



Battery Park City Authority

Report to Manhattan Community Board 1 – Battery Park City Committee

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NEIGHBORHOOD & PROJECT UPDATES:

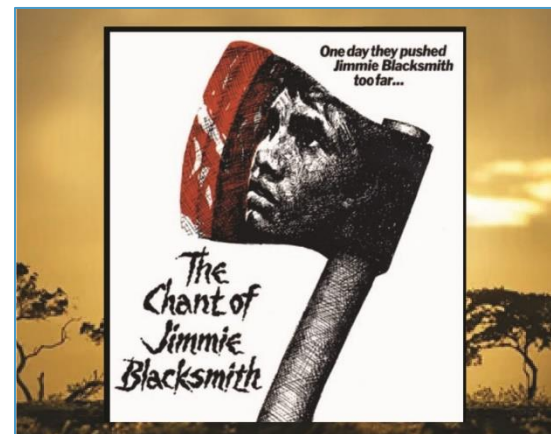
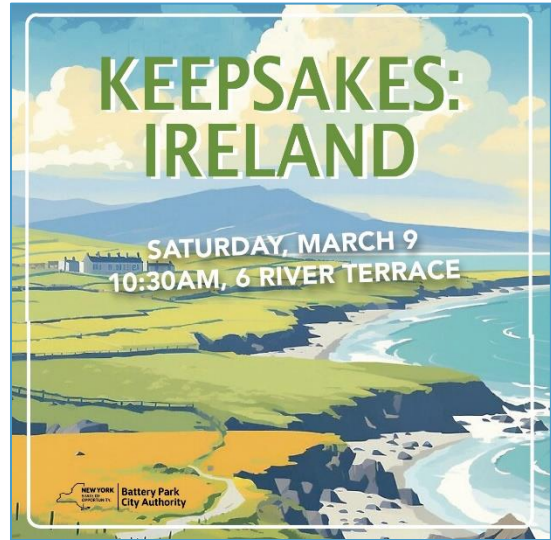
I. Winter 2024 Program & Event Guide

- 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: 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.
- [Meet an Urban Naturalist – Tuesday, March 12, 1PM @ South Cove](#). In celebration of Women's History month, join outdoor educator Marieke Bender for a nature walk through South Cove, touching on environmental education and active conservation.
- [Australian New Wave: The Chant of Jimmie Smith – Thursday, March 14, 6:30PM @ 6 River Terrace](#). BPCA's latest film series focuses on the unique narratives that highlight Australian culture, history, or landscape. In *The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith* (1978, Fred Schepisi) a man of half-Aboriginal ancestry is pushed to the breaking point that provokes a violent response. Free popcorn will be served, and a discussion will follow the screenings.
- [NY Laughs – Thursday, March 21, 7:30PM @ 6 River Terrace](#). Also in celebration of Women's History Month, join us for an all-female evening of stand-up comedy with NY Laughs featuring DJ Susan Z. Anthony. This unique non-profit seeks to enrich lives, build community, and inspire audiences through humor. Event recommended for teens and adults, as some content may not be appropriate for young children.

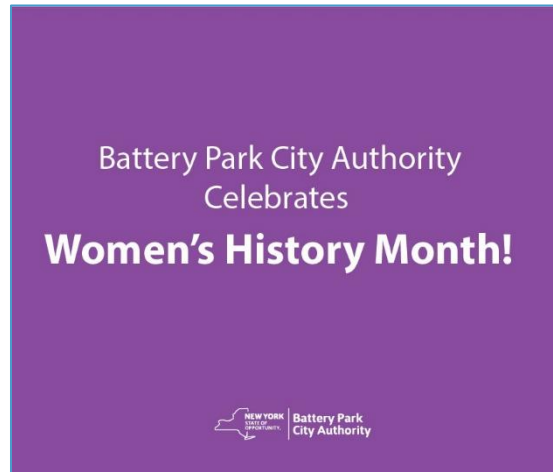


- [Earth Month: Blood Drive – Wednesday, April 3, 12-6PM @ 6 River Terrace](#). Help replenish dwindling supplies in the tri-state area. About every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood and a single blood donation can save up to three lives.
 - ✓ Since June 2020, BPC's Blood Drives have resulted in nearly 1,600 donations to help replenish the local blood supply.
 - ✓ [Reserve your slot today](#)



