



Battery Park City Authority

Report to Manhattan Community Board 1 – Battery Park City Committee Tuesday, February 6, 2018

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NEIGHBORHOOD & PROJECT UPDATES:

I. Life Rings on BPC Esplanade

- BPCA installing emergency life rings along Battery Park City Esplanade over coming weeks at north-to-location locations as follows:
 - ✓ North Esplanade behind Stuyvesant High School
 - ✓ Rockefeller Esplanade by the Ulysses statue
 - ✓ Rockefeller Esplanade by the pool tables
 - ✓ Esplanade at Rector Gate
 - ✓ Wagner Esplanade behind the Museum of Jewish Heritage
 - ✓ Nose of Wagner Park
 - ✓ End of Pier A
- Additions made in consultation with CB1 Battery Park City Committee and local community



II. Tree Recycling in BPC

- Collection ran through January 26
- Total of 1,724 trees collected; more than 5,400 trees over past t(h)ree seasons
- Chipped and used locally throughout BPC parks for various purposes, including composting, plant protection, and soil insulation & enrichment.

III. Rockefeller Park – Annual Tree Pruning (week of February 12)

- Annual tree pruning scheduled for next week
- Part of BPC Parks' annual process of maintaining tree health
- Small areas of park closed during pruning to ensure safety for all users

IV. 2018 BPCA Board Meeting Schedule

- Tuesday, March 13
- Tuesday, April 10
- Tuesday, May 15
- Tuesday, June 12
- Tuesday, July 10
- Tuesday, August 14
- Tuesday, September 18
- Tuesday, October 16
- Tuesday, November 13
- Tuesday, December 11
- All meetings @ 200 Liberty Street, 24th Floor, 10:30am
- Archived video of past meetings: communitek.tv/bpca/

V. 200 Rector Place Interior Fit Out

- Renovations continue on new community space, office space & Allied Universal Command Center, replacing former space @ The Regatta
- Targeting March/April timeframe for public opening

PROGRAM & STATUS UPDATES**I. Meet Me in the Kitchen – Good Nutrition!**

- First class today here at Asphalt Green Kitchen – full capacity & engaged participants
- Remaining classes in series:
 - ✓ **Week 2 (February 13) – Healthy Heart**
 - ✓ **Week 3 (February 20) – Too Much?**
 - ✓ **Week 4 (February 27) – Shopping for the Season**
 - ✓ **Week 5 (March 6) – Spice of Life**
 - ✓ **Week 6 (March 20) – Boost Your Immune System**



II. BPC Annual Art Exhibition Opening

- Sunday, January 28 at BPC Parks Headquarters (75 Battery Place)
- Free exhibit showcases collection of over 150 original works curated from the roughly 15,000 participants who crafted artistic creations at 300 arts programs sponsored by the BPC Parks Programming team last year
- On view weekdays from 2-4:00PM through Friday, March 30



III. Celebrating the Caribbean!

- Select Saturdays, 4-6PM @ 6 River Terrace
- Saturday, January 27 // Celebrating Haiti, featuring revered Haitian-American singer Claudia Eliaza
- Remaining sessions in series include:
 - ✓ March 3 // Celebrating Puerto Rico (featuring Legacy Women) – an all-woman musical group rooted in Afro-Dominican & Afro Puerto-Rican traditions
 - ✓ March 24 // Celebrating Mexico (feat. Mano a Mano: Mexican Culture Without Borders – an organization dedicated to celebrating Mexican culture and promoting the understanding of Mexican traditions through arts, culture, humanities, and annual celebrations of holidays

