



Battery Park City Authority

Report to Manhattan Community Board 1 – Battery Park City Committee Wednesday, May 5, 2021

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Regional Vaccination Progress by New York Providers							Vaccine Data as of 5/5/2021 11 AM
Total Doses Administered	Region	People with at least one vaccine dose			People with complete vaccine series		
		Total	Increase over past 7-days	Increase over past 24 hours	Total	Increase over past 7-days	Increase over past 24 hours
	Capital Region	556,602	28,311	4,171	435,710	45,335	9,819
	Central New York	454,464	17,029	2,564	386,111	39,138	7,227
Cumulative 16,071,778	Finger Lakes	569,805	25,856	3,880	454,587	45,161	10,205
	Long Island	1,207,065	87,336	10,208	901,964	118,977	15,427
	Mid-Hudson	999,659	42,378	8,738	746,599	81,821	20,840
	Mohawk Valley	223,638	8,813	1,015	185,697	16,286	2,653
Past 7-days 1,151,639	New York City	4,299,335	181,236	28,651	3,248,843	341,389	52,570
	North Country	206,754	4,204	709	184,459	11,605	2,075
	Southern Tier	296,036	11,277	1,578	244,958	24,099	5,102
	Western New York	607,686	19,955	3,267	466,597	34,341	6,124
Past 24 hours 189,760	Statewide	9,421,044	426,395	64,781	7,255,525	758,152	132,042

NEIGHBORHOOD & PROJECT UPDATES:

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

- **All New Yorkers age 16 and older are now [eligible](#) for the vaccine.** While the vaccination process is underway, New Yorkers should continue to wear a mask, social distance, avoid large gatherings and follow all other health guidelines.
- FDA fact sheets for recipients and caregivers on each vaccine are available: [Pfizer](#); [Moderna](#); [Johnson & Johnson](#).
- COVID vaccines are widely available at pharmacies, local health departments, clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers and other locations across the state. Visit [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find appointments near you or contact your local pharmacy or provider.
- To schedule an appointment directly at a New York State-run site, go to [New York State's vaccine scheduler](#) and follow the instructions. **Walk-in appointments are also accepted at New York State mass vaccination sites for all eligible adults.**
- [NYS COVID-19 Administration Dashboard](#)
- [Click here](#) to receive daily Coronavirus updates by email.

II. Let's Get Vaccinated, BPC!

- In Battery Park City, there are now [three \(3\) locations](#) where you can make a vaccination appointment.
- Goldman Sachs, alongside American Express, has recently partnered with New York City and CVS Health to offer a COVID-19 vaccination program at the Conrad Hotel. All lower Manhattan residents and employees who meet the eligibility requirements are welcome to schedule appointments for the Pfizer vaccine.

Eligibility Requirements

In order to qualify for the COVID-19 vaccination program, individuals must be aged 16 years or over and be a resident of New York State OR work/study full-time in New York State.

Scheduling and Location Details

All who meet the eligibility requirements can schedule appointments on the New York City COVID-19 Vaccine Finder by selecting the Conrad Hotel location or use the following links.

- ✓ [May 7th Clinic](#)
- ✓ [May 14th Clinic](#)

- Appointments will be booked simultaneously for the first and second doses of the vaccine, and will take place in the Conrad Hotel at 225 Murray Street, which is accessible through the entrance in the alley, next to Bloom Florist.

III. Low-Cost COVID-19 Rapid Testing in BPC

- Low-cost rapid COVID testing available at Irish Hunger Memorial thru Sunday, May 9.
- Available 8AM-6PM daily; \$25/test; schedule an appointment: [nyrapidtests.com](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-rapid-testing.page).
- Approximately 5,000 tests conducted to date.

