



Battery Park City Authority

Report to Manhattan Community Board 1 – Battery Park City Committee

February 22, 2024

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NEIGHBORHOOD & PROJECT UPDATES:

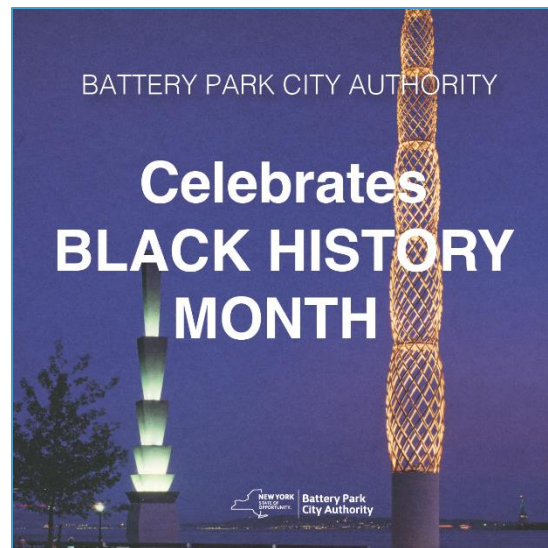
I. Winter 2024 Program & Event Guide

- Battery Park City's [Winter 2024 Program & Events Guide](#) details a broad range of free programming – including film, music, art and culture, nature, walking tours, fitness, and more – across Battery Park City from January through April.
- Guide features illustrated program offerings organized by monthly event highlights and by those of interest to participants of all ages.



II. Coming up in Battery Park City

- [Keepsakes: Guatemala – Saturday, February 24, 10:30AM @ 6 River Terrace.](#) Co-presented with [Bula Arts and Culture](#), this Saturday Family Workshop highlights Guatemala. Create a keepsake to take home, plus interactive live performance and storytelling by [Ch’umilkaj Nicho](#), [Tito Medina](#) and [Kevin Ortiz Lemus](#).
- [Keepsakes: Ireland – Saturday, March 9, 10:30AM @ 6 River Terrace.](#) Co-presented with the [Irish Arts Center](#), this Saturday Family Workshop highlights Ireland. Create a keepsake to take home, and enjoy a live performance and dance with violinist [Liz Hanley](#) and friends.
- [BPC Book Club – Tuesday, February 27, 1PM @ 200 Rector Place.](#) Drop by the BPC Community Room for a discussion of well-regarded contemporary works. For February, attendees will discuss *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. This novel takes readers into the lives of the people who live on Chicken Hill, a neighborhood of “ramshackle houses and dirt roads where the town’s Blacks, Jews, and immigrant whites who couldn’t afford any better lived.”
 - ✓ Read more: [BATTERY PARK CITY CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH](#)
- [2024 Annual Art Exhibition: Closing Reception – Wednesday, February 28, 4:30-5:30PM @ 6 River Terrace.](#) All are welcome to come and enjoy the inspired work created by participants at [BPCA’s art programs](#). Meet fellow artists and the artists/educators who lead the program.
 - ✓ Watch: [BPCA’s 2024 Virtual Annual Art Exhibition](#)



III. North/West Battery Park City Resiliency Project

- Upcoming public engagement sessions:
 - ✓ Monday, March 18, 6PM: Project updates with Lower Manhattan Coastal Resiliency Project quarterly update to CB1 Environmental Protection Committee.
 - Tune in here: <https://live.mcb1.nyc/>



COMMUNITY WORKS: Thanks to all who attended and provided feedback in-person and online during our NWBPCR Post 30% Design Progress Update Meeting on November 30, 2024.

