

Battery Park City Open Community Meeting

June 2018



Battery Park
City Authority

Agenda

- **Summer Programs**
 - *Programs Feedback*
- **Project Updates**
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- **Public Safety**
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- **Community Updates**
 - *General Feedback*

Goals

- **General update on programs, projects, safety, and other community news**
- **Hear your feedback, concerns, and ideas**

Reminder – 2018 Goals

- ✓ *Install life rings*
- ✓ *Expand free and affordable public programs*
- Begin detailed resiliency designs and engineering for North End, Ball Fields, and Wagner Park*
- Open 200 Rector community space and security office*
- New wayfinding signs*
- Advance South End Avenue pedestrian safety plans with DOT, CB1 and BPC residents*
- Develop an approach to address rent resets and lease term concerns with building owners / boards*
- Launch a Special Patrol Officer pilot*
- ✓ *Kick off new internal controls program*
- Free public WiFi expansion with Downtown Alliance*
- Plan a tree census*
- Preventative maintenance system for parks operations*
- ✓ *Celebrate 50th anniversary of Battery Park City Act*

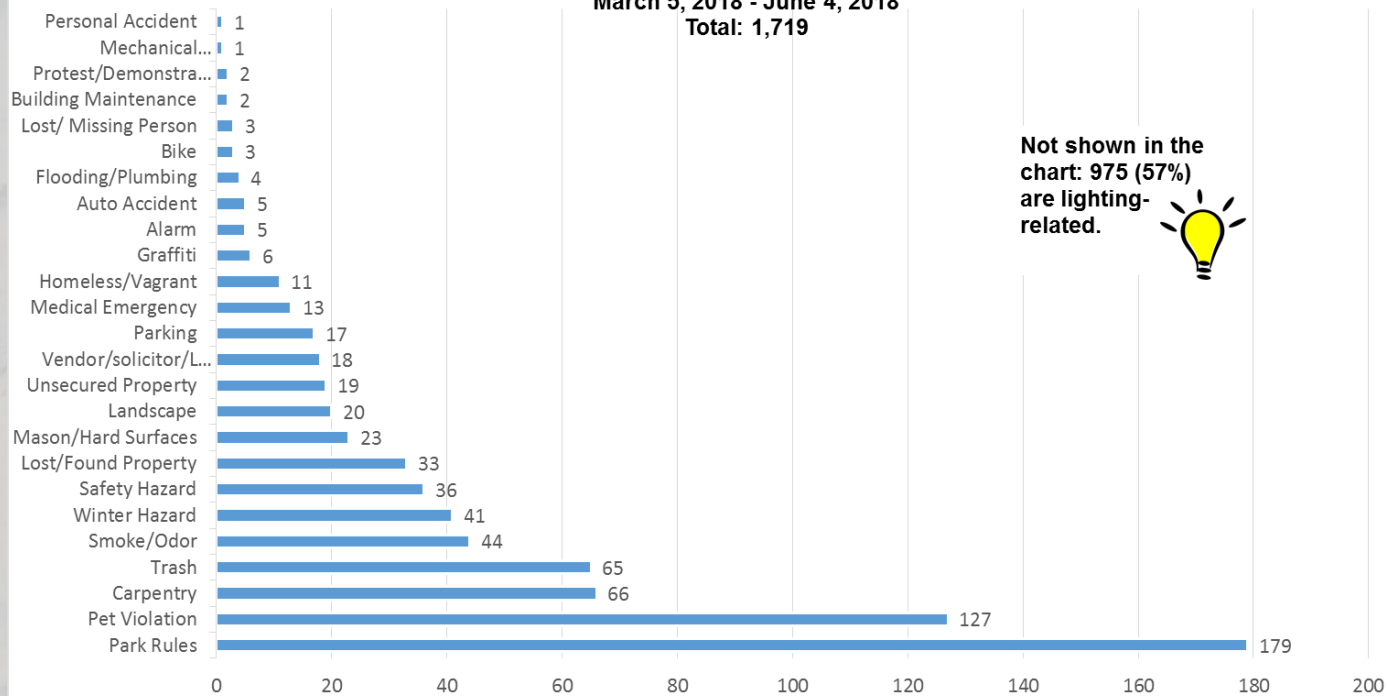


Public Safety

BPC Ambassadors

Ambassador Activity

March 5, 2018 - June 4, 2018
Total: 1,719



Additionally, patrolling Ambassadors scanned 79,054 geotags and 12,157 life rings, an average of 1,002 per day.

