



Battery Park City Authority

Report to Manhattan Community Board 1 – Battery Park City Committee

April 11, 2023

Presented by Nick Sbordone, BPCA

(646) 531-2276 | nicholas.sbordone@bpca.ny.gov



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 On February 10, 2023, NYSDOH [updated recommendations](#) for the use of masks and face coverings that all healthcare settings in New York should follow during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
 - o Read more: [Governor Hochul Updates New Yorkers on State's Progress Combating COVID-19](#) (April 7, 2023)

II. Celebrate Earth Week North @ Battery Park City

CELEBRATE EARTH WEEK @ BPC
Battery Park City Authority's weeklong celebration of Earth Week 2023.

MONDAY, APR 17
NYS BIRDING TRAIL
9:30AM, RECTOR PARK EAST
Join BPCA naturalists to learn about the New York State Birding Trail, which highlights world-class birding opportunities across the state. Together, we will explore the parks of BPC and see what makes this spot a hang-out for urban birds and marvelous migrants! Binoculars and field guides provided, or bring your own. To register, please email: registration@bpcnyc.gov.

MONDAY, APR 17
MEET THE BEEKEEPER
1:30-2:30PM, CHAMBERS STREET PLANTERS, ROCKEFELLER PARK
Join us for a demonstration and talk led by **Alveole: The Urban Beekeeping Company** at the Battery Park City hive in Rockefeller Park. Learn about the importance of urban beekeeping and its benefit to sustainability efforts in BPC and throughout the city.

TUESDAY, APR 18
TUESDAY TALK: LOCAL HONEY
6:30PM, 6 RIVER TERRACE
Join us for a cooking demonstration and a talk about locally sourced honey. A chef-instructor from the **Institute of Culinary Education** will offer a small taste and share tips on how to incorporate this natural sweetener.

WEDNESDAY, APR 19
EARTH WEEK BLOOD DRIVE
12-6PM, 6 RIVER TERRACE
Help replenish dwindling supplies in the tri-state area. The whole process takes less than an hour and one donation can save multiple lives! Sign up today at: nybloodcenter.org.

FRIDAY, APR 21
EARTH WEEK FAMILY BIRDING
10:30AM, RECTOR PARK EAST
What birds live in your backyard? Learn the basics of bird watching in this fun outing for beginners, hobbyists, and lifelong birders alike. Explore the parks of BPC, and see what makes this spot a hang out for resident urban birds and marvelous migrants! Binoculars and field guides provided, or bring your own. To register, please email: registration@bpcnyc.gov.

SATURDAY, APR 22
EARTH DAY: STEAM DREAM
11AM-12:30PM, ROCKEFELLER BASKETBALL COURT
Kids are invited to pick up S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) at a special Earth Day-themed open-air fair featuring engaging activities and a live performance from **Mad Science**.

For more information scan QR code or go to: www.bpcnyc.gov

www.bpcnyc.gov
[facebook.com/batteryparkcityparks](https://www.facebook.com/batteryparkcityparks)
twitter.com/bpcnyc
[instagram.com/bpcnyc](https://www.instagram.com/bpcnyc)

NEW YORK STATE OF OPPORTUNITY
Battery Park City Authority

- In celebration of Earth Week BPCA is hosting free events across the neighborhood's parks and public spaces from April 17-22.

III. Mobile Mammogram Program in BPC

- In partnership with Mt. Sinai, BPCA will be hosting a [Mobile Mammography Program](#) on **Tuesday, April 25, 9AM-3PM** at 200 Rector Place (West Thames Street between South End Avenue & West Street).
- Early detection saves lives. To preregister, call (844) EZMAMMO (844-396-2666)

Mobile Mammography Program

Come get your annual mammogram



When: Tuesday, April 25th, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Where: Battery Park City Authority

200 Rector Place – West Thames Street between
South End Avenue and West Street

Patients are eligible for a screening mammogram if they:

- Are age 40 and over
- Have not had a mammogram in the past year
- Have no signs or symptoms of breast disease

To preregister, please call **(844) EZMAMMO (844-396-2666)**

On the day of your appointment, bring:

- Identification
- Health insurance card
- CD with prior mammogram(s) if possible



mobilemammo@mountsinai.org
mountsinai.org/mobilemammography

IV. Summer 2023 Program & Event Guide



- [BPCA's Summer 2023 Program & Event Guide](#) details a broad range of free programming – including outdoor concerts, music, art, nature, walking tours, fitness, and more – across Battery Park City from May through August.
- 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 in BPC

- [Illumination Spring Showcase – Tuesday, May 2-Saturday, May 6, 7:30PM @ Belvedere Plaza](#). Immerse yourself in a one-of-a-kind outdoor light festival with [Illumination.nyc](#). For five nights see Battery Park City in a whole new light, interact with light-based creations, dance to DJs under the stars, and catch a surprise performance or two. The show closes on May 6 with a silent disco with QuietEvents.



- [Go Fish! Battery Park City's Celebration of Life in the Hudson Estuary – Saturday, May 20, 10AM-1PM @ Belvedere Plaza](#). 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. The day also includes an art project and a nature walk.



Plus – don't miss a live performance from carnival troupe [Bloco from the Block](#).

