



Battery Park City Authority

Report to Manhattan Community Board 1 – Battery Park City Committee

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PUBLIC ART HAVEN: A visitor perches atop *Ape & Cat (At the Dance)* in Rector Park East. Battery Park City is dotted with an array of permanent and temporary public art works. Tune Into *Public Art on Video: Season 2* for more about the collection by the artists who created it.

NEIGHBORHOOD & PROJECT UPDATES:

- I. **KEEP THE FEEDBACK COMING: Virtual Input on North/West Battery Park City Resiliency Project Accepted thru the end of September ([click here](#))**
 - More than 230 attendees took part in June's North/West Battery Park City Community Meeting, providing valuable insights into the project's 30% Design milestone.
 - [Using our online tool](#), you can review the meeting materials and share your feedback on the project's 30% design through **the end of September**. Your involvement is crucial as we work toward creating a resilient future for our community and we greatly value your support and look forward to your continued participation.



- Questions & feedback about NWBPCR can be sent to nwbpcrinfo@bpca.ny.gov or:

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 200 Liberty Street, 24th Floor
 New York, NY 10281
 att: North/West BPC Resiliency Project Team

- [BPCA Has Designs on the Waterfront](#) (*The Broadsheet*)
- [Battery Park City Flood Protection: Here's What the Latest Plans Look Like](#) (*Tribeca Trib*)
- [More about NWBPCR here](#)

II. South Battery Park City Resiliency Project

- Project construction underway; to be completed Spring 2025
- Read the latest project construction update here.
- Questions & feedback about SBPCR can be sent to:

Rick Fogarty, Community Construction Liaison
sbpcrinfo@bpca.ny.gov / (917) 624-5409; or by mail

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- [More about SBPCR here](#)

Stay in the Loop

On planning and design for the North/West Battery Park City Resiliency Project (NWBPCR)

NWBPCR will stretch from South Cove along the Battery Park Esplanade and into western Tribeca. Sign up for project updates at nwbpcrinfo@bpca.ny.gov or scan the code for more information.

Part of the City of New York's Lower Manhattan Coastal Resiliency Project, NWBPCR is a coastal resiliency initiative to protect Battery Park City from future storm surges and sea level rise. The Battery Park City Authority is conducting a series of public engagements over the course of the design process now underway. Get involved today!

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III. BPC Ball Fields Resiliency Project

- Battery Park City Ball Fields & Community Center Resiliency Project honored with the American Society of Civil Engineers *Sustainability Project of the Year* Award.

IV. Calling All Artists! Deadline September 17.

- [ArtBridge](#), which is implementing the [City Canvas pilot program](#), is collaborating with BPCA to turn 900 linear feet of SBPCR construction shed into a two-dimensional public artwork to be placed along Battery Place in front of Wagner Park and Battery Park.
- The submitted artwork will consist of a digital file, deriving from any artistic medium, which will be printed onto a vinyl material.
- For more information and complete application requirements please visit bit.ly/BPCA.
- Questions? Email: info@art-bridge.org with the subject heading BPCA RFP. Or call: (646) 450-1463.

V. Fall Program & Events Guide

- BPCA's [Fall 2023 Program & Event Guide](#) details a broad range of free programming – including music, movies, art talks, nature tours, Climate Week activities, and more – across Battery Park City through December.

- Guide features illustrated program offerings organized by monthly event highlights and by those of interest to all age groups, as well as information about community spaces at 6 River Terrace, 200 Rector Place, the BPC Ball Fields, and discounted membership rates at BPC's Community Center at Stuyvesant High School.



VI. Coming up in BPC

- [Migration Celebration – Saturday, September 9, 10:30AM @ South Cove](#). Enjoy the fourth installation of this community favorite that celebrates the creatures that migrate through and pass by Battery Park City. The morning will feature a host of activities presented by several guest environmental organizations working to make our city more sustainable to migrators: [Duro UAS](#), [Island Bee Project](#), [American Littoral Society](#), [SCAPE Landscape Architects](#) & [BPCA Zero Waste](#). Plus: A discovery zone, art making, birdwatching, nature walk, and so much more!
 - ✓ 10:30AM: Art Making & Activities
 - ✓ 11:45AM: Birdwatching / Nature Walk

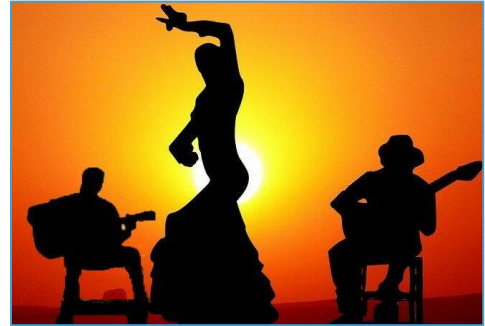


- [Interludes: Los Cintron – Thursday, September 14, 5:30PM @ Belvedere Plaza](#). Known for playing a mix of World, Latin & Flamenco music [Los Cintron's](#) guitars, vocals, and melodies evoke the traditional sounds of Andalusia, and of their beloved Spain. Singing with the souls of gypsies and enchanting rhythms, this intimate experience will transport the audiences through a journey that moves them to dance, sing, and delight.

