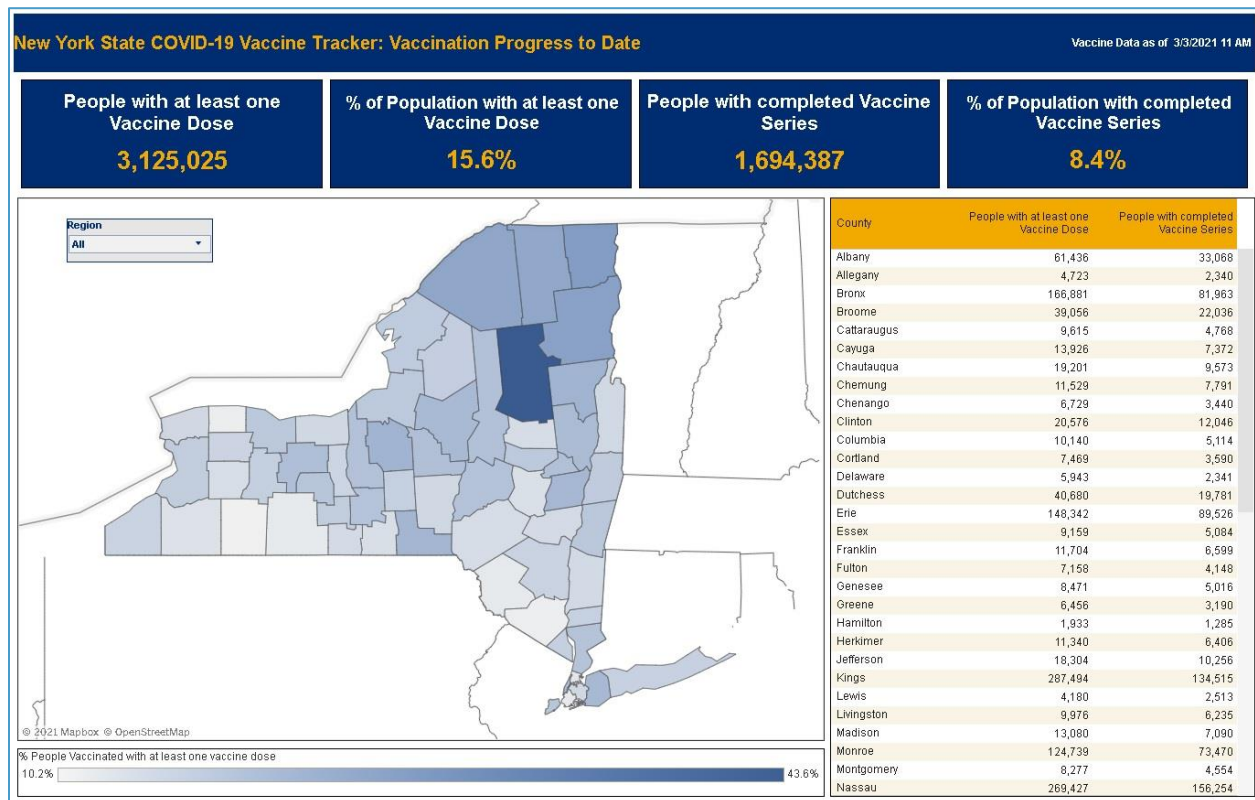




# Battery Park City Authority

## Report to Manhattan Community Board 1 – Battery Park City Committee Wednesday, March 3, 2021

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### NEIGHBORHOOD & PROJECT UPDATES:

#### I. [Get the Facts: The COVID-19 Vaccine Is Here!](#)

- The first COVID-19 vaccines are here. Supply from the Federal Government is limited. Additional New Yorkers will become eligible as the vaccine supply increases.
- While the vaccination process is underway, every New Yorker **should wear a mask, social distance and avoid small and large gatherings.**
- More than 12 million New Yorkers are now [eligible](#) for the vaccine. Eligible groups include doctors, nurses and health care workers, people age 65 and over, first responders, teachers, public transit workers, grocery store workers, public safety workers and New Yorkers with certain comorbidities and underlying conditions.
- Vaccines are available at pharmacies, hospitals, and through local health departments statewide – contact your provider of choice to schedule your vaccine appointment.

