



Battery Park City Authority

Report to Manhattan Community Board 1 – Battery Park City Committee Monday, September 27, 2021

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Regional Vaccination Progress by New York Providers							
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	745,967	5,368	458	685,975	5,151
Central New York	583,043	4,249	488	541,031	4,023	494	
Cumulative 25,021,659	Finger Lakes	757,634	7,151	803	704,948	5,875	675
	Long Island	1,860,161	28,494	2,059	1,644,577	23,154	2,405
	Mid-Hudson	1,445,244	16,335	1,174	1,281,435	14,405	1,279
Past 7-days 350,451	Mohawk Valley	291,285	2,546	271	269,603	2,502	263
	New York City	6,578,939	108,067	18,858	5,833,878	105,508	16,309
	North Country	270,587	2,216	222	244,142	2,147	190
Past 24 hours 55,911	Southern Tier	388,436	4,000	489	358,406	3,490	402
	Western New York	829,568	10,219	1,326	759,986	7,507	868
	Statewide	13,750,864	188,645	26,148	12,323,981	173,762	23,368

NEIGHBORHOOD & PROJECT UPDATES:

I. COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility

- **All individuals 12 years of age and older that reside in the United States are eligible to receive the vaccine.**
- Effective August 16, 2021, New Yorkers with compromised immune systems can receive their third COVID-19 vaccine dose. Eligible New Yorkers can receive their third dose 28 days after the completion of their two-dose vaccine series. The CDC is currently recommending that moderately to severely immunocompromised people receive an additional dose, including people who have:
 - ✓ Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood;
 - ✓ Received an organ transplant and are taking medications to suppress the immune system;
 - ✓ Received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system;
 - ✓ Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome);
 - ✓ Advanced or untreated HIV infection;

- ✓ Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids, cancer chemotherapy that causes severe immunosuppression, or other medications that may suppress your immune response.
- New Yorkers should contact their healthcare provider about whether getting an additional dose is appropriate for them at this time.
- [NYS COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker](#)
- NEWS: [Governor Hochul Announces COVID-19 Booster Doses for Eligible New Yorkers](#)

II. COVID-19: Local Statistics

- 83.5% of adults in NYC have at least one dose of the vaccine
- BPC 7-Day Average Positivity Rate:
 - ✓ North neighborhood (10282): 0.78%
 - ✓ South neighborhood (10280): 1.53%
- Please get vaccinated – it’s the best way out of the pandemic and to ensure your safety. The virus is still very much a threat to the unvaccinated.

III. Next BPC Blood Drive

- Battery Park City residents, partners, and friends have donated nearly 700 “Gifts of Life” across a series of BPC Blood Drives hosted in conjunction with New York Blood Center since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Nevertheless, the need for blood remains acute – and you can help replenish dwindling supplies in the tristate area. The whole process takes less than an hour and one donation can save multiple lives.
- Join us at an upcoming BPC Blood Drive by signing up at nybloodcenter.org
 - ✓ BPC Fall Blood Drive – **Wednesday, October 6 @ 6 River Terrace, 12-6PM**
 - ✓ BPC Holiday Blood Drive – **Wednesday, December 8 @ 6RT, 12-6PM**
- Reserve your slot here: https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/296395





IV. Fall Program & Event Guide

- Battery Park City Authority’s Fall 2021 Program & Event Guide details a wide range of free, in-person and virtual programs and events – including music, art, dance, comedy, movie nights, festivals, and more – taking place across Battery Park City’s 36 acres of parks and public spaces through December.
- The full schedule can be [found online](#), with all events to be held in accordance with New York Forward [reopening guidance](#).
- Coming up this week:

- ✓ [Art House Classics: 7 Boxes – Thursday, September 30, 7PM \(Virtual program\)](#)

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, Paraguayan thriller “7 Boxes” follows the adventures of wheelbarrow courier Víctor who receives an unusual proposal: to carry boxes of unknown content thru Mercado 4 in Asunción, but things get complicated along the way.