IV. Percent Positivity Rates – Battery Park City

	Percent Positive (7-day rolling avg.)						
Zone	4/26-5/2	4/25-5/1	4/24-4/30	4/23-4/29	4/22-4/28	4/21-4/27	4/20-4/26
10280	0.36%	0.72%	0.71%	0.73%	0.88%	0.43%	0.47%
# Tests	278	278	281	273	226	231	213
New + Tests	1	2	2	2	2	1	1
10282	0.47%	0.47%	0.48%	0.44%	0.55%	0.59%	0%
# In of Tests	212	213	210	226	181	170	175
New + Tests	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Citywide	2.77%	2.85%	2.95%	3.12%	3.25%	3.38%	3.50%

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


V. We're Back! In-Person Programming for May & June

- In-person programming [is now back](#) in Battery Park City. Come and enjoy free, socially-distanced, weekly activities for all ages this May and June – from fitness to art, music to nature, and more!
- Registration required for some sessions. [Click here](#) for full schedule and details.
- All programs will be held in accordance with New York State re-opening guidance. For more information visit: forward.ny.gov.

Battery Park City Authority Programming

May & June

Enjoy socially-distanced weekly activities for all ages this May & June!
For program details and schedule updates visit: bpca.ny.gov




Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Adult Outdoor Group Exercise* 10:30-11:30AM Irish Hunger Memorial Plaza	Adult Outdoor Zumba 10:30-11:30AM Irish Hunger Memorial Plaza	Kindie Rock 10:30-11:15AM 5/5-5/26 Wagner Park		Tai Chi* 8:30-9:30AM Begins 5/14 Esplanade Plaza	
	Young Sprouts Ages 3-5 2:15-2:45PM Rockefeller Park Children's Garden	Elements of Nature Drawing 11AM-12:30PM Wagner Park	Children's Art 10:30-11:30AM Rockefeller Park		Drawing in the Park* 10-11:30AM South Cove
Soccer* Ages 6+ 3-4PM Rockefeller Park	Soccer Ages 3-5 3-4PM Rockefeller Park	Wednesday Art in Teardrop 3-4PM Teardrop Park	Family Fun Hour 3-4PM Rockefeller Park		
	Children's Gardening Club/ Ages 6-10 3-4PM Rockefeller Park Children's Garden	Sunset Yoga 6-7PM Wagner Park		Sunset Singing Circle* 7-8:30PM 4/30-6/18 Wagner Park	

✓Free program; registration required.
To register, email registration@bpca.ny.gov

*No programs 5/28, 5/29, 5/31 & 6/19

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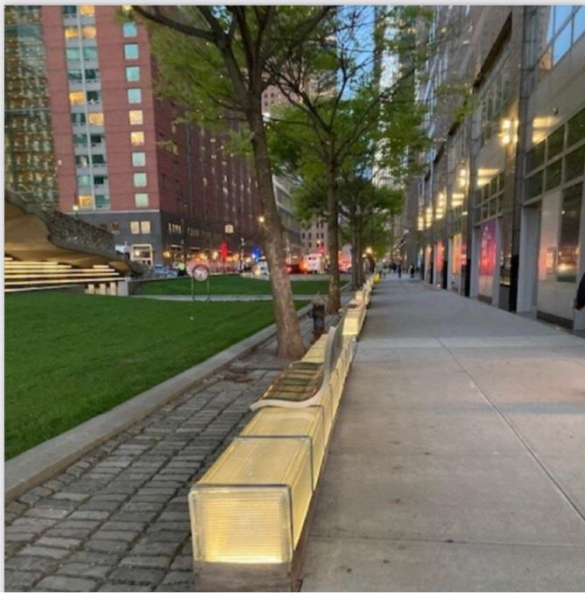
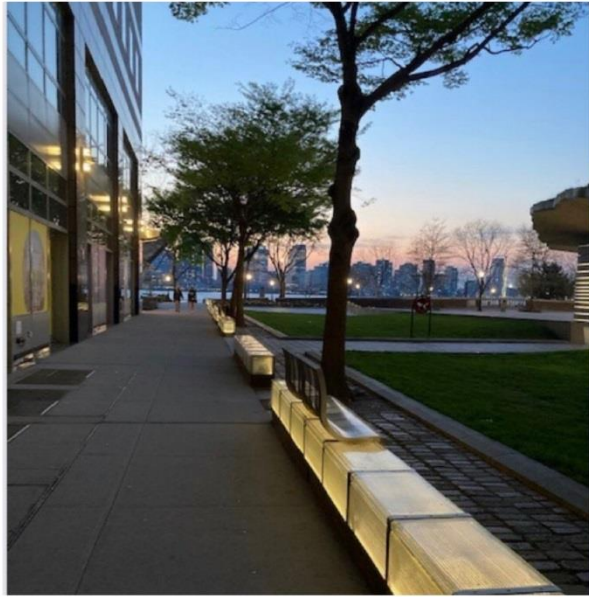
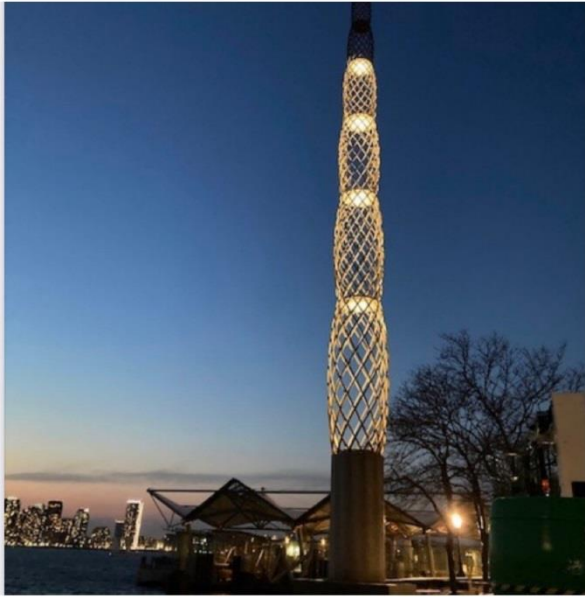
All programs are first come, first served up to capacity. Masks and contact information required upon arrival. Participants must remain 6ft. apart between households. All programs will be held in accordance with New York State reopening guidance. For more information visit: forward.ny.gov



