

Battery Park City Open Community Meeting

October 2018



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Battery Park
City Authority

Agenda

- **Resiliency Update**
 - *Resiliency Feedback*
- **Parks User Count and Study**
 - *Parks User Count and Study Feedback*
- **Parks Operations Strategic Plan**
 - *Parks Operations Feedback*
- **Community Updates**
 - *General Feedback*

Meeting Goals

- **General update on:**
 - Resiliency
 - Parks User Count and Study
 - Parks Operations
 - And other community news...
- **Hear your feedback, concerns, and ideas**

Reminder – 2018 Goals

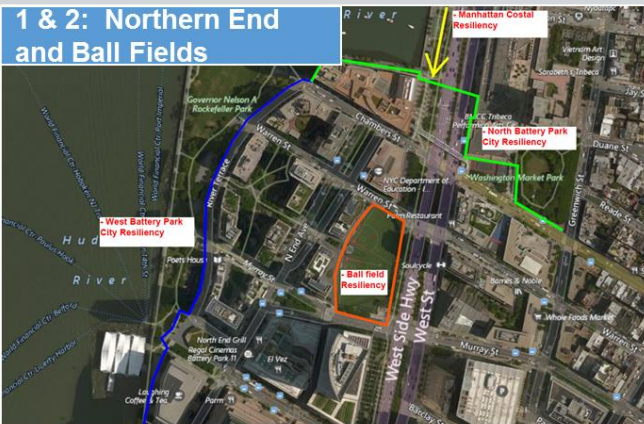
- ✓ Install life rings
- ✓ Expand free and affordable public programs
- Begin detailed resiliency designs and engineering for North End, Ballfields, and Wagner Park
- ✓ Open 200 Rector community space and security office
- New wayfinding signs
- ✓ Advance South End Avenue pedestrian safety plans with 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