[Register here.](#)



o Coming up in October:

- ✓ [Together Now: The CUNY Virtual Choir Project – Fridays, October 15 thru December 10, Belvedere Plaza](#) *(No program 11/26)*

Laura Reaper, mezzo soprano; Makayla McDonald, soprano; and Constantine Novotny, baritone & guitarist will present a live component of the City University of New York's [Virtual Choir Project](#). Singers from different college campuses and different countries recorded their performances which were later digitally joined into large choir videos, now in an exhibition at BMCC's SFAC.

- ✓ [Go Fish! BPC's Celebration of Life in the Hudson Estuary – Saturday, October 16, 10AM, Wagner Park](#)

Join experienced anglers for catch-and-release fishing and learn about life in the Hudson River. Help observe and identify the fish we catch, enabling us to share valuable data with research groups who monitor the health of our local waters. Check out our interactive discovery zone for naturalists of all ages! The day will also feature an art project and a nature walk. Plus: Don't miss a live performance by Arm-of-the-Sea, a group that combines puppetry and ecology to inspire the next generation of environmental stewards.

- 10AM-1PM: Catch-and-release fishing
- 10:45AM: Art Project
- 11AM: Family Theater Performance
- 12:15PM: Nature Walk



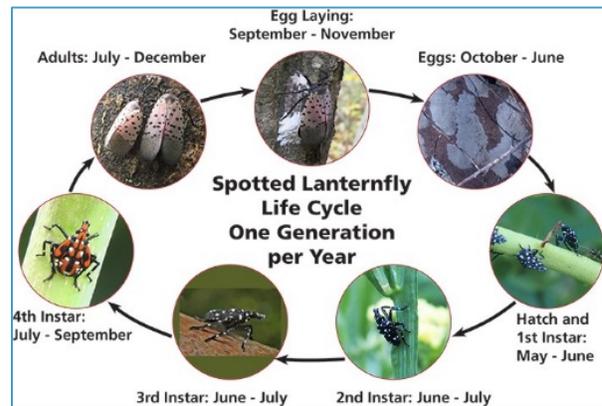
V. Farewell & Thank You, Bruno!

- After nearly 25 years of service to Battery Park City, Bruno Pomponio, BPCA's Vice President of Parks Operations, is retiring
- Lifelong New Yorker involved in a range of notable neighborhood projects during tenure, including:
 - ✓ Teardrop Park
 - ✓ Teardrop Park South
 - ✓ Irish Hunger Memorial
 - ✓ NYC Police Memorial
 - ✓ [BPC Trash Compacting Program](#)
 - ✓ [BPC Dog Waste Composting Program](#)
 - ✓ [Zero Waste Certification @ BPCA's 75 Batter Place facility](#)
- Thank you, Bruno, for exemplifying our steadfast commitment to maintaining beautiful parks & public spaces!

**VI. Spotted Lanternfly**

- The Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) is a [planthopper](#) with distinctive red wings native to Asia. While not known to bite, sting, or attack people or pets, SLF is an invasive insect that poses a significant threat to a wide range of agricultural crops, including grapes, hops, apples, blueberries, and peaches/plums.
- First discovered in New York City in Staten Island during the summer of 2020, SLF populations have increased in number all across the region – including New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Maryland, Delaware, and Ohio.

- BPCA is monitoring the presence of SLF in Battery Park City and remains in touch with our partners at NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets (AGM) and Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).
- To aid in monitoring SLF presence in our parks and slow their spread, the Authority has also [installed circle traps](#) on a number trees throughout the neighborhood. These traps work by wrapping the trunk with screen material to capture the insects as they crawl up a tree's trunk.