- Find a New York City provider: [NYC COVID-19 Vaccine Finder](#) (*eligibility criteria apply*)
- Additionally, there is a network of State-run sites distributing vaccine statewide – to determine eligibility and to schedule an appointment through April 16 at New York State-run vaccination sites only, use the [Am I Eligible](#) app.
- [NYS COVID-19 Administration Dashboard](#)
- [Click here](#) to receive daily Coronavirus updates by email.

## II. Low-Cost COVID-19 Rapid Testing in BPC



**TEST AND TEST AGAIN:** Battery Park City's COVID-19 rapid testing sites at the Irish Hunger Memorial (*top*) and Pier A Plaza join the site at NYC Police Memorial Plaza reported to the Committee last month. The sites will be active through April 30, 2021.

- **Extended Stay:** Low-cost rapid COVID testing now available at NYC Police Memorial Plaza, Irish Hunger Memorial (as of Feb. 8) & Pier A Plaza (Feb. 22) – through April 30.
- Available 8AM-6PM daily; \$25/test; schedule an appointment: [nyrapidtests.com](https://nyrapidtests.com)
- Public-Private Partnership first announced in Governor's 2021 State of the State, to provide convenient, low-cost testing to enhance economic activity.
- Read More—

- [Governor Cuomo Announces Launch of New York Forward Rapid Test Program to Help Businesses and Catered Events Reopen Safely](#)
- [NY Forward Rapid Test Program](#)

### III. Percent Positivity Rates – Battery Park City

	Percent Positive (7-day rolling avg.)						
Zone	2/22-2/28	2/21-2/27	2/20-2/26	2/19-2/25	2/18-2/24	2/17-2/23	2/16-2/22
10280	1.63%	1.38%	2.23%	2.86%	2.94%	3.28%	3.15%
# Tests	369	362	358	350	306	274	286
New + Tests	6	5	8	10	9	9	9
10282	3.14%	3.62%	3.28%	2.49%	2.08%	0.97%	1.03%
# In of Tests	287	276	274	281	240	207	195
New + Tests	9	10	9	7	5	2	2
<b>Citywide</b>	<b>6.33%</b>	<b>6.46%</b>	<b>6.61%</b>	<b>6.74%</b>	<b>6.79%</b>	<b>6.99%</b>	<b>7.22%</b>

Source: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data.page#7day>  
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-goals.page>

### IV. BPC Ball Fields: Seasonal Conversion

- BPCA began summer season reconfiguration of the BPC Ball Field this week with installation of poles and netting along the outfield perimeter.
- Spring/Summer hours commenced March 1: 8AM-9PM daily (lights off at 9:05PM)
- Availability for: [March 2021](#), [April 2021](#), [May 2021](#) & [June 2021](#)
- Read More: [BPC: DID YOU KNOW? | BALL FIELD RECONFIGURATION](#)







