



Battery Park City Authority

Report to Manhattan Community Board 1 – Battery Park City Committee Wednesday, October 3, 2018

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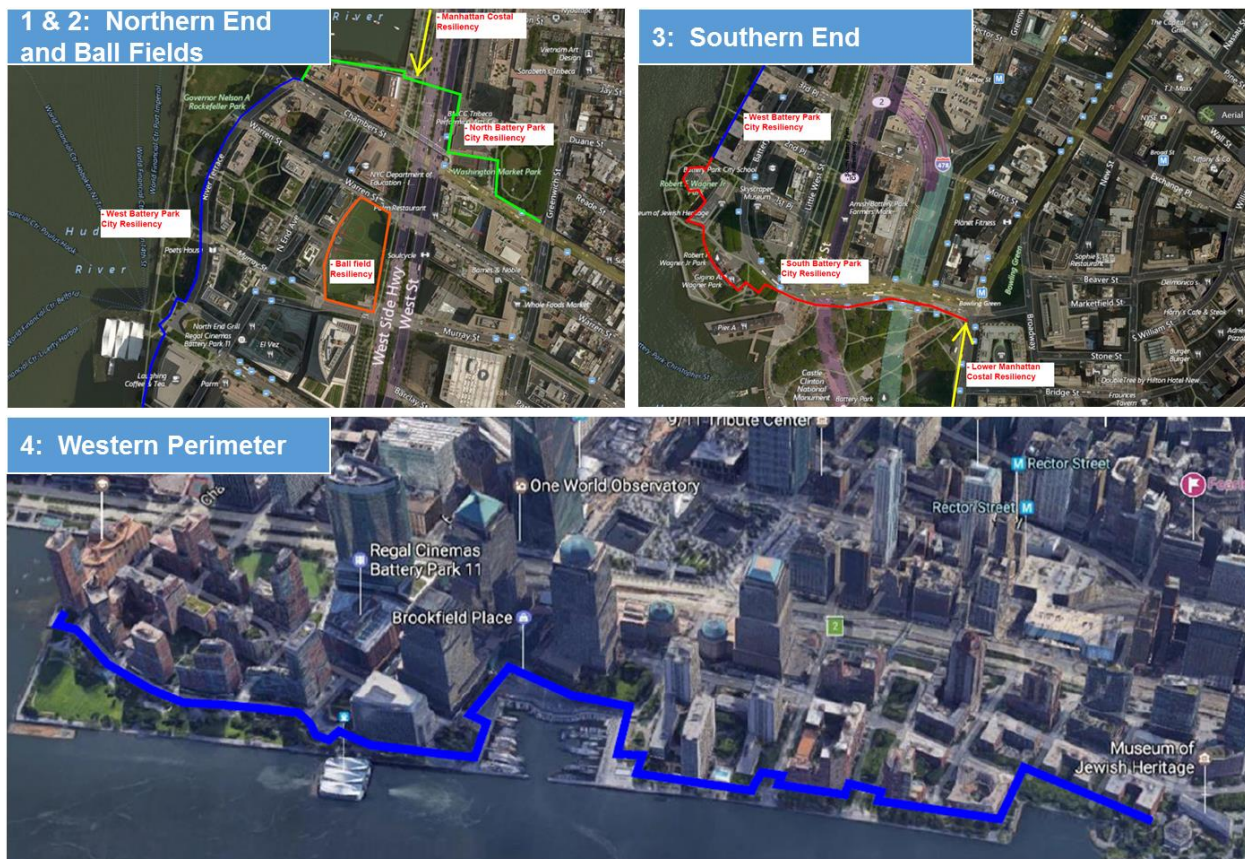
NEIGHBORHOOD & PROJECT UPDATES:

- I. **200 Rector Place: Community Space & New Allied Universal Headquarters**
- Work is substantially complete, with some punch-list items remaining
 - Community Room space being used by BPC seniors – Steering Committee meetings and Mah Jongg sessions – as we ramp up to public opening (date TBD)
 - Community Room reservations to follow similar process as at @ 6 River Terrace
 - Staffed 24x7 by staff at Allied Universal's Command Center; contact info unchanged: (212) 945-7233 | bpcallied@bpca.ny.gov