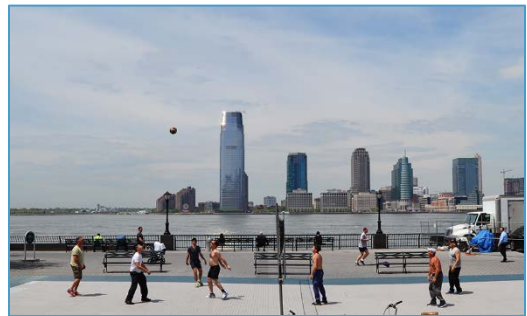
- ✓ 10AM-1PM: Catch-and-release fishing
- ✓ 10:30AM: Art project
- ✓ 11AM: Family show
- ✓ 12:15PM: Nature walk

VI. BPC Parks Happenings!

- BPCA'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 April –



- ✓ **Paving the way:** After completion of work on South End Avenue's cul-de-sac, our second installation of pavers is nearing completion along BPC's South Esplanade near The Upper Room. Later this month we'll move to the north to Rockefeller Park, along the pathway that runs on the west side of the north lawn near *Ulysses*.
- ✓ **Spring has sprung:** Our team will be working on energizing parks irrigation and water utilities. And beginning April 17, we'll be receiving the season's first perennial and shrub deliveries for our team of dedicated horticulturists to add throughout our parks.
- ✓ **Serve it up:** In mid-April, our Parks Operations team will lay down the volleyball matting, put up the net, and re-install the benches around the court.
- ✓ **Memorial Fountain:** Also in mid-April, the NYC Police Memorial fountain will be activated for the season in advance of the annual ceremony commemorating the additional names of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.
- ✓ **Maintaining our parks:** Carpenters will begin cleaning and water sealing the wood posts at Rockefeller Park Playground, and continue sealing Belvedere Plaza's benches with mineral oil. All benches at Albany Street and Rector Place will be returned as well.
- ✓ **All abuzz:** On Monday, April 17, BPCA is hosting another of its popular Meet the Beekeeper events at the Rockefeller Park beehive.



- ✓ **Dog Waste Compost:** BPCAs dog waste composting program continues – and [is expanding](#). This spring we'll be receiving a new, dedicated dog waste composter capable of handling up to 100 lbs. of waste per day, allowing us to streamline our composting process and produce a quality product quicker.
- ✓ **Tree Health:** Pruning of street trees along North End Avenue is ongoing, with chipping of garden debris every Wednesday this month at Pier A Plaza (weather permitting).
- ✓ **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: Spring & Summer Hours

- BPC Ball Field hours are 8AM-9PM daily
- BPC Ball Fields: Open Play Hours for [April](#) & [May](#)

X. [BPC Resiliency Project Updates](#)



- North/West Battery Park City Resiliency Project—
 - ✓ Reach-specific public workshops – on February 8 and 15, and March 6 and 15 at Stuyvesant High School – on each portion of the NWBPCR Project drew 150 attendees across four meetings. Thank you to all who attended!
 - ✓ Next public meeting this spring – date TBD with CB1.
 - ✓ 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 mobilization underway.
 - ✓ 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. Robert Simko's Lower Manhattan: 50 Years of Photographs



IF YOU SEEK HIS MONUMENT, LOOK AROUND : Friends and family of Robert Simko, longtime Battery Park City resident, neighbor, and friend, attend the opening of *Robert Simko's Lower Manhattan: 50 Years of Photographs* on Sunday, March 26 at 6 River Terrace.

- The showing celebrated Robert’s life and legacy through some of his best work. After opening day, the exhibition was free to attend and open to the public from Monday, March 27 to Friday, March 31, 5 PM to 8PM, and on Saturday and Sunday, April 1 and 2, from 2PM to 6PM.

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 (unless otherwise noted) at 200 Liberty Street, 24th Floor on the following dates, and livestreamed here: bpca.divacommunications.com/bpca-live

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 @ 1:00PM	
May 24	June 28
August 16	September 27
October 25	December 13

- Watch BPCA Board meeting webcasts [here](#)
- 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

P.O. Maxwell Outsen

(212) 334-6462: O

(929) 291-8732: M

Maxwell.Outsen@nypd.org

P.O. Serge Jean

(212) 334-6462: O

(929) 522-8409: M

Serge.Jean@nypd.org

“Sector C” – BPC above West Thames Street

P.O. Thomas Nethaway

(212) 334-6462: O

Thomas.Nethaway@nypd.org

P.O. Eugene Uske

(212) 334-6462: O

(917) 238-2330: M

Eugene.Uske@nypd.org



III. NYPD First Precinct Community Council

- Next Meeting: Thursday, April 27, 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
'T Klokhuis School	Dutch King's Day	Saturday, April 29, 7AM-5PM	400-500	N/A	Esplanade Plaza; cleanup to follow at event conclusion
9/11 Memorial & Museum	Annual 5k Run/Walk	Sunday, April 30, 9AM-3PM	5,000	Battery Place between 1 st Place & Little West Street	Upper & Lower Plaza, BPC Esplanade North & South to Hudson River Park and back to Greenwich Street.

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

TOPIC	2022	2023
Graffiti	4	2
Homeless	3	5
Lost / Found Property	3	2
Park Rules	12	3
Vendor / Solicitor	0	0
Dogs	2	1

March 2022 vs. March 2023

TOPIC	2022	2023
Graffiti	93	6
Homeless	2	3
Lost / Found Property	30	3
Park Rules	32	6
Vendor / Solicitor	2	0
Dogs	3	4

