



# Battery Park City Authority

## Report to Manhattan Community Board 1 – Battery Park City Committee

**October 4, 2023**

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**NEVER FORGET:** The 9/11 Memorial & Museum's annual *Tribute in Light* as seen from Battery Park City's South Cove on the evening of September 11, 2023.

### NEIGHBORHOOD & PROJECT UPDATES:

#### **I. North/West Battery Park City Resiliency Project Sitewalks**

- Join the NWBPCR project team for a [series of sitewalks](#) to learn more about this vital coastal resiliency initiative. At these outdoor sessions, hosted along the project alignment, participants will hear about the current conditions, updates, and proposed elements at the 30% Design phase of the project.
  - ✓ *Sitewalk 1:* Reaches 1-4, **Thursday, October 19, 3:30-6:00PM**. This session will cover: West St. Crossing/Tribeca, North Esplanade, Rockefeller Park, and Belvedere Plaza.
  - ✓ *Sitewalk 2:* Reaches 1-4, **Saturday, October 21, 10:00AM-12:00PM** (rain date: October 22). This session will cover: West St. Crossing/Tribeca, North Esplanade, Rockefeller Park, and Belvedere Plaza.

- ✓ **Sitewalk 3:** Reaches 5-7, **Saturday, October 21, 1:00-3:00PM** (rain date: October 22). This session will cover: North Cove, South Esplanade, and South Cove.
- ✓ **Sitewalk 4:** Reaches 5-7, **Thursday, October 26, 3:30-6:00PM**. This session will cover: North Cove, South Esplanade, and South Cove.



- ✓ [Read more about these NWBPCR project sitewalks and register here](#)
- ✓ [Read more about NWBPCR here](#)

## II. KEEP THE FEEDBACK COMING: Virtual Input on North/West Battery Park City Resiliency Project Extended ([click here](#))

- [Using our online tool](#), you can review the meeting materials and share your feedback on the project's 30% design **through October**. 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](mailto:nwbpcrinfo@bpca.ny.gov) or:

Battery Park City Authority  
 200 Liberty Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 New York, NY 10281  
*att: North/West BPC Resiliency Project Team*

## III. South Battery Park City Resiliency Project

- Project construction underway; to be completed mid-2025
- COMING UP: In mid-October, installation of construction fencing will commence for SBPCR work taking place in the Battery and Pier A Plaza. The following amenities will remain open to the public throughout construction:
 

✓ Statue of Liberty Ferries	✓ Bosque Fountain
✓ Castle Clinton	✓ The View Restaurant
✓ The Battery Playscape	✓ Public Restrooms
✓ SeaGlass Carousel	✓ Emergency Access to Pier A
✓ Sidewalk and bike lanes along Battery Place will remain open but reduced in width	
✓ Subway station (4/5 lines) at Bowling Green (SW corner of Battery Pl. and State St.)	





- [Read the latest project construction update here](#) (September 29-October 13, 2023)
- Questions & 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:

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 att: SBPCR Project Team

- [More about SBPCR here](#)

#### IV. BPC Ball Fields & Community Center Resiliency Project

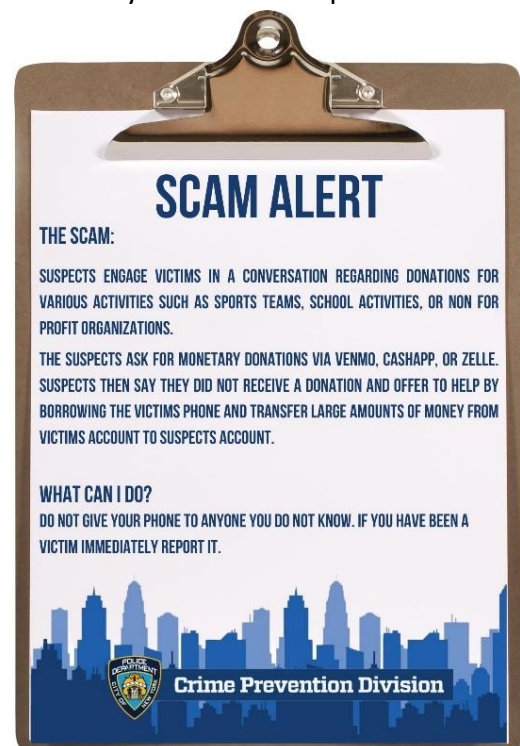
- Battery Park City Ball Fields & Community Center Resiliency Project honored with the American Society of Civil Engineers [Sustainability Project of the Year](#) Award, in recognition of work exhibiting innovative environmentally sustainable aspects that benefit its users and the public.