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VI. Pylons & Glass Benches Lighting Upgrades – COMPLETE

- *Pylons* (located along the BPC Esplanade north of the North Cove Marina), and the Glass Benches, along the southern edge of the North Cove Marina, required restoration after age and weather-related deterioration.
- Recently-completed restoration (above) allows these works to regain functionality and preserve their appearance and longevity. This new LED lighting is in keeping with Battery Park City's sustainable practices.

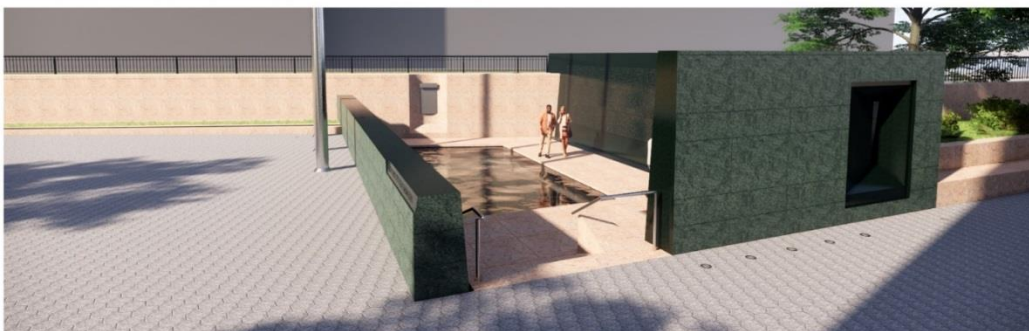
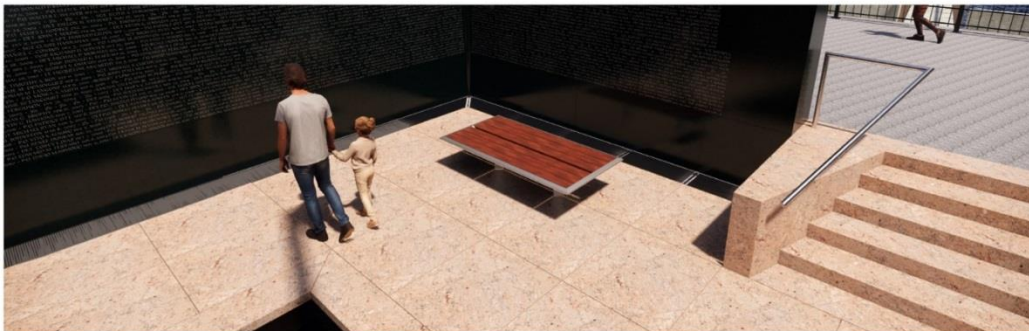


