



# 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 \(January 3, 2023\)](#)
- II. **COVID-19 Testing**
  - o Find a local testing location here:  
[www.nychealthandhospitals.org/covid-19-testing-sites/](https://www.nychealthandhospitals.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. Winter 2023 Program & Event Guide



- [BPCA's Winter 2023 Program & Event Guide](#) details a broad range of free programming – including art, music, poetry nature, film, cooking, exercise, and more – across Battery Park City from January through April.
- Features illustrated program offerings organized by monthly event highlights and by those of interest to adults and seniors, school-aged children, and preschoolers, as well as information about classes at the Community Center at Stuyvesant High School.

### IV. Coming Up This Month in BPC

- [Recycle Your Tree – thru Friday, January 27.](#)  
Our annual tree recycling program is underway! Simply place your unadorned tree curbside through Friday, January 27 – no stands, lights, ornaments, or tinsel, please – and we'll take care of the rest. Trees collected are composted and applied back into Battery Park City's gardens.





○ [Paradox Docs: American Movie – Thursday, January 19, 6:30PM @ 6 River Terrace.](#)

BPCA's Paradox Docs series highlights films with contradictory yet fascinating stories from unlikely sources. In *American Movie* (1999), directed by Chris Smith, an aspiring filmmaker attempts to finance his dream project of finally completing the low-budget horror film he abandoned years before. Free popcorn will be served, and a discussion will follow the screening.



- [2023 Annual Art Exhibition – Sunday, January 29, 1-3PM @ 6 River Terrace.](#) All are welcome to come and enjoy the inspired work created by participants at BPCA's art programs. Meet fellow artists and the artists/educators who lead the programs. Post-reception, art will be available for public viewing Thursdays, February 2-23 at 6 River Terrace, 2-5:30PM.



- [Art Talk: BPCA Art Specialists – Thursday, February 2, 5:30-6:30PM @ 6 River Terrace.](#) Join us for an intimate talk with BPCA art educators who will share anecdotes from their many seasons teaching in Battery Park City. They will discuss the current exhibition and what techniques they use to encourage artistic expression with class participants as well as how they find inspiration for their own work.



- [BPC Valentine Blood Drive – Friday, February 10, 12-6PM @ 6 River Terrace.](#) Show the love, donate blood! Help replenish dwindling supplies in the tri-state area. The whole process takes less than an hour and [one donation](#) can save multiple lives!

- ✓ BPC Blood Drives resulted in nearly 600 "Gifts of Life" in 2022!



- [New Year, New You at CCSHS!](#) Operated by BPCA seven days a week, the Community Center at Stuyvesant High School is an affordable and convenient resource for recreation, sports, swimming, and fitness.

**Winter Hours**

Monday-Friday, 7-10PM  
Saturday & Sunday, 1-9PM

**Annual Memberships**

Adults (18+): \$199 | BPC Residents: \$179  
Youth, Senior (62+), Military: \$79 | BPC Resident Youth, Senior, Military: \$59

For additional information please contact (646) 210-4292, (212) 267-9700, or email [communitycenter@bpca.ny.gov](mailto:communitycenter@bpca.ny.gov).

**V. South Cove Quay Repairs**

- In-kind rebuilding of the South Cove quay continues, with work expected to be completed this spring.

**VI. 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 [info.bpc@bpca.ny.gov](mailto:info.bpc@bpca.ny.gov).

**VII. Brookfield Place Sidewalk Shed Removal**

- Brookfield Properties completing Local Law 11 façade inspection and repair work at 225 Liberty Street.
- Permit now filed for Department of Buildings inspection, after which shed can be removed.