III. BPCA Celebrates Women's History Month

- March is Women's History Month, a celebration of the often-overlooked contributions of women to United States history, culture, and society. From Abigail Adams to Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth to Rosa Parks, the timeline of women's contributions stretches back to the founding of the United States.
 - ✓ [Governor Hochul Announces Women's History Month Exhibition Opens in the New York State Capitol](#)
 - Exhibit Available Online [Here](#)
 - ✓ [Friday, March 8 is International Woman's Day](#)



IV. North/West Battery Park City Resiliency Project

- Upcoming public engagement session:
 - ✓ [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/>



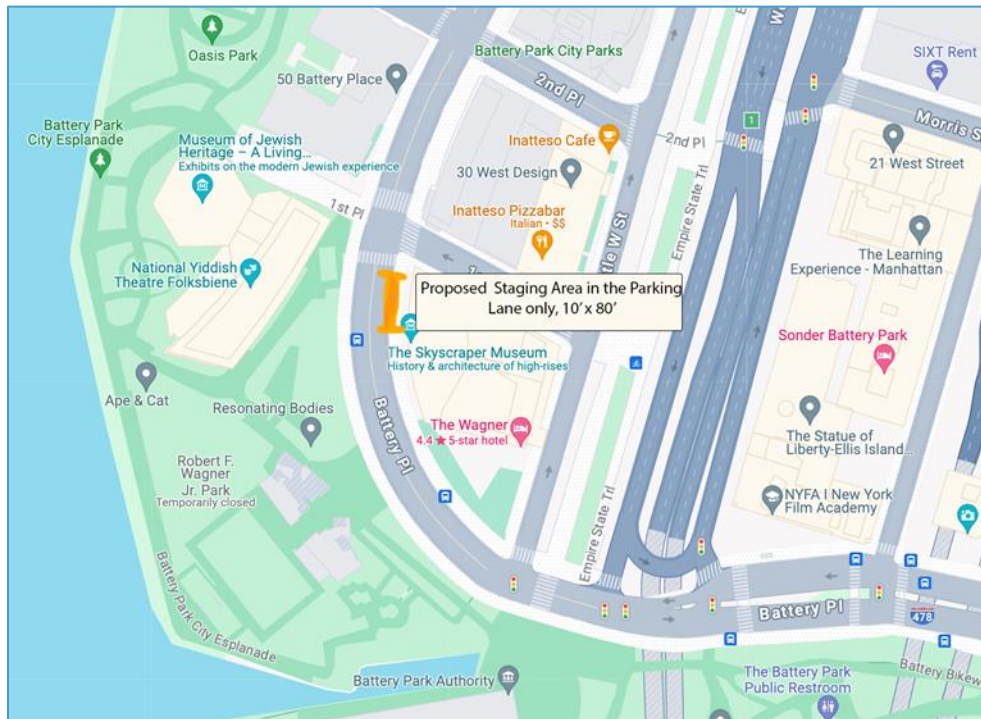
COMMUNITY WORKS: Thanks to all who attended and provided feedback during our NWBPCR Post 30% Design Progress Update Meeting on November 30, 2024.

- [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

V. South Battery Park City Resiliency Project

- Project construction underway; to be completed Spring 2025
- Bi-monthly construction update – Katie MacDougall, SBPCR Community Construction Liaison
- [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](#)
- REMINDER: [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](#) (March 1-15, 2024)
- Questions & feedback about SBPCR can be sent to:

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

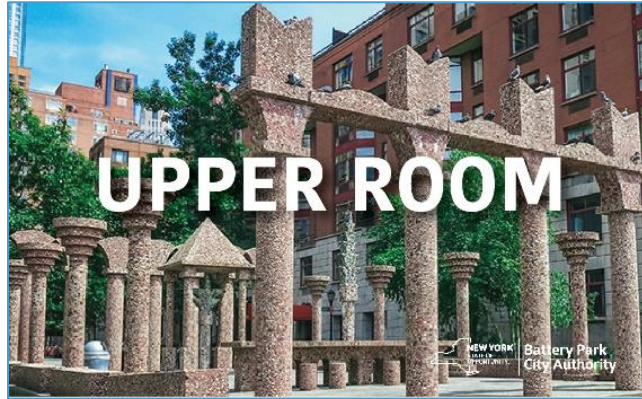
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VI. Public Art on Video: Season 2

- 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:

