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### **Red Hook Marks the One Year Anniversary of Sandy**

Red Hook, Brooklyn, will mark the one year anniversary of Superstorm Sandy with a series of events, both solemn and celebratory, expressing both appreciation and outrage. Beginning on Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup> and running through Tuesday October 29<sup>th</sup>, various community entities have planned activities that will offer a variety of ways residents and stakeholders can gather to acknowledge this Sandyversary. All events are free and open to the public.

In the wake of Sandy, many residents, stakeholders, volunteers, government representatives and emergency workers came together in an unprecedented spirit of cooperation to help the community of Red Hook recover from the impact of the storm. Much has happened in the past year: homes and businesses have been rebuilt, endless forms have been filed to claim FEMA funds and insurance reimbursements, the Red Hook Coalition was formed and has raised over \$400,000 for recovery efforts as well as Long Term Community Recovery Planning, and the Red Hook Volunteers are still lending a hand but there is still much work to be done. And not all have fully recovered. ReStore Red Hook, an organization that formed to help local businesses in the aftermath of the storm, reports that over 60 businesses have received aid but at least 15 of those have now closed or left Red Hook. Many still carry significant debt from loss of business and the cost of repairs. Many residents in both public and private housing are still suffering from psychological trauma and unfinished repair projects. As the anniversary of Sandy approaches, community members prepare to mark this occasion with gratitude for all those have taken part in local recovery efforts, a new spirit of activism that informs demands that more needs to be done, a moment of silent reflection to acknowledge the power of community and an opportunity to “Light the Shore” in solidarity with other impacted waterfront communities. Events are as follows:

*Red Hook Pride, The Sandy Edition! House Concert w/Tylan*

Date: Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Time: 7:30pm

Location: Atelier Roquette 63 Commerce Street in Red Hook

*Turn the Tide on Sandy: Sojourn and Rally to Mark One-Year Anniversary of Sandy* ( in collaboration with Alliance for a Just Rebuilding)

Date: Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Time: 4:30pm

Location: City Hall Park, Broadway, New York, NY, 10007

For more info, visit <http://www.alignny.org> or contact [nathalie@alignny.org](mailto:nathalie@alignny.org)

*Sandy One Year Acknowledgement Anniversary*

Date: Tuesday October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Time: 5pm-7pm

Location: Red Hook Initiative 767 Hicks Street, in Red Hook (corner of 9<sup>th</sup> Street)

*Red Hook Community Candlelight Vigil*

Date: Tuesday October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Time: 6:45pm (Candle lighting at 7:15pm)

Location: Coffey Park 85 Richards Street in Red Hook

*Light Up the Shore*

Date: Tuesday October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Time: 7:45pm

Location: IKEA Erie Basin Park 1 Beard Street in Red Hook

*Red Hook Volunteers Anniversary Performance & Dance Party  
with Mother Earth & Special Guest DJ*

Date: Tuesday October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Doors Open at 8:00pm

Location: Atelier Roquette 63 Commerce Street in Red Hook

For more information on Sandy Anniversary Events in Red Hook, contact Martha Bowers, Red Hook Coalition  
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