



# Battery Park City Authority

Report to Manhattan Community Board 1 – Battery Park City Committee

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## NEIGHBORHOOD & PROJECT UPDATES:

- I. **COVID-19 Vaccine** – Get vaccinated and stay up to date with all recommended doses.
  - o All New Yorkers 6 months and older should [get vaccinated](#) and get their [booster dose](#) when eligible. If you are experiencing symptoms or were exposed, [get tested](#), and talk to your healthcare provider about [treatment](#) if you test positive.
  - o Read more: [Governor Hochul Updates New Yorkers on State's Progress Combating COVID-19](#) (December 6, 2022)
- II. **COVID-19 Testing**
  - o Find a local testing location here:  
[www.nyhealthandhospitals.org/covid-19-testing-sites/](http://www.nyhealthandhospitals.org/covid-19-testing-sites/)
  - o At-Home COVID-19 Test Kit Pickup (tests can be used on individuals 2+ years):  
**Battery Park City Library**  
**175 North End Avenue**  
**Monday-Friday: 12-4PM**

### III. NWBPCR Public Scoping



- Running through **December 31, 2022**, the Scoping Period is the first step in the environmental review process for North/West Battery Park City Resiliency Project.
- During the Scoping Period, BPCA will collect verbal and written comments from the public that will contribute to the project team's evaluation of what the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should include.
- The NWBPCR Project [Draft Scoping Document](#) includes information about:
  - ✓ The project's purpose and need
  - ✓ Project elements BPCA will consider during the project, and project schedule
  - ✓ Alternatives that will be studied in the EIS
- *We Want to Hear from You:* During the Scoping Period, comments on the Draft Scoping Document may be submitted (by **December 31**) to:
  - ✓ E-mail: [nwbpcrinfo@bpca.ny.gov](mailto:nwbpcrinfo@bpca.ny.gov)
  - ✓ Mail: Claudia Filomena, Director of Capital Projects, 200 Liberty Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10281
- [Presentation to CB1 BPC Committee – December 7, 2022](#)
- [NWBPCR Public Meeting #4: Questions Received \(w/Answers\)](#)

### IV. Coming Up This Month in BPC

- [Noir Pairings: Sunset Blvd – Thursday, December 8, 6:30PM @ 6 River Terrace.](#) The Noir Pairings hybrid film series pairs a neo-noir with a classic noir movie for comparison and discussion. In *Sunset Blvd* (1950), directed by Billy Wilder, a failed screenwriter develops a dangerous relationship with a faded film star determined to make a triumphant return. This film is paired with *Barton Fink* (1991) available on-line. Free popcorn will be served, and a discussion will follow the screenings.



- [Meet Me in the Kitchen: Making Healthy Choices – Thursday, December 8, 11AM-12PM @ Asphalt Green.](#) Nutritionist Lauren C. Kelly offers creative twists on classic recipes, food prep and cooking trends. From appetizers, to entrees, to dessert, learn how to design menus using helpful tips and current research findings for better health and eating. Free program, space is limited, registration required, please email: [registration@bpca.ny.gov](mailto:registration@bpca.ny.gov).
- [BPC Fall Blood Drive w/New York Blood Center – Wednesday, December 14, 12-6PM @ 6 River Terrace.](#) There has been a drop in blood donations since the start of the pandemic. At the same time, the need for blood for patients in our local hospitals has increased by 10-15% from pre-pandemic levels, from pent-up demand for treatment and surgeries postponed during the pandemic. Please consider donating blood to help other New Yorkers.
  - ✓ Thanks to the generosity of neighbors, BPC Blood Drives have resulted in nearly 500 “Gifts of Life” in 2022 to date.
  - ✓ [Make an appointment here.](#)
- [Recycle Your Tree – December 26, 2022-January 27, 2023.](#) BPCA’s annual tree recycling program is coming up! Simply place your unadorned tree curbside through Friday, January 27 for pickup – no stands, lights, ornaments, or tinsel, please – and we’ll take care of the rest. All trees collected will be composted and applied back into Battery Park City’s gardens.
- And coming soon...**BPCA’s Winter 2023 Calendar**, detailing free programming and events across Battery Park City from January-April!