BPC Ambassadors

- **Homeless reports are on the rise as the weather gets warmer**
- **Pier A Ticket Seller reports are on the rise**
- **Monitoring Emergency Life Rings on the Esplanade**
- **Enforcing the No Pets policy on the Ball Field, West Thames Park and Rector Park**
- **Enforcing the No Drones policy in the park**
- **Monitoring Ball Field, Tear Drop and 75 Battery Place cameras**

Special Patrol Officers

- NYPD has completed interviews with BPCA-submitted applicants to the program; background checks in progress
- Awaiting NYPD's response to our completed applications
- Procuring a DCJS authorized trainer to conduct the required 99-hour Basic Patrol Officer training prior to launch of pilot
- Expected pilot later this summer

Neighborhood Coordination

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Summer Programs

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Programming Highlights

Thursday night is live music night!

FREE • Fiddle Celebration: Music from around the world. First 3 Thursdays in June at the Irish Hunger Memorial.

FREE • River and Blues: New music and old favorites. Thursdays in July and first Thursday in August at 7pm in Wagner Park.

FREE • Strings-on-Hudson: Orchestral sounds at Belvedere Park at 5:30pm on August 9, 23, and 30.

FREE • Juneteenth Celebration on June 16, 2-5pm at Pier A Plaza.

FREE • Swedish Midsummer Festival: June 22, 5-8pm.

More Programming Highlights

FREE Family Workshop: Why the Sun and Moon Live in the Sky. June 16 at 11am in Rockefeller Park.

FREE Battery Park City Community Field Day. June 27 from 10am – 1pm in Rockefeller Park.

FREE New York Classical Theatre: Romeo and Juliet. June 27-30, 7pm, in Rockefeller Park.

FREE Community Dances: Bachata. July 14, West African on August 11, 6:30pm on Esplanade Plaza.

FREE Battery Dance Festival. August 12 – 17 in Wagner Park.



