



# Battery Park City Authority

Report to Manhattan Community Board 1 – Battery Park City Committee  
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## NEIGHBORHOOD & PROJECT UPDATES:

### I. Novel Coronavirus: What You Need to Know

- COVID Alert NY
  - ✓ COVID Alert NY is New York State's official Exposure Notification App – free for anyone 18+ who lives and/or works in New York and available for download in the Google Play Store and Apple App Store
  - ✓ The app notifies users if they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Upon receiving an exposure notification, the app will encourage users to contact their physician or the State Health Department hotline (1-833-227-5045) to get more information about quarantining and testing.
  - ✓ [Download the app](#) to get COVID-19 exposure alerts and help protect your community while maintaining your privacy.
- Governor Cuomo has partnered with New Jersey Governor Murphy and Connecticut Governor Lamont to create a joint travel advisory for individuals traveling from states with significant community spread of COVID-19, requiring a quarantine for 14 days when visiting their states.
- Based on each region's infection rate, schools across New York State are permitted to open this fall but must have a testing and tracing plan; a [COVID Report Card](#) hosted by Department of Health will show COVID-19 positive case data for every school district in the state.
- Indoor dining in New York City reopened September 30 with a 25 percent occupancy and is subject to strict safety protocols.

- New York City restaurant patrons who observe violations can report issues by calling (833) 208-4160, or by texting 'VIOLATION' to (855) 904-5036.
- To report violations of health and safety restrictions and requirements for businesses, gatherings and individuals, please choose the appropriate link below:
  - ✓ [File a complaint about a business, location or incident in your community](#)
  - ✓ [File a complaint against your employer or place of work](#)
- Go to [forward.ny.gov](#) to find: Industry guidance on re-opening; regional dashboards for monitoring how the virus is being contained; and information on loans for small businesses.
- New Yorkers without health insurance can apply through [NY State of Health](#) through December 31, 2020; must apply within 60 days of losing coverage.
- Health care workers can text NYFRONTLINE to 741-741 to access 24/7 emotional support services. Any New Yorker can call the COVID-19 Emotional Support Hotline at (844) 863-9314 for mental health counseling.
- [Click here](#) to receive daily Coronavirus updates by email.

## II. BPC Facilities Re-opening: General / Standing Reminders—

- Keep a safe social distance – at least six (6) feet – from others
- Wear a mask in public when you cannot maintain a safe distance from others
- Avoid close contact, such as shaking hands, hugging, and kissing
- Wash hands often or use a hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available
- Battery Park City Ambassadors continue working w/NYPD 1<sup>st</sup> Pct. to help keep our parks safe & accessible
  - ✓ BPC Ambassador Services available on 24/7/365 basis at (212) 945-7233, [bpcallied@bpca.ny.gov](mailto:bpcallied@bpca.ny.gov), or at 200 Rector Place Command Center
- The public may also contact 311 to report a [Social Distancing Violation](#); complaints are also routed to local precinct for follow-up.
- Irish Hunger Memorial – re-opened to the public on September 22:

**IRISH HUNGER MEMORIAL**



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The Irish Hunger Memorial is open from 8AM-6:30PM daily.

Please take steps to protect the community's health and well-being:

- Keep a safe social distance – at least six (6) feet – from others
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- Avoid close contact, such as shaking hands, hugging, and kissing
- Wash hands often or use a hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available

Visit [coronavirus.health.ny.gov](https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov) or by call (888) 364-3065 for more info.

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We envision a Battery Park City that will serve as an innovative model for urban climate action, where all of us who live, work, and spend time here mobilize to create a sustainable future.

