



# Battery Park City Authority

## Report to Manhattan Community Board 1 – Battery Park City Committee October 18, 2022

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### NEIGHBORHOOD & PROJECT UPDATES:

- I. [COVID-19 Vaccine](#) – Get vaccinated and stay up to date with all recommended doses.
  - o All New Yorkers 6 months and older should [get vaccinated](#) and get their [booster dose](#) when eligible.
  - o If you are experiencing symptoms or were exposed, [get tested](#).
  - o If you test positive, stay home and talk to your healthcare provider about [treatment](#).
  - o Masks are still required in healthcare facilities, nursing homes, correction facilities, domestic violence shelters, and on public transit.

- All travelers, [domestic](#) and [international](#), should continue to follow all CDC travel requirements.
- Read more: [Governor Hochul Updates New Yorkers on State's Progress Combating COVID-19](#) (October 17, 2022)

## II. COVID-19 Testing

- Find a local testing location here:  
[www.nychealthandhospitals.org/covid-19-testing-sites/](https://www.nychealthandhospitals.org/covid-19-testing-sites/)
- At-Home COVID-19 Test Kit Pickup:  
**Battery Park City Library**  
**175 North End Avenue**  
**Monday-Friday: 12-4PM**  
*(Tests can be used on individuals 2 years old and above)*

## III. Battery Park City Temporary Playspace Initiative

- Last month, BPCA announced a public engagement effort to develop concepts for the activation of open public space across the street from Wagner Park during South Battery Park City Resiliency Project construction.
- Measuring more than 24,000 square feet and running from Battery Place to Third Place along the Hudson River Greenway, the currently-hardscaped space offers an array of potential opportunities for use by residents and visitors of all ages.
- BPCA is [working with Community Board 1](#) and community groups to identify ideas about the programming, furniture, fixtures, and equipment desired to activate this area in line with the community's vision.
  - ✓ [Complete the online survey](#)



## IV. South Cove Quay Repairs

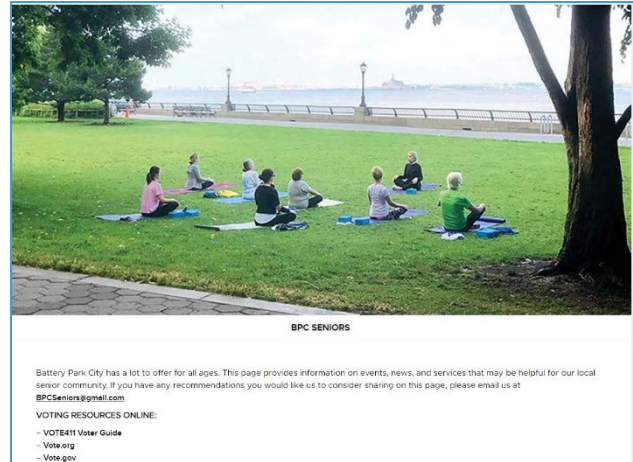
- Located on South Cove's north end near The Regatta condominium, the South Cove quay was damaged as a result of Tropical Storm Isaias – lifted and damaged from the force of the tide, as was some planking on the walkway itself and surrounding elements. Electrical conduits and associated blue lights on that end of cove were also damaged.
- BPCA's in-kind rebuilding of the quay is now underway, with work expected to be complete by the end of the year.





**V. BPC Seniors Webpage Launch**

- BPCA's newly-dedicated "BPC Seniors" webpage provides information on events, news, and services that may be helpful for our local senior community.
- If you have recommendations for page additions please email [BPCSeniors@gmail.com](mailto:BPCSeniors@gmail.com).

**VI. Fall 2022 Program & Event Guide**

- BPCA's [Fall Program & Event Guide](#) details a broad range of free, in-person and virtual programming – including music, dance, nature, poetry, film, cooking, athletics, and more – across Battery Park City's parks and public spaces through December.
- Available in New York State's ten most common non-English languages as follows: [Arabic](#), [Bengali](#), [Chinese \(traditional\)](#), [Haitian-Creole](#), [Italian](#), [Korean](#), [Polish](#), [Russian](#), [Spanish](#), [Yiddish](#)



## VII. Coming Up This Month in BPC

- [Noir Pairings: The Asphalt Jungle – Thursday, October 20, 6:30PM \(Virtual program\).](#)

In *The Asphalt Jungle* (1950) directed by John Huston, ex-convict Doc assembles a team to steal \$1 million in jewels, but then double crosses, bad luck, and solid police work cause everything to unravel. The *Asphalt Jungle* features Marilyn Monroe in her breakout role, and the director of the second film in this series, Jean Pierre Melville, called it the greatest film ever made.

The Noir Pairings hybrid film series pairs a neo-noir with a classic noir movie with a similar theme for comparison and discussion. One screening is virtual and the other is in person.