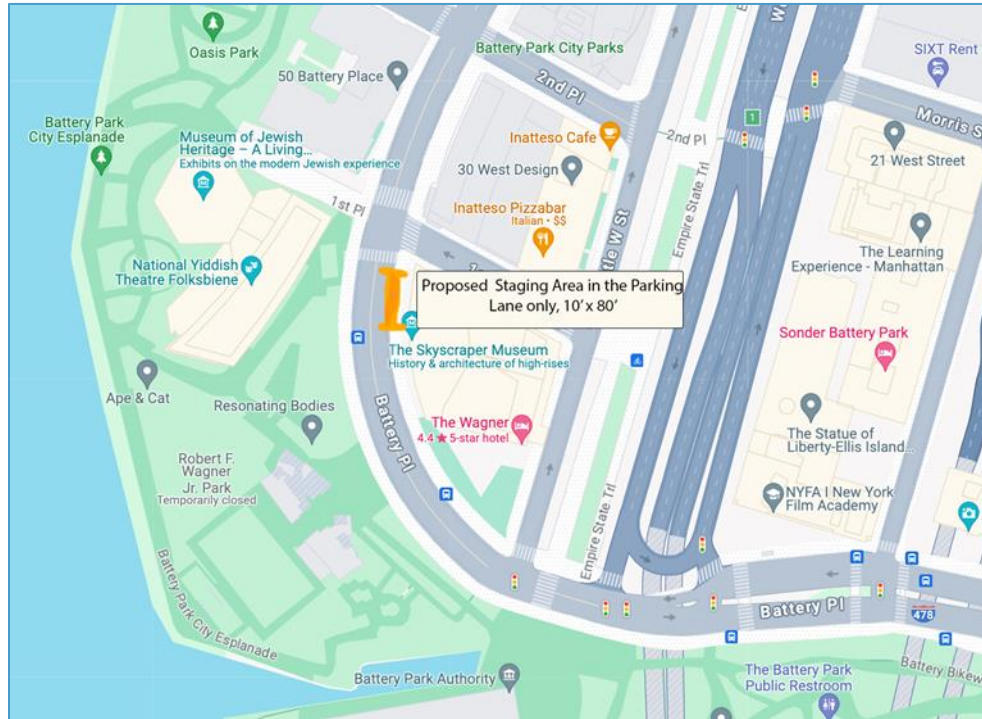
- [More about NWBPCR here](#)
- Questions & feedback about NWBPCR can be sent to nwbpcrinfo@bpca.ny.gov or:

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

IV. South Battery Park City Resiliency Project

- Project construction underway; to be completed mid-2025
- [SBPCR Earns WEDG Verification](#)
 - ✓ SBPCR has earned the prestigious WEDG (Waterfront Edge Design Guidelines) Verification from the Waterfront Alliance.
 - ✓ WEDG is a national rating system and gold standard for resilient, ecological, and accessible waterfront design.
 - ✓ Watch: [RESILIENCY, ECOLOGY, AND ACCESS AT THE WATER'S EDGE](#)

- [Travel Advisory \(Parking Lane\)](#): A portion of the parking lane on Battery Place, between First Place and Little West Street, is being used for construction staging through the end of 2024; staging area (shown in orange on the map) impacts parking lane only.



- [Read the latest project construction update here](#) (February 16-March 1, 2024)
- Questions & feedback about SBPCR can be sent to:

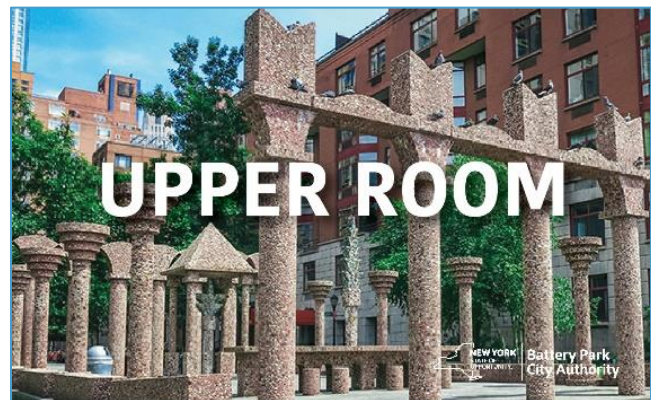
Katie MacDougall, Community Construction Liaison
sbpcrinfo@bpca.ny.gov / (917) 624-5409; or by mail:

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

- [More about SBPCR here](#)

V. 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 public artworks in Battery Park City:
 - ✓ [Upper Room, by Ned Smyth](#) – NEW
 - ✓ [Ape & Cat \(At the Dance\), by Jim Dine](#) – NEW
 - ✓ [Resonating Bodies, by Tony Cragg](#) – NEW
 - ✓ [Rector Gate, by R.M. Fischer](#) – NEW



VI. 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

- Be safe and stay alert, Battery Park City!

