



Battery Park City Authority

Report to Manhattan Community Board 1 – Battery Park City Committee Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Presented by Nick Sbordone, BPCA
(212) 417-3194 | nicholas.sbordone@bpca.ny.gov

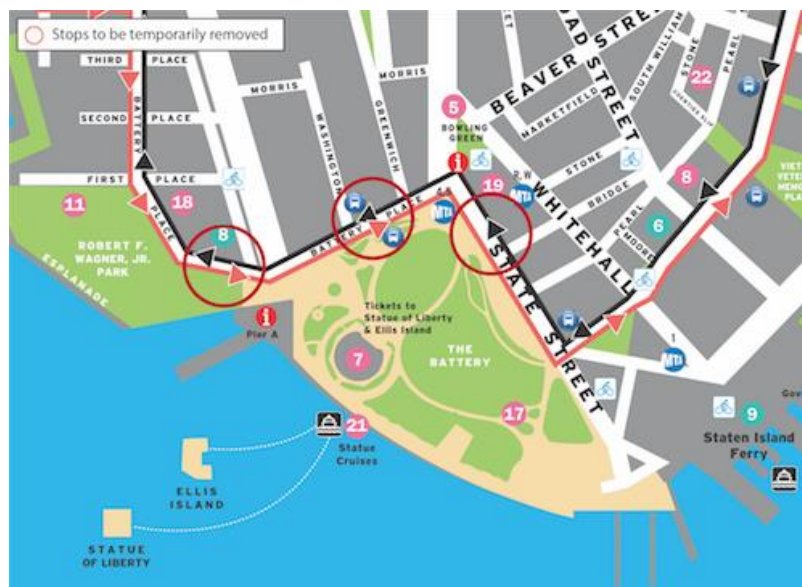
NEIGHBORHOOD & PROJECT UPDATES:

I. **200 Rector Place Community Space**

- Targeting Friday, September 7 for Allied Universal move-in
- BPC Seniors to begin using Community Room on date TBD this month
- Signage inducing change to be placed at current Command Center
- Contact info to remain unchanged: (212) 945-7233 | bpcallied@bpca.ny.gov
- Community Room reservations to follow similar process as at @ 6 River Terrace

II. **Downtown Connection Bus**

- Temporarily bypassing five stops adjacent to The Battery through end of summer
- Change aimed at prohibiting the misuse of buses by aggressive ticket sellers who have been taking advantage of visitors in the neighborhood
- Skipped stops: Three BPC-bound stops: State St/Bridge St, Battery Place/Washington St, Battery Place/West St; two (2) South Street Seaport-bound stops: Battery Place/West St, Battery Place/Greenwich St



III. BPC Wayfinding Signage Program

- BPCA updated community and received feedback now being incorporated into design at July 2018 BPC Committee meeting – thank you!
- Design process through 2018; installation to begin 2019

IV. New Traffic & Pedestrian Signals at North End Avenue & Warren Street

- Installed in July as result of community's work with DOT to help safeguard pedestrian flow around schools and BPC Ball Fields
- Per DOT poles to be painted in keeping w/existing neighborhood aesthetic; timeline TBD

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & STATUS UPDATES**I. BPC Fall 2018 Events Calendar**

- New and traditional programming favorites – more than 450 in All – include outdoor concerts and movie nights, National Coming Out Day Celebration, and public art retrospectives
- Access the calendar [on our website](#)

“As the autumn foliage comes into view in our 36 acres of parks, you can check out the visiting hummingbirds, take in an evening movie, sing along at the Dockappella festival, and so much more. Activities abound for all ages, so whether you’re just passing through or call Battery Park City home – we can’t wait to see you in BPC Parks!”

- BPCA President & Chief Executive Officer B.J. Jones



II. Summer Programming Highlights

- Thousands drawn to Battery Park City’s more than 600 summer events; highlights include:
 - ✓ Approximately 8,000 to Swedish Midsummer Festival
[Receiving the Summer Solstice, the Swedish Way](#) (*The New York Times*)
 - ✓ Approximately 6,550 to River & Blues (5 shows)



- ✓ Approximately 1,000 to Shakespeare’s Romeo & Juliet / New York Classical Theatre (4 shows)
- ✓ Approximately 1,000 to Strings-on-Hudson (3 shows)



- ✓ Approximately 1,000 to BPC Golden Jubilee (May 31) & Community Day (June 27)



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

- Hours (*September-June*): Mon.-Fri., 7-10 PM; Sat. & Sun., 1-9 PM
- 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

III. Lost & Found Contact Information

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING:**I. Fall Movie Nights – Fridays in September, 7:00PM, Rockefeller Park.** Back by popular demand, join us under the stars for free screenings of these great feature films and shorts made in/featuring New York City:

