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# Battery Park City Authority

**Report to Manhattan Community Board 1 – Battery Park City Committee**

**November 2, 2022**

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## NEIGHBORHOOD & PROJECT UPDATES:

- I. [COVID-19 Vaccine](#) – Get vaccinated and stay up to date with all recommended doses.
  - All New Yorkers 6 months and older should [get vaccinated](#) and get their [booster dose](#) when eligible.
  - If you are experiencing symptoms or were exposed, [get tested](#).
  - If you test positive, stay home and talk to your healthcare provider about [treatment](#).
  - Masks are still required in healthcare facilities. Masks are optional in correctional facilities, homeless shelters, airports, 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](#) (November 1, 2022)

## II. COVID-19 Testing

- Find a local testing location here:  
[www.nychealthandhospitals.org/covid-19-testing-sites/](http://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. Operation Pumpkin Drop

- It's a smash! Contribute to Battery Park City's sustainability efforts by dropping your Halloween pumpkin(s) at any of the following sites thru **Thursday, November 4.**
  - ✓ Outside 75 Battery Place
  - ✓ Esplanade Plaza (pictured)
  - ✓ Teardrop Park South
  - ✓ Rockefeller Park – lower level of Chambers Street & River Terrace by Tribeca Pointe
- Pumpkins will be composted sustainably to create a quality soil fertilizer for use in BPC's gardens.



## IV. NWBPCR Public Scoping Meeting

An aerial photograph of Battery Park City, showing the dense urban landscape and the surrounding water. A large purple rectangular overlay is positioned in the center of the image, containing white text. Below the purple overlay is a yellow rectangular overlay with black text. At the bottom of the purple overlay is another purple rectangular overlay with white text.

**NORTH/WEST BATTERY PARK CITY RESILIENCY PROJECT: PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING**

Join Battery Park City Authority, at Stuyvesant High School or Online, for the Next Steps on the North/West Battery Park City Resiliency Project.

**NOVEMBER 16, 2022 • 5-8 PM**

Register at <https://nwbpcr-public-scoping.eventbrite.com>

- The Scoping Period, which runs through December 2, 2022, is the first step in the environmental review process for North/West Battery Park City Resiliency Project.
- During the Scoping Period, BPCA will collect verbal and written comments from the public that will contribute to the project team's evaluation of what the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should include.



- On October 19, 2022, BPCA published a [Draft Scoping Document](#) to start the scoping process. The document includes information about:
  - ✓ The project's purpose and need
  - ✓ Project elements BPCA will consider during the project, and project schedule
  - ✓ Alternatives that will be studied in the EIS
- *We Want to Hear from You:* Join us [Wednesday, November 16](#) from 5-8PM virtually or in-person at Stuyvesant High School from. BPCA will make a brief presentation about the project and scoping process, and attendees may register to make a 3-minute verbal comment and/or submit their comments in writing. All comments received during the Scoping Period will be addressed in the final scoping document.

## V. BPC Temporary Playspace Initiative

- In September, 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 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 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.
  - ✓ [Temp. Playspace Update – November 2, 2022](#)
  - ✓ [Complete the online survey](#)



## VI. Fall Tree Planting

- BPCA Parks Operations Team planted 18 new trees – including Red Maples, Princeton Elms, Swamp White Oaks, and American Lindens – throughout BPC last week.
- To learn more about these trees, or those in front of your building, please reach out to [info.bpc@bpca.ny.gov](mailto:info.bpc@bpca.ny.gov) to schedule a walk through with a member of our Horticulture team.



## VII. South Cove Quay Repairs

- In-kind rebuilding of the South Cove quay, damaged as a result of Tropical Storm Isaias, is now underway, with work expected to be complete by the end of the year.