VII. Public Art Cleaning & Maintenance – ONGOING

- 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.
- This week and next (week of May 10) the following pieces will be cleaned throughout Battery Park City:
 - ✓ Real World (incl. Do-Do Bird)
 - ✓ Ulysses
 - ✓ Pavilion
 - ✓ Sunrise, Sunset (Revolution)
 - ✓ Ape & Cat (at the Dance)
 - ✓ Resonating Bodies
 - ✓ Eyes
 - ✓ Irish Hunger Memorial
 - ✓ Sitting / Stance
 - ✓ Rector Gate
- Read more about [Battery Park City’s Public Art](#)

VIII. NYC Police Memorial Expansion – ONGOING

- Construction underway on-site; scheduled for completion by September.
- Project will expand Memorial to honor additional officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice.



IX. Spring Tree Planting – COMPLETE

- For spring planting season, BPCA last week replaced more than a dozen trees across the neighborhood, including those destroyed in Tropical Storm Isaias last August.
- Species include: Red Sunset Maple – *Acer rubrum* 'Red Sunset'; Swamp White Oak – *Quercus bicolor*; Willow Oak - *Quercus phellos*, and Honey Locust – *Gleditsia triacanthos* var. *inermis*

**X. BPC Parks Lawns Opening**

- Battery Park City's parks lawns are open for season!
- REMINDER: 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. Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

- May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; check out these artists on the Battery Park City Poetry Path!
 - ✓ [Chen Chen, excerpt from "Set the Garden on Fire"](#)
 - ✓ [Jenne Xie, excerpt from "Chinatown Diptych"](#)
 - ✓ [Li-Young Lee, excerpt from "Praise Them"](#)

- Poetry Path is 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; features poetry fragments from more than 40 poets reproduced on bench slats, banners, pavers, pathways, and signs.
- View the full [Poetry Path Walking Map](#)

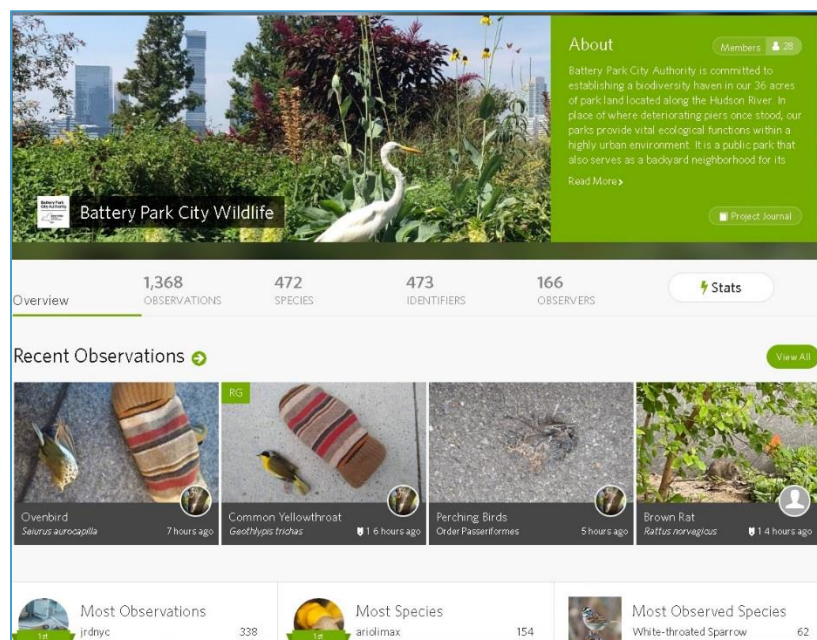
XII. Keep It Wild!

- *Keep It Wild!* is BPCA's public awareness campaign encouraging the public to responsibly observe wildlife in BPC's 36 acres of parks and public spaces.
- Through [posters](#) in park kiosks, [postcards](#) distributed by Authority staff and BPC Ambassadors, and [video on BPCA's YouTube Channel](#), *Keep It Wild!* helps celebrate Battery Park City as home to world-class public spaces that foster social cohesion, advance wellness and promote connectivity to nature.
- Thank you for helping spread the word!



