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# Battery Park City Authority

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

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### NEIGHBORHOOD & PROJECT UPDATES:

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

- Upcoming public engagement sessions:
  - ✓ Monday, November 20: Project updates with Lower Manhattan Coastal Resiliency Project quarterly update to CB1 Environmental Protection Committee.
    - Tune in here: <https://live.mcb1.nyc/>
  - ✓ Thursday, November 30: NWBPCR Community Meeting – Post 30% Design Progress Update, 4:30-8PM at Stuyvesant High School and online.
    - [Read more and register here](#)





- Out of sight! Our series of NWBPCR Fall Sitewalks on October 19, 21, and 26 was one (free) hot ticket! More than 90 participants attended these outdoor sessions, hosted along the project alignment, where they heard about, and provided input on, current conditions, updates, and proposed elements at the 30% Design phase of the project.





- [More about NWBPCR here](#)
- 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*

## II. South Battery Park City Resiliency Project

- Project construction underway; to be completed mid-2025
- [Travel Advisory](#): Through Friday, November 10, utility work is ongoing along Battery Place, resulting in reduction of travel lanes to one lane in each direction along Battery Place and West Street, between Little West Street and West Street, 9PM-5:30AM.



- [Read the latest project construction update here](#) (October 27-November 10, 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:

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

- [More about SBPCR here](#)

### III. 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.

### IV. Operation Pumpk2n Drop

- Our second annual [Operation Pumpkin Drop](#) is underway!
- Simply leave your pumpkins in the gray bins at locations throughout BPC and they'll be sustainably-composted to create a quality soil fertilizer.
- After the composting process is complete, these nutrients will be returned to BPC's gardens to help improve our soil fertility.
- Collection runs through **Friday, November 4** at these locations:
  - ✓ Outside 75 Battery Place
  - ✓ Esplanade Plaza
  - ✓ Teardrop Park South
  - ✓ Rockefeller Park (lower level of Chambers Street & River Terrace by Tribeca Pointe)

### V. Free Asphalt Green Membership for Seniors

- Apply for a Free Asphalt Green Membership! If you're aged 65 and up and live in Battery Park City use this online form to apply today: <https://forms.asphaltgreen.org/free-membership-application>
- Fully completed applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis through December 31, 2023.

### VI. Fall Program & Events Guide

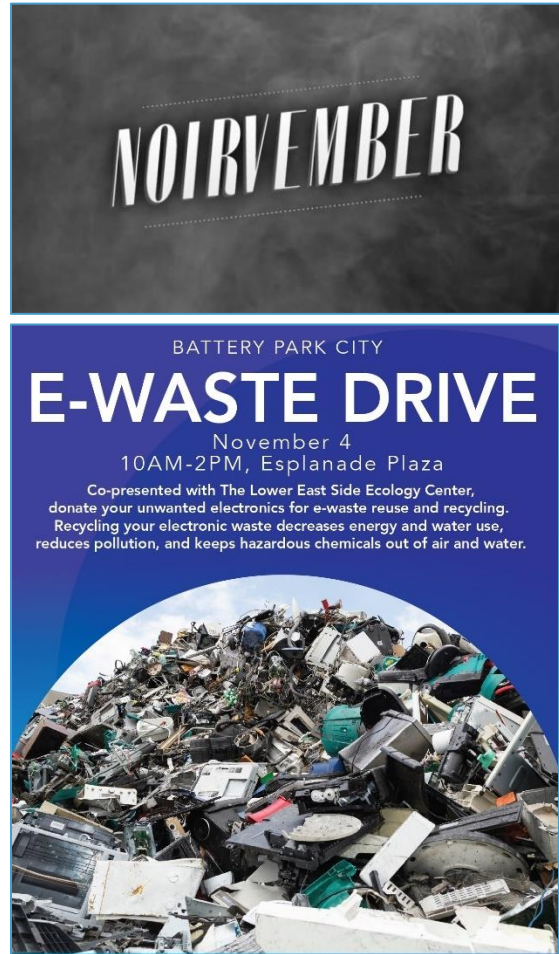
- BPCA's [Fall 2023 Program & Event Guide](#) details a broad range of free programming – including music, movies, art talks, nature tours, and more – across Battery Park City through December.





