



Battery Park City Authority

Report to Manhattan Community Board 1 – Battery Park City Committee Wednesday, April 1, 2020

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NEIGHBORHOOD & PROJECT UPDATES:

I. COVID-19: Community Updates

- Battery Park City's parks are open for passive use and solitary recreation only. Governor Cuomo is urging all New Yorkers to stay home as much as possible.
- Beginning Monday, March 23, for the safety of all parks users and help to stop the spread of COVID-19, BPCA implemented the following measures:
 - ✓ BPC's park lawns started opening early on a rolling basis. When outdoors, users are reminded to practice good social distancing, keeping at least six (6) feet apart from others. If you arrive at a crowded park please return another time.
 - ✓ To reduce density, BPC's **athletic courts**, **sporting fields**, **playgrounds**, **dog runs**, and **public restrooms** are closed until further notice
 - ✓ BPCA Programs are canceled until further notice
 - ✓ The Community Center at Stuyvesant High School remains closed until further notice
 - ✓ **Additional guidance** on how to protect yourself when enjoying the outdoors
- Signage placed throughout BPC parks and public spaces
- Learn more about COVID-19 at coronavirus.health.ny.gov or (888) 364-3065

II. COVID-19: Construction Updates

- Pursuant to New York State guidance, non-essential construction work (i.e., work that may be suspended without creating any safety concerns) in BPC has been suspended. All BPCA's active construction sites have been adequately secured and will remain so until the order is lifted and work can resume. These include:
 - ✓ Rockefeller Park Playground Restoration
 - ✓ BPC Ball Fields Terrace Leak Remediation
 - ✓ Artwork Repairs on *Pylons* and Glass Benches
- BPCA evaluating how the shutdown may impact upcoming projects

III. National Census Day

- April 1 is National Census Day. Three ways to respond – complete your form today!
 - ✓ Online via my2020census.gov/
 - ✓ By phone at (844) 330-2020
 - ✓ By mail by completing the Census Bureau form you received in March
 - ✓ According to the **U.S. Census Bureau**, New York's self-response rate (as of 3/29) is at 29.6%

IV. BPC Resiliency Project Updates

- North Battery Park City Resiliency Project—
 - ✓ Public Meeting #2 – February 27, 2020 ([presentation](#) & [video](#))
 - ✓ All-Agency “kickoff” meeting – November 22, 2019 ([presentation](#))
 - ✓ Public Meeting #1 – October 1, 2019 ([presentation](#) & [video](#))
 - ✓ Construction anticipated to begin in 2021 w/completion in 2023

- South Battery Park City Resiliency Project—
 - ✓ Upcoming:
 - NYC Public Design Commission presentation (*tentative*) – April 20, 2020; March 16, 2020 presentation cancelled
 - SBPCR “Deployables Workshop” – May 2020 (date TBD)
 - ✓ Update to CB1’s Environmental Protection Committee – February 24, 2020
 - ✓ Public Meeting #4 – January 15, 2020 ([presentation](#) & [video](#))
 - ✓ [Presentation to CB1’s Environmental Protection Committee](#) – October 3, 2019
 - ✓ Public Meeting #3 – June 24, 2019 ([presentation](#) & [video](#))
 - ✓ Wagner Park Design Activity Workshop – April 15, 2019 (video [here](#))
 - ✓ Public Meeting #2 – March 12, 2019 ([presentation](#) & [video](#))
 - ✓ Public Meeting #1 – November 1, 2018 ([presentation](#))

- Battery Park City Ball Fields & Community Center Resiliency Project—
 - ✓ Interim flood protection system to reduce risk to the BPC Ball Fields and minimize construction time follows series of public meetings
 - ✓ Construction to begin in 2020, pending City approval & procurement completion
 - ✓ Public Meeting #4 – September 26, 2019 ([presentation](#) & [video](#))
 - ✓ Public Meeting #3 – July 25, 2019 ([presentation](#) & [video](#))
 - ✓ Public Meeting #2 – March 21, 2019 ([presentation](#) & [video](#))
 - ✓ Public Meeting #1 – November 19, 2018 ([presentation](#))

- West Battery Park City Resiliency Project—
 - ✓ West BPC Resiliency Project Design Services RFP released March 25, 2020; responses due April 30, 2020
 - ✓ Design for this project will commence in 2020, with construction to follow from 2021 to 2024.

