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The Lot on Tap



The Lot on Tap, new on West 30th Street. Robert Stolarik for The New York Times

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The High Line at 30th Street (10th Avenue); (212) 206-9922; thehighline.org/the-lot

Here's one good thing that happened this summer: the second phase of the High Line. Everyone's favorite stylish greensward now runs up to 30th Street — which is pretty much devoid of traditional attractions at the moment. The park planners outpaced the developers.

Hence the Lot: a temporary destination sutured onto a patch of industrial nowheresville under the tracks.

The first half of summer featured an artsy bouncy castle; now there's a roller rink and a Uniqlo pop-up store. For refreshment, Colicchio & Sons and Friends of the High Line are running an admirably minimalist outdoor bar, the Lot on Tap. Four or five food trucks are stationed there every day to take care of food needs. (Check the day's line-up at thehighline.org/the-lot.)

And so, without much fuss, a fine summer pleasure is born. The vibe is appropriately ad hoc and stripped down, like a low-rent carnival minus all those distracting rides. Tickets bought at a bright orange booth will get you plastic cups of beer (\$7) or wine (\$9) from the bar. Anything solid is negotiated privately between you and your truck of choice.