## VII. Coming up in BPC

- [Noirvember Movie Nights – Thursdays, 6:30PM @ 6 River Terrace.](#) Every November, movie fans go deep on film noir for “Noirvember.” Free popcorn will be served, and a discussion will follow the screenings—
  - ✓ November 2: *The Set-up* (1949, Robert Wise). Expecting the usual loss, a boxing manager takes bribes from a betting gangster without telling his aging fighter.
  - ✓ November 9: *The Prowler* (1951, Joseph Losey). An unhappy cop is assigned to investigate the case of a prowler who stalks the home of a married woman, and soon becomes obsessed with her.
  - ✓ November 16: *Murder by Contract* (1958, Irving Lerner). In search of a high-paying job, Claude decides to forgo his life as a law-abiding citizen to become a contract killer faced with unexpected challenges.
- [E-Waste Drive – Saturday, November 4, 10AM @ Esplanade Plaza.](#) Co-presented with [The Lower East Side Ecology Center](#), donate your unwanted electronics for e-waste reuse and recycling! Recycling electronic waste decreases energy and water use, reduces pollution, and keeps hazardous chemicals out of our air & water.
- [Election Day Art & Play – Tuesday, November 7, 3PM @ Rockefeller Park.](#) Children are invited to take part in an art project and activities themed around voting and responsible citizenship.
- [Chef Talk: Institute of Culinary Education – Tuesday, November 14, 6PM @ 6 River Terrace.](#) Learn how to make *pâte à choux*, a pastry dough used for eclairs and cream puffs, with Chef Kierin Baldwin, chef-instructor from the Institute of Culinary Education. Try a sample and get some tips and tricks on making your own at home.



- [Contemporary Visions of African American Culture in Public Art – Friday, December 1 \(Part 1\)](#), and [December 8 \(Part 2\), 12PM @ 200 Rector Place](#). Public art in New York reflects cultural growth and changing global dynamics, with advances in social awareness, human rights, travel, and education expanding views and inclusiveness in the art world. Join art historian and lecturer Sylvia Laudien-Meo for illustrated presentations and discussions via Zoom in a group setting.



- [Holiday Lights Celebration – Thursday, December 7 @ Rockefeller Park](#). The Battery Park City holiday tradition! Kick-off the season and celebrate the first night of Hanukkah at Rockefeller Park. Join us for lighting of the BPC menorah and help count down to illumination of the holiday tree. Featuring lively carols, beverages and treats, a special guest appearance by [Sam Primack](#) from Broadway's "Dear Evan Hansen," and a visit you-know-who!

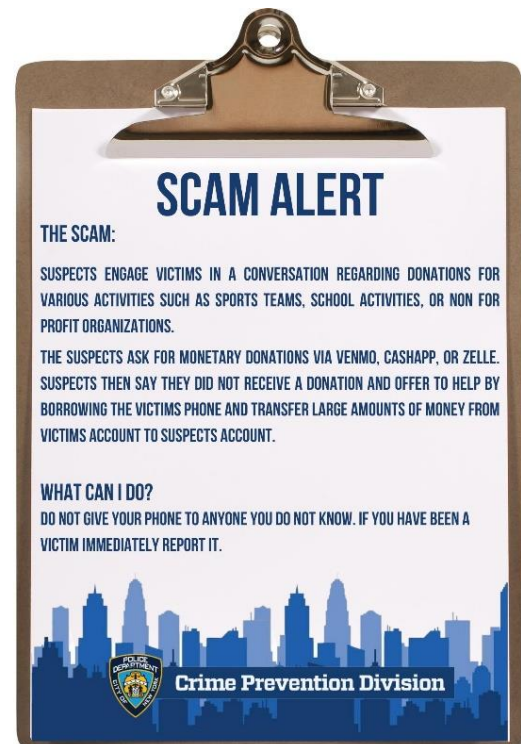


#### VIII. COMMUNITY NOTICE: Scam Alert

- 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!