- September 7 // *The Wiz* – Ease on down the yellow-brick road with this 1970s classic, featuring superstars Diana Ross and Michael Jackson! Relive the magic of this beloved musical where Dorothy is whisked away to the enchanted wonderland of Oz and embarks on an adventure with her new friends the Scarecrow, the Tin Man and the Lion. Also: *One Froggy Evening* (Short)
- September 14 // *Muppets Take Manhattan* – Broadway-bound, the Muppets take Manhattan by storm in this magical musical about breaking into show business! Fresh out of college, Kermit, Fozzie and the entire cast of Kermit’s musical Manhattan Melodies head for the Big Apple with dreams of turning their little play into a big hit! Also: *Mighty Manhattan, New York’s Wonder City* (Short)
- September 21 // *Men in Black* – Agents Kay (Tommy Lee Jones) and Jay (Will Smith) are members of a top-secret organization established to monitor alien activity on Earth. Together they take on a mission to track down an intergalactic terrorist (Vincent D’Onofrio) bent on destroying Earth. It’s all in a day’s work for the Men in Black. Also: *A Hare Grows in Manhattan* (Short)
- September 28 // *Spiderman* – After being bitten by a genetically altered spider, Peter Parker vows to put his spider-like abilities and superhuman strength to help fight crime. The web-spinning superhero has a mission to save New York from his nemesis, the Green Goblin, and to win the heart of Mary Jane, the girl next door. Go for the ultimate spin with Tobey Maguire in Spiderman. Also: *Baseball Bugs* (Short)

- II. Hummingbird Hootenanny – Saturday, September 8, 10:00am, South Cove.** Help kick off the fall season with a celebration of our small but mighty friend, the Hummingbird. This day of feathered frenzy will include: Hummingbird watchzone, making bird wings and masks, weaving a life-size nest, and a birdwatching and guided nature tour with a naturalist/horticulturist team. Plus – a live performance and hum-a-long with Astrograss:
- 11am: Art Projects
 - 11:30am: Bird Watching / Nature Tour
 - 12PM: Astrograss Family Concert
- III. Mixmag – Thursday, September 13, 6:00PM, Wagner Park.** Mixmag, the British-born electronic dance and club magazine, brings trendsetting DJs to spin in iconic places from the Great Wall of China to Battery Park City. Come savor one of the city’s most majestic vistas at a sunset funk and soul party featuring New York City’s own Natasha Diggs and friends.
- IV. Go Fish! – Select Saturdays, 10am, Wagner Park.** Join experienced anglers for catch-and release fishing and learn about life in the Hudson River through art projects, nature walks, and live music:
- On September 22 – A performance by The Suzi Shelton Band with their award-winning signature hits and new tunes from their latest album Hand in Hand
 - On October 13 – The River Project, fellow stewards of the Hudson River and New York Harbor, will share their innovative work in environmental education.
- V. Dockappella – Sunday, September 30, 1:00PM, Wagner Park.** Join us for our annual autumn celebration of intricately-woven harmonies along the Hudson River. Many of the finest college acappella groups in New York and beyond – including those from Harvard, Yale, Columbia, New York University, and more – will showcase their pitch-perfect vocal renditions from a diverse variety of musical genres. Bring a blanket and a picnic lunch as you enjoy the music with the Statue of Liberty as backdrop!
- VI. Poets House Exhibitions, Readings & Discussions.** Now celebrating its 30th anniversary as one of lower Manhattan’s great cultural institutions, Poets House documents the wealth and diversity of modern poetry and stimulates public dialogue on issues of poetry in culture:
- Epic Voices Series
 - ✓ Thursday, September 20, 7:00PM // Emily Wilson: On The Odyssey – The first woman to translate Homer’s Odyssey into English, scholar Emily Wilson “has given Homer’s epic a radically contemporary voice” (The New York Times). In this talk, she discusses the challenges of making this ancient work feel alive, including formal decisions and bringing out Homer’s many voices.

- ✓ Saturday, October 6, 3:00PM // Anne Carson: On Stillness – Renowned poet, classicist, and translator Anne Carson explores the concept of stillness with a discussion of various ancient and modern artists and art forms, including Homer, Sappho, Emily Dickinson, John Cage, and Jenny Holzer.

VII. Remaining 2018 BPCA Board Meetings – 200 Liberty Street, 24th Floor, 10:30am

- Tuesday, September 18
- Tuesday, October 16
- Tuesday, November 13
- Tuesday, December 11
- Archived meeting videos: www.onstage.live/bpca/ (please note new address)

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

- Tuesday, October 2 (please note new date)



BPC Open Community Meeting

Tuesday

October 2, 2018

6-7:30 pm

6 River Terrace

Come hear about the latest happenings in Battery Park City!
Questions may be submitted in advance to: info.bpc@bpca.ny.gov

WWW.BPCA.NY.GOV

 NEW YORK STATE OF OPPORTUNITY.

Battery Park City Authority

IX. 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	Sat – Sep 15 (Load-In) 2pm-9pm; Sun – Sept 16 (Event) 7am-9PM	Up to 5,000	N/A	Thailand Experience in Rockefeller Park N. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staging • Tented / Tabled activations spread throughout Park
APP – Association of Paddlesurf Professionals	Special Event Paddle Races	Sat – Sept 15 Sun – Sep 16 (Rain Date) 7:30am-7PM	Up to 1,000	n/a	Paddlesurf race takes place on Hudson. Event Village on Esplanade Plaza – public viewing area & FREE Paddlesurf lessons within an above-ground pool open to public
RBC Race for the Kids	Special event/Walkathon	Sat – Sep 22 6am-5PM	1,000+	n/a	Walkathon pass thru BPC ends at Brookfield Place w/ Event Village components at Esplanade Plaza & Belvedere Plaza
Zero Cancer	Walkathon	Sun – Sep 23 7am-1PM	500+	N/A	Start / End point at Wagner Park
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
BPC Dog Association	Special Event – Annual Dog Parade	Sat – Oct 27 10am-3PM	50+	n/a	On BPC Esplanade from South Cove to Esplanade Plaza
Beacon High School PTA	Walkathon	Sun – Oct 28, 7am-1PM	300	N/A	Start / End point at Wagner Park



Indicates new addition