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Arsenal Gallery Debuts "The Land Art Generator Initiative: Freshkills Park"

On Wednesday, June 26, NYC Parks announced “The Land Art Generator Initiative (LAGI): Freshkills Park,” an exhibition of the top 25 designs selected from the 2012 design competition. LAGI 2012 challenged artists, architects, designers, engineers, and landscape architects to design site-specific public installations that harness renewable energy and distribute it into the utility grid.

When park construction is complete in 2040, the 2,200-acre Freshkills Park will be nearly three times the size of Central Park and will be the largest new park in New York City in more than 100 years. The transformation of what was formerly the world’s largest landfill into a scenic and cultural destination is an example of natural landscape restoration outlined in PlaNYC. In addition to providing a wide range of recreational opportunities, the park’s design, ecological restoration, and cultural programming will emphasize environmental sustainability by supporting the diverse wildlife, and promoting environmental research.

The exhibition will be on display through August 30 at the Arsenal Gallery in Central Park.

To read the full story, click [here](#).
To learn more about LAGI and see the LAGI 2012 entries, click [here](#).

More Information:
Read the [2013 PlaNYC Progress Report](#)

Visit [GreenNYC’s website](#) to learn how you can help shrink the citywide carbon footprint and improve environmental quality.

Check out [GrowNYC’s website](#) to find a greenmarket near you that accepts EBT/food stamps, recycles rechargeable batteries and mobile phones, and accepts food scrap drop-offs for composting.

Visit [NYC Service’s website](#) to find volunteer opportunities to make New York City greener and greater.

Upcoming Events:
Event: The New World of Backup Generators
Join us for The New World of Backup Generators, the fourth installment of the Task Force event series. This technical roundtable discussion will providing an overview of the Task Force's proposal regarding generator use and options for backup power. Speakers Walter Mehl (Jaros, Baum & Bolles Consulting Engineers) and Jon Weiskopf (Steven Winter Associates) will share their thoughts on how the proposed changes can affect the market and future installations.

Tuesday, July 23, 2013
8:00am - 9:00am

Thornton Tomasetti
51 Madison Avenue (17th Floor)
New York, NY 10010

For more information, please visit [here](#).

Keeping It Green: Operating Affordable Housing
To ensure lasting building sustainability impacts, the best designs and most sophisticated building systems alone are not enough. Over decades of building operation, facility management routines and/or occupant behavior can “undermine” the goal of continued high performance. However, the green designs are far more often showcased than the challenges of “keeping it green” are discussed. These challenges can be particularly felt in the affordable housing community where buildings operate on tight budgets and serve a resident population that may not be steeped in the green building movement.

July 25, 2013
6:00pm - 8:00pm

The Mohawk Group
71 West 23rd Street, 18th Floor
New York, NY 10010
For more information, please visit [here](#).

Event: Animal Composting Volunteer Days
Volunteers needed to help care for our compost workers- 50 chickens (!) and prepare for the arrival of our goats and rabbits that snack on fresh food waste and then contribute their own waste to



NYC DOT announces the return of Summer Streets and Weekend Walks

On Wednesday, July 3, DOT Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan announced the return of Summer Streets — the sixth annual event that opens nearly seven miles of car-free streets in Manhattan from the Brooklyn Bridge to Central Park. This year’s Summer Streets features “Voice Tunnel,” an interactive art installation in the Park Avenue Tunnel by Rafael Lozano-Hemmer, a 165-foot-long zip line, a 25-foot-tall rock climbing wall and City Picnic area, and new additions such as a mini-golf course and misting station. Summer Streets will be held the first three Saturdays in August from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

DOT is also partnering with community groups in every borough to present Weekend Walks, temporary pedestrian streets in commercial areas to expand access to local businesses and cultural institutions, and to promote healthy, safe, and fun recreation through music performances, arts and crafts classes, and programming for kids.

To read the full story, click [here](#).
To learn more about Summer Streets, click [here](#).
To learn more about Weekend Walks, click [here](#).

DEP Launches Educational Initiative to Improve Cleanliness and Aesthetics of City Beaches

On Tuesday, July 9, DEP Commissioner Carter Strickland, along with community and federal partners, launched “Clean Streets = Clean Beaches,” a public information campaign and beach clean-up program to improve the cleanliness and aesthetics of New York City beaches by reducing littering. This summer, “Clean Streets = Clean Beaches” posters will appear at area beaches and on approximately 2,000 Department of Sanitation vehicles citywide. DEP will also be giving away thousands of reusable tote bags at city beaches throughout the summer that people can use instead of disposable plastic bags that can end up on the streets. In addition, DEP will join with the Department of Youth and Community Development to clean waterfront properties affected by Hurricane Sandy in July and August.

To read the full story, click [here](#).

Mayor Bloomberg Unveils "Water Street Pops!" Program

On Wednesday, July 10, Mayor Bloomberg and the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) announced the launch of “Water Street Pops!,” a series of activities and special events this summer designed to activate the Water Street corridor in Lower Manhattan. The various programs and concessions, including Zumba classes, sand sculptures, and bike demonstrations, will take place in the public plazas and arcades along Water Street, attracting local employees, residents, and visitors. This





program also fulfills recommendations made by the Mayor’s Special Initiative for Rebuilding and Resiliency, by supporting local merchants in improving and promoting local commercial corridors. “Water Street Pops!” will run through Labor Day and all events are free and open to the public.

To read the full story, click [here](#).
To learn more about “Water Street Pops!” and see a full schedule of events, click [here](#).

Center for New York City Neighborhoods Announces 100 Homes Saved From Foreclosure

On Wednesday, July 10, the Center for New York City Neighborhoods (CNYCN) Executive Director Christie Peale and NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) Commissioner Mathew Wambua announced that 100 homeowners in mortgage distress will receive foreclosure prevention loans through the City’s Mortgage Assistance Program (MAP), which provides loans of up to \$25,000 to homeowners at risk of foreclosure. HPD, along with private donations that include a grant from the Ford Foundation, provided funding.

To date, MAP spent more than \$2 million to create and sustain affordable homeownership in New York City. On average, MAP loans have helped to reduce homeowners’ monthly mortgage payments from 42 percent of their monthly gross income to 31 percent. In addition to the 100 loans already funded, CNYCN approved 48 MAP applications that will result in an additional \$940,000 in funding.

To read the full story, click [here](#).
To learn more about the Mortgage Assistance Program, click [here](#).

the pile. Volunteers are also needed to help in our demo garden for preparing fences, customizing hutches, planting etc. No experience is necessary, just a fondness for animals and the smell of the spring air and a willingness to learn! All volunteers must register. For more info or to register please email [here](#).

Friday, July 26, 2013
10:00am - 2:00pm

Compost Learning Center
Governors Island, Picnic Point
Gresham Road
New York, NY 11231

For more information, please visit [here](#).

LEED Workshop: BD+C 251
This full-day workshop will help you gain essential knowledge of the LEED BD+C rating systems, including credit intents, requirements, and referenced standards; synergies among credits; and foundations of the LEED certification process. This course provides a foundation for pursuing the LEED AP BD+C exam and is designed to prepare you to

Wednesday, July 31, 2013
8:00am - 5:00pm

Acuity Brands Lighting
Center for Light & Space
5 Penn Plaza, 24th Floor
New York, NY 10001

For more information, please visit [here](#).

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The Mayor’s Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability (OLTPS) is responsible for developing, implementing, and tracking the progress of PlaNYC, the City’s growth and sustainability agenda. OLTPS also oversees energy supply and regulatory policy, as well as other issues affecting infrastructure and the environment that cut across multiple City agencies.

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