- [Noir Pairings: Le Cercle Rouge – Thursday, November 3, 6:30PM @ 6 River Terrace.](#)

In *Le Cercle Rouge* (1970) directed by Jean-Pierre Melville, ex-convict and master thief Corey crosses paths with a notorious escapee and an alcoholic former policeman. The trio proceed to plot an elaborate heist at a jewelry store in Paris. *The New York Times* said “Le Cercle Rouge offers the kind of experience that makes you glad movies exist.” Free popcorn will be served, and a discussion of both films will follow this screening.



- [Campfire Stories & Songs – Saturday, October 29, 2-4PM @ Teardrop Park.](#) Cozy up to a campfire for stories and singalongs with family and friends featuring award winning children’s performer Suzi Shelton. Munch on a yummy snack, and take part in a fun art project!



- [Nature Writing – Mondays, October 24-November 21, 2:00-3:30PM @ Battery Park City Library & Teardrop Park.](#)

In partnership with the Battery Park City Library, join us for a weekly walk & writing session led by author and poet [Jon Curley](#). Taking inspiration from the unique landscape of Battery Park City, participants will be encouraged to consider the environment and learn to use observations in nature as a way to enhance their writing styles in any preferred mode. Free program, space is limited, registration required, please email: [registration@bpca.ny.gov](mailto:registration@bpca.ny.gov)





### VIII. NYC Police Memorial Expansion – COMPLETE

- In close consultation with NYPD and architect Stuart Crawford, BPCA has completed expansion of the NYC Police Memorial to honor additional officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice.
- Roughly \$2.7 million expansion utilizes distinctive green granite from the original quarry; the now 1,000+ names are reordered chronologically back to 1849.
- See more about NYC Police Memorial expansion [here](#).

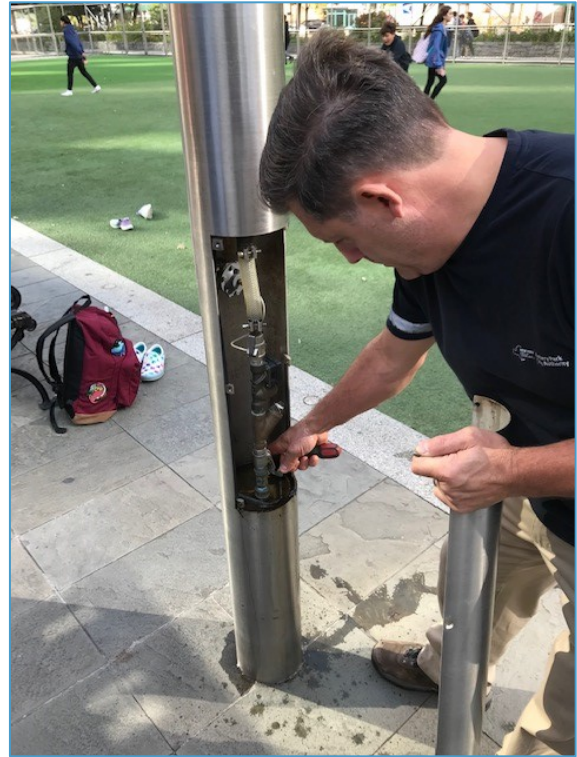


### IX. BPC Parks Happenings!

- Battery Park City's Parks Operations team focuses daily on a range of tasks to maintain BPC's world-class standards. Here are some examples of what's happening in October —
  - ✓ **Falling for Spring:** Spring flowering bulbs for fall planting season will be delivered, with plantings to occur later this month and into November.
  - ✓ **Future Growth:** Timing is everything to ensure optimal survival of plants when transplanting. As we approach the start of South Battery Park City Resiliency Project construction, BPCA's worked to salvage more than 100 plants and replant them elsewhere throughout BPC. The Authority is now partnering with other local parks and public spaces that may benefit from these plantings – including trees, shrubs, and perennials – and facilitating transfer of the plant material. During the week of October 10, Parks Operations staff removed some Wagner Park plantings to ensure they can continue to bring the public great enjoyment.
  - ✓ **Make like a tree...:** BPCA has planted a new concolor fir (also commonly called white fir), an evergreen native to New York State, in Rockefeller Park. This beautiful new addition provides year-round shelter for birds and wildlife and its needles have a fantastic citrusy fragrance.