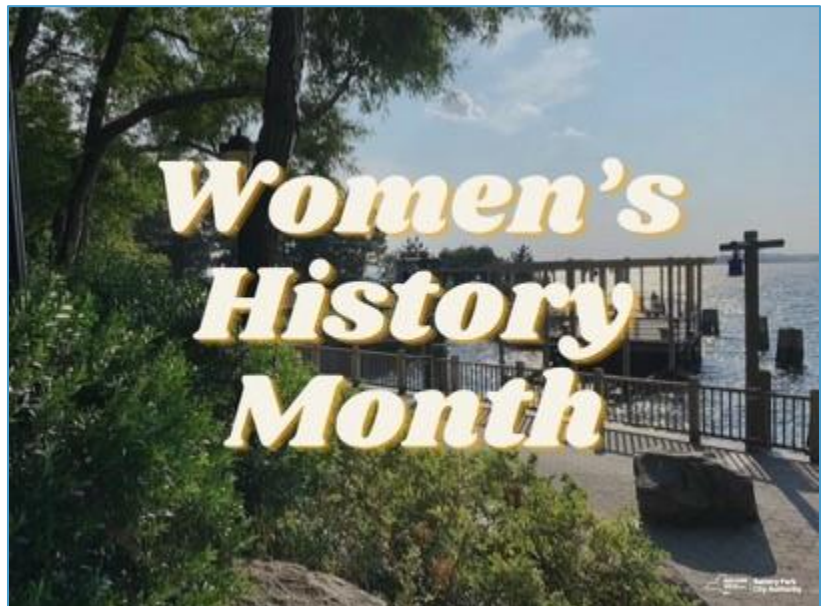
**FERRY SERIOUS:** Representatives from NYC Ferry, NYCEDC, Brookfield Place, PANYNJ, Manhattan CB1, and BPCA, along with our BPC Ambassadors, take part in a site walk on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 to assess queuing options for expanded service at the Battery Park City Ferry Terminal.

## V. Women's History Month

- March is Women's History Month – All month long we'll be highlighting women from the BPCA team whose work make Battery Park City go!

### COMMUNITY REMINDER:

- Opened in October 2020, [\*The House That Will Not Pass for Any Color Than Its Own\*](#) (2011), by renowned mixed-media artist and educator Mildred Howard, is an interactive purple glass house sculpture, into which (and in keeping w/social distancing protocols) a party of up to three or four people may enter at once.
- Waterfront location allows visitors to view Statue of Liberty from within The House and through its doorway. (Visitors must wear masks or face coverings at the site.)
- Installation now on-view through spring 2022.







**COME IN FROM THE COLD:** Manhattan CB1's own Lucian Reynolds (*left*) and Sarah Cassell take respite from the windswept waterfront in *The House* after Tuesday morning's NYC Ferry Walkthrough.

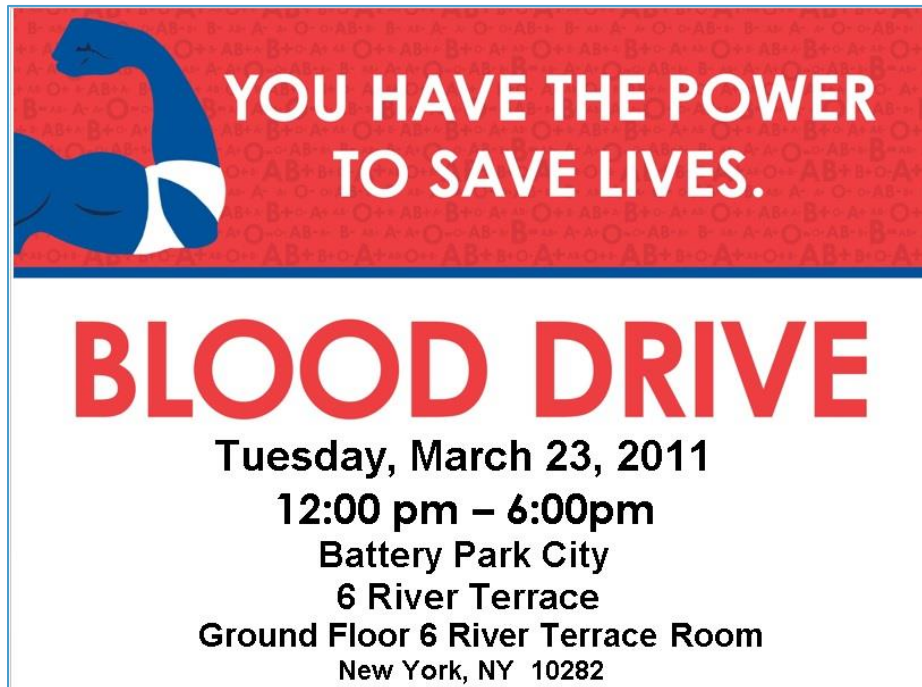
#### VI. BPCA's Annual Art Exhibition

- Pieces available via [video presentation](#) and on-view in windows of BPCA facilities (extended) through Friday, March 19.
- Exhibition showcases work inspired by the landscapes of Battery Park City created by participants at BPCA art programs in 2020.



