

Today's Lead: Forgotten Coney Island

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Only a few blocks down from the amusement district, where the sounds of the frolicking beachgoers and carnival games have come back with renewed vigor after the seashore neighborhood's near-cataclysmic meeting with Hurricane Sandy, there is a different Coney Island that most tourists and beach goers don't see.

This is the Coney Island that continues to struggle to return to normalcy nearly a year after Hurricane Sandy came ashore. The Coney Island where parks and playgrounds remain fenced off because of sinkholes or other damage done by last year's storm.

"They say Coney Island is open for business. Sure, the entertainment district is, but no one talks about the parts of Coney Island where people actually live. They don't talk about the neighborhoods," said Ed Cosme, a resident who formed [The People's Coalition of Coney Island](#) to raise awareness about the problems in the parts of the neighborhood that don't normally draw tourists and bathers.

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