

Hi Lori!

We hope your 2015 is off to a peaceful and healthy start! Keep reading for a brief update on what we've been up to:



[HSC's Best of 2014](#)



[Help raise \\$15,000 for Community Design Projects!](#)



[Rockaways Resiliency!](#)



[Call For Volunteers!](#)



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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!



2014 was a major year for HSC! We welcomed our new Executive Director Betsy MacLean, turned 12 years old, continued our innovative work on New York City's parks and waterfront, expanded our toolbox of planning, design and development resources, and focused our attention on resiliency. As we look forward to 2015, we'd like to share with you some of our favorite moments from the past year:

[2014 Best of HSC Ground Up & Community Design Programs](#)  
[2014 Paths to Pier 42 Season](#)

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## NYC NEEDS HSC, AND YOU!



Thank you to everyone who donated to HSC this holiday season! Thanks to you, we are [75% of the way to our goal of raising \\$15,000 by January 31st!](#)

These funds will help us expand our toolbox in 2015 to support more partners in more NYC neighborhoods by addressing economic development, sustainability and public health. **With 3 weeks to go to meet our fundraising goal, all we need is YOU to help us get there!**

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## ROCKAWAYS RESILIENCY!



This past fall, HSC began working with [Ocean Bay Community Development Corporation](#) (OBCDC), [Asian Americans for Equality](#) (AAFE), and [Local Initiatives Support Corporation](#) (LISC) on a participatory approach to [resiliency in the Rockaways](#). We are working with residents to identify community priorities, develop multifunction solutions, and leverage built environment opportunities for long-term community benefit. Area-wide indicators and community feedback shaped our proposal for a much needed grocery store and community center on a long-vacant, NYCHA-owned lot, designed by [Edelman Sultan Knox Wood / Architects](#).

Stay tuned for a full report on the results of the community visioning process and steps moving forward!

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## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!



On February 10th, we are looking for volunteers to help us hang the 8th annual Lunar New Year lantern installation celebrating the year of the Ram. The lanterns are created by M.S.131 students in HSC's [Ground Up design education program](#), and will be installed in nearby Sara D. Roosevelt Park.

**Date: Tuesday, February 10th from 10am-12:30pm**

Please email Mauricio Trenard at [Mauricio@hesterstreet.org](mailto:Mauricio@hesterstreet.org) if you're interested in helping or have any questions.

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## MEET AND GREET NEXT FRIDAY



Our next [Meet & Greet](#) is next Friday, January 16th from 5-7pm.

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!

Please email Anna Pelavin at [Anna@hesterstreet.org](mailto:Anna@hesterstreet.org) if you are interested in attending.

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## 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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