VII. COMMUNITY REMINDER: Pet-Free Parks Lawns

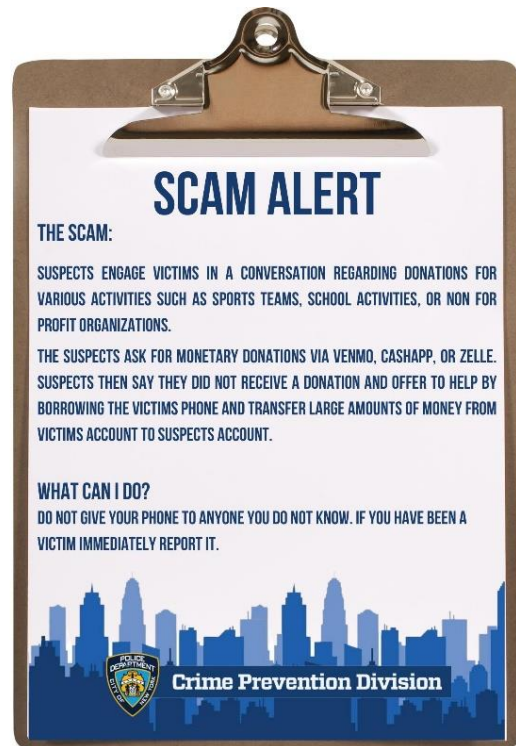
- While leashed pets are permitted on hard surfaces throughout Battery Park City, they are not permitted on parks lawns.
- READ MORE: [It's a Dog's Life in BPC](#)

VIII. COMMUNITY REMINDER: Homeless Assistance

- The NYC Department of Homeless Services (DHS) offers services to people living on the streets, in the subway, or in other public places. DHS will send a mobile outreach response team within 1 hour to encourage the person to accept services. [Request Homeless Assistance here](#).
- If you provide your contact information, DHS may contact you for more information.
- If you are homeless and need help visit:
 - ✓ [Homeless Shelters](#) to apply for emergency shelter.
 - ✓ [Homeless Drop-In Centers](#) to get food, clothing, shower and laundry facilities, and other services.
 - ✓ [Pathway Home Program](#) to learn about financial assistance to help homeless families move out of shelters and stay with family members or friends.

IX. BPC Ball Fields REMINDER: Fall Hours

- BPC Ball Field hours are 8AM-8PM daily
- BPC Ball Fields: Open Play Hours for [February](#) & [March](#) 2024



X. 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 February—
 - ✓ **Child's Play:** Look for work being done this month in the planting beds of the Rockefeller Park Children's Garden, in preparation for our upcoming spring gardening classes.
 - ✓ **Priority Pruning:** Our Horticulture team will continue its preventive tree pruning work throughout BPC's parks.
 - ✓ **Composting for the Win:** BPCA provides multiple community compost drop-off bins across its 92 acres. Look for these green bins located at 75 Battery Place, Gateway Plaza, 200 Rector Place, at the North End Avenue dog run, and on the lower level of River Terrace & Chambers Street. Bins are accessible 24/7 for drop-off of fruit and vegetable scraps. Email compost@bpca.ny.gov for more info.
 - ✓ **More Composting for the Win:** Wood chips from Christmas trees – [more than 2,000 this year as part of our annual recycling program!](#) – are used in the parks in a variety of ways. Some go straight to the gardens as mulch while some is used for composting. Thanks to all who participated in this successful program, which helps to fertilize the trees, flowers, and other plants in BPC!
 - ✓ **Release the Hounds:** BPC has eight locations where you can dispose of dog waste to be composted. Find the green receptacles, with old newspaper for picking up (no plastic bags, please!) in all three dog runs and along the Esplanade between South Cove and North Marina. Our dog waste composting program even helped [manage waste from the American Kennel Club's recent Meet the Breed event!](#)
 - ✓ **Volunteer with BPCA:** Our Parks Operation's team is looking for volunteers for Spring 2024 to join us in completing gardening tasks like weeding, watering, and deadheading of plants. Please reach out to 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, we ask that you rethink what you throw away in the parks, and please recycle or compost items.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & STATUS UPDATES**I. Pioneers of Public Art, New York in the 1980s and 1990s – January 10**