#### V. COMMUNITY NOTICE: Scam Alert

- If someone you do not know asks you to donate for various activities such as sports teams, school activities, or not for profit organizations, don't give them your phone.
- If you have been a victim of this or any other crime, immediately report it to 911 or to your local precinct. NYPD's First Precinct can be contacted as follows:

16 Ericsson Place  
 New York, NY, 10013  
 Precinct: (212) 334-0611  
 Crime Prevention: (212) 334-0642  
 PO Miles Holman: [Miles.Holman@nypd.org](mailto:Miles.Holman@nypd.org)

- Be safe and stay alert, Battery Park City!



## VI. COMMUNITY NOTICE: Rockefeller Park Swingset Repairs

- Beginning, Wednesday, October 4, the Rockefeller Park swingset is closed for repairs.
- Remainder of playground areas unaffected by this work and open for use.
- Repairs scheduled for completion by this weekend (October 7-8).



## VII. 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.



## VIII. Coming up in BPC

- [Strings-on-Hudson: The Lovestruck Balladeers – Thursday, October 5, 5:30PM @ Belvedere Plaza](#). The [Lovestruck Balladeers](#) enchant audiences with their masterful performances and inspired repertoire of ragtime, jazz, and beautiful songs from around the world. The versatile quintet features twin fiddles, clarinet, guitars, a mandolin trio, upright bass, banjo, piano and vocal harmonies.
- [Here I Am – Wednesday, October 11 & Thursday, October 12, 7:30PM @ 6 River Terrace](#). In celebration of National Coming Out Day, *Here I Am* is a new musical set in a cabaret bar in Manhattan's West Village. In the throes of a final dress rehearsal for a fundraiser, this group of characters is faced with unwanted visits from the past, unrequited love, and their own inner demons. *Some content may not be appropriate for young children. Recommended for teens and adults.* Click [here](#) to RSVP.



### BPCA Events

**HERE I AM**  
*a new musical*

**WEDNESDAY, OCT11  
& THURSDAY, OCT12  
7:30PM, 6 RIVER TERRACE**

In celebration of National Coming Out Day, HERE I AM is a new musical review set in the West Village of Manhattan. With music and lyrics by Suzanne McCoy, book and direction by Michael Joseph Ormond, this story told through humor and love is sure to touch your heart.

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**GO FISH!**  
Battery Park City's Celebration of Life  
In the Hudson Estuary  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14  
10:30AM-1PM, BELVEDERE PLAZA**

Join experienced anglers for catch-and-release fishing and learn about life in the Hudson River. Make an art project and join in a nature walk. Don't miss a live performance from Grammy nominated *Divinity Roxx*.