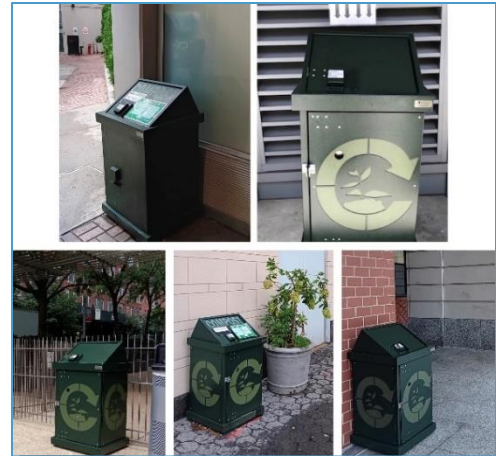


**IX. Public Art on Video: Season 2**

- Public art is back! After a [stellar first season](#), *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 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 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.
- Seasonal partial lawn closures (Rector East, Rockefeller South, Murray Street Triangle, West Thames Playground lawn, Teardrop lawns) starting week of November 20.
- 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 [November](#)

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & STATUS UPDATES

### I. Strings-on-Hudson: Lovestruck Balladeers – October 5

- The [Lovestruck Balladeers](#) enchanted a capacity audience at Belvedere Plaza with their masterful performance and inspired repertoire of ragtime, jazz, and beautiful songs from around the world.



### II. Here I Am – October 11 & 12

- As part of a two-night at 6 River Terrace in celebration of National Coming Out Day, *Here I Am* is a 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.



### III. Meet the Beekeeper – October 13

- Rescheduled from BPCA's lineup of Climate Week NYC events, our Meet the Beekeeper session at the [BPC Beehive](#) had attendees all abuzz as they learned about the importance of urban beekeeping and its benefits to sustainability efforts in BPC – and throughout the city!



### IV. BPC Fall Blood Drive – October 18

- The New York Blood Center collected 77 lifesaving donations at our BPCA's Fall Blood Drive, with the potential to help save 231 lives in our community. Since June 2020 BPC's Blood Drives have resulted in nearly 1,600 donations. Thank you, Battery Park City!







**STANDING UP, SPEAKING OUT:** Purple Thursday is held annually each October as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, with BPCA staff marking the occasion on October 19.

#### V. **Campfire Stories & Songs – October 28**

- A pre-Halloween Battery Park City tradition! The Teardrop Park faithful cozied up to a campfire for stories and singalongs with family and friends, featuring award winning children's performer Suzi Shelton. Also: yummy snacks and a fun art project!



#### 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)

***Next Meeting: Wednesday, 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, November 2 @ 6PM (rescheduled from 10/26), via Zoom:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82158748102?pwd=nkBqDWmUKnzd8kg4aRLfTeZJTfKH2i.1>
  - ✓ Meeting ID: 821 5874 8102 | Passcode: 291381
  - ✓ One tap mobile: +16465588656,,82158748102#,,,,\*291381#
- 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct Updates: [twitter.com/NYPD1Pct](https://twitter.com/NYPD1Pct)
- More info: [www.1stprecinctcc.org](http://www.1stprecinctcc.org)



## 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct Community Council Meeting

**Get involved. Be heard.**

Our partnership is the most effective public safety tool.



**Attend**

Meetings are held on the last Thursday of every month, starting at 6 pm  
*Except July & August*



**Where**

1st Precinct  
16 Ericsson Place  
New York, NY 10013  
(212) 334-0611



**Information**

Crime Statistics  
Quality of Life Issues  
Crime Prevention Tips  
Neighborhood Events



**Meet**

Commanding Officer  
Captain Joel Rosenthal  
Community Council President  
Sarah El-Bataouny

For language or disability accommodations, please contact PO Iordanou at (212) 334-0640



## III. NYPD Neighborhood Policing

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

"Sector B" – BPC below West Thames Street

**P.O. Frank Jilling**

(212) 334-6462: O

(929) 213-2783: M

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"Sector C" – BPC above West Thames Street

**P.O. Thomas Nethaway**

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

Organization	Event Type	Event Date(s) & Approx. Time	Attendance	Street Closures?	Notes
Run in the Dark	Charity Run/Walk	Thu., Nov. 15, 7:30-9:30PM	60-80	N/A	Pass thru BPC; North Esplanade to HRP & back w/conclusion @ Esplanade Plaza

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

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Graffiti	0	4
Homeless	6	9
Lost / Found Property	2	5
Park Rules	29	16
Vendor / Solicitor	0	0
Dogs	4	4