II. Resiliency Updates

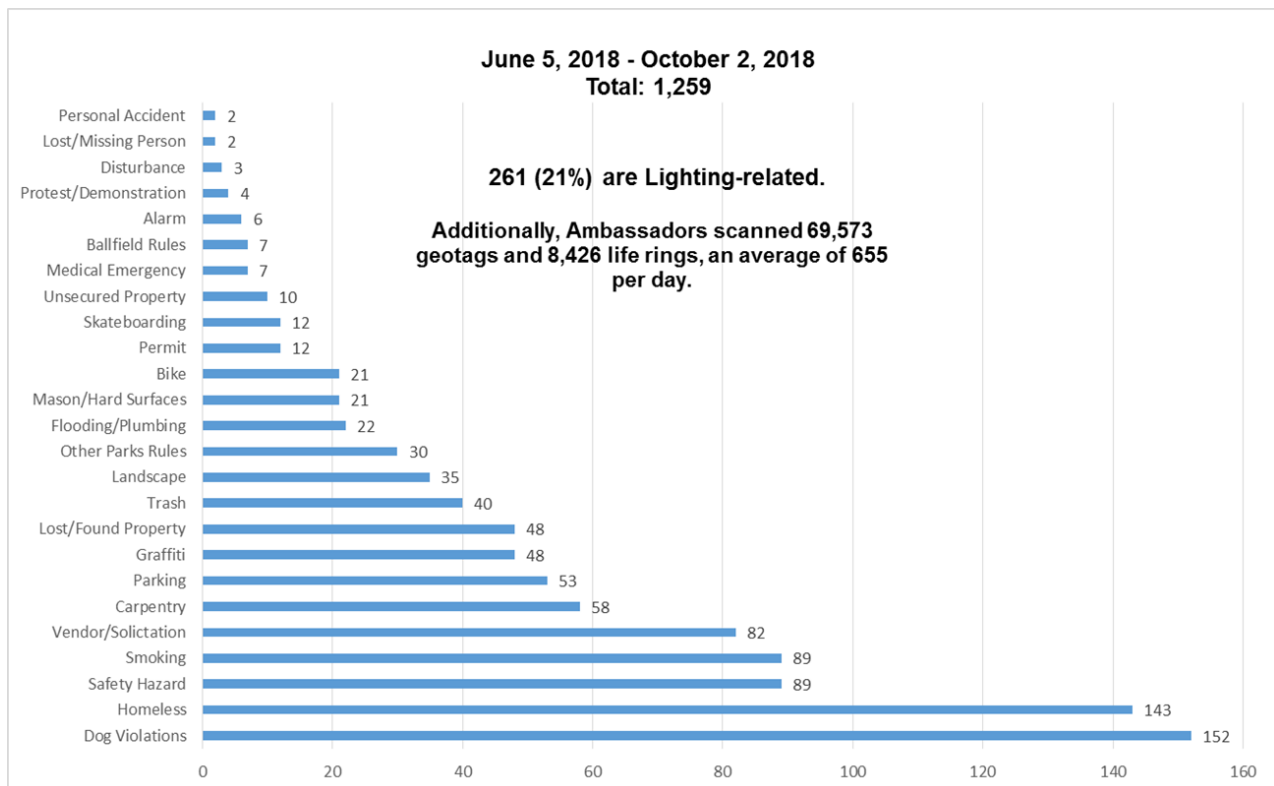
- South Battery Park City Resiliency Project
 - ✓ Design/ engineering process underway
 - ✓ BPCA Project Manager: Joe Ganci
 - ✓ Design Team: AECOM
 - ✓ AECOM Project Manager: Heather Morgan
 - ✓ All-agency project “kickoff” meeting on September 25
 - ✓ Initial public meeting being scheduled
 - ✓ Project updates to be provided on BPCA website
- BPC Ball Fields
 - ✓ Design/ engineering process underway
 - ✓ BPCA Project Manager: Debbie Addison
 - ✓ Design Team: STV
 - ✓ STV Project Manager: Karen Robison
 - ✓ Initial public meeting being scheduled
 - ✓ Project updates to be provided on BPCA website
- Other Resiliency Milestones
 - ✓ Complete capital plan and obtain City approvals (October 2018)
 - ✓ Issue Request for Proposals (RFP) for North BPC Resiliency design & engineering (November 2018)
 - ✓ Selection of vendor for BPC Northern End Resiliency Project
 - ✓ Issue RFP for Western Boundary Resiliency Project (March 2019)