## Battery Park City Sustainability Plan

### III. BPC Sustainability Plan Launched

- On September 3 BPCA launched the [\*\*Battery Park City Sustainability Plan\*\*](#), a comprehensive pathway of strategies, goals, and specific actions to achieve progressive sustainability targets over the next decade, and laying the groundwork for continued sustainability action after 2030.
- Among the largest neighborhood-scale sustainability plans in the United States, the BPC Sustainability Plan was developed in partnership with international sustainability consultancy Buro Happold and in consultation with a broad range of residential, local, and governmental stakeholders. The Plan:
  - ✓ provides the framework for developing and implementing a carbon neutral Battery Park City by the middle of the century, in keeping with the mandate set forth in the New York State's 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
  - ✓ calls for more green space, less energy and water use, multimodal shared streets, and better air quality in Battery Park City.
- Accompanying the BPC Sustainability Plan is a set of two enabling documents:
  - ✓ The [\*\*Sustainability Implementation Plan\*\*](#) outlines the policies, programs, partnerships, tools, and funding mechanisms that are available, or can be created, to assist in transforming the BPC Sustainability Plan into a reality
  - ✓ The new [\*\*BPC Green Guidelines\*\*](#) provides detailed technical guidance to BPCA and to Battery Park City building owners, managers, and tenants, including the steps necessary to achieve a more sustainable Battery Park City
- [\*\*BPC Sustainability Plan Fact Sheet\*\*](#)
- [\*\*BPCA Sustainability Initiatives\*\*](#)

#### IV. Poetry Path in Battery Park City

- On September 24, BPCA and Poets House announced the launch of the [Poetry Path](#), a free, immersive public art installation running the northern length of Battery Park City, from Nelson A. Rockefeller and Teardrop Parks to the North Cove Marina.
- The Poetry Path will run through 2021.
- The Poetry Path features poetry fragments from more than 40 poets reproduced on bench slats, banners, pavers, pathways, and signs. Its virtual opening celebrates Poets House's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at 10 River Terrace in Battery Park City, and features the launch of in-depth Poetry Path web resources and a series of virtual events.
- Poetry Path Walking Map – [Click here](#) to view poems, poet bios, installation pictures, and video!



**V. REMINDER: Census 2020 – *This time it's really your last chance!***

- o Census taking extended through October 31, 2020
- o BPCA worked with local Census Bureau officials and CB1 to help enumerate Battery Park City buildings throughout September
- o Three ways to respond – complete your form today!
  - ✓ Online



via [my2020census.gov/](http://my2020census.gov/) (click link on BPCA's homepage)

- ✓ By phone at (844) 330-2020
- ✓ By mail, by completing the Census Bureau form you received in March
- o As of October 5, the New York City self-response rate is 61.3%, against New York State (63.8%) and 66.7% nationally. It's our last chance to step it up, BPC!

**VI. Rockefeller Park BPC Construction Updates**

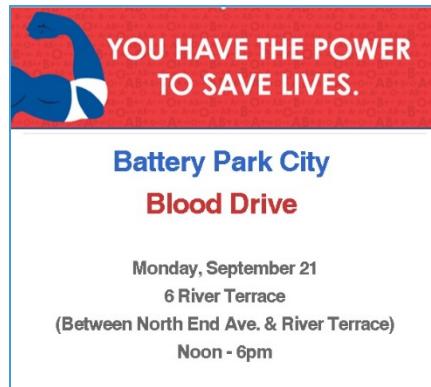
- o Project to repair, refurbish, and replace old and worn equipment, as well as create a new play surface – to be complete later this month.



**ROCKY PARK RISING:** Progress continues on the Rockefeller Park playground reconstruction; safety surface currently being installed.

## VII. Battery Park City Blood Drives Continue!

- BPC Blood Drive #5 – **TBD November 2020**  
@ 6 River Terrace (*more info coming soon*)
- Across four New York Blood Center-coordinated drives at BPCA's 6 River Terrace in June & July, the greater Battery Park City community donated nearly 350 "Gifts of Life" to help replenish New York City's blood supply:
  - ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> session (June 8) – 76 units collected
  - ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> session (June 25) – 106 units collected
  - ✓ 3<sup>rd</sup> session (July 23) – 72 units collected
  - ✓ 4<sup>th</sup> session (September 21) – 85 units collected
- Thank you to the New York Blood Center, BPCA Staff, Assembly Member Glick, Manhattan CB1, BPC Seniors, and all of our generous donors!



## VIII. In-Person Parks Programming

- Join us for a few socially-distanced weekly activities this October as BPCA continues its variety of outdoor exercise, nature, and art making program offerings in limited capacities (no programs 10/9, 10/10 & 10/12). Conducted in strict accordance with NY Forward guidelines.
  - ✓ All programs are first come, first served until full
  - ✓ Masks and contact information required upon arrival
  - ✓ Participants must remain 6 ft. apart between households

## Battery Park City Authority Programming

# October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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\*No programs 10/9, 10/10 & 10/12

Please bring your own art supplies and sports equipment. Not sharing is caring!

