

Hi Lori!

Hope you're keeping cool! Keep reading for a brief update on what we've been up to:



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You're Invited!



On Wednesday August 13th, from 4-8pm, you're invited to Pier 42 for a Midsummer Arts Celebration!

- * Join us in recognizing the many [Paths to Pier 42](#) volunteers who have helped build this new community park space
- * Meet the [2014 artists](#) working on Pier 42
- * Attend the christening ceremony of [New Earth Apocalypse Knowledge Advancement](#) (NEAKA), an installation by [Tattoo Tan](#)
- * Participate in an art-making workshop with [Takashi Horisaki](#) as a part of his project [Social Dress LES - Material Memories](#)
- * Join [Combo Colab and Stereotank](#) for a sound workshop and drumming performance on their installation, Drumreef 42
- * Free! All are welcome!

View the event flyer [here](#).

Paths to Pier 42 is a project of [Good Old Lower East Side](#), Hester Street Collaborative, [Lower East Side Ecology Center](#), [Lower Manhattan Cultural Council](#), and [Two Bridges Neighborhood Council](#), in close partnership with the [Lower East Side Waterfront Alliance](#), [NY State Senator Daniel Squadron](#), and the [NYC Department of Parks & Recreation](#).

Still More to Come!



We hope you've been able to make it to some of the [Paths to Pier 42](#) artist workshops and events this summer, but if not - there are still more to come! Upcoming workshops include learning how to dehydrate vegetables, making your own bug-out bag, and more. Check the Paths to Pier 42 [calendar](#) for details.

The QueensWay Connection: Elevating the Public Realm



This past spring as a part of our work on the QueensWay feasibility Study, HSC launched the [QueensWay Mobile Toolkit](#): a portable community engagement instrument which contains a series of game-like activities to create a welcoming and enjoyable space for feedback.

Until October 31st, the QueensWay Mobile Toolkit will be on view at the [Center for Architecture](#) as part of [The QueensWay Connection: Elevating the Public Realm](#) exhibition, which presents entries to the latest ideas competition developed by the [AIANY Emerging New York Architects \(ENYA\)](#) committee. Entrants were challenged to design a vertical gateway for the elevated viaduct portion of a 3.5 mile stretch of abandoned railway in central Queens, currently under study for conversion into an urban greenway

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Thanks to all those who voted for HSC on the [Design With Benefits](#) homepage last month! Thanks to you, we received a **whopping 94% of the votes** and we will be receiving a percentage of the store's profits in August and September - so [shop to your heart's content](#) and you will be supporting [our work](#).

Last month, HSC was one of three organizations featured by Design with Benefits. Design With Benefits is an online store featuring products made with social and environmental benefits in mind. A percentage of their net profits goes toward creative projects that use design to solve social problems. Read the article about HSC on their website [here](#).

Next HSC Meet & Greet: September 12th



After a temporary hiatus and an office renovation courtesy of [Leroy Street Studio](#), HSC Meet & Greets will be back in September!

[HSC Meet & Greets](#) are monthly open houses in our workshop for people interested in learning about or volunteering with the organization. They highlight our current projects and opportunities to get involved. Meet and Greets will generally happen on the **second Friday of each month from 5-7pm** with snacks and drinks. If you know folks that would be interested in getting involved, this is a great way of introducing them to HSC!

Date: Friday, September 12th from 5-7pm.

Please email Anna Pelavin at anna@hesterstreet.org if you are interested in attending.

ABOUT HSC

Hester Street Collaborative's (HSC) mission is to empower residents of underserved communities by providing them with the tools and resources necessary to have a direct impact on shaping their built environment. We do this through a hands-on approach that combines design, education, and advocacy. HSC seeks to create more equitable, sustainable, and vibrant neighborhoods where community voices lead the way in improving their environment and neglected public spaces.

HSC is always looking for new partners and collaborators, to help us build a more equitable and sustainable New York City, click [here](#).

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