

## What Drives People to Move to SoHo

*SoHo is a great place to live New York City life at its fullest.*

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SoHo is named for its location south of Houston street. Its boundaries are Houston street to the north, Lafayette street to the east, Canal street to the south and 6th Avenue to the west. SoHo is home to the largest collection of cast iron buildings in the world. New York City has around 250 cast iron buildings and most of them are in SoHo. We can thank Margot Gayle who led a crusade to preserve SoHo's unique and beautiful cast iron buildings in the 1960s. She passed away at age 100 in 2008.

I recently had the pleasure of selling a beautiful loft at 114 Spring St. Loft living is synonymous with SoHo. The passion for high ceilings and vast open spaces in cast iron buildings with a deep rich history is what drives people to desire the SoHo loft lifestyle. The most desirable lofts are those that combine the old world charm with all the latest modern high-tech amenities.

SoHo offers its loft dwellers an exciting lifestyle that includes fine art galleries, luxury shopping and the fine dining. My favorite restaurant is Balthazar a casual French brasserie similar to what you find in Paris. I love shopping at Kirna Zabête and browsing at the O.K. Harris art gallery. SoHo is at the heart and soul of New York City full of vibe, creative energy, style and sophistication.



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## New York Cares Day

*Ways to volunteer for a green project*

The 19th annual New York Cares Day Spring is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, where thousands of volunteers will revitalize more than 80 parks, gardens, green sites, and shorelines across the five boroughs of New York.

New York Cares, the city's largest volunteer organization, mobilizes the volunteers who give a day of their time to help in a massive "spring greening" project. The event will be sponsored by HSBC Bank USA, N.A. for the 7th consecutive year.

Volunteers work on a variety of green projects including cleaning up the shoreline on the Hudson River and Bronx River, restoring garden beds, painting signs, installing solar lighting, spreading mulch, and removing invasive plant species at sites throughout the city. The event is a serve-a-thon (similar to a walk-a-thon) where participants are encouraged to raise money in honor of the time they spend on the projects. Volunteers can discover a new park, meet a community gardener, and learn about the importance of open space while making a difference in the community. Learn more at [newyorkcares.org](http://newyorkcares.org).



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## Neighbor to Neighbor

*Family music for Sandy relief*

Help New Yorkers still suffering from the destruction of Superstorm Sandy and enjoy tunes by a star-studded cast of family music artists. Download your copy of "Neighbor to Neighbor: Family Music for Sandy Relief" featuring

musical greats Pete Seeger, Dar Williams, Tom Chapin, Guy Davis and Dan Zanes for \$10. All of the proceeds go to Sandy relief efforts. The album features 16 tracks donated by music legends and a host of stars of the indie (kids + indie, get it?) scene including Uncle Rock, Gustafer Yellowgold, Key Wilde & Mr. Clarke, and Dog On Fleas. "Neighbor to Neighbor" was born out of Hudson Valley-based children's performer Story Laurie's relief trips to Queens and Long Island, where she was inspired by the efforts of grassroots organizations The Action Center in Far Rockaway, Queens and Camp Bulldog in Lindenhurst, Long Island -- two outfits that are still providing much-needed relief and recovery today. All proceeds from sales of "Neighbor to Neighbor" will be donated to these two organizations. To download, visit [cdbaby.com](http://cdbaby.com) or [bandcamp.com](http://bandcamp.com).

