



Battery Park City Authority

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BATTERY PARK CITY AUTHORITY RELEASES FALL 2016 EVENTS CALENDAR

More than 300 Programs and Events Open to All

The Battery Park City Authority (BPCA) today announced release of its Fall 2016 Parks Programming Calendar, detailing more than 300 public programs and events taking place throughout Battery Park City from September to December. The full calendar of mostly-free programs – including storytelling, arts and games, exercise, tours, a movie night, and more – has been mailed to all Battery Park City Parks mailing list subscribers and should start arriving in mailboxes next week. It can also be [accessed online](#) via the BPC Parks website.

“Fresh off an amazing summer season of more than 500 public programs and events, attended by some 40,000 guests, we’re proud to present our Fall Calendar – chock full new events and familiar favorites alike” said **BPCA President and Chief Operating Officer Shari C. Hyman**. “From the eager anglers of our popular *Go Fish!* catch-and-release fishing to the new harmonies of *Dockapella*, our first-ever a cappella festival, this autumn Battery Park City is a family-friendly destination for all ages. Come join us!”

The Fall 2016 Parks Programming Calendar includes approximately 20 pages of illustrated program offerings, organized by those of interest to guests of all ages, teens and adults, school-age children, and pre-schoolers. It also includes a map of key Battery Park City locations, contact information for reserving the BPC Ball Fields and community event space at 6 River Terrace, as well as details about the BPC Community Center at Stuyvesant High School, for which steeply-reduced annual memberships were announced last spring.

Highlights of the Fall Calendar include:

- **Go Fish! – September 10, 10am-2pm, Wagner Park**. Join experienced anglers for catch-and-release fishing and learn about life in the Hudson River. Festival includes art projects, birdwatching and garden tour, and live family performance by Grammy winner Dan Zanes and Elizabeth Mitchell at noon.

- **Stories for all Ages – September 18, 11am, Wagner Park.** Join master storyteller Peninnah Schram as she shares “Jewish Stories One Generation Tells Another,” continuing the centuries-long tradition of relaying Jewish stories filled with wit and wisdom. Co-sponsored by the Museum of Jewish Heritage.
- **Go Fish! – September 24, 10am-2pm, Wagner Park.** Catch-and-release fishing, festival, and bilingual (Spanish/English) family performance by Sonia De Los Santos at noon.
- **Young Artists’ Workshop: Ezra Jack Keats’ *Peter’s Chair* – October 1, 11am, Rockefeller Park.** Celebrate the 100th birthday of the great children’s author/illustrator by making a large group mural using collage. Co-sponsored by the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation.
- **Dockapella – October 1, 1pm-5pm, Wagner Park.** Battery Park City’s first ever a cappella festival! Join us for an autumn celebration of intricately woven harmonies along the Hudson River sung by some of the finest college vocal groups from New York and beyond.
- **Go Fish! – October 15, 10am-2pm, Wagner Park.** Catch-and-release fishing, festival, and family music performance by The Suzi Shelton Band at noon
- **Slightly Scary Halloween Movie Night: *Beetlejuice* – October 28, 7pm, Rockefeller Park.** Enjoy Tim Burton’s hilariously haunting classic on the big screen. Wear your best Halloween costume and enter our contest for great giveaways and prizes.
- **Stories for all Ages – October 29, 11am, Teardrop Park.** Listen as Onondaga Storyteller Perry Ground tells “The Great Bear and Why the Leaves Change Color,” and other Native American tales about autumn and preparing for winter – including a not-too-scary story in celebration of Halloween!
- **Holiday Lights – December 8, 6:15pm, South Cove.** Join us for a cozy evening with caroling, warm beverages, cookies, and an important special guest at Battery Park City’s community tree lighting. Bring a new unwrapped children’s gift to donate.

“As the weather starts cooling down and the academic year begins, it is wonderful that New Yorkers and their families will continue to have access to stimulating recreational and educational activities,” said **Congressman Jerry Nadler**. “I applaud the Battery Park City Authority for bringing year-round programming to the Lower Manhattan community.”

"I am proud to support the BPCA and share the upcoming Fall calendar full of fantastic programs for family friendly fun!" said State **Assemblymember Alice Cancel**. "These creative works and art installations are of true value made available to our local community. I urge you to go and check out some of these wonderful upcoming offerings."

"Local programming is part of what makes our communities great," said State **Senator Daniel Squadron**. "I thank the Battery Park City Authority for kicking off another season of programming, and look forward to continuing to work with them, my colleagues, and community members."

"Beautiful public spaces are a starting point, but it's the activities and events that bring people together in those spaces that make a collection of blocks into a community," said **Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer**. "It's great to know all the events and activities coming up in the Battery Park City community, and I hope neighborhood residents and visitors from other parts of the city alike will be able to enjoy them."

"Fall is one of the one most beautiful times of the year in New York City – especially along our waterfront in Battery Park City," said **Council Member Margaret S. Chin**. "I appreciate BPCA's efforts to make many of its fall events free for everyone, and I look forward to enjoying another lovely autumn season in the open spaces that make Battery Park City a unique treasure for residents and visitors alike."

"The Battery Park City Authority's diverse schedule of public programs offers a vibrant range of activities for both residents and visitors of all ages," said **Museum of Jewish Heritage President & CEO Michael S. Glickman**. "The Museum of Jewish Heritage is pleased to contribute its resources to enhancing the public life of our community."

"The BPCA and its Parks Conservancy announce another season of their wonderful programming. This has become a mainstay in our community and spans all ages," said **Anthony Notaro, Chairman, Manhattan Community Board 1**. "This Parks team is experienced and executes their activities flawlessly. We are fortunate to have this in place and offer our support and appreciation."

Join the BPC Parks mailing list by visiting bpcparks.org or calling (212) 267-9700. Interested individuals can also subscribe at the Rockefeller Park House, open daily from May to October between 11am-6pm, or at any BPC Parks program or special event.

About BPCA: The Hugh L. Carey Battery Park City Authority is a New York State public benefit corporation with a mission to plan, create, coordinate, and maintain a balanced community of commercial, residential, retail, and park space within its designated 92-acre site on the lower west side of Manhattan. For more info visit: bpca.ny.gov.

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