III. **BPCA Parks User Count & Study**

- First-ever, scientific study of the use of Battery Park City's 32 acres of parks & public spaces
- Conducted by Borough of Manhattan Community College researchers and students between July 2017 & June 2018, Study statistical counts, surveys by a random sampling of parks users, and focus groups resulting in a bevy of data from a range of users – local residents, visitors from other New York communities, local office employees, and tourists (domestic and international); from those who were experiencing their first visit to others who have been enjoying the parks for 35 years
- Findings to help BPCA meet the challenges of maintaining high level of satisfaction that park users enjoy
- Key findings include:
 - ✓ Well over one-half million people – approximately 690,000 – use the parks of Battery Park City each year; usage rate compares with that of Prospect Park but is markedly less than the High Line, Brooklyn Bridge Park, and Hudson River Park;
 - ✓ BPC parks saw a higher percentage of non-resident visitors (45%) than resident visitors over the course of the Study; the researchers also encountered regular visitors who work in BPC (16%) as well as commute through BPC (6%). BPCA is therefore providing services to multiple communities in accordance with its public mission;
 - ✓ The average length of residency for those surveyed is eight years; average length of time having worked in BPC is six-and-one-half years; and average time that people have been coming to BPC parks is six years;
 - ✓ About 47% of visitors come from the New York City Metro area, 31% of visitors come from out-of-state, and 22% within walking distance of BPC;
 - ✓ Most visitors to BPC parks (residents and non-residents alike) come in a group (six out of 10) and about three in 10 people come with a dog; about 11% of people come to BPC parks on bikes;
 - ✓ About 25% of visitors to BPC parks were there for the first-time;
 - ✓ The Esplanade and views of the Hudson were named as most users' favorite part of BPC parks;
 - ✓ Almost four out of 10 of the people visit the public spaces of BPC daily, though residents, perhaps unsurprisingly, are more likely to do so (69%, compared with 32% of non-residents);
 - ✓ When asked what brought them to BPC parks on the day of the survey, about three in 10 people report that they came to BPC parks to sightsee, 19% came to walk, and 10% report that they came to walk dogs;
 - ✓ When asked about their least favorite things about BPC parks, the highest percentage of respondents (35%) could either think of nothing or said they like everything about BPC parks.
- Full *BPCA Parks User Count & Study* available on [BPCA's website](#)

IV. Allied Universal / Special Patrol Officer: Update



- NYPD has deputized as Special Patrol Officer (SPOs) AlliedUniversal (AU) Supervisors Fernando Colon and Rodion Peters; both have been in BPC since AU's arrival, and both have completed CUNY Safety Training Academy for Peace Officers as well as additional AU training
- Awaiting NYPD's release of paper summonses for issuance by our SPOs
- Expected pilot, starting with warnings for quality of life violations, imminently

V. NYPD Neighborhood Policing

- [About Neighborhood Policing](#)
- Battery Park City's Neighborhood Coordination Officers are:

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & STATUS UPDATES

I. Parks Programming: Highlights

- *Dockappella* – Battery Park City’s 3rd annual, free a cappella festival featured many of the finest college groups in New York & beyond (Sept. 30, Wagner Park)



- Fall Movie Nights – Fridays in September at Rockefeller Park:
 - ✓ September 7 // The Wiz
 - ✓ September 14 // Muppets Take Manhattan
 - ✓ September 21 // Men in Black
 - ✓ September 28 // Spiderman



- Hummingbird Hootenanny – We kicked off the fall season with a celebration of our small but mighty friend, the Hummingbird.

Event included a Hummingbird “watchzone,” making bird wings and masks, weaving a life-size nest, and a birdwatching and guided nature tour with a naturalist/horticulturist team – plus, a live performance and hum-a-long with Astrograss (Sept. 8, South Cove)



- Mixmag – The British-born electronic dance and club magazine brings trendsetting DJs to spin in iconic places. On September 13, Mixmag came to the majestic vista provided by Wagner Park for a sunset funk and soul party, featuring New York City's own Natasha Diggs and friends.



- Go Fish! – Experienced anglers were on hand to teach catch-and release fishing and about life in the Hudson River through art projects, nature walks. With live music from The Suzi Shelton Band (Sept. 22 in Wagner Park; Oct. 13 next session)



II. BPC Fall 2018 Events Calendar

- New and traditional programming favorites – more than 450 in All – include outdoor concerts and movie nights, National Coming Out Day Celebration, and public art retrospectives through December
- Access calendar [on our website](#)

III. Community Center at Stuyvesant High School | 345 Chambers Street

- Hours (*September-June*): Mon.-Fri., 7-10 PM; Sat. & Sun., 1-9 PM
- Deeply-discounted, full-access, annual membership rates:
 - ✓ Adults (18+): \$199 | Adult BPC Residents: \$179
 - ✓ Youth, Seniors (62+) & Military: \$79 | BPC Resident Youths, Seniors & Military: \$59
 - ✓ Day passes also available – \$15 for adults and \$10 for youth, seniors, military & BPC residents



IV. Lost & Found Contact Information

- Allied Universal Command Center
211 North End Avenue
(212) 945-7233 | bpcallied@bpca.ny.gov

V. BPC Community Composting

- Drop off anytime between 7:30am-5pm on weekdays
- Two convenient locations:
 - ✓ 75 Battery Place
(BPC Parks Headquarters)
 - ✓ Tribeca Tool Room
(Lower Level of Chambers Street & River Terrace)
- Thank you for helping keep Battery Park City beautiful!

ITS COMPOST TIME!