Celebrating the Caribbean



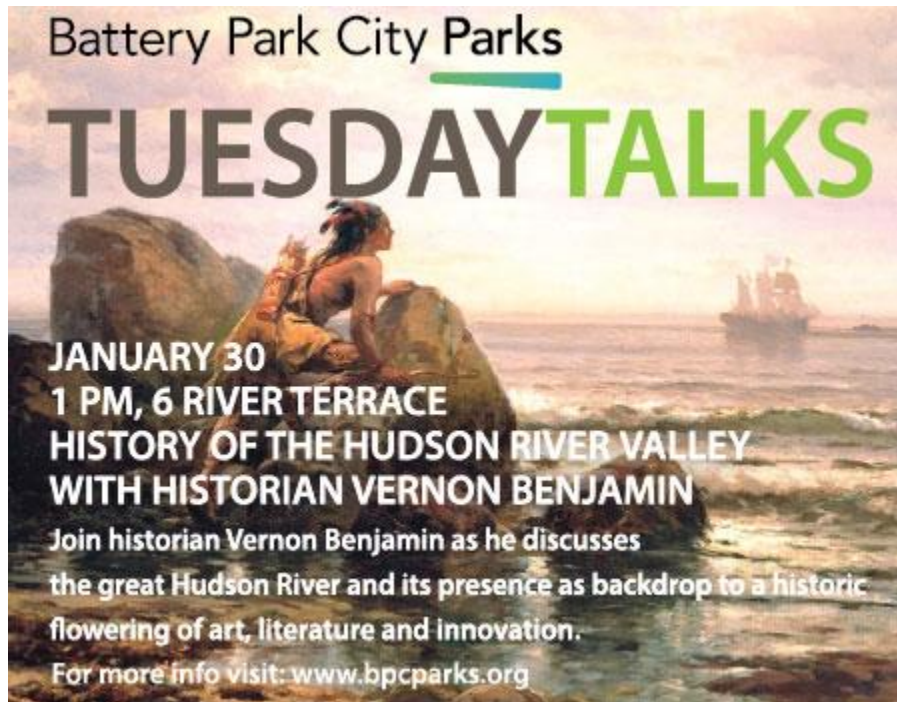
Celebrating Haiti! - On Saturday afternoon, January 27, close to 100 attendees packed 6 River Terrace to enjoy Haitian-American singer Claudia Eliaza's spirited musical performance.

Next in BPC Parks' free Celebrating the Caribbean! series is **Celebrating Puerto Rico** (March 3) and **Celebrating Mexico** (March 24), from 4-6pm. RSVP at: registration@bpcparks.org



IV. Tuesday Talks, 1:00PM @ 6 River Terrace

- January 30 – History of the Hudson River Valley, w/historian Vernon Benjamin
- Remaining sessions in series include:
 - ✓ February 13 // Markets as Community – Public markets are undergoing a sweeping renaissance as people strive to rebuild local economies and keep human connections flourishing. David K. O’Neil will speak on the subject that has guided his work and provide a history of Tribeca’s own Washington Market
 - ✓ March 13 // Georgia O’Keeffe’s New Mexico Years – Artist Marla Lipkin will lead the talk focusing on how O’Keeffe made her life in the Southwest and the paintings that resulted
 - ✓ March 27 // A Year on Broadway – Artist Elise Engler will discuss A Year on Broadway, her year-long project of drawing on-site every block of Broadway in Manhattan from Broadway Bridge at 221st Street to Bowling Green

**V. BPC Winter Events Calendar**

- More than 500 public programs and events from January to April
- Largest slate of winter programming yet includes cultural and artistic workshops, talks, fitness programs, music, games, BPC’s Annual Art Exhibition and much more: bpca.ny.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Winter-2018-Calendar-.pdf

VI. BPC Seniors Working Group

- Last met January 17 as part of regular check-ins; next meeting TBD
- Also met w/Dr. Betty Kay & Ann Schwalbenberg (1/19) to review accessibility features of planned space

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

- Hours (*Sept.-June*): M–F., 7pm – 10pm; Sat. – Sun., 1pm – 9pm
- Annual Full Access Membership Rates:
 - ✓ Adults (18+): \$199 | Adult BPC Residents: \$179
 - ✓ Youth, Seniors (62+) & Military: \$79 | BPC Resident Youths, Seniors & Military: \$59
 - ✓ Day passes also available and are \$15 for adults and \$10 for youth, seniors, military & BPC residents

VIII. Museum of Jewish Heritage – Free Membership for BPC Residents (*REMINDER*)

- Running through June 30, 2018, MJH Community Membership Program provides free Museum membership (proof of residency required)
- Includes free Museum admission, discounted or free program tickets & more
- Program Commemorates MJH's 20th Anniversary

IX. Lost & Found Contact Information

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING:**I. Next BPCA Board Meeting**

- Tuesday, March 13, 2018 @ 10:30am

II. Next BPC Open Community Meeting

- Monday, March 5, 2018, 6:00-7:30PM @ 6 River Terrace
- Video from November 2017 meeting available here:
www.communitek.tv/bpca/?q=video/bpca-nov-14-2017-community-meeting

III. BPCA Annual Report – Fiscal 2017

- Full report available on BPCA website:
bpca.ny.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Annual-Report-2017-1-31-18-1.pdf

IV. Skyscraper Museum

- New exhibit, *Millennium: Lower Manhattan in the 1990s*, runs thru April 2018
- Multimedia exhibition recaptures formative time in history of New York's historic commercial hub through combination of architectural drawings and models, archival and contemporary photographs, original posters, maps, sketches, renderings, and other documents of the era
- For more information: skyscraper.org/millennium

V. Permitted Walks / Runs

- New requests for 2018 to be forwarded to CB1 per usual process