**VII. BPC Blood Drive – Keep it Coming, Battery Park City!**

- The need for blood in New York City remains acute – so please mark down the date of the next BPC Blood Drive #6 – **Tuesday, March 23** @ 6 River Terrace, 12-6PM
  - ✓ Book your slot here: [donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/288675](https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/288675)
- Across six New York Blood Center-coordinated drives since June, the BPC community has donated nearly 500 “Gifts of Life” to help replenish New York City’s blood supply:

**VIII. BPC Resiliency Project Updates**

- Combined North & West Battery Park City Resiliency Project—
  - ✓ Consulting engineer (AECOM) selected for Progressive Design Build (PDB) process; with BPCA will develop technical requirements, assist in procurement of PDB contractor, oversee the design, construction phase, and permitting process, as well as conduct environmental review and community / stakeholder engagement
  - ✓ Project definition development & environmental review commencing in 2021
  - ✓ Progressive design-build contractor to be selected in early 2022
  - ✓ Prior North BPC Resiliency Meetings:
    - 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](#))
- South Battery Park City Resiliency Project—
  - ✓ Project updates @ CB1 EP Committee – February 22, 2021 ([presentation](#))
  - ✓ Environmental Impact Statement to be complete November 2021
  - ✓ Update w/LMCR Quarterly Report to CB1 EP Committee – October 19, 2020
  - ✓ SBPCR Project underwater [pile remediation work](#) began September 2020
  - ✓ Project updates @ CB1 EP Committee – June 15, 2020 ([presentation](#))

- ✓ “Deployables Workshop” session @ CB1 EP Committee – May 18, 2020 ([presentation](#))
  - ✓ Update to CB1 BPC Committee – May 6, 2020
  - ✓ Prelim. 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—
    - ✓ Revocable consent process w/NYC Department of Transportation nearing completion
    - ✓ CB1-approved resolution in support of revocable consent Jan. 2021; anticipated construction late-March/early-April; substantial completion in July
    - ✓ Preliminary & Final PDC submission in May 2020; approved via unanimous consent
    - ✓ Decorative Elements Review @ 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
    - ✓ 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](#)

## IX. 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.

## X. BPC Parks Lawns – REMINDER

- Rockefeller Park’s North Meadow and the Wagner Park Terrace – two of BPC’s largest and most popular lawns – are (weather permitting) [open to the public on a daily basis](#)
- As always, please ensure to wear a mask or face covering in our parks.
- While leashed pets are permitted on hard surfaces throughout Battery Park City, they are not permitted on parks lawns. Read more: [It’s a Dog’s Life in BPC](#)



**XI. 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](#)

**XII. Overnight Oculus Closures Remain in Effect**

- Oculus access remains limited overnight (1AM to 5AM) to allow for maintenance and the safety and security of customers due to reduced traffic volumes.
- To access World Trade Center PATH station, use Vesey Street or Fulton Street entrance via the North Concourse in 2WTC Lobby.
- For PATH train access from Brookfield Place, exit via Brookfield’s upper pavilion to access the street. (WTC Campus [map](#) here.)
- For elevator access, use Elevator 23 in the 2WTC Transit Lobby. If you have any issues accessing elevators, please ask a nearby security agent for assistance. (WTC Oculus Elevator maps [here](#).)
- Read More: [WTC Campus Updates](#)