**VIII. 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](#).

**IX. 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](#)

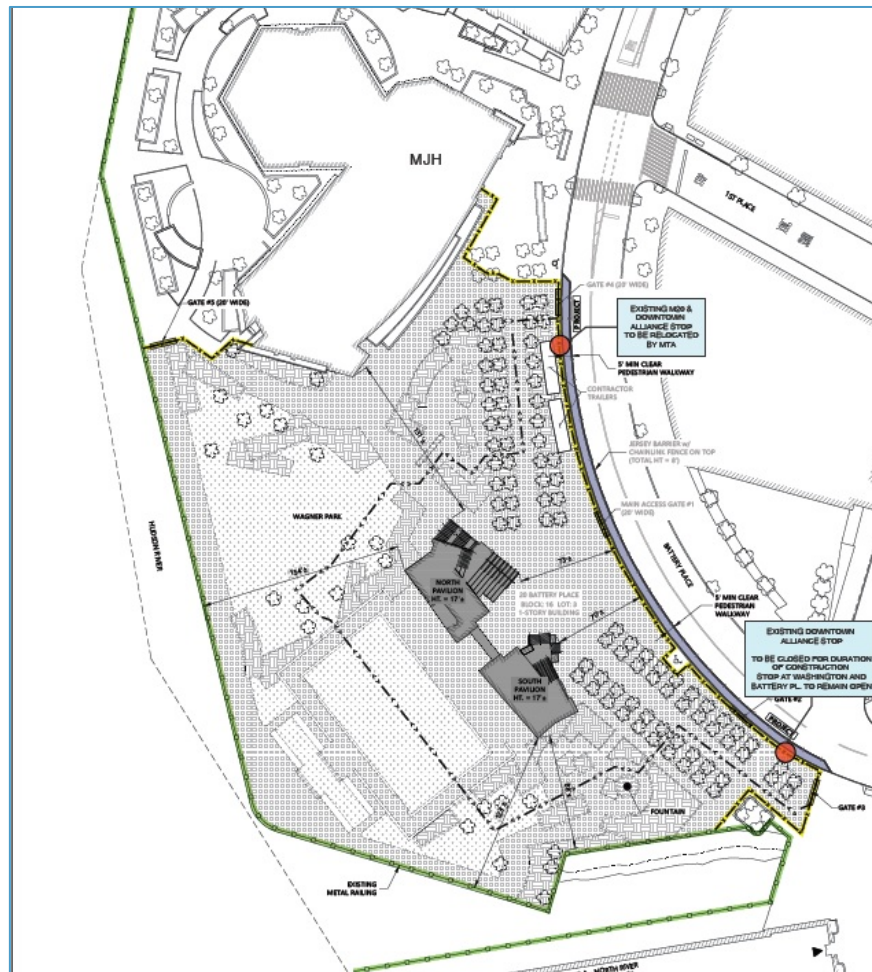
**X. BPC Ball Fields REMINDER: Winter Hours**

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



## XI. BPC Resiliency Project Updates

- North/West Battery Park City Resiliency Project—
  - ✓ COMING UP: Reach-specific meetings & NWBPCR Public Meeting #5
  - ✓ Questions & feedback about the NWBPCR Project can be sent to:  
[nwbpcrinfo@bpca.ny.gov](mailto:nwbpcrinfo@bpca.ny.gov)
  - ✓ [Presentation to CB1 BPC Committee – December 7, 2022](#)
  - ✓ [NWBPCR Public Meeting #4: Questions Received \(w/Answers\)](#)
  - ✓ [Read more about NWBPCR here](#)
- South Battery Park City Resiliency Project—
  - ✓ Permanent construction fencing to be installed over the coming weeks, replacing temporary site fencing currently around Wagner Park and South Esplanade
  - ✓ Temporary removal / relocation of Downtown Connection and M20 stops as presented to CB1 Transportation & Street Permits Committee on January 3.



- ✓ Questions & feedback about SBPCR:
  - 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 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:
  - *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](#)



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & STATUS UPDATES

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

- Last November 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 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

- Last October the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation [announced the addition](#) of 13 new locations to the NYS Birding Trail, which provides 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.

#### 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 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](#)

#### 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. 2023 BPCA Board Meeting Schedule *(subject to change)*

BPCA Board meetings are conducted in-person 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: <b>Wednesday, January 25, 2023</b>	
March 8	April 26
May 24	June 28
August 16	September 27
October 25	December 13

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

##### II. NYPD First Precinct Community Council

- Next Meeting: Thursday, January 26, 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](https://www.1stprecinctcc.org)

##### III. NYPD Neighborhood Policing

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



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#### IV. Upcoming Permitted Walks / Runs / Events

Organization	Event Type	Event Date(s) & Approx. Time	Attendance	Street Closures?	Notes
Brookfield Properties	Crane Steel Pic-Hoist	Sat., 1/7, & Sun., 1/8 (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.

#### BPCC – Allied Universal Quality of Life Statistics December 2021 vs. December 2022

TOPIC	2021	2022
Graffiti	14	9
Homeless	6	0
Lost / Found Property	5	1
Park Rules	8	2
Vendor / Solicitor	0	0
Dogs	2	1

