



# Battery Park City Authority

## Report to Manhattan Community Board 1 – Battery Park City Committee Wednesday, July 25, 2018

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### NEIGHBORHOOD & PROJECT UPDATES:

#### **I. South End Avenue: Traffic Calming & Pedestrian Safety Measures**

- Community forum w/City Department of Transportation, Council Member Chin, and BPCA at May 1, 2018 BPC Committee Meeting
- May 15 community walkthrough
- June 5 BPC Committee Meeting discussion
- June 6 community walkthrough
- June 11 community walkthrough
- Additional public comments and feedback received via email
- After forging consensus with CB1 and local residents at [this evening's BPC Committee meeting](#), rough timeline is as follows:
  - ✓ RFP for design and engineering in Fall 2018
  - ✓ Vendor selected and contract developed by early 2019
  - ✓ RFP for contractor to manage South End Avenue renovations by late 2019 / early 2020
  - ✓ South End Avenue renovation work to commence by date TBD 2020

#### **II. BPC Wayfinding Signage Program**

- BPCA worked with BPC Committee leadership to develop short online survey for its ongoing Wayfinding Signage Program; responses – more than 180 – helping inform future signage content and placement
- Design process through fall 2018, installation to begin late 2018 / early 2019
- BPCA updating community on design process at [BPC Committee meeting this evening](#)

#### **III. 200 Rector Place Interior Fit Out**

- Renovations are substantially complete on new community space, office space & Allied Universal Command Center, replacing former space @ The Regatta
- Now targeting end-July for completion and opening

#### IV. **BPCA Board Leadership & Membership Changes (as of June 2018)**

- Dennis Mehiel, who served as Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer since his appointment by Governor Cuomo in 2012 has left the Board
- Hector Batista, who served as a Member since his 2015 appointment, has also left the Board
- Board Member George J. Tsunis, appointed by Governor Cuomo in June 2017, was elected to serve as the new Board Chairman
- B.J. Jones, appointed Battery Park City President and Chief Operating Officer in January 2018, was elevated to Chief Executive Officer
- Anthony Kendall – BPC Resident and new appointment to the BPCA Board
- Martha J. Gallo – BPC Resident and new appointment to the BPCA Board (also a former Board member)

*“The Authority is delighted to welcome Martha Gallo and Anthony Kendall to our Board. We look forward to their valuable insights as we further engage our community to make great things happen in Battery Park City.*

*“On behalf of the BPCA I also thank Board Chairman Dennis Mehiel and Member Hector Batista for their years of dedicated service to this neighborhood and its residents.”*

- [BPCA President & CEO B.J. Jones](#)

#### V. **Community Center at Stuyvesant High School | 345 Chambers Street**

- Hours (*July-August*): Mon.-Fri., 3pm-8:45pm; Sat. & Sun., 10am-5:45pm
- Deeply-discounted, full-access, annual membership rates:
  - ✓ Adults (18+): \$199 | Adult BPC Residents: \$179
  - ✓ Youth, Seniors (62+) & Military: \$79 | BPC Resident Youths, Seniors & Military: \$59
  - ✓ Day passes also available – \$15 for adults and \$10 for youth, seniors, military & BPC residents

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & STATUS UPDATES

#### I. **BPC Summer Events Calendar**

- Highlights include free community celebrations marking BPCA’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Largest-ever calendar – including new & traditional programming favorites – offers [more than 600 events in all](#)



**II. Lost & Found Contact Information**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING:****I. River & Blues – Thursdays in July & August, 7pm @ Wagner Park**

While the sun sets on New York Harbor come enjoy blues music from around the world:

- July 26 // Hurray for the Riff Raff – Born and raised in the Bronx, Alynda Lee Segarra ran away to New Orleans, emerging with the folk-inspired, bluesy-American sound of Hurray for the Riff Raff. Their latest release, *The Navigator*, explores her Caribbean roots, informing a powerful Nuyorican voice that addresses displacement, injustice, resilience and cultural pride
- August 2 // Delvon Lamarr Organ Trio – This Seattle-based soul collective brings a jazzy, soulful blues sound to New York City. Hammond B-3-led jams, mixed with shredding guitar licks and inspired drum fills are destined to get the Wagner Park crowd movin' and groovin'!

**II. Strings-on-Hudson – Thursdays in August, 5:30pm @ Belvedere Plaza.**

Back for a second summer after its smashing debut in 2017, Strings-on-Hudson is Battery Park City's al fresco classical music series on the Hudson River waterfront:

- August 9 // Knickerbocker Chamber Orchestra – Downtown's own KCO performs *Sweet Sounds of Summer!*, a stylish selection of classical melodies for your dancing pleasure, including foxtrots, tangos and waltzes
- August 23 // Leadlights – Rising young stars on the local string music scene, Leadlights brings contemporary and classical music to new audiences; program to include a 2017 piece by New York-based composer Kyle Werner as well as selections by Beethoven, Brahms, and Mendelssohn
- August 30 // Harlem Quartet – Grammy-winning Harlem Quartet graces Belvedere Plaza in a program that reflects the group's mission to advance diversity in classical music; performance pairs works of Debussy and Schubert with Brazilian, Cuban, jazz and ragtime repertoire

**III. "Meet Me in the Kitchen – Celebrate Tradition!" @ Asphalt Green**

- Featuring talented chefs from Battery Park City sharing culinary and cultural traditions from their homelands. Free sessions this summer include:

✓ Tuscan Italian Cuisine – moved to September 17 (from July 23)

**IV. Remaining 2018 BPCA Board Meetings – 200 Liberty Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor, 10:30am**

- Tuesday, August 28 (*tentative; moved from August 14*)
- Tuesday, September 18
- Tuesday, October 16
- Tuesday, November 13
- Tuesday, December 11
- Archived meeting videos: [communitek.tv/bpca/](http://communitek.tv/bpca/)


**V. 2018 BPC Open Community Meetings – 6 River Terrace, 6-7:30PM**

- Wednesday, September 12
- Wednesday, November 28

**VI. Permitted Walks / Runs**

- Updated schedule of 2018 Runs / Walkathons in Battery Park City as follows:

Organization / Event	Event Type	Event Date(s) & Approx. Time	Attendance (Est.)	Street Closures	Notes
Royal Thai Consulate-General, NY	Special Event Thailand Experience	Sept 15 (Load-In) 2pm-9pm; Sept 16 (Event) 7am – 9pm	Up to 5,000	N/A	Thailand Experience in Rockefeller Park North • Staging • Tented / Tabled activations spread throughout Park
Zero Cancer	Walkathon	Sun-Sep 23	TBD	N/A	
Pajama Program, Inc.	Walkathon / Run	Sat – Sep 29, 7am-1PM	300	N/A	Wagner Park to Rockefeller Park
Stephen Siller Tunnel-to-Towers Foundation	Walkathon / Run / Community Festival	Sun – Sep 30, 9:30am	20,000	Yes - TBD	Red Hook-West & Liberty Streets, BPC; followed by festival – Vesey Street
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center	Walkathon	Sun – Oct 7, 9am-1PM	100	N/A	FYI only – Wagner Park to Rockefeller Park
Run for Knowledge	PS 276, PS 89 Fundraiser	Fri – Oct 12, 6-7PM	TBD	N/A	Wagner Park to Rockefeller Park
Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation	Walkathon	Sun – Oct 14, 7am-1PM	500	N/A	Start / End point at Wagner Park
Beacon High School PTA	Walkathon	Sun – Oct 23, 7am-1PM	300	N/A	Start / End point at Wagner Park

  
Indicates new addition