## VIII. 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).

## IX. Asphalt Green Free Day Memberships for Seniors

- Regular exercise significantly improves and extends functionality, independence, and quality of life for older adults. To promote and encourage active lifestyles for this population, Asphalt Green is relaunching a pre-pandemic initiative to offer up to 50 free Day Memberships to BPC residents (zip code 10280 or 10282) ages 62+.
- Within approximately the next month, Asphalt Green will open an online application for BPC seniors to enter a Free Day Membership lottery.
- Those awarded a membership will be required to attend the facility six times / month.
- Asphalt Green to share promotional materials BPCA and CB1 to promote the initiative.

## X. 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](#)








## XI. Coming Up This Month in BPC





- [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)


- [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* wrote “Le Cercle Rouge offers the kind of experience that makes you glad movies exist.” Free popcorn will be served, and a discussion of this film and the accompanying *The Asphalt Jungle* (1950; screened virtually on October 20) will follow.


- [Election Day Art & Play – Tuesday, November 8, 3-4PM @ Rockefeller Park](#). Children are invited to take part in an art project and activities themed around voting and responsible citizenship.


- [Meet Me in the Kitchen: Making Healthy Choices – Thursday, November 10, 11AM-12PM @ Asphalt Green](#). Nutritionist Lauren C. Kelly offers creative twists on classic recipes, food prep and cooking trends. From appetizers, to entrees, to dessert, learn how to design menus using helpful tips and current research findings for better health and eating. Free program, space is limited, registration required, please email: [registration@bpca.ny.gov](mailto:registration@bpca.ny.gov).



- [Opening Celebration for \*Justice Reflected\* – Saturday, November 12, 3PM @ at Esplanade Plaza Wall](#). Critically-acclaimed artist James “Yaya” Hough has created glass art panels filled with images that comment on social justice and encourage empathy for all humanity. The artist describes this three-part work as “a visual journey forged by my experiences and observations,” which arise from serving 27-years in prison. He was released in 2019, after the Supreme Court ruled in 2012 that life sentences for minors – as Hough was when he was convicted – were unconstitutional. Hough has since dedicated his practice to raising awareness of the impact of mass incarceration on communities, families, and society as a whole. The temporary installation will be on-display for one year.
 
- [Noir Pairings: Barton Fink – Thursday, November 17, 6:30PM](#). (Virtual program; *registration required at link*). In Barton Fink (1991), directed by the Coen brothers, a renowned New York playwright is enticed to California to write for the movies and discovers the ugly truth about Hollywood.
  - ✓ BPCA’s Noir Pairings hybrid film series pairs a neo-noir with a classic noir movie for comparison and discussion.
  - ✓ This film is paired with *Sunset Blvd* (1950) [showing in-person](#) on 12/8.
- [BPC Gift Drop Off – November 28-December 1, 9AM-4PM @ 75 Battery Place](#). When parents cannot provide Christmas gifts for their children, [Stockings With Care](#) collects, organizes and delivers gifts to families, so no child is left out. You may drop off unwrapped gifts to our collection box located in the lobby or at the Holiday Lights celebration on 12/1.
 
- [Holiday Lights Celebration – Thursday, December 1, 6-7:30PM](#). Kick-off the season with a festive evening of lively carols, cozy beverages, and sweet treats with your Battery Park City community! Come see the new BPC holiday tree in Rockefeller Park. Celebrate the spirit of giving and help those in need by bringing an unwrapped gift to share with Stockings With Care. Special guest appearances by [Sing Harlem Choir](#), and you-know-who!
 

**XII. Brookfield Place Sidewalk Shed Installation**

- Brookfield to conduct Local Law 11 façade inspection and repair work throughout November & December
- Sidewalk shed being erected this week at/around the Liberty Street ramp; to be in place through completion of work in late December of 2022.

**XIII. 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; the now 1,000+ names are reordered chronologically back to 1849.
- See more about NYC Police Memorial expansion [here](#).