- ✓ **...and leave:** Leaf pickup begins across the neighborhood this month, with all leaves to be used for composting. The resulting compost is used to nourish and sustain soils across BPC's parks. It's also used to help create the compost tea – compost steeped in water – to inoculate soils with beneficial fungi and bacteria in the spring and fall.
- ✓ **Cold Wind Blows:** As the cold weather approaches, winterization of children's water play features begins. This starts with shutting off water in the play features at the West Thames (pictured at right), Kowsky Plaza, Teardrop Park, and Rockefeller Park playgrounds, followed by removing water from the pipes to prevent freezing.
- ✓ **A new coat:** Our Park Operations team will be applying an essential oil treatment to the Teardrop Park South's teak wooden amphitheater space to protect it from the elements and preserve the condition of the wood.
- ✓ **Winning with Zero Waste:** As a decades-long leader in sustainability, BPCA is striving to divert 90% of what is sent to landfill! To continue helping toward our Zero Waste goal, we ask that you rethink what you are bringing into the parks, and if possible please recycle or compost items. For our part, we'll keep watching and adjusting the recycling cans to ensure they are in the right places for optimal use and updating signage on landfill and recycling cans across our open spaces. Read more about our [Materials & Waste](#) efforts as part of Battery Park City's Sustainability Plan.



#### X. Parks Lawns REMINDER: Pet Free Areas Signage

- "Pet Free Area" signage installed as community reminder: While leashed pets are permitted on hard surfaces throughout Battery Park City, they are not permitted on parks lawns. Read more: [It's a Dog's Life in BPC](#)

#### XI. BPC Ball Fields – Spring & Summer Hours

- BPC Ball Field hours are 8AM-9PM daily until December 1
- BPC Ball Fields: Open Play Hours for [October](#) & [November](#) 2022



**XII. Community Sustainability Resources**

- Enroll in **RefashionNYC**, a free, in-building collection service for old clothes and other fabric items for NYC residents, businesses, schools and nonprofits. For more information click [here](#).
- The **NYC Accelerator Learning Center** offers free trainings and resources on buildings and energy topics to support your next energy improvement project. Trainings include how to Benchmark Your Building to a primer on the Climate Mobilization Act. For more information click [here](#).
- **GreenNYC** – Easy sustainability actions with big impacts – tips for home, office, on the go, and more. For more information click [here](#).

**XIII. BPC Resiliency Project Updates**

- [Lower Manhattan Coastal Resiliency \(LMCR\) Quarterly Update to Manhattan CB1](#) – October 17, 2022
- North/West Battery Park City Resiliency Project—
  - ✓ COMING UP:
    - Draft Scope of Work Publication: October 19, 2022
    - Scoping Hearing: Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 5-8PM @ Stuyvesant High School (& virtual)
  - ✓ [September 19, 2022 public meeting presentation](#) | [Video](#) | [Comment Log](#)
    - Virtual feedback platform with meeting livestream; 180+ participants
    - More than 250 public comments on design alternatives
    - Feedback to be integrated into the 30% design development & EIS scope of work
  - ✓ [NORTH / WEST BATTERY PARK CITY RESILIENCY PROJECT OPEN HOUSE: SUMMARY NOTES](#)
  - ✓ [December 16, 2021: Public Meeting #2 Summary](#)  
[December 16, 2021 public meeting presentation](#) (Videos below)
    - Video: [Public Meeting Presentation](#)
    - Video: [Breakout Room 1](#)
    - Video: [Breakout Room 2](#)
    - Video: [Breakout Room 3](#)
  - ✓ [NORTH / WEST BATTERY PARK CITY RESILIENCY PROJECT WALKSHOPS: HIGHLIGHT VIDEO](#)
    - [November 13, 2021 "Walkshop" Notes](#)
    - [November 4, 2021 "Walkshop" Notes](#)
    - [October 28, 2021 "Walkshop" Notes](#)
  - ✓ [August 4, 2021: Public Meeting #1 Summary](#)
  - ✓ [August 4, 2021 public meeting presentation](#) | [Video](#)
  - ✓ Questions and feedback about the NWBPCR Project can be sent to [nwbpcrinfo@bpca.ny.gov](mailto:nwbpcrinfo@bpca.ny.gov)

- South Battery Park City Resiliency Project—
  - ✓ Construction:
    - Scheduled to begin late fall 2022; to be completed late fall 2024
  - ✓ Final Environmental Impact Statement Published – September 28, 2022
  - ✓ Questions and feedback about the SBPCR Project can be sent to:
    - Rick Fogarty, Community Construction Liaison  
[sbpcrinfo@bpca.ny.gov](mailto:sbpcrinfo@bpca.ny.gov) or (917) 624-5409
  - ✓ SBPCR Project: [Construction Logistics Presentation](#)
  - ✓ SBPCR Project: [Behind a Billion-Dollar Bid to Save Lower Manhattan](#)
- Battery Park City Ball Fields & Community Center Resiliency Project—
  - ✓ Construction complete on 800 linear foot interim flood protection system for 80,000-square foot playing surface & adjacent community center.
  - ✓ SEE IT: [BPC Ball Fields Resiliency on NY1](#)

#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & STATUS UPDATES



**CLOSE KNIT:** BPCA President & CEO B.J. Jones joins the Battery Park City Stitchers in unveiling the beautiful quilt they created during the pandemic at their first post-COVID meeting on Thursday, October 6.