COMMUNITY COMPOST DROP OFF

From Kitchen to Garden

Fruits, vegetables and coffee accepted.

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

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

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75 Battery Place
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ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING:

- I. **Poets House Exhibitions, Readings & Discussions.** Now celebrating its 30th anniversary as one of lower Manhattan’s great cultural institutions, Poets House documents the wealth and diversity of modern poetry and stimulates public dialogue on issues of poetry in culture:
 - ✓ Saturday, October 6, 3:00PM // Anne Carson: On Stillness – Renowned poet, classicist, and translator Anne Carson explores the concept of stillness with a discussion of various ancient and modern artists and art forms, including Homer, Sappho, Emily Dickinson, John Cage, and Jenny Holzer.
- II. **National Coming Out Day Celebration – Thursday, October 11, 7:00pm @ Rockefeller Park.** National Coming Out Day celebrates the lives and courage of LGBTQ+ people. It celebrates living without fear in a way that provides inspiration and a source of hope to those who are yet unable to come out. Bring your allies, a picnic dinner, and celebrate with a movie screening of Love, Simon.
More info: bpcparks.org/event/national-coming-out-day-celebration/
- III. **Go Fish! – Saturday, October 13, 10am @ Wagner Park.** Experience the thrill of catch-and-release fishing and discover the variety of marine life thriving in the Hudson River! Skilled anglers will be on hand to assist; rods and bait provided or bring your own. All ages are welcome. Family performance by Father Goose at noon.
More info: bpcparks.org/event/go-fish-battery-park-citys-celebration-of-life-in-the-hudson-estuary/
- IV. **BPC at Fifty: Public Art Retrospective.** In 1968, Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller signed the Battery Park City Authority Act, seeding the ground for what would become a neighborhood like no other. Join contemporary art historian, Dorothea Basile, on two walks highlighting the public art that was originally commissioned to celebrate the threshold where city meets Hudson River waterfront, and the more recent installations that have continued that vision.
 - Part One: North Cove to South Cove – Sunday, October 14 @ 2:00pm (meet at Waterfront Plaza entrance to the Winter Garden)
 - Part Two: The Real World, Teardrop Park, and Irish Hunger Memorial – Sunday, October 28 @ 2:00pm (meet at “The Real World” in Rockefeller Park)
- V. **Remaining 2018 BPCA Board Meetings – 200 Liberty Street, 24th Floor, 10:30am**
 - October meeting date TBD (moved from 10/16)
 - Tuesday, November 13
 - Tuesday, December 11
 - Archived meeting videos: www.onstage.live/bpca/ (please note new address)
- VI. **2019 BPC Open Community Meetings – 6 River Terrace, 6-7:30PM (tentative dates)**
 - Tuesday, February 2
 - Tuesday, May 7

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND TOWN:

- I. U.S. Representative Jerrold Nadler Congressional Town Hall Meeting**
 - Tuesday, October 9, 6-8:00pm, Borough of Manhattan Community College (199 Chambers Street)
- II. 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)
- III. 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; 6:30-8:30 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
- IV. 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
- V. 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/
- VI. Council Member Margaret Chin – Committee on Aging Oversight Hearing: Repairs & Upgrades at NYC Senior Centers**
 - Tuesday, October 23, 1:00pm @ City Hall, Council Chambers
- VII. NYPD First Precinct Community Council**
 - Thursday, October 25, 6:30pm @ NYPD 1st Precinct (16 Ericsson Street)
 - More info: www.1stprecinctcc.org

PERMITTED WALKS / RUNS:

Updated schedule of 2018 Runs / Walkathons in Battery Park City as follows:

Organization / Event	Event Type	Event Date(s) & Approx. Time	Attendance (Est.)	Street Closures	Notes
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center	Walkathon	Sun – Oct 7, 9am-1PM	100	N/A	FYI only – Wagner Park to Rockefeller Park
Run for Knowledge	PS 276, PS 89 Fundraiser	Fri – Oct 12, 6PM-7PM	TBD	N/A	Wagner Park to Rockefeller Park
Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation	Walkathon	Sun – Oct 14, 7am-1PM	500	N/A	Start / End point at Wagner Park
BPC Dog Association	Special Event – Annual Dog Parade	Sat – Oct 27 10am-3PM	50+	n/a	On BPC Esplanade from South Cove to Esplanade Plaza
Beacon High School PTA	Walkathon	Sun – Oct 28, 7am-1PM	300	N/A	Start / End point at Wagner Park
Lead The Way Fund	Walkathon	Sun – Nov 11, 9am – 12PM	800	n/a	BPC Pass Thru from the North
Mark Polluck Trust	Walkathon “Fun Run”	Wed – Nov 14, 7PM– 9PM	130	n/a	Start/End at Pier A Plaza



Indicates new addition