- Attendees enjoyed an extraordinary evening with artists Mary Miss, Ned Smyth, and R.M. Fischer whose works transformed Manhattan’s downtown riverfront and the nascent Battery Park City into an internationally renowned public art collection and destination.

**II. Keepsakes: Greece – January 27**

- Co-presented with the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church & National Shrine, this Saturday Family Workshop highlighted Greece and featured live performances and traditional dance with Greek American Folklore Society.

**III. 2024 Annual Art Exhibition: Opening Reception – January 28**

- The opening event of our annual exhibition had attendees meet the artists/educators who lead our programs and learn about upcoming art sessions and events in Battery Park City.

**IV. Valentine Making Workshop – February 11**

- All we need is LOVE! This time-honored annual BPC tradition invited participants to cut, paste, and decorate with provided materials to make old-fashioned handmade cards for their loved ones.

**V. Chef Talk: Chef Denzell Washington – February 15**

- In celebration of Black History Month, [Chef Denzell Washington](#), industry professional and Food Network’s Chopped finalist, shared stories and offered a small taste of his unique culinary journey.



VII. 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: Thursday, March 21, 2024 (please note new date)</i>	
Wednesday, April 24	
May 22	June 26
August 14	September 18
October 30	December 11

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

II. NYPD First Precinct Community Council

- Next Meeting: Thursday, February 29, 6PM @ 16 Ericsson Place
- 1st Precinct Updates: twitter.com/NYPD1Pct
- More info: www.1stprecinctcc.org



1st 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
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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

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(929) 213-2783: M

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Eugene.Uske@nypd.org



IV. Congestion Pricing Public Review Process

- Four hybrid virtual/in-person public hearings will be conducted starting February 29; accessible online at mta.info/CBDTP as follows:
 - ✓ Thursday, Feb. 29, at 6PM
 - ✓ Friday, March 1, at 10AM
 - ✓ Monday, March 4, at 10AM
 - ✓ Monday, March 4, at 6PM
- Each public hearing will also be livestreamed on the MTA YouTube channel at youtube.com/@mta-live.
- Public invited to provide comments online, by email, mail, phone, and fax through March 11:
 - Online:** <https://contact.mta.info/s/forms/CBDTP>
 - Email:** cbdtp.feedback@mtabt.org
 - Mail:** CBD Tolling Program, 2 Broadway, 23rd Floor, New York, NY 10004
 - Phone:** (646) 252-7440
 - Fax:** Send to (212) 504-3148 with Attention to CBDTP Team

V. Upcoming Permitted Walks / Runs / Events

Organization	Event Type	Event Date(s) & Approx. Time	Attendance	Street Closures?	Notes
Energy Observer (Presentation to CB1 BPC Committee March 7)	Pedagogical Event	April 10-April 22	Open to public	N/A	North Cove Marina & Waterfront Plaza. Echoes the U.N.'s Agenda 2030 roadmap through vis a vis 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

BPCA – Allied Universal Quality of Life Statistics
January 2023 vs. January 2024

TOPIC	2023	2024
Graffiti	2	13
Homeless	2	5
Lost / Found Property	1	1
Park Rules	1	5
Vendor / Solicitor	0	0
Dogs	4	1

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