



Battery Park City Authority

Report to Manhattan Community Board 1 – Battery Park City Committee February 1, 2023

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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](#) (February 1, 2023)
- II. **COVID-19 Testing**
 - o Find a local testing location here:
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. North / West Battery Park City Resiliency Project: Reach Workshops

FEBRUARY 8	FEBRUARY 16	MARCH 2023	MARCH 2023
This session will cover: Rockefeller Park & Belvedere Plaza	This session will cover: Tribeca/BMCC/Hudson River Park & North Esplanade	This session will cover: South Esplanade & South Cove	This session will cover: North Cove
Registration Now Open!	Registration Now Open!		

- Share your thoughts about the North/West Battery Park City Resiliency Project with BPCA and Manhattan Community Board 1 in a series of in-depth workshops, each focusing on a specific reach, or project area.
- Registration for February sessions (6:30PM @ Stuyvesant High School) is now open:
 - ✓ **February 8** – [NWBPCR Project Workshop: Rockefeller Park & Belvedere Plaza](#)
 - ✓ **February 16** – [NWBPCR Project Workshop: Tribeca & the North Esplanade](#)

IV. 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 info about classes at BPC's Community Center at Stuyvesant High School.



V. Coming Up This Month in BPC

- [2023 Virtual Art Exhibition – Online](#). Enjoy a virtual gallery of artwork created by participants at BPCA's art programs. This video presentation will be screened during Art on View session at 6 River Terrace (or starting on the BPCA YouTube channel).



- [Art on View: 2023 Annual Art Exhibition – Thursdays thru February 23, 2-5:30PM @ 6 River Terrace.](#) All are welcome to come and enjoy the inspired work created by participants at BPCA's art programs.
- [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.
- [Mah Jongg Lessons – February 7 & 14, 2-4PM @ 200 Rector Place.](#) Learn to play this popular game of skill, strategy, and luck that is enjoyed around the world. Mah Jongg is a fun way to meet people, sharpen the mind, and exercise memory. An experienced instructor will offer free lessons to novices and players of all levels.
- [Paradox Docs: F is For Fake – Thursday, February 9.](#) *F is for Fake* (1973), directed by Orson Welles, is a dizzying journey that simultaneously exposes and revels in fakery and fakers of all stripes. Free popcorn will be served, and a discussion will follow the screening.
- [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!
- [Valentine Making Workshop – Sunday, February 12, 11AM @ 6 River Terrace.](#) Take part in this time-honored annual Battery Park City tradition, where participants are invited to make old-fashioned handmade cards for their loved ones! Cut, paste, and decorate with provided materials; art projects are designed for ages 4 and up.



- [Laughter in the City – Thursday, February 16, 7:30PM @ 6 River Terrace](#). In celebration of Black History Month, join us for an evening of stand-up comedy with NY Laughs, a non-profit that seeks to enrich lives, build community, and inspire audiences through humor. Some content may not be appropriate for young children. Recommended for teens and adults. [Click here to RSVP](#).



- [Tuesday Talk: Living History with Poet Cornelius Eady – Tuesday, February 21, 1PM @ 6 River Terrace](#). In celebration of Black History Month, join [Cornelius Eady](#), renowned poet, musician, co-founder of Cave Canem, and former Interim Director of Poets House for a reading and talk. The author of several celebrated collections of poetry, Eady is currently John C. Hodges Chair at the University of Tennessee/Knoxville.



- [Play Offs: Winter Break – Tuesday, February 21-Thursday, February 23, 3-4:40PM @ BPC Community Center](#). Children ages 6-10 are invited to play in pop-up clinics on select days off from school during school break. Join BPCA coaches for a skills session ending in a scrimmage open to all levels. [Click here to RSVP](#).



- ✓ Tues., 2/21: Dodgeball
- ✓ Wed., 2/22: Baseball (Wiffleball)
- ✓ Thurs., 2/23: Soccer

- [New Year, New You at CCSHS!](#)
Operated by BPCA seven days a week, the BPC 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.