- *How you can help:*
 - ✓ While we typically recommend that parks users [“Keep It Wild”](#) and not interfere with wildlife in Battery Park City, as it is an invasive species [NYS AGM is asking residents to destroy SLF adults](#) when they encounter them. (Residents can also help by allowing surveyors access to properties where SLF may be present. Surveyors will be uniformed and will always provide identification.)
 - ✓ Upload your SLF sighting(s) to the [Battery Park City iNaturalist page](#). 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](#).

VII. BPC is Abuzz!

- Goal 3.2.1 of [BPC's Strategic Plan](#) aims to establish Battery Park City as a biodiversity haven by building on efforts to make the neighborhood a sanctuary for nature. Today, Battery Park City is home to a diverse array of wildlife, with many species of insects, including native pollinators, inhabiting its gardens and lawns.
- In furtherance of that goal, in August BPCA [installed a beehive](#) in a planting bed along Rockefeller Park's northern end. The hive houses more than 50,000 honeybees and is aimed at sparking interest and conversation about pollinators in BPC as they pollinate flowers, trees, and shrubs throughout the neighborhood.
- In this way, the Authority educate the next generation about biodiversity and promote well-being and lifelong learning through our incredible natural environment.
- See it:
 - ✓ [Urban beekeepers aim to educate](#) (*AccuWeather.com*)
 - ✓ [Beekeeping in Battery Park City](#) (*AccuWeather.com*)

VIII. [BPC Resiliency Project Updates](#)

- Update to Manhattan CB1 Executive Committee – August 17, 2021 ([presentation](#))
- Combined North/West Battery Park City Resiliency Project—
 - ✓ Project to proceed through a Progressive Design Build effort
 - ✓ Progressive design-build contractor to be selected in early 2022
 - ✓ Public Meeting #1 (virtual) – August 4, 2021 ([presentation](#) & [video](#))
 - ✓ 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—
 - ✓ Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) public scoping meeting – **Wednesday, October 13, 6PM (virtual)**; more info to come this week
 - ✓ Update w/LMCR Quarterly Report to CB1 EP Committee – June 21, 2021 ([presentation](#) & [video](#))
 - ✓ 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—
 - ✓ [BPCA IMPLEMENTS FLOOD PROTECTION MEASURES AT BPC BALL FIELDS](#)
 - ✓ 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](#))

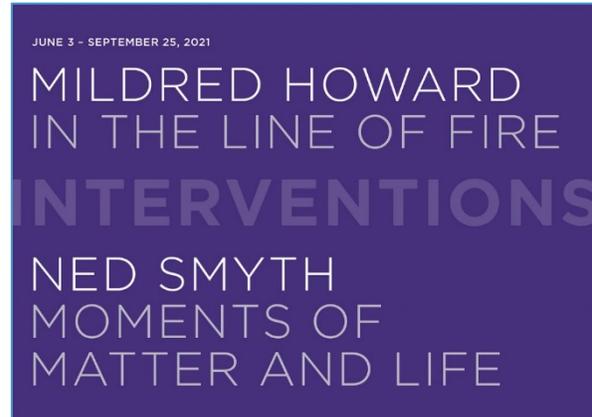
Interventions – Mildred Howard: “In the Line of Fire” and Ned Smyth: “Moments of Matter and Life.”

In partnership with the Shirley Fiterman Art Center (SFAC) at Borough of Manhattan Community

College, *Interventions* features works by internationally-recognized artists Mildred Howard and Ned Smyth – both of whom also have works [on display in Battery Park City](#).

Exhibition viewed from the exterior of SFAC galleries through the large, street-front windows on Barclay Street, Park Place & W. Broadway.