**10:30AM-1PM: CATCH-AND-RELEASE FISHING  
10:45AM: ART PROJECT  
11AM: FAMILY SHOW  
12:15PM: NATURE WALK**



- [Go Fish! Battery Park City's Celebration of Life in the Hudson Estuary – Saturday, October 14, 10:30AM @ Belvedere Plaza](#). One of BPCA's most popular annual events, Go Fish! Highlights the importance of stewardship and conservation of our local waters. The day features catch-and-release fishing, an art project, and a nature walk. Plus a live performance by Grammy nominated [Divinity Roxx](#).
  - ✓ 10:30AM-1PM: Catch-and-release fishing
  - ✓ 10:30AM: Art project
  - ✓ 11AM: Family performance
  - ✓ 12:15PM: Nature walk
  
- [Meet the Beekeeper – Monday, October 16 @ Chambers Street Planters in Rockefeller Park \\*RESCHEDULED\\*](#).  
Postponed due to inclement weather during Climate Week NYC, join us now for a presentation and talk led by Alveole beekeepers at the Battery Park City beehive. Learn more about the importance of urban beekeeping and its benefits to sustainability efforts in BPC and throughout the city.
  
- [BPC Fall Blood Drive – Wednesday, October 18, 12PM @ 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 to donate today](#). Since June 2020 BPC's Blood Drives have resulted more than 1,500 donations. Thank you, Battery Park City!
  
- [Campfire Stories & Songs – Saturday, October 28, 2PM @ Teardrop Park](#). A pre-Halloween Battery Park City tradition! Cozy up to a campfire for stories and singalongs with family and friends featuring award winning children's performer Suzi Shelton. Munch on a yummy snack and take part in a fun art project!



**IX. 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](#)

**X. COMMUNITY REMINDER: Compost It!**

- ...at any (or all) of BPCA’s five community compost bins, including our newest locations at 200 Rector, across from the children’s playground; and in front of our North End Ave dog run.
- Our team picks up fruits, vegetables, tea bags/leaves, coffee grounds/filters, and spent flowers left by the community Monday-Saturday at all five BPC community compost locations:
  - ✓ Gateway Plaza
  - ✓ 75 Battery Place
  - ✓ 200 Rector Place
  - ✓ Lower level of North Esplanade (at Chambers Street & River Terrace)
  - ✓ North End Avenue dog run (across from BPC Ball Fields Terrace)

**XI. 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).
- Call New York State’s Health Insurance Information Counseling & Assistance Program hotline for more information: (800) 701-0501.

**XII. 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](#)

**XIII. BPC Ball Fields REMINDER: Fall Hours**

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



#### XIV. 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 October —
  - ✓ **Ebbs & Flows:** Children's play area and dog run water features throughout Battery Park City will begin shutting down for the season starting this week.
  - ✓ **Bursting with Bulbs:** BPCA will be receiving and planting approximately 50,000 daffodils, tulips, and other spring flowering plants, like native spring ephemerals, to increase the beauty and biodiversity of our parks. These plants also help provide an early season food source for the native bees and pollinators that call BPC home.
  - ✓ **Smart Planning:** Our Parks Operations team will be preparing the Authority's snow equipment for the upcoming winter season. [Read more re: Snow operations](#)
  - ✓ **Plastic Pittance:** BPCA receives thousands of plastic pots housing the plants that end up in Battery Park City's gardens. While traditionally difficult to recycle, this month, we'll be returning nearly 5,000 pots to a vendor for recycling or reuse – resulting in approximately 1,300 pounds of plastic diverted from landfill.
  - ✓ **Seeping Through:** BPC's [permeable pavers](#) have proven to be able to handle the rain, even in the heaviest of downpours. Look for signage coming soon that explains the two different color pavers installed this summer in Rockefeller Park!
  - ✓ **Rodent Reduction:** Dry Ice applications will be applied this month at rat burrows throughout BPC. Dry ice is a more environmentally-friendly form of rat control that does not impact non-target organisms like birds or squirrels.
  - ✓ **Throwing Shade:** Our Horticultural team will be planting four new native elm trees in tree pits along South End Avenue this month.
  - ✓ **Calling All Volunteers!** BPCA's Horticulture team is looking for volunteers who would like to join us in completing gardening tasks like weeding, watering, and deadheading of plants. Please reach out to [info@bpca.ny.gov](mailto:info@bpca.ny.gov) for a volunteer application and more info.
  - ✓ **Our Path to Zero!** 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, please rethink what you throw away in the parks, and please recycle or compost items.
    - Remember to save your pumpkins post-Halloween for composting in our annual pumpkin drop program! Stay tuned for more information coming soon about pumpkin composting locations.



