



# Battery Park City Authority

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## **BATTERY PARK CITY AUTHORITY LAUNCHES ELECTRONIC PERMITTING SYSTEM**

*Online Tool Enables Applicants to Choose from Selected Parks Locations and Securely Pay Permit Fees*

The Battery Park City Authority (BPCA) today announced launch of its new “ePermit” application, an online permitting system allowing applicants to easily file applications and remit payment for more than a dozen permit types across 15 outdoor parks locations in Battery Park City. From birthday parties and construction work to photo shoots, wedding ceremonies, and more, BPCA issues hundreds of permits each year to individuals and organizations for events across Battery Park City’s 36 acres of parks and public spaces. ePermit can be accessed on BPCA’s website via the following link: <https://permits.bpca.ny.gov/applicationnew.aspx>

“As part of ongoing efforts to make our processes more efficient and user-friendly, the Battery Park City Authority is proud to launch the ePermit system for a wide range of program types,” said **Acting BPCA President & Chief Operating Officer B.J. Jones**. “With dozens of acres of world-class parks to enjoy, there’s no better place to hold your event than here in Battery Park City. We look forward to hosting you!”

Prior to ePermit, users were required to manually complete a permit application and then scan it to email, or use traditional mail, to send the application and payment to BPCA. With the launch of ePermit, applicants can complete each of these steps, as well as attach supporting documentation such as images, maps, and diagrams via secure online application.

Applicants can use ePermit to choose from a range of Battery Park City event locations, including Belvedere Park, Chambers Street Terrace, Esplanade Plaza, Irish Hunger Memorial Plaza, Waterfront at the North Cove Marina, South Cove, Penny Park, Rector Park East & West, Rockefeller Park & its South Lawn, Semi-Circle Lawn, Teardrop Park, and Wagner Park. Additional locations, such as the BPC Ball Fields, Community Center at Stuyvesant High School, Pier A Plaza, and indoor space at 6 River Terrace will be added to the tool in 2018.

In advance of ePermit's launch BPCA worked with a number of long-time permittees to garner feedback on the application. These testers included Andrew Zelter, Commissioner of Downtown Little League (DLL) and Mike Barbieri, Executive Director of Downtown Giants Youth Football (DTG).

Said **DLL Commissioner Zelter**: "BPCA's ePermit system looks great and is easy to use. As a league that submits applications for hundreds of hours play each spring it will make the permitting process very straightforward."

Said **DTG Executive Director Barbieri**: "The new online application is smooth and seamless, streamlining the entire permitting process. I look forward to its further expansion in the seasons to come!"

Added **Bob Townley, Founder & Executive Director of Manhattan Youth**: "The BPC Ball Fields are the most wonderful in the city – and I wish there were more! Making the permit process easier to navigate is a welcome step for local leagues and the thousands of area youth they serve each year. Bravo!"

Included in today's launch are also online resources like the ePermit User Guide ([permits.bpca.ny.gov/doc/ePermit-User-Guide.pdf](https://permits.bpca.ny.gov/doc/ePermit-User-Guide.pdf)) and 2018 Battery Park City Event Planning Guide ([permits.bpca.ny.gov/doc/BPCA-EVENT-PLANNING-GUIDE-2018.pdf](https://permits.bpca.ny.gov/doc/BPCA-EVENT-PLANNING-GUIDE-2018.pdf)), which provide instructions about how to use the ePermit Application, as well as detailed descriptions of BPC's various parks and events locations.

Concluded **Acting BPCA President Jones**: "We're excited to make our parks and public spaces more accessible than ever and look forward to building and expanding upon ePermit's reach and capabilities in the months to come. Please try it out and let us know what you think!"

**About BPCA**: Established in 1968, The Hugh L. Carey Battery Park City Authority is a New York State Public Benefit Corporation charged with developing and maintaining a well-balanced community on the Lower West Side of Manhattan. Battery Park City's 92-acre site has achieved worldwide acclaim as a model for community renewal in planning, creating, and maintaining a balance of commercial, residential, retail and park space.

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