Exhibition runs June 3-September 25 @ SFAC (81 Barclay Street). [Read more.](#)



IX. BPC Wayfinding Signage Installation – ONGOING

- The Battery Park City Wayfinding Program is a comprehensive wayfinding and signage initiative to improve directional signage for multiple users along and through streets, sidewalks, public spaces & transition points within BPC.
- Consists of more than 200 signs to be installed in specific locations within and adjacent to BPC. Installation began on neighborhood’s northern end and is proceeding down to South Cove, with work to be completed this fall
- Originally instituted in the early 1990s, wayfinding signage across BPC has been periodically updated through the decades. Our updated signage initiative was developed in consultation with local community partners, below:
 - ✓ [Update to Manhattan CB1 \(May 2020\)](#)
 - ✓ [Update to Manhattan CB1 \(December 2018\)](#)
 - ✓ [Presentation to Manhattan CB1 \(July 2018\)](#)



X. NYC Police Memorial Expansion – ONGOING

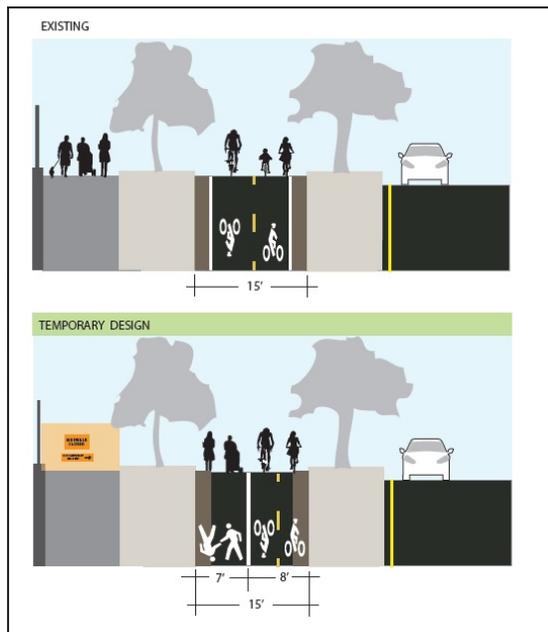
- In close consultation with NYPD, Memorial being expanded to honor additional officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice.
- [Read more](#)

XI. BPC Ball Fields Terrace Waterproofing & Restoration – ONGOING

- Work underway on-site to waterproof and restore the BPC Community Center and Ball Fields Terrace.
- Scheduled for completion this fall.

XII. BPC Ball Fields & Community Center Resiliency Project – ONGOING

- In consultation with New York State and City partners, the bike path adjacent to the worksite, along West Street / Route 9A between Warren Street and Murray Street, is temporarily reconfigured to a shared use layout while construction is underway.
- To accommodate the necessary sidewalk closure along the Ball Fields’ western edge, pedestrian traffic is routed to the westernmost lane of the bike path, with bicycle traffic moved the easternmost lane. Signage and pavement markings also help indicate this temporary change.
- Bike path will be returned to its current configuration upon completion of resiliency project work this fall.



XIII. BPC Parks Lawns

- Battery Park City’s parks lawns are open!
- 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](#)

XIV. Keep It Wild!

- [Keep It Wild!](#) is BPCA’s public awareness campaign encouraging the public to responsibly observe wildlife in Battery Park City’s 36 acres of parks and public spaces.
- Through [posters](#), [postcards](#), and [video](#), *Keep It Wild!* helps celebrate BPC 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!



XV. NYPD Neighborhood Policing

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

“Sector B” – BPC below West Thames Street	
P.O. Adam Riddick	P.O. Serge Jean
(212) 334-6462: O	(212) 334-6462: O
(929) 287-6638: M	(929) 522-8409: M
Adam.Riddick@nypd.org	Serge.Jean@nypd.org
“Sector C” – BPC above West Thames Street	
P.O. Miles Holman	P.O. Michael Rachwalski
(212) 334-6462: O	(212) 334-6462: O
(929) 291-1602: M	(917) 972-1780: M
Miles.Holman@nypd.org	Michael.Rachwalski@nypd.org



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & STATUS UPDATES

I. BPC’s Fall Programming is in full swing!

“It’s time for some Fall fun in Battery Park City! Our treasured parks and public spaces continue to serve as respite in these challenging moments, and we invite you to join us this autumn to experience and celebrate culture, environmental responsibility, and renewal.”

