

Bike Power - Communities Gather Around Generators in New York

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People gather around a generator to charge their phones on Wednesday afternoon, just south of the intersection of Avenue C and East 10th Street, part of a large area of southern Manhattan that remained without power on Wednesday. (Amal Chen/The Epoch Times)

Lower East Side communities, still working toward normalcy after Hurricane Sandy, gathered in pockets around generators on Wednesday.

With power still out during the day from the southern tip to 27th Street of Manhattan, businesses hooked up generators and residents whipped out power strips so phones and other devices could be charged.

“Everybody needs a phone,” said Eric Baker, who is staying at a friend’s house on Avenue B.

Baker and dozens of others crowded around a generator and a jumble of snaking power strips, phones, and phone chargers.

Bicycle-Generated Electricity Creates Spontaneous Communities

Two blocks east another group gathered around a generator—this one powered by a bicycle instead of gas.

The tandem bicycle was pedaled by teams of two for around five minutes each. The electricity surged from the pedals through cords and an adapter. It was good enough to power more than a dozen phones.

“It’s actually pretty cool,” said Janice Amador. “It’s a great workout.”

The tandem bicycle pedaled by teams of two generated enough power to charge more than a dozen phones. The gathering was just south of the intersection of Avenue C and East 10th Street. (Amal Chen/The Epoch Times)

Lower East Side residents check the charging set up, with power coming from a generator, on Oct. 31, near the intersection of 13th Street and Avenue A. (Amal Chen/The Epoch Times)



A man pedals a bicycle to generate electricity so residents can charge their cell phones in New York's east Village neighborhood Oct. 30.