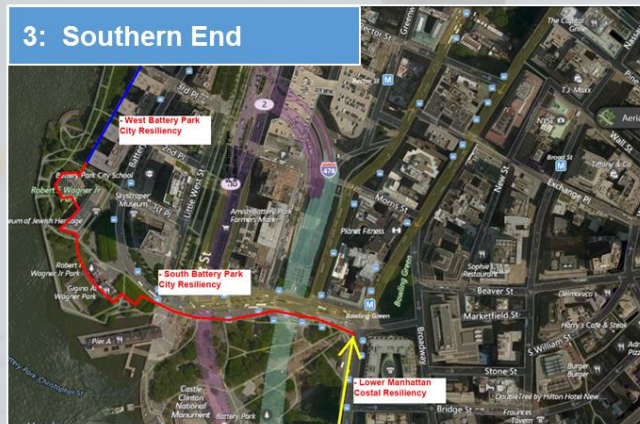
Resiliency Update

Resiliency Projects

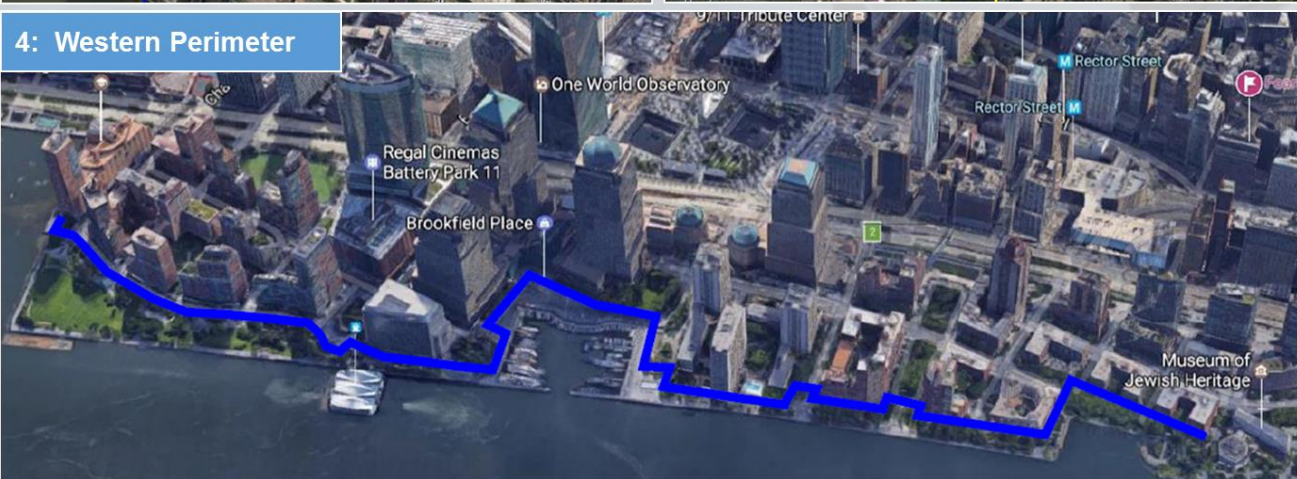
1 & 2: Northern End and Ball Fields



3: Southern End



4: Western Perimeter



South BPC

- Design/engineering underway
- AECOM - design team
- BPCA Project Manager: Joe Ganci
- AECOM Project Manager: Heather Morgan
- Initial All-Agency kick-off Meeting Held on 9/25/18
- Initial public meeting being scheduled
- Project updates provided on BPCA website

Ballfields

- **Design/engineering underway**
- **STV - design team**
- **BPCA Project Manager: Debbie Addison**
- **STV Project Manager: Karen Robison**
- **Initial public meeting being scheduled**
- **Project updates provided on BPCA website**

Other Resiliency Milestones

- **Complete capital plan and obtain city approvals (10/18)**
- **Issue RFP for North BPC Resiliency design and engineering (11/18)**
- **Selection of vendor for North BPC Resiliency End project**
- **Issue RFP for Western Boundary Resiliency project (3/19)**



Resiliency Feedback



Parks User Count and Study

Battery Park City Authority Parks User Count and Study

Co-Principal Investigators:

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University of New York

**Ilir Disha, Ph.D., Assistant
Professor, Criminal Justice**

Borough of Manhattan
Community College



[Click here](#) for a video about the BPCA Parks
User Count & Study



Purposes of Parks User Count and Study

- **How many people use BPC parks and open spaces, and when do they use them?**
 - Systematic counts of users
- **Who uses BPC parks and open spaces and why?**
 - Surveys of users selected through randomization methodology
- **What can we learn from stakeholders' experiences and opinions on BPC parks and open spaces?**
 - Focus groups of users

Findings: Number of Users of BPC Parks

- **Over half a million people visit the parks of BPC each year.**
 - 468,000 projected through counts in the field
 - Adding employees of local businesses and visitors to community institutions, about 690,000 users are served by these public spaces each year.
- **Users of BPC Parks**
 - Residents (36%)
 - Non-Residents (45%)
 - Regular visitors who work in BPC (16%)
 - Visitors who commute through BPC (6%)

Findings: Average Daily Users by Location



Findings: Frequency and Proximity

- **25% of those surveyed were first-time users.**
- **BPC Parks users originate from:**
 - **22% Within walking distance of BPC**
 - **47% NYC Metro area**
 - **31% Beyond the NYC Metro area**
- **BPC Parks user frequency**
 - **Almost 4 out of 10 of those surveyed use the public park spaces of BPC daily (69% of residents, 32% of non-residents).**

Findings: Observations about Parks Users

Observation	Frequency	Percent of cases
Person was with a group	779	62.5%
Person was with a dog	355	28.5%
Person was riding (or had) a bike	146	11.7%
Person appeared to have or reported a physical, mobility, visual, or hearing impairment	55	4.4%

