there's an issue. We join in the sports leagues, local events, block parties. It is incumbent on us to form a bond with the customers we're servicing," says Szpicek.

From time to time, there are unexpected moments that bridge the past and the present. "We're servicing three generations now. We see customers who came here when they were kids and now they're parents. Or we see people who were parents and now they're grandparents. That's the best part," says Szpicek.

"Each customer is different and you have to treat them with love, like they're your family," says Szpicek.



Time to Beautify! Park Slope Civic Council Fall Civic Sweep Sunday, October 20

Join the Park Slope Civic Council's Sustainability Committee at its annual fall beautification and clean-up event – **Fall Civic Sweep on Sunday, October 20 -- it's free and open to all.**

Put on your old clothes and come to the sidewalk in front of Old Stone House/JJ Byrne Park, 5th Avenue between 3rd and 4th Streets from 10 AM to 2 PM to join other volunteers in picking up litter, performing tree care and painting out graffiti on lampposts and mailboxes. The result will be a cleaner and more beautiful community for all who live, work, visit and do business here.

We'll give away free daffodil bulbs for planting in public areas, serve refreshments, and provide all tools and supplies plus face painting for the kids. Volunteers will leave wearing "I Made Park Slope Cleaner Today" stickers. Community Service vouchers will be available.

Questions? sustainability@parkslopeciviccouncil.org. See you there!

Join Us for an Evening of Food, Drink, Music & Mingling at the PSCC Annual Food For Thought 2019 Scholarship Fundraiser

Enjoy a gala evening with fellow neighbors and support students from the John Jay High Educational Complex as the Park Slope Civic Council hosts the Food for Thought Tasting Gala at the historic Picnic House in Prospect Park on October 23rd, from 6:30 to 9:30 PM, to benefit our hard-working and deserving local students.

This is one of our biggest annual parties and our largest fundraiser. It's a wonderful and festive event and neighborhood restaurants, bars, and wine and beverage purveyors generously donate all of the food and drink for the evening, offering samplings from their menus and secrets from their kitchens.

Our incredible food and beverage partners include:

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Upcoming Events

October 3rd & the 1st Thursday of every month (except July & August) - Park Slope Civic Council Monthly Meeting: Old Stone House in Washington Park, 7 - 9:00 PM. Visit our monthly calendar for updates. All are welcome!

October 15th & the 3rd Tuesday of every month (except June-September) - Park Slope Civic Council "Office Hours" - A Casual PSCC Hangout: The Commissioner, 247 5th Avenue (between Garfield and Carroll Street) at 7:00 PM. Members and neighbors are welcome! Visit the PSCC website for meeting updates.

October 19th - Walking Tours of Gowanus Canal Conservancy's (GCC) stewardship and education site: 2 2nd Avenue, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM and 12:30-2:00 PM, **register at <https://ohny.org/week-end>**, visit the compost facility and GCC's plant nursery, demonstration gardens, rainwater harvesting system, and outdoor classroom. For more information: GowanusCanalConservancy.org.

October 19th - 20th - Annual Gowanus Open Studios, aka GOS: noon-6:00 PM, 400+ Artists in the Gowanus neighborhood (and slightly beyond) open their studio doors and welcome the public to view art, meet the artists, learn about the process of art-making, and get a glimpse of the life of artists. For a directory of artists and more info visit GOS online at www.artsgowanus.org.

October 20th - Park Slope Civic Council Fall Civic Sweep: Volunteers are invited to help us beautify and clean-up our neighborhood. Starting Point - 5th Avenue between 3rd & 4th Streets in front of the Old Stone House & JJ Byrne Playground, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Free daffodil bulbs will be distributed, tools and refreshments will be provided PLUS face painting for the kids. Volunteers will leave wearing "I Made Park Slope Cleaner Today" stickers. FREE and open to all.

October 23rd - Annual Park Slope Civic Council Food For Thought Tasting Fundraiser: Prospect Park Picnic House, 6:30 - 9:30 PM, sample the best food and drinks around, meet the chefs and foodies from top local restaurants, and help raise money to support PSCC's student scholarships. Tickets are available online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/food-for-thought-2019-tickets-72184125663> or at the door. Check the PSCC website for more details.

October 31st - The Brooklyn Con-spook-atory of Music: Scary Sounds! Terrifying Tempos! Interactive instrument haunted garden, a spooky musical performance, candy and other goodies. All ages. Brooklyn Conservatory of Music, 58 7th Avenue, 4-6:00 PM.

November 30 - 5th Ave. BID Small Business Saturday: Start off your Holiday shopping at #theotherFifth #shopsmall, all day, 5th Ave. from Dean to 18th Streets.

*The Park Slope Civic Council,
Park Slope Chamber of Commerce, Park Slope Parents,
the Old Stone House & Washington Park,
and the Fifth Avenue BID
are teaming up to make this year's
Halloween festivities magical and memorable*

JOIN US THIS HALLOWEEN

*at The OSH & Park Slope Parents
Costume Contest & Mini Parade
&
Annual Park Slope Civic Council Halloween Parade*

Sunday, October 27th - Costume Contest & Mini Parade
Old Stone House & JJ Byrne Playground,
5th Avenue between 3rd & 4th Streets,
Costume Contest at 2 - 3:00 PM / Mini Parade at 3:30 PM

Thursday, October 31st - Halloween Parade
"Mother Earth" themed family fun event
kicks off at 7th Avenue & 14th Street at 6:30 PM sharp,
finale at the Old Stone House & JJ Byrne Playground,
sponsored by the Park Slope Chamber of Commerce
and the Park Slope 5th Avenue BID

If you'd like to help with the parade, build/carry a giant puppet,
or help organize a group to march,
please reach out to PSCC to volunteer at:
<https://parkslopeciviccouncil.org/volunteer/>

November 30 - 5th Ave. Holiday Tree Lighting: Come & join some entertainment finishing with the tree lighting, 6:00 PM, 5th Ave. & 4th St.

December thru January PSCC Holiday Events - Jingle Bell Jamboree, Park Slope Civic Council Holiday Party, Toys for Tots, Mulchfest & more festivities all season long: Check back at the Park Slope Civic Council website for a lineup of events at parkslopeciviccouncil.org.

December - Santa Claus visits #theother5th: Stay tuned for details at parkslopeciviccouncil.org, #theotherFifth.

December - 5th Ave. Menorah Lighting: Celebrate Hannukah with the lighting of the Menorah and entertainment at 5th Ave. and 4th St., for event details go to parkslopeciviccouncil.org, #theotherFifth.