

Ethiopian Community Mutual Assistance Association

ECMAA

Monthly Newsletter

FEATURED EVENT

ECMAA Spring Fair

Games, Talks, Music, Celebration and Resources – join us for a Community Day

June 9, 2019 2-6 pm, Riverbank State Park (main stage, north picnic area), 679 Riverside Drive, 10031 Between 139 and 145 Street – Enter at 145 St.

A four part day to bring our community together!

1. Games for kids

- Soccer, three-legged race, tug of war, egg on spoon race, as well as games we grew up with such as Pepsi and kiliblibosh.

2. Music, dance and recognition of successes

- Cultural performance
- Recognition of Graduates and highlights from the Community
- Bunna Ceremony

3. Panel Discussion

- Resource Fair (4-5pm)
 - Insurance and Financial Well Being
 - African Communities Together: Know your rights seminar
 - Autism Awareness and Early intervention
- Multigenerational Panel Discussion (5-6pm) A fun, insightful and interactive discussion. We will explore varying perspectives from different generations while underlining the threads that keep us connected – our culture and heritage.

4. Informal Adult Pick up Soccer

College Planning Workshop

We held our College Planning Workshop on Sunday, May 5th. Muna Said and Dinsiri Fikru who had recently gone through the college application process with their children, provided a comprehensive presentation on the application process with topics ranging from grades, finding the best fit colleges, and financial aid.

Our intern Rebecca Shifera, who is a graduate of UPenn and going to Medical School in the fall, shared insightful strategies on choosing an area of study and how to prepare for college interviews. Rebecca interviews prospective students for UPenn and will be available for mock interview with our students. Students then broke out in groups to ask Rebecca questions individually.

Beselot Birhanu, an ECMAA intern helped prepare the presentation. She attended Amherst and is also going to Medical School next year. She's available to those with questions regarding liberal arts colleges, internships in the health industry and medical



schools. The presentation is available at <http://www.ecmaany.org/resources/>. We'd appreciate feedback from those who attended the event.

Ethiopian Cultural Festival

Children's Museum of The Arts (CMA)

103 Charlton St, NY, NY 10014

Join us Sunday, June 2, for a celebration of Ethiopian culture! ECMAA and the Ethiopian Social Assistance Committee (ESAC) are partnering with CMA to present performances and interactive workshops.

- Story Time will be at 11 am
- ECMAA with Habte Awalom will be sharing traditional clothing and Eskista dance and music workshops and performances at 12 and 2 pm.
- A coffee ceremony will follow at 2:30

Email us at ecmaany@gmail.com if you'd like one of 20 free tickets available or to join the performance.

Fig Tree-A film about a Jewish Teenager in Ethiopia – June 5, 8:15pm

Israel Film Center Festival June 3-12 Marlene Mayerson JCC Manhattan

ECMAA is a community partner with the Israel Film Center. Tickets are on sale at www.jccmanhattan.org

Amharic Classes

May 26th, 2019 2pm

WeWork, 8 W 126th Street, room 3D

Every fourth Sunday. If interested register at [Amharic Class Sign Up](#)

Interested in Giving Back?

People to People Ethiopia is trying to develop programming that enables the Ethiopian Diaspora to give back. Please complete a survey to assist the effort

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/itsp2p>

Getting Involved

Membership

Become a formal member by completing the [ECMAA Membership Form](#).

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Your opinions are important to us and will help us plan future events. Those who would like help can also email ecmaany@gmail.com

ECMAA Strategic Planning

We dedicated our May In-person Monthly Board Meeting to a strategic planning session. Jonathan Apikian, an experienced strategic planning professional led the session. We will be working with Jonathan in the coming months on identifying our operational needs, improving our organizational capacity, finalizing our 5 year objective, and getting funding for ECMAA. We'd like to include your voice in the planning process, become a member and please tell us more about what you'd like to see in ECMAA programming by completing the survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QZ7HVF6>



Scholarship Opportunity

American Public Transportation Foundation

For college students who are choosing the transit field as a career. Application are due June 17th at 11 a.m. To apply please visit. www.aptf.org/aptf-scholarship-program/

Ethiopian Diaspora Trust Fund

Interested in contributing to the Ethiopian Diaspora Trust Fund: Please register at www.ethiopiustrustfund.org