- B.J. Jones



SCHOOL DAZE: Books could be filled with descriptions of the fun had at *BPC Back to School!* on Friday, September 17.



For the birds: On Saturday, September 25, roughly 400 attended *Migration Celebration*, our annual fall celebration of all creatures that migrate through and by Battery Park City. Participants made their way through a variety of interactive “welcome stations” consisting of art making, nature activities, storytelling with Freestyle Repertory Theatre, and enjoyed live performances by Villalobos Bros.

II. BPC Gathering for 9/11 20th Anniversary

- BPCA was honored to partner with the Gateway Plaza Tenants Association on its sunset gathering to mark the 20th Anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks.



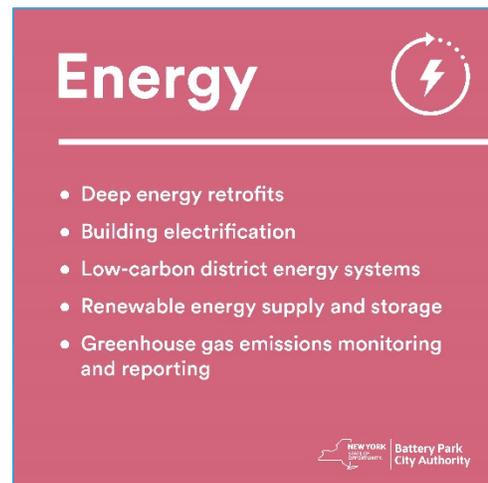
A COMMUNITY BUILT TO LAST: Neighbors assemble for a community sunset gathering on Esplanade Plaza on Saturday evening, September 11, 2021.

III. Climate Week NYC

- Climate Week NYC 2021, which ran this year from September 20-26, brings together international leaders from business, government, and civil society to showcase the ever-increasing momentum of global climate action.
- In Battery Park City we demonstrate our dedication to our climate every day through a variety of initiatives in keeping with the [BPC Sustainability Plan](#), centered around four “Topic Areas” (Energy, Water, Materials & Waste, and Site). These are further broken down into broad aspirations and discrete methods for achievement to make BPC a sustainability model.

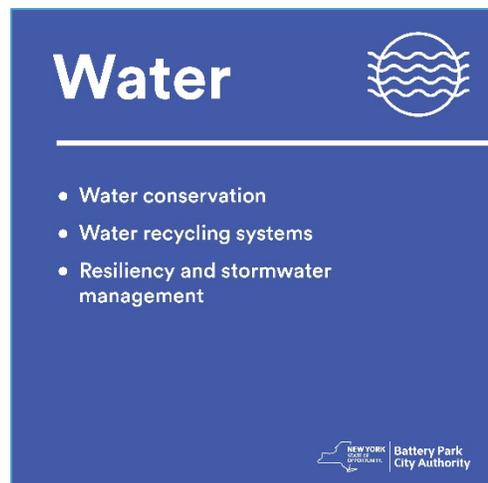
- ✓ Energy – With data from buildings across the neighborhood, BPCA is developing a comprehensive building inventory help to align incentives, technical resources, and external funding sources for sustainability initiatives including building retrofits, pilot projects, bulk purchasing, and other solutions that support achieving a carbon neutral Battery Park City by 2050 – and assist buildings in achieving [Local Law 97](#) compliance.

Read more: [CLIMATE WEEK NYC: ENERGY](#)



- ✓ Water: Mitigating the risks of flooding associated with sea level rise and storm surge from major climate events, like Superstorm Sandy, is the main focus of our three interrelated [resiliency infrastructure](#) projects. By 2030 BPC will have completed all resiliency infrastructure projects and made nearly half of the neighborhood’s parks and public spaces permeable, including a pilot project to test permeable pavement options beginning in 2022.

