Times Square Plaza Lighting Designer Leading Tour in Jackson Heights

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QUEENS — Jackson Heights has a bright future.

A renowned lighting designer will lead a tour on Friday night to show residents and business owners creative ways to light up Roosevelt Avenue.

Leni Schwendinger, an illumination expert, has used her creative design to light-up the Times Square pedestrian plaza and improve a portion of the Port Authority.



82nd Street Partnership

Now she's bringing her <u>NightSeeing</u> tour to Jackson Heights and Elmhurst on Friday as part of a program to help re-envision the bustling commercial strip.

"The idea is that this is a community visioning project," said Seth Taylor, director of the <u>82nd</u> <u>Street Partnership</u>, which commissioned the event.

A community workshop will be held on Saturday and is geared towards helping residents and business owners brainstorm on better lighting solutions.

Those ideas would then be written into a lighting vision report and presented to the city, Taylor said.

The NightSeeing event begins Friday at 8 p.m. with a LightTalk at the Jackson Heights Cinema on 82nd Street.

A guided LightWalk will follow, taking participants on a tour of the lighting possibilities in Jackson Heights and Elmhurst.

The event is free, but an **RSVP** is required.