#### **I. BPC Blood Drive – Thank you, neighbors!**

- BPC's Fall Blood Drive on October 12 with New York Blood Center at 6 River Terrace netted 87 donations.
- To date in 2022, BPC Blood Drives have resulted in 470 "Gifts of Life."
- Thank you, Battery Park City!





**II. BPC Interludes: Ladies of Hip-Hop**

- BPC Interludes, featuring Ladies of Hip-Hop was held Thursday evening, October 6 at Belvedere Plaza. Lots of dancing and a wonderful time was had by all.

**III. Little Amal in Battery Park City**

- On Saturday, October 1, on her last stop in New York City, Little Amal arrived at Brookfield Place in Battery Park City prior to boarding a ferry to the Statue of Liberty. You can follow Amal [here](#).

**III. COMMUNITY REMINDER – Community Center at Stuyvesant High School**

- Operated by BPCA seven days a week when classes are not in session, CCSHS offers deeply-discounted annual membership rates for BPC residents.
- [Here's some of what's being offered at CCSHS – and what's coming up!](#)

**VI. COMMUNITY REMINDER – Temporary Public Art in BPC**

- BPCA is working with a critically-acclaimed artist on a new commission of temporary art that will open in Battery Park City this fall and remain on-view for one year. Read more: [BATTERY PARK CITY: HOME TO PUBLIC ART WITH A CAUSE](#)

**VII. COMMUNITY REMINDER – BPC Community & Dog Waste Composting**

- Drop-off any time at two convenient locations:
  - ✓ BPCA @ 75 Battery Place
  - ✓ Tribeca Tool Room @ lower level of Chambers Street & River Terrace
  - ✓ Watch: [Composting in Battery Park City](#)
- Participate in [BPCA's dog waste composting program](#) at any of neighborhood's three dog runs – as well as at our new location on the BPC Esplanade south of Esplanade Plaza – it's quick & easy!
  - ✓ Read: [Making Dog Pee & Poop Green | Dogster](#)
  - ✓ Watch: [Why Dog Poop Composting Should Be Everywhere | One Small Step](#)



BPCA Project Manager Jasmine Johnson poses with BPC resident Larry and his dog Bogey at our newest dog waste composting bin along the Esplanade by Gateway Plaza.

**IX. Lost & Found Contact Information**

- o Allied Universal Command Center  
200 Rector Place  
(212) 945-7233 | [bpcallied@bpca.ny.gov](mailto:bpcallied@bpca.ny.gov)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING:****I. 2022 BPCA Board Meeting Schedule** *(subject to change)*

**BACK IN-PERSON:** BPCA Board meetings are conducted at 2:00PM at 200 Liberty Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor on the following dates, and livestreamed here:  
[bpca.divacommunications.com/bpca-live](https://bpca.divacommunications.com/bpca-live)

Next Meeting: <b>Wednesday, October 26</b>	
November 30	December 21

- o Watch BPCA Board meeting webcasts [here](#)
- o More information on our [Board Meetings & Materials](#) page

**II. NYPD First Precinct Community Council**

- o Next Meeting: Thursday, October 27, 6PM
- o 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct Updates: [twitter.com/NYPD1Pct](https://twitter.com/NYPD1Pct)
- o More info: [www.1stprecinctcc.org](http://www.1stprecinctcc.org)

**III. NYPD Neighborhood Policing**

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

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**IV. Upcoming Permitted Walks / Runs / Events**

Organization	Event Type	Event Date(s) & Approx. Time	Attendance	Street Closures?	Notes
WHOISTHEBALDGUY .INC	Small Film Shoot	Wed., 10/19, 3:30-7:30PM	20	N/A	Belvedere Plaza
Camdrew Productions	Film & Video	Fri., 10/21 6PM-1AM	200	N/A	Conrad Hotel Exterior
BPC Dog Association	Annual BPC Halloween Dog Parade	Sat., 10/29 7AM-3PM	200	N/A	South Cove to Esplanade Plaza
P.S. 89	Halloween Parade	Sat., 10/29 12-2PM	100+	N/A	Rockefeller Park Pavilion
P.S./I.S. 276	Halloween Parade/Party	Mon., 10/31	TBD	N/A	TBD

**BPCA – Allied Universal Quality of Life Statistics**  
**September 2021 vs. July 2022**

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Graffiti	0	5
Homeless	3	10
Lost / Found Property	5	4
Park Rules	17	38
Vendor / Solicitor	0	0
Dogs	57	7

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