**XIV. 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](#)

**XV. BPC Ball Fields – Spring & Summer Hours**

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

**XVI. [BPC Resiliency Project Updates](#)**

- North/West Battery Park City Resiliency Project—
  - ✓ COMING UP:
    - Public Scoping Hearing: **Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 5-8PM @** Stuyvesant High School (& virtual) – [Register here](#)
    - [Draft Scoping Document](#), includes information about the project’s purpose and need, project schedule, alternatives to be studied, and more.
  - ✓ [September 19, 2022 public meeting presentation](#) | [Video](#) | [Comment Log](#)
    - Virtual feedback platform with meeting livestream; 180+ participants provided 250+ public comments on design alternatives
    - Feedback to be integrated into 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](#)
- [Superstorm Sandy: A Decade Later](#)
- [Lower Manhattan Coastal Resiliency \(LMCR\) Quarterly Update to Manhattan CB1](#) – October 17, 2022

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & STATUS UPDATES

### **I. Campfire Stories & Songs**

- The annual neighborhood favorite, including an art project, yummy snacks, and stories and singalongs featuring award winning children's performer Suzi Shelton, took place in Teardrop Park on Saturday, October 29. A great time was had by all!







**JUST TERUFFIC:** Battery Park City's Annual Holiday Dog Parade stepped off from South Cove to Esplanade Plaza on Saturday, October 29 with more than 70 dogs competing for costume prizes.

## II. BPC Added to New York State Birding Trail

- On October 21, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation [announced the addition](#) of 13 new locations to the NYS Birding Trail; this brings the total number of birding trail locations across the state to 325, providing a variety of quality birding experiences for New Yorkers and visitors to enjoy.
- Statewide [trail network](#) includes promoted birding locations that can be accessed by car or public transport, providing an inclusive experience for all visitors to enjoy birds amid beautiful natural settings with little or no cost or investment in equipment.

*"With more than 100 species of migratory and resident bird species identified throughout Battery Park City, our public parks are a biodiversity haven...we look forward to welcoming bird watchers far and wide to our world-class public spaces."*

**- BPCA President & CEO B.J. Jones**



## 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. COMMUNITY REMINDER – Manhattan Weekly Resurfacing Schedule**

- Like all infrastructure, roadways deteriorate over time due to wear and tear from use, from the weathering by heat, freezing and thawing, and precipitation. Resurfacing and reconstruction is determined by a multitude of factors. The NYC Department of Transportation conducts regular inspections to assess pavement conditions, and assigns ratings based on the overall condition, patching, and cracking.
- Stay up-to-date with Manhattan's Milling & Resurfacing Schedule [here](#).
- Sign up for NYC DOT alerts and newsletters [here](#).

**X. Lost & Found Contact Information**

- 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: **Wednesday, November 30**

Wednesday, December 21

- Watch BPCA Board meeting webcasts [here](#)
- More information on our [Board Meetings & Materials](#) page
- [BPCA Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Presentation](#) (October 26, 2022)



**II. NYPD First Precinct Community Council**

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 2, 6PM
- 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct Updates: [twitter.com/NYPD1Pct](https://twitter.com/NYPD1Pct)
- More info: [www.1stprecinctcc.org](http://www.1stprecinctcc.org)

**III. NYPD Neighborhood Policing**

- [About Neighborhood Policing](#)
- 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
M&C Saatchi Sports & Entertainment	Candy Crush Saga	Thurs., 11/3, 6:30-9PM	500	N/A	Public viewing station @ Esplanade Plaza; launched from Liberty State Park, NJ.
Mark Pollock Trust	Walkathon	Wed., 11/9, 7:30-9PM	125	N/A	Start & End @ Pier A Plaza/HRG
Brookfield	Coat Drive / Giving Tuesday	Tues., 11/29 10AM-5PM	N/A	N/A	Esplanade Plaza

**BPCC – Allied Universal Quality of Life Statistics****October 2021 vs. October 2022**

TOPIC	2021	2022
Graffiti	12	0
Homeless	13	6
Lost / Found Property	5	2
Park Rules	25	29
Vendor / Solicitor	0	0
Dogs	39	4

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