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & STATUS UPDATES

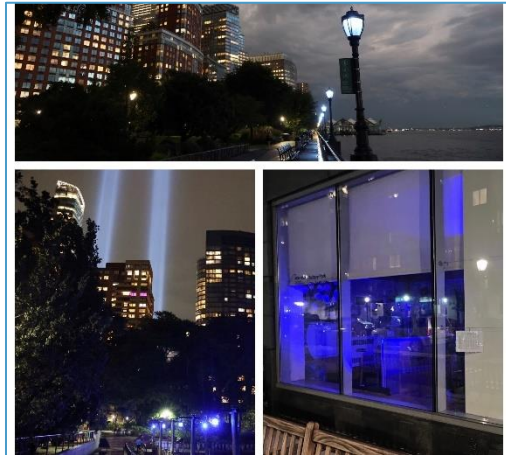
### **I. Migration Celebration – September 9**

- Our annual Migration Celebration event, the fourth installment of a community favorite celebrating the creatures that migrate through and pass by Battery Park City, was filled with activities by environmental organizations working to make our city more sustainable for migrators.



### **II. #RemembertheSky – September 11**

- BPCA participated in the 9/11 Memorial & Museum’s annual “[Tribute in Light](#)” initiative by installing blue lights throughout BPC for the evening of September 11. Lights were located along BPC’s North Esplanade and in the foyer space of 75 Battery Place.
- “Tribute in Light” is a unique but simple gesture of collective remembrance that illuminates the city each year on the evening of September 11 from dusk until dawn. [#RemembertheSky](#)



### **III. Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board – September 13**

- The Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board (MSWAB) met at 6 River Terrace where Vice President of Parks Operations Ryan Torres presented an overview of BPCA’s pioneering Zero Waste accomplishments and goals.
- MSWAB is comprised of approximately 40 representatives selected by the Manhattan Borough President’s Office to collaborate on the advancement of ideas and initiatives in furtherance of NYC’s Zero Waste goals.



### **IV. Interludes: Los Cintron – September 14**

- Los Cintron held Belvedere Plaza’s attendees rapt with a mesmerizing performance of guitars, vocals, and melodies that evoked the traditional sounds of Andalusia and their beloved Spain.





**V. Battery Park City Celebrates Climate Week NYC – September 18-23**

- In keeping with Battery Park City’s legacy of environmental leadership, BPCA marked Climate Week NYC with a diverse set of free public programming including music, film, nature and sustainability tours.



**VI. For All People from All Roads: Art as Communal Space – September 30**

- Attendees joined Join Jordan Isaac for a look at the power of public art, exploring works by Explore works by Siah Armajani, Scott Burton, and James Yaya Hough.



**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 (unless otherwise noted) 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)

<b><i>Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 25</i></b>
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, October 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](http://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
NYPD Police Memorial Ceremony	Memorial	Fri., Oct. 20, 11AM	300-500	TBD	NYC Police Memorial & Esplanade Plaza
Liamuiga Oualie Arts Foundation	Walkathon	Sat., Oct. 21, 7AM-12PM	150	N/A	Esplanade Plaza
BPC Dog Association	Annual Halloween Dog Parade	Sat., Oct. 28, 12-3PM	60	N/A	Esplanade Paw-laza
P.S. 89	Halloween Party	Sun., Oct. 29, 4:30-8:30PM	250	N/A	Rockefeller Park

## BPCC – Allied Universal Quality of Life Statistics

### September 2022 vs. September 2023

TOPIC	2022	2023
Graffiti	5	4
Homeless	10	22
Lost / Found Property	4	3
Park Rules	38	24
Vendor / Solicitor	0	1
Dogs	7	5

