

# INWOOD CSA COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Giving thanks for a great season

It's been another wonderful season for Inwood CSA members. We had a bumper crop of tomatoes, carrots, and potatoes, and enjoyed meeting our community members each week at our pickup spot in Isham Park. We are so grateful to all the volunteers who helped to man the site and everyone who made the truck unloads so seamless and quick! Farmer Lucy of Hawthorne Valley Farm did an excellent job in assuming the role of CSA manager this year.

Sign-ups for the Winter CSA are now closed. But keep an eye out for summer share sign-ups, which we've been told might start up sooner than they have in previous years. Bookmark the [Hawthorne Valley Farm website](#) and check it often to ensure you don't miss out on renewing your membership.

Returning members will also be emailed when CSA sign-ups begin, but please verify that your contact information is up to date. Oftentimes

## A big moment for NYC compost

GREAT NEWS! GrowNYC has reported that citywide Greenmarket food scrap collection just reached two million pounds!

This endeavor, which began as a pilot program in March of 2011, is a joint partnership between GrowNYC and the NYC Department of Sanitation, and enables residents to drop off fruit and vegetable scraps (in addition to egg shells and coffee grounds) at Greenmarkets around the city. They are then taken to local sites where they are

### Did You Know?

The paved path around the soccer fields in Inwood Hill Park is reportedly 538 meters, or approximately .33 miles—just in case you get motivated to bundle up and jog off some of the hearty winter calories we've all begun to consume...

people aren't getting communications from us because they are signed up with an old email address. So whether you physically move and need to provide us with a current phone number and mailing address or you just migrate to a new email account, keep us informed, so we can keep you informed!

We're leaving you with a few tidbits of neighborhood news and events, along with best wishes for a very happy Thanksgiving! See you in 2014!

turned into compost, which is used for urban farming and gardening programs.

Our collection site is at the far western end of the Inwood Greenmarket. Make sure to arrive before noon on Saturday, as the truck collects promptly. Congrats to everyone who has pitched in to reach this amazing milestone!

For more information, visit the [GrowNYC blog](#).

## Holiday bargain for WIC users

For the next month, those spending \$6, \$10, or \$15 WIC checks at NYC Greenmarkets will be able to double their buying power through the WIC x 2 program. For every one of the previously mentioned checks spent, shoppers will receive an equal amount in FREE Greenmarket Bucks to purchase fruits and vegetables. This offer goes through December 15<sup>th</sup>, while supplies last.



## Planning on buying a turkey from the farmer's market?

Di Paola, our representative turkey farm, is taking orders for Thanksgiving, either in person at the market or via phone (609-587-9311) or email ([dipaolaturkey@gmail.com](mailto:dipaolaturkey@gmail.com)). The pickup date will be Saturday 11/23. You can visit the [Di Paola website](#) for size categories and other info.

## Coat Drive and Food Drive

The 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct (4295 Broadway, at W. 183<sup>rd</sup> Street) is the designated collection site for two different charitable initiatives this winter.

The 25th Annual New York Care's Coat Drive started on November 12, 2013, and will run through February 7, 2014. Anybody can drop off a coat at any time during the day, and should someone be in need of a coat, they can call the Coat Drive Hotline at 646-801-4022.

The precinct is also the collection site for the City Harvest Food Drive, which started in October and

runs through January 10, 2014. Food can be dropped off at any time during the day. The most helpful items include canned fruit, canned vegetables, peanut butter (in plastic jars), packaged macaroni and cheese, and packaged hot and cold cereals.

If you have any questions, you can call the 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Affairs office at 212-927-0576 or 212-927-0287.



Even though it's winter, there are still some outdoor activities planned in our parks. Inwood Hill Park will be the site of a FREE Wildlife and Rehabilitation Workshop for kids, and free morning fitness classes are conducted Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays in Ft. Tryon. For more information, visit the events section of the [NYC parks website](#).