



Battery Park City Authority

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BATTERY PARK CITY AUTHORITY HOSTS FIRST-EVER COMMUNITY DAY

Free Food, Games, Classes, Prizes, and More

The Battery Park City Authority (BPCA) today hosted its first-ever Community Day at Stuyvesant High School from 1:00pm-7:00pm, a free, open-to-all event celebrating lower Manhattan's thriving Battery Park City neighborhood. BPC Community Day featured outdoor lawn games, refreshments and prizes, and fitness classes for all.

"Battery Park City is an incredibly vibrant community packed with much to enjoy for people of all ages, including our world-class parks, programs, and cultural institutions," said **BPCA President and Chief Operating Officer Shari C. Hyman**. "There's no better place to kick off the official start of summer than at our Community Day – an event we hope becomes an annual neighborhood tradition. We were pleased to welcome hundreds of residents, neighbors, and friends to come have a day on BPCA!"

BPC Community Day encompassed a series of classes and activities – both inside the Community Center at Stuyvesant High School (CCSHS) and immediately outdoors on the public lawn stretching from Chambers to Warren Streets.

Outdoors, BPC Community Day attendees played lawn games, won prizes – including T-shirts, Frisbees, water bottles, and basketballs – on the whirl of a spin wheel, and snacked on soft pretzels, ice cream, churros, and cotton candy. Instructor-led classes on the lawn included dance fitness, tai chi, yoga, and core fitness.

Indoors, these same studio classes, along with total body boxing and cardio swim, were offered as part of a day-long CCSHS open house. Activities also included basketball free-throw and three-point/"long-shot" contests for children of all ages.

"Days and events like this one bring communities together," said **Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer**. "Battery Park City is one of Manhattan's most beautiful neighborhoods, but what's truly special is seeing residents able to fully take advantage of that beauty, and the neighborhood's wealth of facilities and amenities, while meeting their neighbors."

“The Battery Park City Authority is again bringing the community together with their Community Day and its free diverse activities,” said **Catherine McVay Hughes, Chairperson, Manhattan Community Board 1**. “What a fun way to try something new with your family, friends, and neighbors and meet others on a gorgeous Saturday.”

About CCSHS: The Community Center at Stuyvesant High School is a community resource operated by the Parks Programming department of BPCA. Entry is provided based on paid annual memberships or day passes available to all New Yorkers. Throughout the year, CCSHS provides various sports and fitness classes and members can utilize the pool, basketball courts, and gym facilities. In April 2016, BPCA announced steeply-reduced membership fees for CCSHS, starting as low as \$59 per year. For more info visit ccshs.org.

About BPCA: The Hugh L. Carey Battery Park City Authority is a New York State public benefit corporation with a mission to plan, create, coordinate, and maintain a balanced community of commercial, residential, retail, and park space within its designated 92-acre site on the lower west side of Manhattan. For more info visit: bpca.ny.gov.

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