Findings: What people do in BPC Parks

- Passively enjoy open space and/or people: 34%
- Exercise, play sports, or play outdoors: 31%
- Visit a business, community institution or other activity: 18%
- Enjoy nature, gardens, or pleasant weather: 7%
- Dog walking or visiting dog run: 6%
- Commuting, working or walking to school: 4%

Findings: Users' Favorite and Least Favorite Things About BPC Parks

Favorite Places

- Esplanade (31%)
- Wagner Park (13%)
- North Cove Marina (12%)
- Rockefeller Park (8%)
- All of it (6%)

Least Favorite Things

- Don't have one / I like everything (35%)
- People-based (21%)
- Amenities-based (13%)
- Animal-based (12%)

Focus Group Suggestions

Programs/Classes	Events	Park Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More swimming• More for older residents to get them outside• Tai chi later in the day• More classes for teens (drawing, photography, drumming)• More intergenerational programming-partnering teens with seniors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Block party cook-outs• More dance events• More diversified concerts• Open Jam music sessions• More poetry readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More signs in languages other than English• More restroom signs• Outdoor exercise machines/stations• Emergency phones by the river• Tennis courts• Piers for Kayaking• Better bicycle management



User Study Feedback



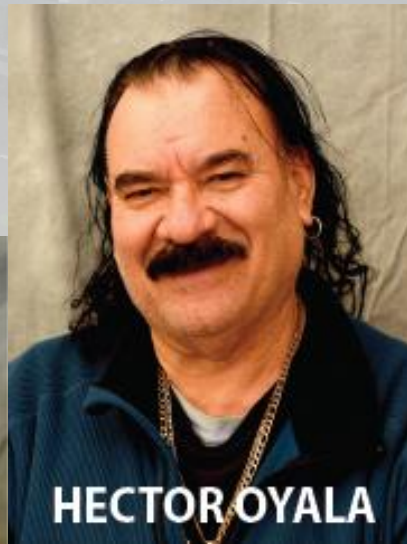
Parks Operations Update

Parks Operations Team



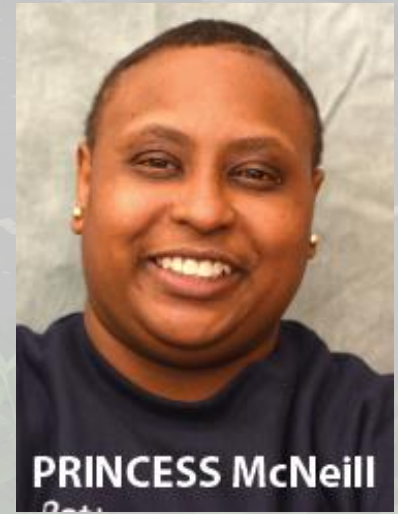
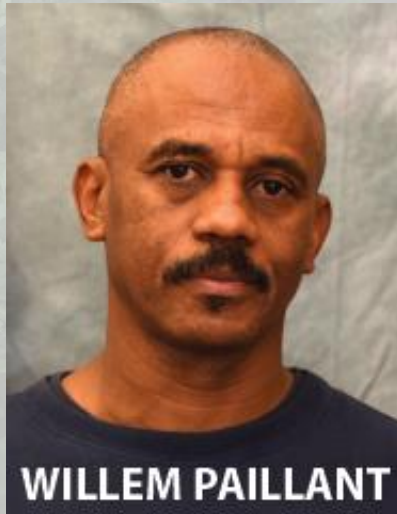
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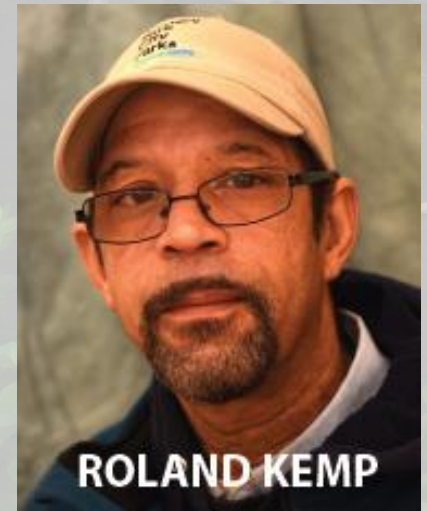
Dedicated Staff

- 20+ Years of Service!