VI. 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 February —
 - ✓ **Paving the Way:** The Authority continues with installation of new permeable pavers in the cul-de-sac along South End Avenue adjacent South Cove, with work expected to be completed this month. 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 this runoff.
 - ✓ **On the Bench:** Our Maintenance team is refinishing the teak benches relocated to the BPC Ball Fields Terrace from Wagner Park’s south garden.
 - ✓ **Off the Bench:** Belvedere Plaza benches are being cleaned, sanded, oiled and refinished. While parks users may see one of the benches “missing” from time to time – know it’ll be back looking better than ever.
 - ✓ **Right out of the gate:** The West Thames dog run gates are being sequentially removed for repairs, with a temporary fence installed while work occurs. Public access to the run will be maintained via the gate not undergoing repair work.
 - ✓ **Just a trim:** Tree pruning will be taking place throughout our parks to ensure the safety and the health of the neighborhood’s tree canopy.
 - ✓ **Rat Remedy:** Environmentally-friendly application of dry ice to reduce the rodent population will continue this month along the Eastern Border. READ MORE: [Rats! Battery Park City uses dry ice to kill vermin](#)
 - ✓ **Spotting Spotted Lanternflies:** This winter our team continues scouting, monitoring, and scraping Spotted Lanternfly egg masses throughout the park. READ MORE: [The Spotted Lanternflies of Manhattan](#)
 - ✓ **Soil Toil:** Soil samples taken throughout BPC for physical, chemical, and biological analyses will be reviewed to provide BPCA’s horticulturists a better idea of our soil health.
 - ✓ **Until we chip again:** With collection of trees complete for the 2022-2023 holiday season, BPCA’s annual tree recycling program is coming to close this week, with the final chipping session scheduled for February 2. Thanks to your efforts, this season more than 1,600 trees will have been chipped into mulch for use in BPC’s parks and other greenspaces. SEE IT: [Chipping Trees in Battery Park City](#)
 - ✓ **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 throw away in the parks, and please recycle or compost items.



VII. BPC Seniors Webpage

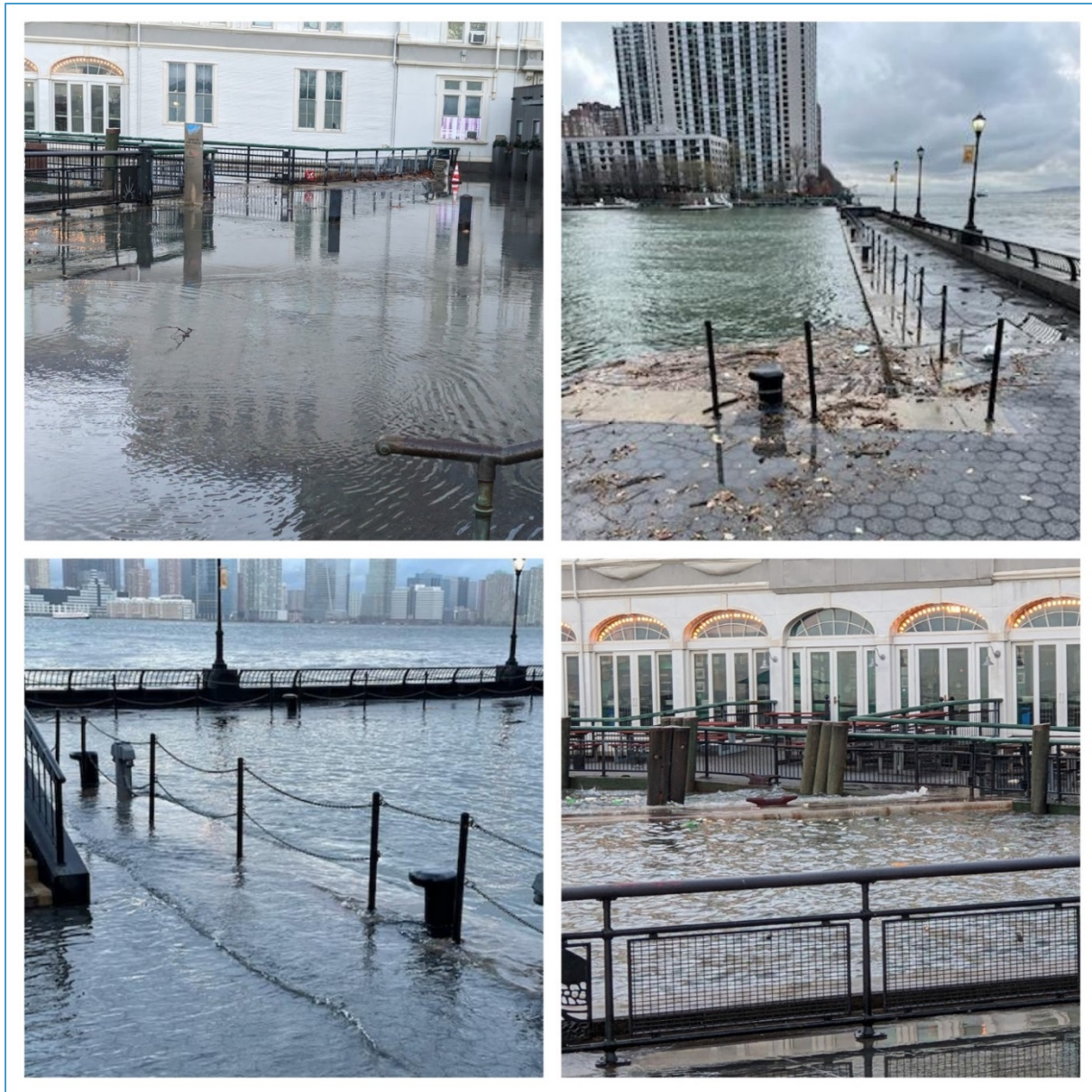
- BPCA’s dedicated “BPC Seniors” webpage provides information on events, news & services of interest to our local senior community: <https://bpca.ny.gov/bpcseniors/>

VIII. Parks Lawns REMINDER: Pet Free Areas Signage

- 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](#)

IX. BPC Ball Fields REMINDER: Winter Hours

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

X. [BPC Resiliency Project Updates](#)

HIGH WATER EVENT: High wind and water event on December 23, 2022 brought substantial flooding along the Battery Park City Esplanade, including to [South Cove](#) and (as pictured above) Pier A Plaza and North Cove Marina.