- **Battery Park City Celebrates Climate Week NYC – September 18-September 23**. In keeping with Battery Park City's legacy of environmental leadership, BPCA will be celebrating Climate Week NYC with a diverse set of programs open to the public:
 - ✓ [Meet the Beekeeper – Monday, September 18, 1:30PM @ Rockefeller Park](#). Join a presentation led by [Alvéole](#) beekeepers at the Battery Park City hive, located at the Chambers Street entrance to Rockefeller Park. Learn about the importance of urban beekeeping and its benefit to sustainability efforts in BPC and throughout the city.

 - ✓ [Tuesday Talk: Tree Canopy & Biodiversity in BPC – Tuesday, September 19, 1PM @ 6 River Terrace](#). Learn about BPCA's efforts to undertake a [full tree and biodiversity inventory](#). This work entails measuring and assessing the tree canopy – including both street trees and those in our parks/open spaces – as well as inventorying plants in the planting beds throughout the neighborhood.

 - ✓ [Climate Week Nature Walk – Wednesday, September 20, 2PM @ Rockefeller Park](#). Join us at the Park House to explore Rockefeller Park through a naturalist's lens. Learn about the animals and plants that call the park home, and how climate change impacts all of us, and how we can build a sustainable future together!



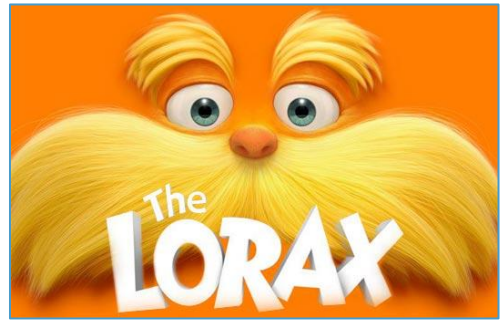
✓ [**Interludes: Cumbia River Band – Thursday, September 21, 5:30PM @ Belvedere Plaza.**](#)

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month and Climate Week, [Cumbia River Band](#) draws from a festive repertoire of Colombian Cumbia and Riverside melodies. Their sound features instruments such as the tuba, accordion, clarinet, percussion, and vocals, resembling the golden era of Cumbia with an American twist. Led by multi-instrumentalist, producer, and educator Martin Vejarano, the band's original compositions and cleverly arranged classics will transport you to the captivating musical world of Cumbia River.



✓ [**Movie Night: The Lorax – Friday, September 22, 6PM @ 6 River Terrace.**](#)

Families are invited to a screening of the animated film based on a children's book written by Dr. Seuss. Twelve-year-old Ted lives in a place virtually devoid of nature; no flowers or trees grow in the town of Thneedville. Ted delves into the story of the Lorax, once the gruff guardian of the forest, and the Once-ler, who let greed overtake his respect for nature.



✓ [**Saturday Family Workshop: Esther Crow – Saturday, September 23, 10:30AM @**](#)

[Rockefeller Park House.](#) In celebration of Climate Week, join us for a fun zero waste activity, nature walk, and live performance by the [Esther Crow Family Band.](#)



- [**For All People from All Roads – Art as Communal Space Saturday, September 23, 3PM @ Esplanade Plaza.**](#) Join Jordan Isaac for a look at the power of public art. Explore works by Siah Armajani, Scott Burton, and James Yaya Hough. Commissioned to create site-specific public art in Battery Park City's plazas and pedestrian crossroads, their art welcomes people to pause, gather, reflect, and converse.



VII. Public Art on Video: Season 2

- Public art is back! After a stellar [first season detailing the stories and personalities](#) behind eight pieces in Battery Park City's permanent collection, *Public Art on Video: Season 2* presents a new look at the following works:

- ✓ [*Justice Reflected*, by James Yaya Hough](#)
- ✓ [*Teardrop Park*, by Ann Hamilton and Michael Mercil](#)
- ✓ [*Sunrise, Sunset \(Revolution\)*, by Autumn Ewalt and Dharmesh Patel](#)



- Inspired by informal conversations with the artists, and by the visitors who regularly engage with this world-famous art in our parks, the “Public Art on Video” series explores public art in Battery Park City’s urban landscape and the impact of experiencing art without walls.