Dedicated Staff

- 25+ Years of Service!



Did you know?

- Park Trash is emptied 3x a day during the busy season.
- There are 300 trash cans throughout the parks.
- We purposely leave the leaves in some areas (South Cove) on the path for a period of time for aesthetic purposes.
- We have composted nearly 20,000lbs of food waste to date in 2018.
- All benches and hand railings are hand-painted by the staff.
- There are three work shifts during the summer so we have staff 7 days a week from 7:30am to 9pm.
- There are two areas for the public to drop their compost off.
- 1,000 light poles in BPC.
- We are planting more native plants in order to provide food and shelter for wildlife.
- There are three dog runs within BPC to accommodate the over 1,000 dogs that live in BPC.
- There are approximately 5.1 miles of bench slates that make up the benches.

Our mission remains the same

To manage, maintain, operate, repair, and preserve to a world class standard for the parks, open space, and other public structures located on the 92-acre Battery Park City site on the lower west side of Manhattan.

Planning



Battery Park City Signatures



Londino / World's Fair benches



Battery Park City Signatures



Hoop Rails



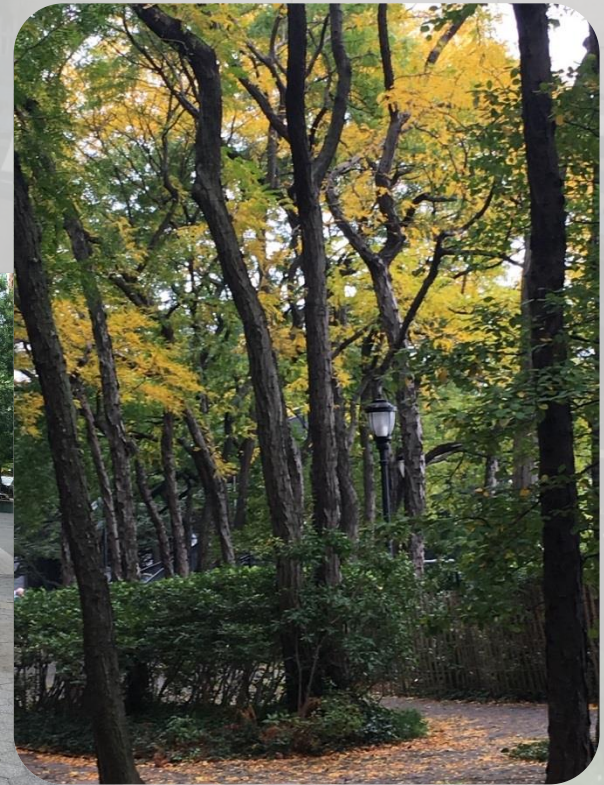
Light Poles
B-Poles



Hex Pavers

Battery Park City Signatures

Well Maintained Gardens



Battery Park City Signatures

ITS COMPOST TIME! COMMUNITY COMPOST DROP OFF *From Kitchen to Garden*

Fruits, vegetables and coffee accepted.

This will become park of the gardens throughout Battery Park City Parks.