Summer Programs Feedback

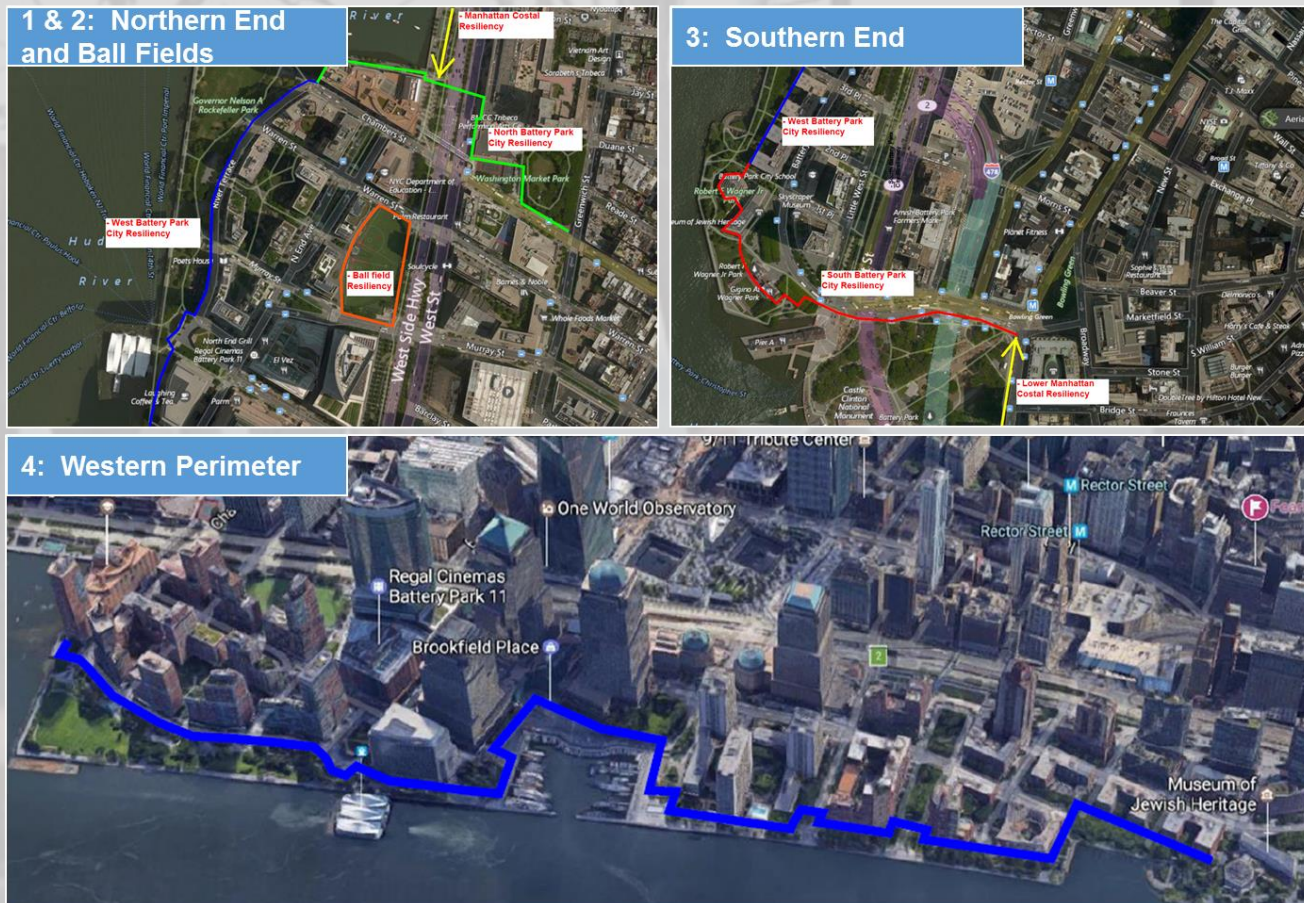


Project Updates

South End Avenue

- Community forum with City Department of Transportation and BPCA at May 1, 2018 BPC Committee Meeting
- Community walkthrough with CB1, DOT, and community members on Tuesday, May 15
- BPCA to present updated proposals, reflective of community input – including that related to parking, loading / unloading, and bus stops – at July BPC Committee meeting
- Any additional improvements / modifications pursued – if any – will preserve, or increase, the available public space within the corridor; “no-action” scenario for corridor also remains viable option

Resiliency Projects



200 Rector Community Space

- **Renovations are nearing completion on new community space, office space & BPC Ambassador Command Center, replacing former space at The Regatta**
- **Targeting end of June for substantial completion, with community use to begin in July with BPC Seniors exercise class**

Wayfinding

- BPCA worked with BPC Committee leadership to develop short online survey for its ongoing Wayfinding Signage Program; responses – more than 180 – helping inform future signage content and placement
- Design process through fall 2018, installation to begin late 2018 / early 2019
- BPCA to update community on design process at July BPC Committee meeting

Upcoming Capital Projects

- New bond offering planned by calendar end 2018
- Raising up to \$80mm in new financing for resiliency planning and other capital projects in 2018/2019
- Funding plan includes both long-term fixed and short- to medium-term floating rate debt
- Funds remaining from existing bonds are being used to complete approved projects
- Funds remaining from completed projects will be reallocated for planned general infrastructure projects