## V. BPC Parks Happenings!

- Battery Park City's Parks Operations team focuses daily on a range of tasks to maintain BPC's world-class standards. Here are some examples of what's happening in December —

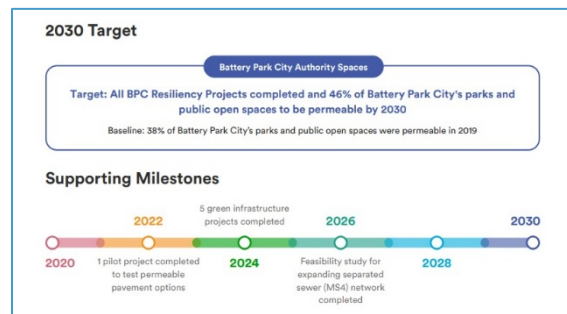
- ✓ **The Ice Wall Cometh:** Teardrop Park's [bluestone ice wall](#) uses re-circulated water during the winter months to form ice on its surface. As the temperature drops this season you'll see the wall's customary ice forming.



- ✓ **Frozen Out:** Winterization of Battery Park City's drinking fountains and irrigation systems is now complete.

- ✓ **Green Future:** Plant orders for the 2023 season are underway, helping BPCA secure the best quality plants for the neighborhood's parks and public spaces.

- ✓ **Seeping through:** Battery Park City aims to have nearly half of its parks and public open spaces be permeable by 2030. Permeable pavements and green stormwater infrastructure can help to reduce flooding risks by providing opportunities for stormwater to infiltrate or slow down runoff, while also filtering and cleaning runoff through green infrastructure. As part of this work, BPCA will begin its [permeable paver pilot project](#) at the South Cove cul-de-sac toward the end of the month.



- ✓ **Leafing Waste Behind:** BPCA's Parks Operations team has switched to reusable bags for the collection of fallen leaves along parks pathways this year, saving a minimum of 500 plastics bags to date. Some leaves are also left where they land to contribute to that "fall feel" throughout Battery Park City's parks.
- ✓ **When the bough breaks:** Parks visitors will start seeing evergreen boughs placed in the garden beds throughout the neighborhood for aesthetics as well as to protect the plants and soil for the winter season.
- ✓ **Winning with Zero Waste:** As a decades-long leader in sustainability, BPCA is striving to divert 90% of what is sent to landfill! To continue helping toward our Zero Waste goal, we ask that you rethink what you are bringing into the parks, and if possible please recycle or compost items.



## VI. South Cove Quay Repairs

- In-kind rebuilding of the South Cove quay, damaged as a result of Tropical Storm Isaías, is now underway, with work expected to be complete by the end of the year.

## VII. BPC Seniors Webpage

- BPCA's dedicated "BPC Seniors" webpage provides information on events, news & services of interest to our local senior community.
- If you have recommendations for page additions please email [BPCSeniors@gmail.com](mailto:BPCSeniors@gmail.com).

## VIII. Free Asphalt Green Day Memberships for Battery Park City Seniors

- To encourage active and healthy lifestyles for older adults, Asphalt Green is holding a special lottery to award up to 50 free [Daytime Memberships](#) to residents of Battery Park City who are 62 or older!
- Daytime members have access to Asphalt Green from Monday through Friday, 8AM to 3PM.
- Anyone ages 62+ whose primary residence is in zip codes 10280 or 10282 is eligible to apply. Simply complete [this application](#) by **December 31, 2022**. Winners will be notified via email by **January 6, 2023**.

## IX. Brookfield Place Sidewalk Shed Installation

- Brookfield Properties conducting Local Law 11 façade inspection and repair work at 225 Liberty Street throughout November & December
- Sidewalk installed at/around Liberty Street to be in place through completion of work at year's end.



#### X. NYC Police Memorial Expansion – COMPLETE

- In close consultation with NYPD and architect Stuart Crawford, BPCA has completed NYC Police Memorial expansion to honor additional officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice; the now 1,000+ names are reordered chronologically from 1849.
- See more about NYC Police Memorial expansion [here](#).