If you are unclear about what can and cannot be composted call: 212 267 9700

DROP OFF 2 LOCATIONS:

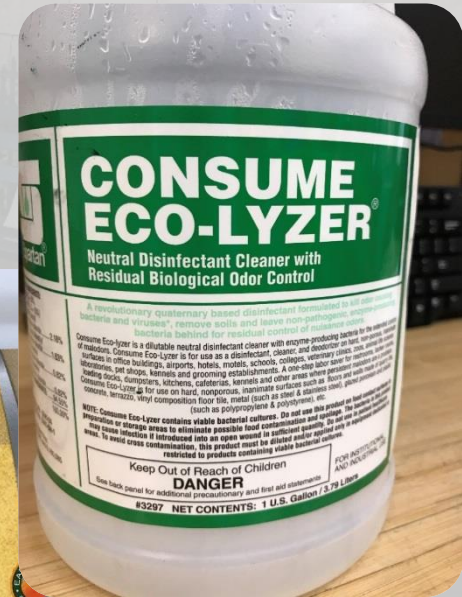
1. BPC Parks Headquarters
75 Battery Place
2. Tribeca Tool Room
Lower Level of Chambers St.
and River Terrace

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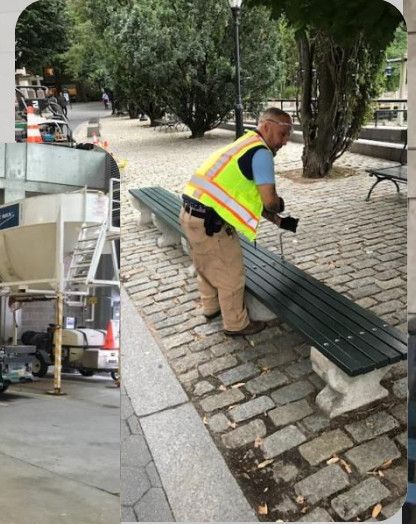
Battery Park City Parks



Sustainable & Environmentally Friendly Practices



In Action Year Round



Before & After

- Eastern Border: 2016 to 2018



Before & After

- Belvedere Plaza: 2016 to 2018



Before & After

- Pier A: 2016 to 2018



Esplanade

- **Challenges:**
 - Planting beds are among oldest in BPC
 - Gardens have not been renovated since opening
 - Need for a horticultural message
- **Future**
 - Cohesive and beautiful planting
 - Sustainable space
 - Address bare spots and aging plants
 - Focus on resilient, native plants



Overall Goals

- **Continue to maintain Parks with quality work and staff.**
- **Highlight staff contributions**
- **Maintain involvement with community.**
- **Continue our organic practices on all aspects of BPC.**
- **Incorporate innovative ideas into Park Operations.**
- **Increase volunteerism.**

Better Tools

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Modules Options Help

Assets Tracking Schedule Groups Work Orders Inspections Requests Schedules Due Purchasing Vendors Orders Inventory Adjustments Cycle Counts Customers Invoicing Employees Certifications Budgets Transactions Reports

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Info Panel

User Info

Logged In As: HAL
Entities Selected: 2

Work Orders

Active Work Orders: 69
Past Due Work Orders: 6
Active Inspections: 24569
Active Work Requests: 11
Schedules Due: 14

Assets

Log Warnings: 1

Budgets

Expense (MTD): \$0.00
Expense (YTD): \$206.04

Employees

Expiring Certifications: 1

Inventory

Active Purchase Orders: 5
Active Transfers: 2
Parts to Order: 27

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List Detail

Assets

Record 187 of 200

Asset ID: **ROCKEFELLER N BENCH** Status: ACTIVE

Description: Rockefeller Park North Worlds F Barcode/Tag:

