



Hi Lori!

We hope you've been keeping warm and dry! Keep reading for a brief update on what we've been up to:



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## SAVE THE DATE



Please join Hester Street Collaborative and [Leroy Street Studio](#) as we celebrate the Year of the Goat and the unveiling of HSC's 8th annual installation of Lunar New Year lanterns, created by local youth from M.S.131 in nearby Sara D. Roosevelt Park. Drinks and dumplings for all!

The Year of the Goat is shaping up to be a busy, productive year for HSC - we've got a bunch of new and exciting projects in the Rockaways, Red Hook, even Buffalo. We're SO close to reaching our fundraising goal - YOU can help us get there! Please consider donating to our [annual appeal](#) and being a part of the community design & development movement!

**Date:**  
**Thursday, February 26th at 7pm**  
**113 Hester Street (between Eldridge and Forsyth)**

Hope to see you there!

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## WE'RE HIRING!



### Senior Project Manager - Community Planning and Design

HSC is currently seeking an experienced planning and design professional, passionate about equitable development, to help plan and implement community-driven planning, design and development projects in New York and nationwide. This is a great opportunity for a highly motivated and creative self-starter who welcomes work in a collaborative environment.

Please visit our website for the [full job description](#).

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## LES READY TOWN HALL



On February 25th, [LES Ready: The Lower East Side Long Term Recovery Group](#) will be hosting a town hall meeting to share findings and recommendations from a recent community-based research report. The report focuses on what worked well in the recovery effort following Hurricane Sandy, what could be improved, and documents the resources that CBOs in the Lower East Side had in place during Sandy, as well as their capacity to respond to future disasters. At the meeting, LES Ready will be distributing a newsprint that includes tips for disaster preparedness, and a map of where community resources can be found during disaster emergencies.

**Date:**

**Wednesday, February 25th from 6-8pm  
Grand Street Settlement, 80 Pitt Street.**

Free! All are welcome!

For more information, please contact Lilah Mejia at [lesreadyinfo@gmail.com](mailto:lesreadyinfo@gmail.com).

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## NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH PUSH BUFFALO!



*A project in Buffalo's Green Development Zone to rehabilitate a home, part of PUSH's green jobs training program that has created permanent, green, affordable housing.*

HSC is excited to announce our first partnership outside of New York City with [People United for Sustainable Housing \(PUSH Buffalo\)](#)! PUSH Buffalo is a membership-based community organization fighting to make affordable housing a reality in Buffalo, NY. HSC will be working with PUSH Buffalo to design and develop an interactive educational resource toolkit about the Green Development Zone, a unique community based-model for neighborhood revitalization within Buffalo's West Side.

The Green Development Zone integrates sustainable design and construction; job training programs; renewable energy projects; urban agriculture; and community-based planning toward the goal of building a strong and sustainable community economy and combating climate change. The toolkit will include a series of both print and digital popular education materials that will help residents learn more about sustainability, alternative energy and green infrastructure, and to deepen resident involvement in the ongoing development of the Green Development Zone.

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## HSC MEET AND GREET



Our next [Meet & Greet](#) is Friday, March 13th 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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