#### XI. Parks Lawns REMINDER: Pet Free Areas Signage

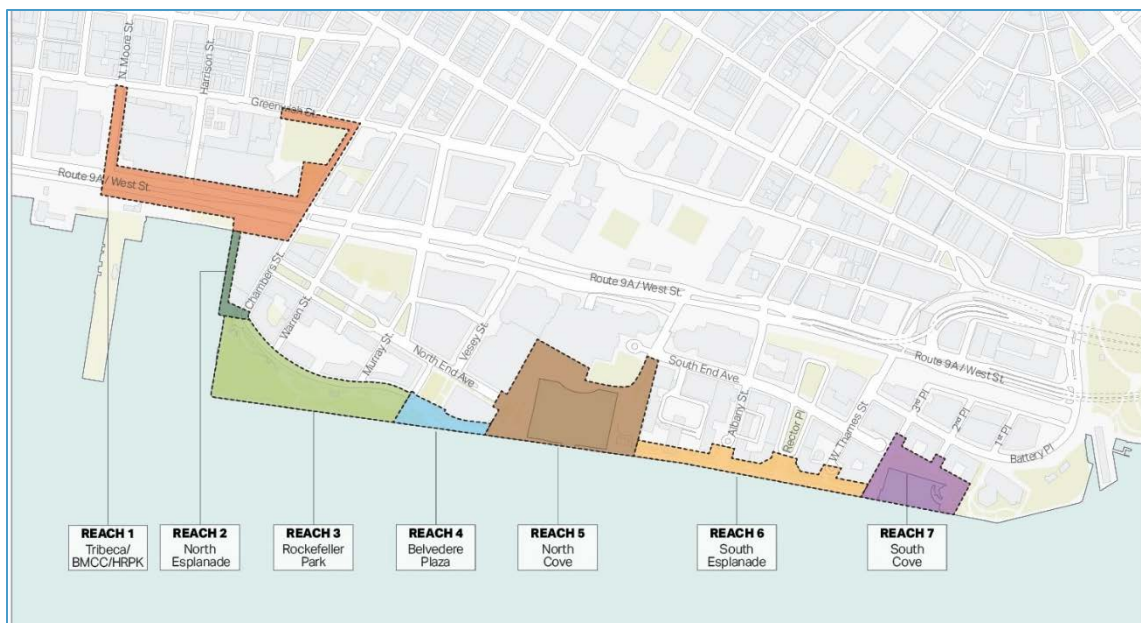
- “Pet Free Area” signage installed as community reminder: While leashed pets are permitted on hard surfaces throughout Battery Park City, they are not permitted on parks lawns. Read more: [It’s a Dog’s Life in BPC](#)

#### XII. BPC Ball Fields – Winter Hours

- BPC Ball Field hours are 8AM-8PM daily
- BPC Ball Fields: Open Play Hours for [December](#) 2022

#### XIII. [BPC Resiliency Project Updates](#)

- North/West Battery Park City Resiliency Project—
  - ✓ COMING UP:
    - Public Scoping comments accepted through **December 31, 2022**.
    - Reach-specific meetings & Public Meeting #5 during first quarter of 2023
  - ✓ Questions and feedback about the NWBPCR Project can be sent to [nwbpcrinfo@bpca.ny.gov](mailto:nwbpcrinfo@bpca.ny.gov)
  - ✓ [Read more about NWBPCR here](#)



- South Battery Park City Resiliency Project—
  - ✓ Work is underway on the South Battery Park City Resiliency Project (SBPCR). The project will take roughly two years to complete.
  - ✓ Questions and feedback about SBPCR can be sent to:
    - Rick Fogarty, Community Construction Liaison  
[sbpcrinfo@bpca.ny.gov](mailto:sbpcrinfo@bpca.ny.gov) / (917) 624-5409, or by mail
    - Battery Park City Authority  
200 Liberty Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10281  
att: SBPCR Project Team



- ✓ Physical model of SBPCR Project area, previously located at 200 Rector Place Community Room, now on-display at 200 Liberty Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor. Model available for public viewing 9:30AM-4:30PM, Monday-Friday; email [receptionist.200liberty@bpca.ny.gov](mailto:receptionist.200liberty@bpca.ny.gov) for appointment.

- ✓ Temporary relocation of Wagner Park's three public art pieces to hardscaped areas in Battery Park City, as previously discussed with CB1 BPC Committee, now underway:
  - *Ape & Cat (At the Dance)* to hardscape east of Rector Park East
  - *Resonating Bodies* to terminus of Second Place
  - *Eyes* to Third Place leading down to South Cove



- ✓ SBPCR Project: [Behind a Billion-Dollar Bid to Save Lower Manhattan](#)
- ✓ [Read more about SBPCR here](#)

- Battery Park City Ball Fields & Community Center Resiliency Project—
  - ✓ Construction complete on 800 linear foot interim flood protection system for 80,000-square foot playing surface & adjacent community center.
  - ✓ SEE IT: [BPC Ball Fields Resiliency on NY1](#)
- [Lower Manhattan Coastal Resiliency \(LMCR\) Quarterly Update to Manhattan CB1](#) (October 17, 2022)

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & STATUS UPDATES

### I. Holiday Lights Celebration

- The annual neighborhood seasonal celebration, with cozy beverages, sweet treats – and festive carols featuring Sing Harlem Choir and the P.S./I.S. 276 Advanced Chorus – took place in Rockefeller Park on Thursday evening, December 1. A great time was had by all!