Parent Asset: ROCKEFELLER PARK NORTH

Group: MAINTENANCE CARPENTERS

Category: FACILITIES

Type: BENCH

Budget: OPERATIONS

* Bold labels indicate required fields

Schedules History Attachments Notes Parts Summary Images Depreciation

Add Schedule Group: Add Schedule Group Sync Schedules

New neighbors





Parks Operations Feedback



Community Updates

NYPD Neighborhood Coordination

- “Sector B” – BPC below West Thames Street

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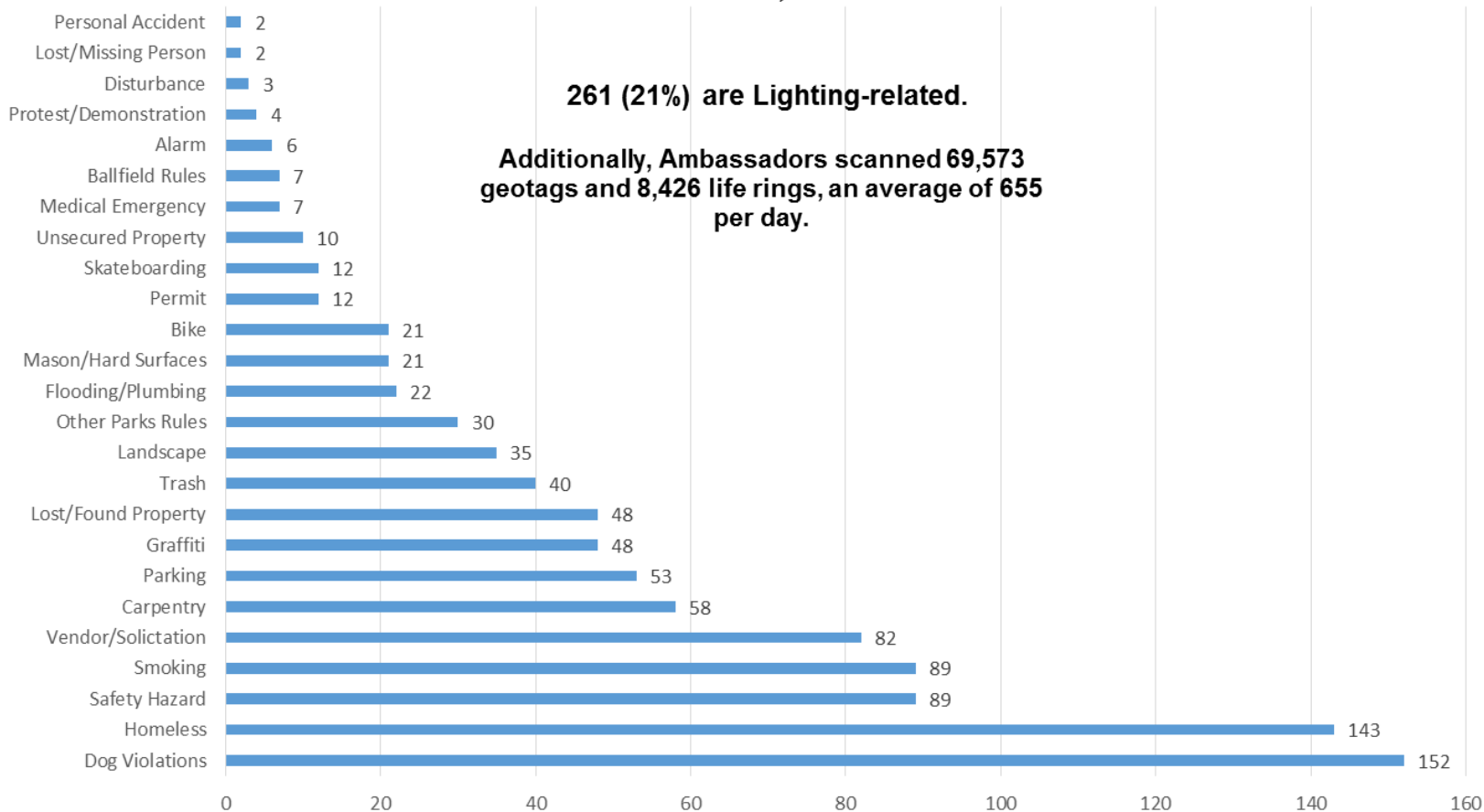
BPC Ambassador Activity

June 5, 2018 - October 2, 2018

Total: 1,259

261 (21%) are Lighting-related.