- Dedicated BPCA Resiliency webpage—
 - ✓ bpca.ny.gov/nature-and-sustainability/resiliency/

V. BPC Sustainability Plan

- Thanks to the greater downtown community for its continued input on the Battery Park City Sustainability Plan
- BPC Sustainability Plan to be presented on Earth Day 2020
- Take the survey through Friday, April 3: bit.ly/35RewQB



BUILT TO LAST: Energy and water consumption, open space, storm water management, transportation, air quality, and more were among the topics discussed at BPCA’s Sustainability Roundtable #3 on March 11.

VI. Birds of Battery Park City: 2020 Calendar

- Free color calendar featuring images of resident & migratory birds spotted in BPC available for [download on our website](#)
- BPCA Parks Programming team maintains “Life List” of birds spotted in or from Battery Park City – currently at 102 different species identified!

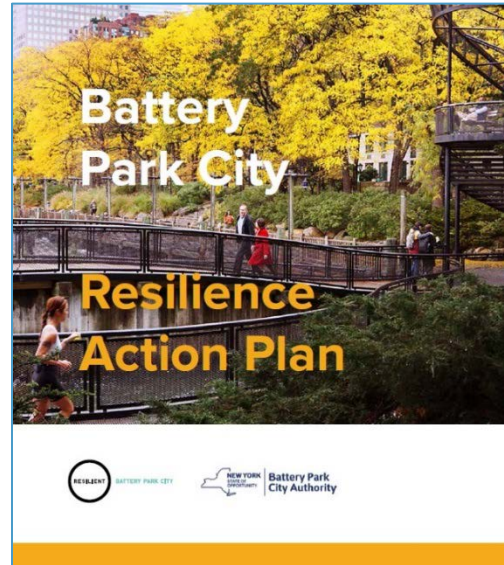


VII. BPC Strategic Plan: Resilience Action Plan

- Outlines Battery Park City’s vision, goals, and actions for the medium term, setting forth a clear direction for our neighborhood – a community that’s built to last and thrive in the face of change
- [Read the Plan](#)

VIII. NYPD Neighborhood Policing

- [About Neighborhood Policing](#)
- Battery Park City’s Neighborhood Coordination Officers are:



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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & STATUS UPDATES

- I. [BPCA Winter 2020 Program & Event Guide](#)**
 - All BPCA programming cancelled until further notice
- II. BPC Security Updates**
 - Presented by Eric Munson, Chief Operating Officer, BCPA & Patrick Murphy, Account Manager, Allied Universal Safety Ambassadors
- III. Lost & Found Contact Information**
 - Allied Universal Command Center
200 Rector Place
(212) 945-7233 bpcallied@bpca.ny.gov
- IV. BPC Community Composting**
 - Drop-off any time at two convenient locations:
 - ✓ 75 Battery Place
(BPC Parks Headquarters)
 - ✓ Tribeca Tool Room
(Lower level of Chambers Street & River Terrace)



ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING:

I. 2020 BPCA Board Meeting Schedule – Wednesdays, 2PM @ 200 Liberty Street, 24th Floor
(unless otherwise noted; schedule subject to change)

- o Monday, April 6 (virtual meeting)
- o April 29
- o May 27
- o June 24
- o July 29
- o August 26
- o September 30
- o October 28
- o November 18
- o December 16
- o Watch BPCA Board meeting webcasts (& access archived video of past meetings) [here](#)
- o More information on our [Board Meetings & Materials](#) page

II. NYPD First Precinct Community Council

- o Next meeting TBD @ NYPD 1st Precinct (16 Ericsson Place)
- o 1st Precinct Updates: twitter.com/NYPD1Pct
- o More info: www.1stprecinctcc.org

PERMITTED WALKS / RUNS:

- o No permitted events scheduled in Battery Park City through at least April 30, 2020. Among cancelled events are the 9/11 Memorial & Museum’s Annual 5K Walk/Run & Community Day (April 26) and Lupus Foundation Walkathon (May 2).

BPCA – Allied Universal Quality of Life Statistics
March 2019 vs. March 2020

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Graffiti	1	7
Homeless	2	1
Lost / Found Property	3	9
Park Rules	22	16
Vendor / Solicitor	6	0
Dogs	16	28