XIII. BPC Wildlife on iNaturalist

- 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.
- Help Battery Park City improve its natural habitat by downloading the free [iNaturalist app](#). User-generated observations help contribute to biodiversity science, from the rarest butterfly to the most common backyard weed. Findings are shared with scientific data repositories like the [Global Biodiversity Information Facility](#) to help scientists find and use your data.
- View the [Battery Park City iNaturalist page](#)



XIV. What They're Saying About BPCA...



XV. Next BPC Blood Drive

- The need for blood in New York City remains acute
 - ✓ BPC Blood Drive #8 – **Tuesday, May 18 @ 6 River Terrace, 12-6PM**
- Reserve your slot here:
 - https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/291319
- Across seven New York Blood Center-coordinated drives since June, the BPC community has donated 550+ “Gifts of Life” to help replenish New York City’s blood supply.



XVI. [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 – April 19, 2021 ([presentation](#) & [video](#))
 - ✓ Project updates @ CB1 EP Committee – Feb. 22, 2021 ([presentation](#) & [video](#))
 - ✓ 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” @ 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—
 - ✓ Project Mobilization Update @ CB1 EP Committee – **May 17, 2021**
 - ✓ Revocable consent process w/NYC Department of Transportation nearing completion; BPCA to update CB1 re: project mobilization
 - ✓ 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 unanimously
 - ✓ 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](#))

XVII. 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.
- Read More: [WTC Campus Updates](#)

XVIII. NYPD Neighborhood Policing

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

"Sector B" – BPC below West Thames Street

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**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & STATUS UPDATES****I. Earth Day 2021 – Highlights**

- BPCA celebrated Earth Day with a [weeklong lineup](#) of virtual and in-person programming from April 19-23. Thank you to all who participated!



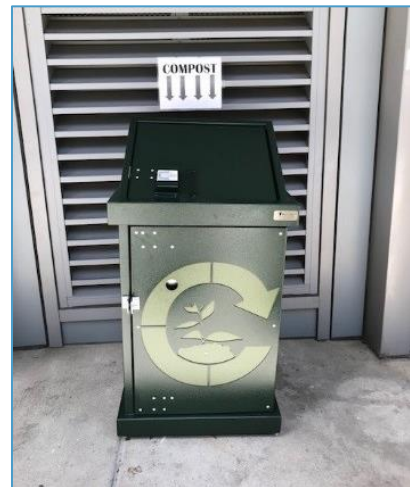
IV. COMMUNITY REMINDER – Temporary Public Art in BPC

- 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 @ BPC's Belvedere Plaza 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.



V. 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](#)



VI. BPC Security Updates

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

VII. Lost & Found Contact Information

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING:**I. 2021 BPCA Board Meeting Schedule**

NOTE: Board meetings conducted virtually at 2:00PM on the following dates and streamed live @ bpca.divacommunications.com/bpca-live. Schedule subject to change.

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

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

II. Historical Trauma And Cultural Healing In 2021

- Genocide, slavery, and displacement have affected far too many communities of people. While each community's experience is different, massive collective trauma often results in cumulative emotional and psychological wounds that are carried across generations and remain potent in 2021.
- Join clinical psychologist Dr. Irit Felsen for a program exploring historical trauma and cultural healing with experts from Jewish, American Indian, and African American communities.
- More info: <https://mjhnyc.org/events/historical-trauma-and-cultural-healing-in-2021/>

**III. NYPD First Precinct Community Council**

- Next virtual meeting: **Thursday, May 27 @ 6PM**
- 1st Precinct Updates: twitter.com/NYPD1Pct
- More info: 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 Ericsson 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



PERMIT APPLICATION:

- **Pixar Putt @ Pier A Plaza** – A temporary summer installation proposed for at Pier A Plaza, Pixar Putt is a themed pop-up mini-golf course made up of 18 fun and interactive holes, inspired by the stories, characters and icons from some of Pixar's most beloved films.
- To be reviewed by BPC Committee this evening.

BCPA – Allied Universal Quality of Life Statistics **April 2020 vs. April 2021**

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Graffiti	2	0
Homeless	8	0
Lost / Found Property	4	3
Park Rules	16	13
Vendor / Solicitor	0	5
Dogs	51	43

PLUS: BPC Ambassadors distributed an additional 21 face masks in our parks and public spaces during the month of April – and roughly 570 masks over the past five months.

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