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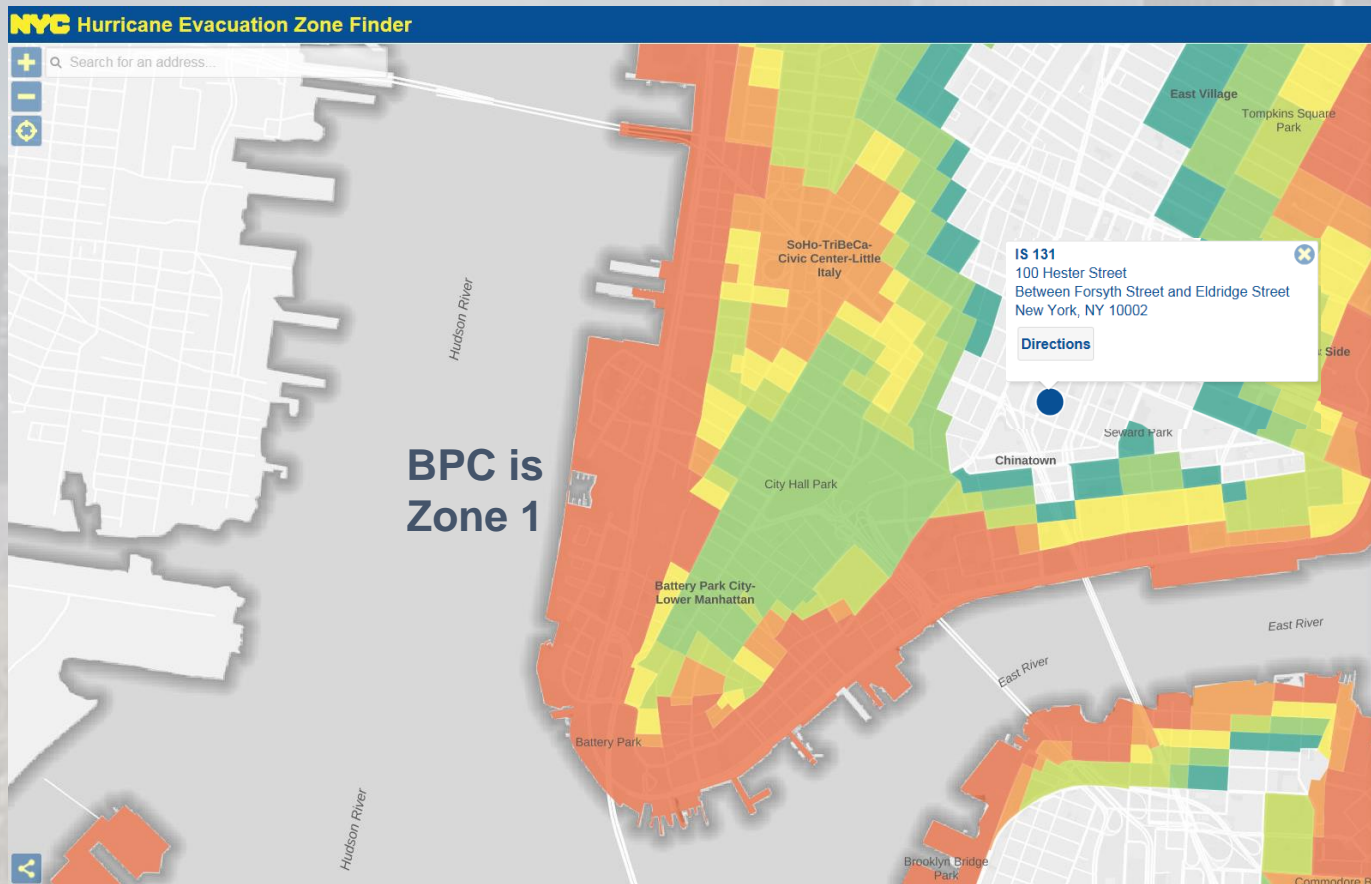


Public Safety Feedback



Community News

Hurricane Preparedness



<http://maps.nyc.gov/hurricane/>

User Study

- **Goal:** Gather a reliable estimate of the volume of use (actual number of visitors) of the Parks and gain insight into what users think about the Park, which includes demographic information about visitors, as well as the ways visitors use the parks.
- **Study elements:**
 - Approximately 550 completed surveys (20 questions, 5 minutes)
 - 34 reports from focus groups (2 hours)
 - 2,800 quick observations that recorded non-participants (people who declined).
- **Co-written by 2 BMCC professors and the Director of Community Partnerships and Engagement. BMCC sociology students conducted the counts and surveys.**
- **Among the focus groups' 34 participants, 29 live in Battery Park City for an average of 17 years.**
- **The final report will be 40-50 pages with supplemental data and appendices. It will be complete in late June.**

Volunteer!

- Help with gardening and keeping our parks beautiful!



- All skill levels welcome! Contact rtorres@bpcparks.org.

Upcoming Community Meetings

LGBT Pride Celebration

- Tuesday, June 12, 6:00pm @ City Hall, Council Chambers

Egg Rolls, Egg Creams, and Empanadas Festival

- Sunday, June 17, 12-4pm, Eldridge Street Synagogue (12 Eldridge Street)

BPCA Board Meetings – 10:30am @ 200 Liberty Street, 24th Floor

- Tuesday, June 19
- Tuesday July 10
- Tuesday, August 14
- Tuesday, September 18
- Tuesday, October 6
- Tuesday, November 13
- Tuesday, December 11

Free Helmet Fitting & Distribution Event

- Saturday, June 23, 2-5:30pm, Sara Delano Roosevelt Park

Manhattan Community Board 1 Monthly Meeting

- Tuesday, July 26, 6:00pm @ 3 World Trade Center, 68th Floor

NYPD First Precinct Community Council

- Thursday, July 28, 6:30pm @ NYPD 1st Pct. (16 Ericsson Street)

BPCA Open Community Meetings

Dates in the works:

- **Wednesday, September 12**
- **Wednesday, November 28**





General Questions

Thank you!



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