- North/West Battery Park City Resiliency Project—
 - ✓ COMING UP: Reach-specific public workshops:
 - **Wednesday, February 8:** [Rockefeller Park & Belvedere Plaza](#)
 - **Thursday, February 16:** [Tribeca & the North Esplanade](#)
 - ✓ Questions & feedback about the NWBPCR Project can be sent to: nwbpcrinfo@bpca.ny.gov
 - ✓ [Read more about NWBPCR here](#)

- South Battery Park City Resiliency Project—
 - ✓ Construction fencing installed around project site.
 - ✓ Temporary removal / relocation of Downtown Connection and M20 stops as presented to CB1 Transportation & Street Permits Committee on January 3.
 - Stop located at Battery Place and West Street (Downtown Connection) removed from service for the project duration.
 - Stop located at Battery Place and 1st Place (M20/Downtown Connection) to be relocated ~30-40 feet north of its current location for the project duration, serving the Downtown Connection customers. (M20 stop on Battery Place between 2nd and 3rd Place unaffected).
 - [Read more](#)
 - ✓ 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
 - ✓ Questions & feedback about SBPCR:
 - Rick Fogarty, Community Construction Liaison
sbpcrinfo@bpca.ny.gov / (917) 624-5409; or by mail
 - Battery Park City Authority
200 Liberty Street, 24th Floor
New York, NY 10281
att: SBPCR Project Team
 - ✓ [Read more about SBPCR here](#)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & STATUS UPDATES

I. 2023 Annual Art Exhibition: Opening Reception

- Attendees at our annual art exhibition opening on Sunday, January 29 got a first look at the work created at BPCA’s year-round art programs, and met fellow artists and the artists/educators who lead these programs.



II. Mah Jongg at BPC Community Room

- Fun for all ages and skill levels!
Participants at the first of this winter's free Mah Jongg lessons learned and played the popular game at the 200 Rector Place Community Room on Tuesday, January 31. Join us again on February 7 and 14 from 2-4PM.



III. 'Justice Reflected' Art Installation Opened on Esplanade Plaza Wall

- [Justice Reflected](#), on display through 2023, is 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.



IV. 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](#)

V. 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](#).

VI. Lost & Found Contact Information

- Allied Universal Command Center
200 Rector Place | (212) 945-7233 | 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, 24th Floor on the following dates, and livestreamed here: bpca.divacommunications.com/bpca-live

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 28, 2023	
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 Neighborhood Policing

- Next “Build the Block” Meeting – Thursday, February 9, 6PM @ St. Peter’s Church (Church Street & Barclay Street)
- [About Neighborhood Policing](#)
- Battery Park City’s Neighborhood Coordination Officers are:

“Sector B” – BPC below West Thames Street

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Build the Block
Meet your Neighborhood Coordination Officers & discuss your public safety concerns.

Precinct: 1 Precinct	Sector: C	Date and Time: Thursday 2/9/2023 @ 6pm
Hosted By: P.O. Uske P.O. Nethaway	Location: St Peters Church 22 Barclay St New York, NY 10007	

For Accommodations Contact: **SGT Corrado 212-334-6462** Masks will be provided

III. NYPD First Precinct Community Council

- Next Meeting: Thursday, February 23, 6PM @ NYPD 1st Precinct (16 Ericsson Place)
- 1st Precinct Updates: twitter.com/NYPD1Pct
- More info: www.1stprecinctcc.org

IV. Upcoming Permitted Walks / Runs / Events

Organization	Event Type	Event Date(s) & Approx. Time	Attendance	Street Closures?	Notes
Brookfield Properties	Crane Steel Pic-Hoist	February 11, 7AM-5PM (weather dependent)	N/A	North End Avenue southern extension and adjacent sidewalks.	10th floor for structural work for Brookfield tenant @ 250 Vesey Street
Gateway Plaza	Sidewalk shed installation for Local Law 11 Inspection	Week of February 20, 7AM-5PM (weather dependent)	N/A	N/A	Kowsky Plaza to South End Avenue & Liberty Street; and from LPQ to inside complex

BPCA – Allied Universal Quality of Life Statistics
January 2022 vs. January 2023

TOPIC	2022	2023
Graffiti	7	7
Homeless	17	2
Lost / Found Property	1	1
Park Rules	3	1
Vendor / Solicitor	0	0
Dogs	5	4