Additionally, Ambassadors scanned 69,573 geotags and 8,426 life rings, an average of 655 per day.



Special Patrol Officers

- NYPD has deputized as SPOs AlliedUniversal Supervisors Fernando Colon and Rodion Peters
- Colon and Peters completed CUNY Safety Training Academy for Peace Officers, as well as additional AlliedUniversal training
- Awaiting NYPD's release of paper summonses for issuance by our SPOs
- Expected pilot, starting with warnings for quality of life violations, imminently

200 Rector Place



Hurricane Season Reminder

Sign up for NotifyNYC for all city emergency communications

- nyc.gov/notifynyc

Location of hurricane evacuation center –
100 Hester Street (between Forsyth Street
and Eldridge Street)

Storm preparation guidance by Office of
Emergency Management:

- nyc.gov/emergencymanagement

Upcoming Community Meetings

Manhattan Community Board 1

- BPC Committee Meeting: Wednesday, October 3, 6:00pm @ Asphalt Green, 212 North End Avenue
- Full Board Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, October 23, 6:00pm @ Southbridge Towers Community Room, 90 Beekman Street
- More info: www1.nyc.gov/site/manhattancb1/meetings/committee-agendas.page

U.S. Representative Jerrold Nadler Congressional Town Hall Meeting

- Tuesday, October 9, 6-8:00pm, Borough of Manhattan Community College (199 Chambers Street)

Open House New York – African Burial Ground National Monument

- Saturday, October 13, 30-minute Ranger-led tours @ 1:00, 2:00 & 3:00pm
- Meet @ Visitor Center (290 Broadway)

A Town Hall for the Downtown Community: *The World Trade Center Health Program & The September 11th Victim Compensation Fund*

- Monday, October 15 @ David N. Dinkins Municipal Building (1 Centre Street), 19th Floor South; doors open 6:00pm; 6:30-8:30pm presentation and Q&A
- Presented by Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer and U.S. Representative Nadler in cooperation with 9/11 Environmental Action
- Live webcast available: [Facebook.com/galeabrewer](https://www.facebook.com/galeabrewer) or Manhattanbp.nyc.gov

Upcoming Community Meetings *(continued)*

Comptroller Scott M. Stringer Italian Community Breakfast

- Wednesday, October 17, 8:30am @ David N. Dinkins Municipal Building
- RSVP to events@comptroller.nyc.gov or call (212) 669-4466 / TTY (212) 669-3450

Two Bridges Neighborhood Council 10th Annual Marco Polo Festival

- Saturday, October 20, 12-4:00pm @ 62 Mott Street
- More info: https://twobridges.org/whats_new/10th-annual-marco-polo-festival-october-20th-2018/

Council Member Margaret Chin – Committee on Aging Oversight Hearing: Repairs & Upgrades at NYC Senior Centers

- Tuesday, October 23, 1:00pm @ City Hall, Council Chambers

NYPD First Precinct Community Council

- Thursday, October 25, 6:30pm @ NYPD 1st Precinct (16 Ericsson Street)
- More info: www.1stprecinctcc.org

Upcoming Parks Programs

FREE

Oct.11- National Coming Out Day / Movie screening of Love, Simon

FREE

Oct. 13- Go Fish!

FREE

• Part of BPC's 50th Anniversary - 2 part Public Art Retrospective- celebrating the intersection of the city with Hudson River waterfront parks.

• October 14- North Cove – South Cove

• October 28- Real World, TDP, IHM

FREE

Nov. 16th- For Teens Only- Silent Disco Party at 6 River Terrace

FREE

Nov. 17th- Saturday Family Workshop- Bookmaking, making journals and keepsakes using repurposed materials with book artists Esther Smith and Elise Engler

FREE

Dec. 6th- Holiday Lights- Battery Park City's kickoff to the holiday season in South Cove

BPCA Open Community Meetings

Dates in the works:

- Tuesday, February 5
- Tuesday, May 7





General Questions