Read More: [CLIMATE WEEK NYC: WATER](#)



- ✓ **Materials & Waste:** Waste has a significant impact on the urban environment and public health, as well as on greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Our Materials and Waste Strategies focus on the items we bring into and use in the neighborhood and the ways we handle and dispose of waste. BPCA is executing on these strategies today by increasing the amount of reused and recycled materials to divert waste that would otherwise be sent to landfill, as well as expanding organics collection and composting programs across the neighborhood.

Read More: [CLIMATE WEEK NYC: MATERIALS & WASTE](#)



Materials & Waste

- Sustainable consumption
- Sustainable building materials
- Waste diversion
- Organics collection and composting
- Construction and demolition activities

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- ✓ **Site:** Many people experience Battery Park City through its streets and sidewalks, parks, the Esplanade, and other open spaces. Our Site Strategies focus on the broader health and ecological and environmental quality issues in Battery Park City. These include measures ranging from enhancing the biodiversity of plant and animal life at Battery Park City and ensuring that the wildlife is resilient to the changing climate, to changing commuting and transportation patterns so that more people choose non-motorized travel such as walking, biking, or scootering.

Read More: [CLIMATE WEEK NYC: SITE](#)



Site

- Biodiversity and habitats
- Quality of life
- Environmental monitoring and data sharing
- Active transportation
- Electric vehicle infrastructure

IV. W. Thames Dog Run – New Benches

- Take a load off! Working with our partners at [Battery Park City Seniors](#), in August BPCA installed new benches at the small West Thames dog run, joining those in place at the adjacent larger park.



V. COMMUNITY REMINDER – Poetry Path in BPC

- Poetry Path is a free, immersive public art installation running the northern length of Battery Park City, from Rockefeller and Teardrop Parks to the North Cove Marina
- Features poetry fragments from more than 40 poets reproduced on bench slats, banners, pavers, pathways & signs.
- View the full [Poetry Path Walking Map](#)

**VI. 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.
- Installation on-view through spring 2022
- [Read more](#)

VII. COMMUNITY REMINDER – 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](#)

VIII. 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 any of neighborhood’s three dog runs – it’s quick & easy!
 - ✓ Watch: [Why Dog Poop Composting Should Be Everywhere | One Small Step](#)
 - ✓ Watch: [BPCA Dog Waste Compost How To](#)

**IX. BPC Security Updates**

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

X. Lost & Found Contact Information

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING:

I. 2021 BPCA Board Meeting Schedule

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

Wednesday, October 20	
November 17	December 15

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

II. NYPD First Precinct Community Council

- **Thursday, September 30, 6PM via Zoom**
- 1st Precinct Updates: twitter.com/NYPD1Pct
- More info: www.1stprecinctcc.org

III. Upcoming Permitted Walk / Runs

Organization	Event Type	Event Date(s) & Approx. Time	Attendance	Street Closures	Notes
Bike to the Beach	Walkathon/ Bike-a-thon Pick Up	Sat, Oct 2, 2021 3AM – 7AM	185	N/A	Pick-up area @ Stuyvesant HS Plaza
MDS Foundation	Walkathon	Sun, Oct. 3, 2021 10AM-12PM	350	N/A	Start/End @ Esplanade Plaza; Load-in day prior, to avoid early AM setup
NYC Runs	Walkathon	Thurs, Nov. 25, 2021 6:30AM-11AM	3,000	N/A	Start/End @ Esplanade Lower Plaza; Details to follow

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

TOPIC	2020	2021
Graffiti	0	0
Homeless	23	6
Lost / Found Property	8	3
Park Rules	35	10
Vendor / Solicitor	13	3
Dogs	33	50

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

TOPIC	2020	2021
Graffiti	1	0
Homeless	16	7
Lost / Found Property	25	12
Park Rules	12	2
Vendor / Solicitor	26	62
Dogs	68	65