Enjoy socially-distanced weekly activities for all ages this October. For program details and schedule updates visit: [bpca.ny.gov](http://bpca.ny.gov)

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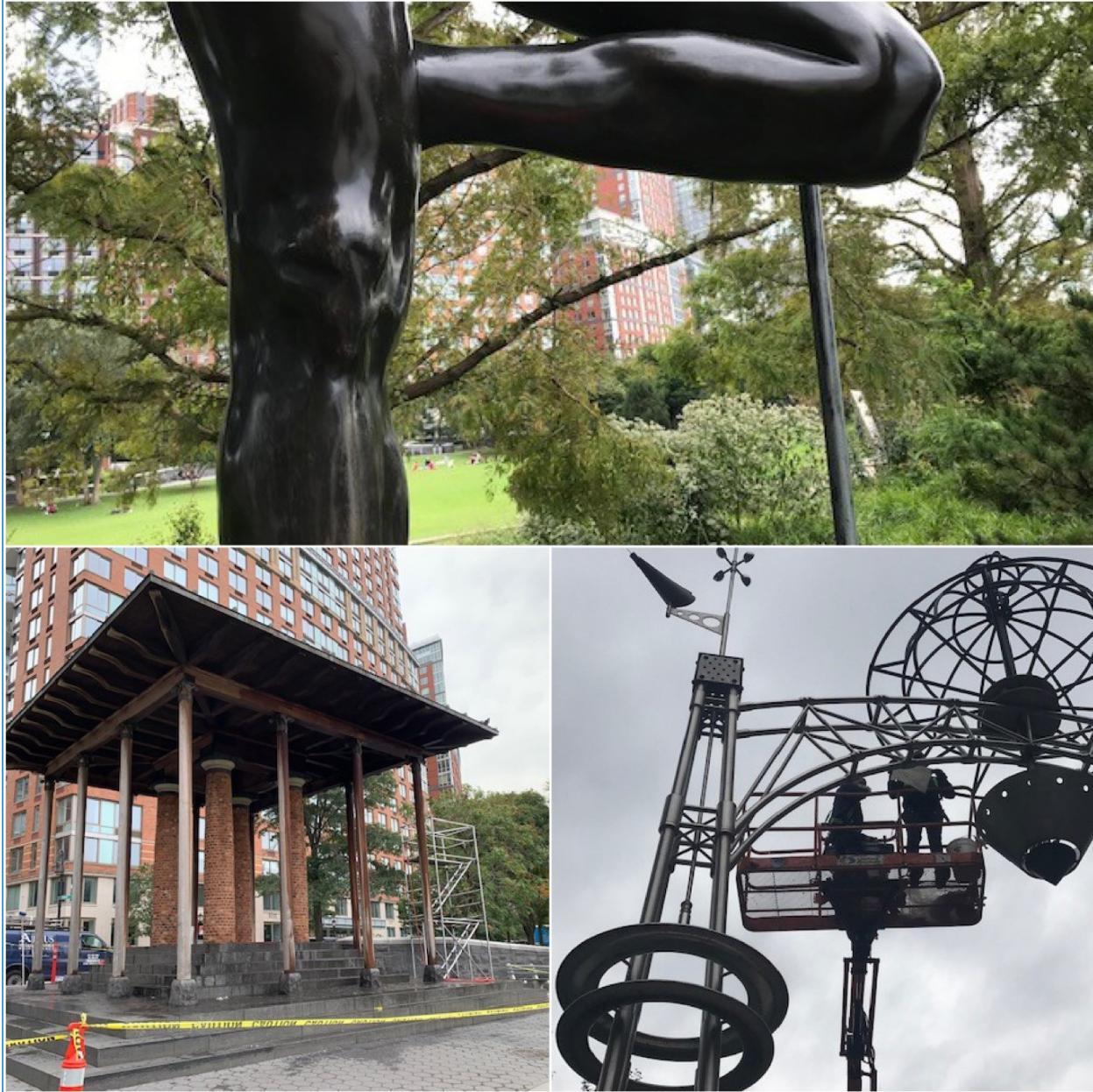
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## IX. BPC Resiliency Project Updates