### II. 'Justice Reflected' Art Installation Opened on Esplanade Plaza Wall

- On November 11, BPCA [unveiled Justice Reflected](#), a series of three mosaic panels created by critically acclaimed artist and muralist James Yaya Hough.
- The temporary public art installation uses glass compositions to depict the experiences of incarcerated people, evoking feelings of isolation, despair, fear, and hope.
- Hough had been incarcerated for 27 years and now uses art as a medium to amplify the voices of incarcerated people and raise awareness and empathy for those directly impacted by the American justice system. Justice Reflected is planned to be on display for one year.



### III. BPC Added to New York State Birding Trail

- In October the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation [announced the addition](#) of 13 new locations to the NYS Birding Trail; this brings total number of birding trail locations to 325 statewide, providing a variety of quality birding experiences for New Yorkers and visitors to enjoy.
- Statewide [trail network](#) includes promoted birding locations that can be accessed by car or public transport, providing an inclusive experience for all visitors to enjoy birds amid beautiful natural settings with little or no cost or investment in equipment.

*"With more than 100 species of migratory and resident bird species identified throughout Battery Park City, our public parks are a biodiversity haven...we look forward to welcoming bird watchers far and wide to our world-class public spaces."*

**- BPCA President & CEO B.J. Jones**



**IV. COMMUNITY REMINDER – Community Center at Stuyvesant High School**

- Operated by BPCA seven days a week when classes are not in session, CCSHS offers deeply-discounted annual membership rates for BPC residents.
- [Here's some of what's being offered at CCSHS – and what's coming up!](#)

**V. COMMUNITY REMINDER – BPC Community & Dog Waste Composting**

- Drop-off any time at two convenient locations:
  - ✓ BPCA @ 75 Battery Place
  - ✓ Tribeca Tool Room @ lower level of Chambers Street & River Terrace
  - ✓ Watch: [Composting in Battery Park City](#)
- Participate in [BPCA's dog waste composting program](#) at any of neighborhood's three dog runs – as well as at our new location on the BPC Esplanade south of Esplanade Plaza – it's quick & easy!
  - ✓ Read: [Making Dog Pee & Poop Green | Dogster](#)
  - ✓ Watch: [Why Dog Poop Composting Should Be Everywhere | One Small Step](#)



BPCA Project Manager Jasmine Johnson poses with BPC resident Larry and his dog Bogey at our newest dog waste composting bin along the Esplanade by Gateway Plaza.

**VI. COMMUNITY REMINDER – Manhattan Weekly Resurfacing Schedule**

- Like all infrastructure, roadways deteriorate over time due to wear and tear from use, from the weathering by heat, freezing and thawing, and precipitation. Resurfacing and reconstruction is determined by a multitude of factors. The NYC Department of Transportation conducts regular inspections to assess pavement conditions, and assigns ratings based on the overall condition, patching, and cracking.
- Stay up-to-date with Manhattan's Milling & Resurfacing Schedule [here](#).
- Sign up for NYC DOT alerts and newsletters [here](#).

**VII. 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. 2022 BPCA Board Meeting Schedule** *(subject to change)*

**BACK IN-PERSON:** BPCA Board meetings are conducted at 2:00PM at 200 Liberty Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor on the following dates, and livestreamed here: [bpca.divacommunications.com/bpca-live](https://bpca.divacommunications.com/bpca-live)

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, December 30 @ 2:15PM**

- Watch BPCA Board meeting webcasts [here](#)
- More information on our [Board Meetings & Materials](#) page
- [BPCA Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Presentation](#)

**II. [Notice of Public Meeting Regarding Use of Videoconferencing for BPCA Board Meetings](#)**

**III. NYPD First Precinct Community Council**

- Next Meeting: Thursday, December 8, 6PM @ NYPD 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct (16 Ericsson Place)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct Updates: [twitter.com/NYPD1Pct](https://twitter.com/NYPD1Pct)
- More info: [www.1stprecinctcc.org](http://www.1stprecinctcc.org)

**IV. NYPD Neighborhood Policing**

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

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**V. Upcoming Permitted Walks / Runs / Events**

Organization	Event Type	Event Date(s) & Approx. Time	Attendance	Street Closures?	Notes
Brookfield Properties	Crane Steel Pic-Hoist	Sat., 12/10, & Sat., 12/17 (weather dependent)	N/A	North End Avenue southern extension and adjacent sidewalks.	Crane staged behind security to hoist misc. building materials for tenant to complete slab extension work at 250 Vesey Street.
Chabad of Battery Park City	Community Chanukah Party	Sun., 12/18, 2-7PM	100+	N/A	Esplanade Plaza

**BPCA – Allied Universal Quality of Life Statistics****November 2021 vs. November 2022**

TOPIC	2021	2022
Graffiti	20	6
Homeless	4	3
Lost / Found Property	2	5
Park Rules	33	26
Vendor / Solicitor	1	1
Dogs	30	6