**XIII. NYPD Neighborhood Policing**

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

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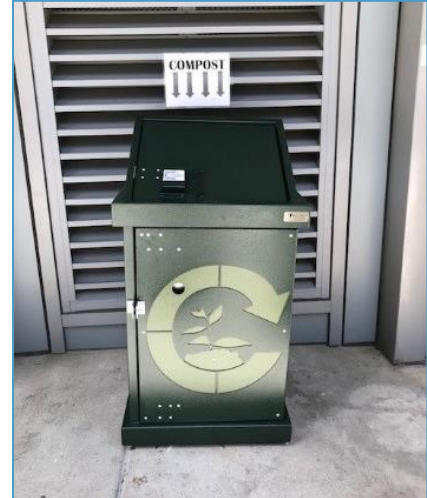
**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & STATUS UPDATES****I. New Virtual Programming**

- BPCA’s virtual programming continues with new videos posting all season long – subscribe to BPCA’s YouTube channel for more!
- Recent highlights include:
  - ✓ [BPCA Presents: Children's Art – Clay Puppets](#)
  - ✓ [BPCA Presents: Senior Fitness – Chair Routine](#)
  - ✓ [BPCA Presents: River Tidings – The Mississippi with Chef Jimmy Thomas](#)
  - ✓ [BPCA Presents: Children’s Art – Valentine’s Day Cards](#)
  - ✓ [BPCA Presents: Stories & Songs with Key Wilde](#)



## II. BPC Community Composting

- 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](#)
- Participate in BPCA's dog waste composting program at one of the neighborhood's three dog runs – it's quick and easy!
  - ✓ Watch the video: [BPCA Dog Waste Compost How To](#)



## III. BPC Security Updates

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

## IV. Lost & Found Contact Information

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING:

### I. 2021 BPCA Board Meeting Schedule

**NOTE:** Board meetings conducted virtually @ [bpca.divacommunications.com/bpca-live](https://bpca.divacommunications.com/bpca-live).  
Schedule subject to change.

March 24	August 25
April 28	September 22
May 26	October 20
June 23	November 17
July 28	December 15

- Watch BPCA Board meeting webcasts [here](#)
- More information on our [Board Meetings & Materials](#) page

### II. NYPD First Precinct Community Council

- **Next virtual meeting: Thursday, March 25 @ 6PM**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct Updates: [twitter.com/NYPD1Pct](https://twitter.com/NYPD1Pct)
- More info: [www.1stprecinctcc.org](https://www.1stprecinctcc.org)

**Get involved. Be heard.**  
**First Precinct Community Council Meeting**  
**What can I do?**



**Attend.**  
 Meetings are held on the last Thursday of Every month starting at 6pm  
 Except July & August



**Where.**  
 1st Precinct Muster Room  
 16 Ericson Place  
 New York, NY 10013  
 212-334-0611



**Information.**  
 Crime Statistics  
 Quality of Life Issues  
 Crime Prevention Tips  
 Neighborhood Events



**Meet.**  
 Captain Thomas Smith  
 Commanding Officer  
 Elizabeth Williams  
 Acting Community Council President



**Collaboration.**  
 Communicating with Neighborhood Coordination Officers, working as partners to make our Community Safe



First Precinct  
**NYPD**  
 Neighborhood Policing

Accessibility for those with special needs please contact PO Nelsen 212-334-0640 or [brian.nelsen@nypd.org](mailto:brian.nelsen@nypd.org)



#### PERMITTED WALKS / RUNS:

- None currently scheduled in Battery Park City.

#### **BPCA – Allied Universal Quality of Life Statistics February 2020 vs. February 2021**

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Graffiti	1	3
Homeless	2	0
Lost / Found Property	1	0
Park Rules	11	3
Vendor / Solicitor	2	0
Dogs	5	4

PLUS: BPC Ambassadors distributed 102 face masks in our parks and public spaces during the month of February – and more than 450 masks over the past three months.

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