- North Battery Park City Resiliency Project—
  - ✓ Public Meeting #3 (virtual) – July 23, 2020 ([presentation](#) & [video](#))
  - ✓ Public Meeting #2 – February 27, 2020 ([presentation](#) & [video](#))
  - ✓ All-Agency “kickoff” meeting – November 22, 2019 ([presentation](#))
  - ✓ Public Meeting #1 – October 1, 2019 ([presentation](#) & [video](#))
- West Battery Park City Resiliency Project—
  - ✓ West BPCR Project to be folded into NBPCR Project
  - ✓ Next step to bring aboard consulting engineer to develop design requirements
- South Battery Park City Resiliency Project—
  - ✓ Project updates as part of LMCR Quarterly Report to CB1 Environmental Protection Committee – **October 19, 2020 @ 6PM**
  - ✓ Underwater pile remediation work for SBPCR Project begun September 2020 (*Read more: [BPC DID YOU KNOW? | SOUTH BPC PILE REMEDIATION](#)*)
  - ✓ Project updates @ CB1 Environmental Protection Committee – June 15, 2020 ([presentation](#))
  - ✓ “Deployables Workshop” virtual public session @ CB1 EP Committee – May 18, 2020 ([presentation](#))
  - ✓ Update to CB1 BPC Committee – May 6, 2020
  - ✓ Preliminary Submission to PDC – April 24, 2020 (for 5/18 virtual public meeting)
  - ✓ Update to CB1’s EP 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—
  - ✓ Contract updates underway to reflect changes requested by PDC and outlined at May EP Committee Meeting. Anticipated construction start: Fall 2020.
  - ✓ Preliminary & Final submission in May 2020; approved via unanimous consent
  - ✓ Decorative Elements Review at CB1 EP Committee – May 18, 2020 ([presentation](#))
  - ✓ Preliminary Submission to PDC – April 24, 2020
  - ✓ 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 final approvals & GC contract
  - ✓ 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](#))
- [Read more about Battery Park City’s Resiliency Projects](#)

#### X. Public Art Cleaning & Maintenance – Ongoing

- As stewards of the neighborhood's parks and public spaces, public art collection, BPCA has engaged specialized cleaning and maintenance services for elements of Battery Park City's prized public art collection.



**CLEANING, WAXING & POLISHING:** Work underway throughout Battery Park City on periodic specialty maintenance for elements of the neighborhood's public art collection, pictured above (top – Ulysses in Rockefeller Park; bottom (l-r) Rockefeller Park Pavilion and Rector Gate.)

#### XI. BPC Wildlife Census

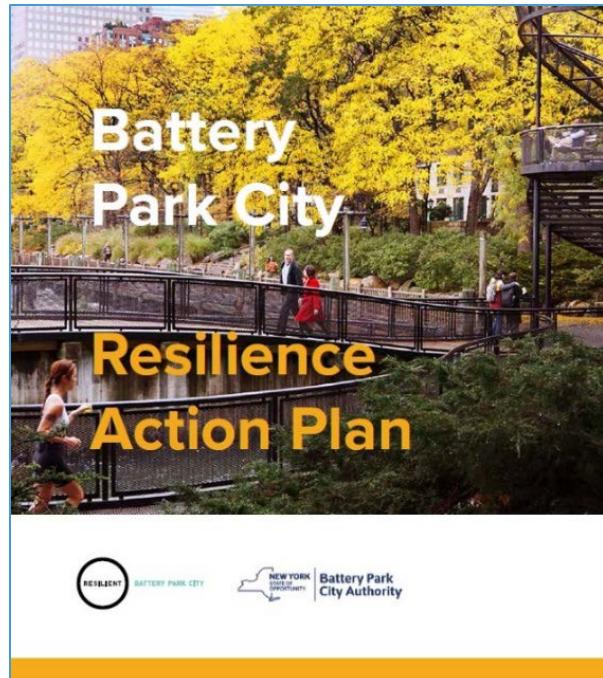
- Battery Park City is home to a wide range of wildlife across its 36 acres of parks and public space, from native insects to [more than 100 species of birds](#).
- Now, you can help Battery Park City improve its natural habitat by participating in [BPCA's Wildlife Census](#). To do so, find a quiet spot in one of our parks – at least six feet away from others, of course! – to complete a brief wildlife observation.

