

Eating Along the Q Line: Queensboro Plaza/39th Ave. stops

Five spots to check out: ResoBox, LIC Market, Dutch Kills, Five Star Diner, Chateau Brasil



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Takashi Ikezawa serves up a cup of drip coffee made in a nel at the ResoBox Art Gallery, at 41-26 27th St., Long Island City.

While the southwestern flank of Long Island City grows hipper by the second — all those glassy new condos and new shops near MoMa PS 1 — that growth is just beginning to expand to the northern half of the neighborhood.

The non-deli dining options around the area's Queensboro Plaza and 39th Ave. subway stops are currently few and far between, but we expect that to change rapidly: In the past year the blocks around those two stops have seen new studio spaces for artists, new budget hotels and even the opening of Jet Blue's LIC headquarters. Luckily these five spots are there to serve them.

BLINK AND YOU MISS IT

A Japanese art gallery and coffeeshop is likely the last thing you'd expect to find under the shadow of Queensboro Plaza, but **ResoBox** is anything but conventional.

Originally, says co-owner Takashi Ikezawa, his plans were to curate modern painting and sculpture, but when he opened his spot last June, he found there was nothing to eat.

Now, he also stocks bento boxes, Japanese-style shakes (sesame and honey, \$4), ice cream (with sweet bean jam and brown sugar syrup, \$4) and Japanese tea. All are almost works of art themselves, especially the coffee: Ikezawa brews each cup himself on a drip-style pot called a nel currently beloved by coffee geeks.

ResoBox is technically open from 12 to 6 each day, says Ikezawa, but usually stays open even later for evening tutorials on Japanese culture. On Thursday nights, for example, you can learn how to use a samurai sword.

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