

# esna EXTRA

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## The East River Esplanade is Burgeoning!

The block-long lawn, the centerpiece of Andrew Haswell Green Park (AHG), is soon to become a prized destination of our waterfront at E. 61st Street at the East River. As you enjoy the promenade these days, you'll



come upon the construction equipment in the river along that stretch.

And, Mayor de Blasio recently announced that he has allocated

\$284 million for the rehabilitation of a large section of the Esplanade. Meanwhile, the East Midtown Greenway - a 1.5-acre public space stretching from East 53rd to 61st Streets along the waterfront, with accessible public spaces and safe bicycle paths - is proceeding apace. Both AHG and the Greenway are scheduled to open by the end of 2022. All in all, some very good news indeed!

## Volunteering and its Surprising Benefits

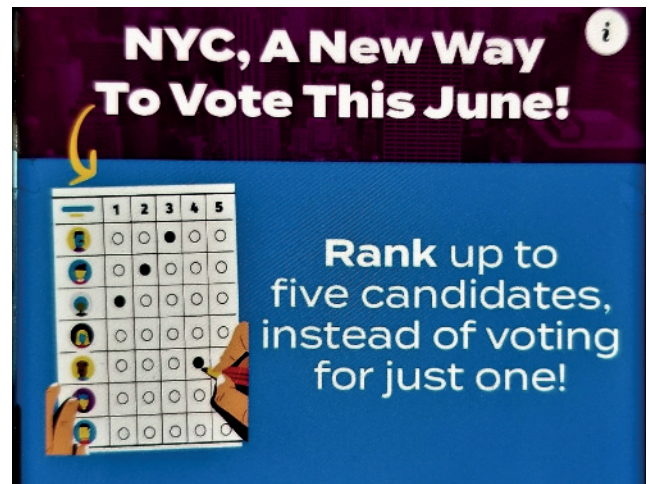
Volunteering connects you to others. It's good for your mind and body and volunteering brings fun and fulfillment to your life.

And ESNA offers you a variety of opportunities throughout the year to participate with your friends and neighbors in making the East 60s the best community it can be. Right now, you can join us as we remove graffiti from the green postage storage boxes and corner Traffic Control boxes. Currently, we are postponing the pruning activities and the clothing drive for this year and we hope to resume them next year.

In the near future, when our social lives can return to normal, we invite you to join our many social activities. Let us know if you might be interested in volunteering with ESNA! We'll keep you posted.

## A Primer on Ranked Choice Voting

- Mark your ballot by order of preference.
- Rank as many or as few candidates as you like
  - Choose one candidate for each column
  - 1st choice - Pick your favorite candidate
  - 2nd choice - Fill in second column
- Followed by your 3rd, 4th and 5th choice



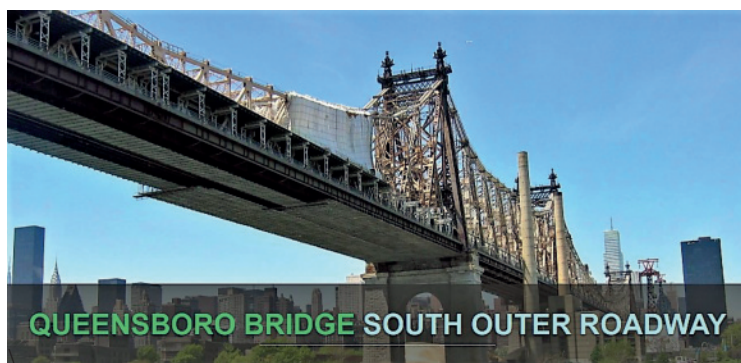
*Remember, Election Day is Tuesday, June 22*

## Update from the ESNA Beautification Committee.

Our activities for 2021 continued to be curtailed due to the social restrictions imposed by the pandemic. However, we are pleased to report that the NYC Parks Department has recently planed four new trees on E. 66<sup>th</sup> Street between York and First Avenues – our urban forest continues to thrive! If you



see a street tree that appears to be dead or notice a tree bed that lacks a tree, please phone ESNA at 212 713-5826. We'll promptly pass it on to the City Parks Department. And thank you in advance!



QUEENSBORO BRIDGE SOUTH OUTER ROADWAY

### New Plan for the Queensboro Bridge South Outer Roadway: Conversion to Pedestrian Only

1. Add fencing to roadway to protect pedestrians (as exists on all other NYCDOT East River Bridge pedestrian paths)
2. Add gates to both sides of bridge to allow access for maintenance vehicles, but prevent general use traffic.
3. Improve pedestrian connections to new path, including new crosswalks and other safety improvements on both sides of bridge. The new design will take into account maintenance and marathon requirements.
4. Updates to wayfinding and signage to reinforce that North Outer Roadway should be bike-only.
5. Traffic study to determine additional supportive changes to traffic patterns on bridge, or on bridge approaches to minimize traffic disruptions.
6. Completion date – late 2022!



## JOIN US AT ESNA'S 29<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL STREET FAIR!

A Summerfest that's a veritable bazaar of exotic ornaments, fashion eyewear, house wares, bric-a-brac, NYC souvenirs, and food, food, food!

*Currently scheduled for*  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021**

**East 60<sup>th</sup> Street**

Between Fifth and Madison Avenues  
Noon to 5 PM

### A Member Returns

#### Padoca

210 East 67 St (2/3 Aves)  
718-440-8671

We're back on the UES in our new home with our favorite pastries and coffee! Cakes, Loaves, Bake at Home PDQs and Cookies available daily, too! Come in for Breakfast PDQ Sandwiches until 11am or our Avocado and Tuna Toasts all day. *Can't wait to welcome you back to our bakery!* [contact@padocabakery.com](mailto:contact@padocabakery.com) Open daily: Mon.- Fri. 7:30 am - 3:30 pm; Sat. & Sun. 8 am - 4pm.

### Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY: (Circle One)

Individual Coop/Condo Owner	\$25.00
Senior Coop/Condo Owner (65+)	\$20.00
Renter	\$15.00
Senior Renter (65+)	\$12.00
Townhouse Owner	\$50.00
Commercial/Business/Professional	\$50.00

Membership Dues Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### ESNA's PROJECTS (Circle those you want to join.)

Beautification & Sanitation  
City Services  
Communications  
Fund Development & Social Activities  
Government & Community Relations  
Mailing & Distribution • Membership

To join, go to the ESNA website at  
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