## XII. 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](#)

## XIII. NYPD Neighborhood Policing

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



“Sector B” – BPC below West Thames Street

<b>P.O. Adam Riddick</b> (212) 334-6462: O (929) 287-6638: M <a href="mailto:Adam.Riddick@nypd.org">Adam.Riddick@nypd.org</a>	<b>P.O. Serge Jean</b> (212) 334-6462: O (929) 522-8409: M <a href="mailto:Serge.Jean@nypd.org">Serge.Jean@nypd.org</a>
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“Sector C” – BPC above West Thames Street

<b>P.O. Miles Holman</b> (212) 334-6462: O (929) 291-1602: M <a href="mailto:Miles.Holman@nypd.org">Miles.Holman@nypd.org</a>	<b>P.O. Dinah Bodden</b> (212) 334-6462: O (917) 860-2601: M <a href="mailto:Dinah.Bodden@nypd.org">Dinah.Bodden@nypd.org</a>
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## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & STATUS UPDATES

### Battery Park City Authority



### CLIMATE WEEK NYC

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**I. BPCA Celebrates Climate Week NYC**

- o Following the launch of its comprehensive, ten-year Sustainability Plan, BPCA presented a lineup of free virtual and in-person programs and events in celebration of Climate Week NYC (September 21-27).
- o Including remote panel discussions, a virtual film screening, and self-guided educational and arts programming in its world-class parks, the event lineup highlighted BPCA's green legacy and leading-edge sustainability efforts on the path to achieving a carbon neutral Battery Park City by 2050.
- o In case you missed it—
  - ✓ [Battery Park City: Building the 15-Minute City](#) – Join BPCA for a virtual presentation on its commitment to sustainability, as we discuss efforts to serve as a model for a “15-minute City” – a community which is vibrant, inclusive, and resilient. These efforts have become particularly critical in today’s environment where many are looking to reduce unnecessary travel, yet stay engaged with their local community. (Event from September 24)
  - ✓ [Microplastics Madness: Post-Screening Discussion](#) – This gripping, New York-based documentary shines a light on the root causes of harmful plastic pollution explored by a group of New York City fifth graders who prove to be budding environmental advocates. In proud partnership with Cafeteria Culture, BPCA hosted an uninterrupted screening of ‘*Microplastics Madness*’ followed by a Q&A panel discussion led by the film’s co-directors and producers. (Event from September 26)

**II. BPC Security Updates**

- o Presented by Patrick Murphy, Account Manager, Allied Universal Safety Ambassadors

**III. Lost & Found Contact Information**

- o Allied Universal Command Center  
200 Rector Place  
(212) 945-7233 | [bpcallied@bpca.ny.gov](mailto:bpcallied@bpca.ny.gov)

**IV. BPC Community Composting**

- o Drop-off any time at two convenient locations:
  - ✓ BPCA @ 75 Battery Place
  - ✓ Tribeca Tool Room @ lower level of Chambers Street & River Terrace
  - ✓ Watch the video: [Composting in Battery Park City](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING:**I. 2020 BPCA Board Meeting Schedule – Wednesdays, 2PM @ 200 Liberty Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor  
(unless otherwise noted; schedule subject to change)**

**NOTE:** Board meetings conducted virtually @ [b pca.divacommunications.com/b pca-live/](http://b pca.divacommunications.com/b pca-live/)

- October 28
- November 18
- December 16
- Watch BPCA Board meeting webcasts [here](#)
- More information on our [Board Meetings & Materials](#) page

**II. NYPD First Precinct Community Council Goes Virtual**

- Meetings re-instituted via Zoom on Thursday, September 24
- Next meeting: Thursday, October 29 @ 6PM (details TBD)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct Updates: [twitter.com/NYPD1Pct](https://twitter.com/NYPD1Pct)
- More info: [www.1stprecinctcc.org](http://www.1stprecinctcc.org)

PERMITTED WALKS / RUNS:

- None currently scheduled in Battery Park City.

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

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Graffiti	2	4
Homeless	22	10
Lost / Found Property	12	8
Park Rules	50	35
Vendor / Solicitor	22	3
Dogs	62	40