VIII. CCSHS Fall Schedule

- Summer hours began September 1 with a new series of programs for all ages.
[Get your Fall 2023 class listing here.](#)
- The Community Center at Stuyvesant High School, located at 345 Chambers Street, is a community resource operated by BPCA daily when classes are not in session, with deeply-discounted annual membership rates for BPC residents. Day passes are also available to all New Yorkers.

IX. COMMUNITY REMINDER: Financial Assistance for Medicare Beneficiaries

- The New York State Office for the Aging [is urging income-eligible Medicare beneficiaries in New York to apply](#) for up to \$7,300 annually in financial assistance through an expansion in the Medicare Savings Program (MSP).
- The 2023 income eligibility limits are **\$2,280 for an individual** and **\$3,077 for a couple**.
 - ✓ An application is [available on the New York State Department of Health website here](#).
 - ✓ Visit <https://aging.ny.gov/medicare-savings-program> for more information, or call (800) 701-0501 for application assistance.
- BPCA’s dedicated “BPC Seniors” webpage: <https://bpca.ny.gov/bpcseniors/>



X. COMMUNITY REMINDER: Pet-Free Parks Lawns

- 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](#)



XI. BPC Ball Fields REMINDER: Spring & Summer Hours

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

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & STATUS UPDATES**I. River & Blues – July 20 & 27**

- BPCA closed out its spectacular outdoor concert series in its new Rockefeller Park home with *Tamikrest* (July 20) and *Allison Russell* on July 27 (pictured from top on right).

II. Farewell and Good Luck, B.J. Jones!

- July 27 also marked the end of an incredibly successful era at BPCA, as President & CEO B.J. Jones bade farewell to residents, partners, and friends in Rockefeller Park. Since taking the helm in 2018, B.J. led BPC through some of the most consequential periods in its history, establishing new and model standards for community engagement, parks programming, public art, coastal resiliency, environmental sustainability, housing affordability – and much more. We wish him luck in his new role implementing an ambitious roadmap for New York City’s future!

IV. Community Dance: Dance Pary NYC – August 5

- At partner sites across all five boroughs, New Yorkers danced in a moment of mass joy and celebration. Here at BPC’s ultimate outdoor dance party, participants rocked out at Esplanade Plaza (bottom right).

V. Interludes: Brass Queens – August 17

- Rain couldn’t stop this all-female tour de force from bringing their New Orleans-inspired sounds to a crowd at Belvedere Plaza (below).
- SEE IT: [Brass Queens on “Mornings on 1”](#)



VI. Battery Dance Festival – August 12-18

- What a treat! The Battery Dance Festival, New York City's longest-running free public dance festival, provided a week-long program of stunning performances in Rockefeller Park for its 42nd Annual event.
- READ MORE: [New York's Finest](#) (Fjord Review)

**X. 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

<i>Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 27</i>
October 25
December 13

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

II. NYPD First Precinct Community Council

- Next Meeting: Thursday, September 28, 6PM @ NYPD 1st Precinct (16 Ericsson Place)
- 1st Precinct Updates: twitter.com/NYPD1Pct
- More info: www.1stprecinctcc.org

III. 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
ZERO Prostate Cancer 5K	Walkathon	Sat., Sept. 9, 7AM-2PM	350	N/A	Esplanade Plaza
NYPD Pipes & Drums	Ceremony	Sat., September 9 1-1:30PM	45	N/A	First gathering since COVID
Alzheimer's Foundation of America	Walkathon	Sun., Sept. 10, 7AM-2PM	200	N/A	Esplanade Plaza
Chabad of BPC	Rosh Hashana Services	Thurs., Sept. 14-Sun. Sept. 18 8AM-8PM	100	N/A	Tent setup; services & food following
Sarcoma Foundation of America	Walkathon/Festivities	Sat., Sept. 23 7AM-@PM	100	N/A	Setup @ portion of Rockefeller Park North Lawn; walk via North Esplanade to HRP and back
Chabad of BPC	High Holiday Services	Sun., Sept. 24-Tues. Sept. 26 8AM-8PM	80	N/A	Tent setup; services followed by breakfast
Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers	Walkathon/Festivities	Sat., Sept. 23-Sun. Sept. 24	20,000	Yes	Closures to West, Liberty, Vesey Sts. & others in North BPC

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

TOPIC	2022	2023
Graffiti	9	0
Homeless	8	19
Lost / Found Property	7	10
Park Rules	54	12
Vendor / Solicitor	2	0
Dogs	8	14

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

TOPIC	2022	2023
Graffiti	20	5
Homeless	7	16
Lost / Found Property	12	2
Park Rules	54	25
Vendor / Solicitor	3	0
Dogs	9	9