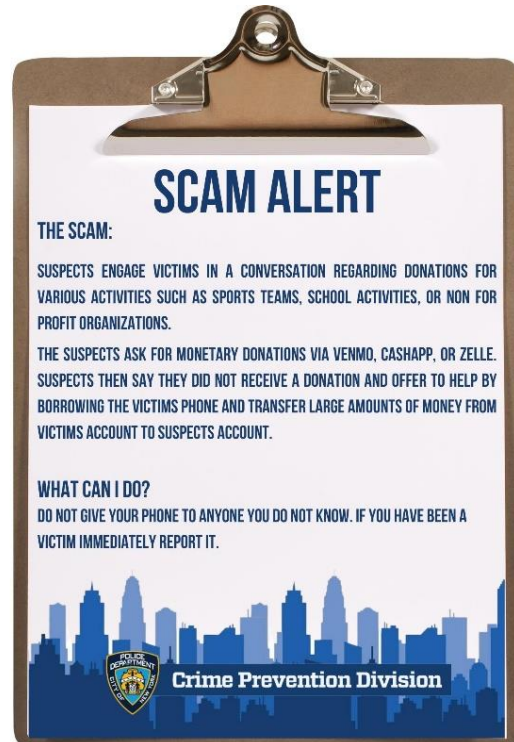
- ✓ [Upper Room, by Ned Smyth](#) – NEW
- ✓ [Ape & Cat \(At the Dance\), by Jim Dine](#) – NEW
- ✓ [Resonating Bodies, by Tony Cragg](#) – NEW
- ✓ [Rector Gate, by R.M. Fischer](#) – NEW



VII. 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!

VIII. 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 or art installations.
- READ MORE: [It's a Dog's Life in BPC](#)



IX. 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.

X. BPC Ball Fields REMINDER: Fall Hours

- BPC Ball Field hours are 8AM-9PM daily
- BPC Ball Fields: Open Play Hours for [March](#) & [April](#) 2024

XI. 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 March—
 - ✓ **For the kids:** Begun last month, in March our Parks Operations team is putting the finishing touches on the Children's Garden Renovation Project, including installation of raised beds and additional benches.
 - ✓ **Ruff and ready:** Warm-weather permitting, the team is washing down the neighborhood's three dog runs and other parks spaces on a daily basis. (And remember – when not in dog runs, [pups must be leashed and kept to BPC's hardscaped areas.](#))
 - ✓ **Felt top:** We'll be replacing the felt of Rockefeller Park's pool tables in anticipation of a spring and summer full of snakes and bank shots.
 - ✓ **Play Ball:** In preparation for a great season to come, our team is completing conversion of the Battery Park City Ball Fields from their winter to spring / summer configuration. March also marks the extension of BPC Ball Field hours as noted above.



- ✓ **Preventive Maintenance:** Our masonry team will be replacing a number worn pavers throughout Belvedere Plaza.
- ✓ **North End Avenue Nursery Upgrade:** Chipping and composting our own garden debris allows BPCA to make a biologically-rich fertilizer for trees and flowers throughout the neighborhood. Upgrades to [our greenery workspace on the North End Avenue traffic island](#) will be completed this month.
- ✓ **Composting for the Win:** Our green community compost drop-off 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 and Chambers Street are accessible 24/7 for drop-off of fruit and vegetable scraps. Questions about BPC community composting: compost@bpca.ny.gov
- ✓ **Priority Pruning:** Our Horticulture team will continue its regular preventive tree pruning work throughout BPC's parks.
- ✓ **Volunteer with BPCA:** We're looking for volunteers to assist with gardening tasks like weeding, watering, and deadheading of plants this spring. Email 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.



- AND: [BPC Parks Operations Spring Preview – Ryan Torres, BPCA Vice President of Parks Operations](#)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & STATUS UPDATES

I. Keepsakes: Guatemala – February 24

- We had an amazing time highlighting the beauty and culture of Guatemala with [Bula Arts and Culture](#). The event featured interactive live performances, storytelling, and creation of keepsakes for attendees to take home.



II. 2024 Annual Art Exhibition: Closing Reception – February 28

- The closing of BPC's Annual Art Exhibition marked the end of great month. Thank you all out to the talented artists, as well as the guests who visited and enjoyed the show!

✓ Watch: [BPCA's 2024 Virtual Annual Art Exhibition](#)



III. 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: Thursday, March 21, 2024 (please note new date)	
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, March 28, 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

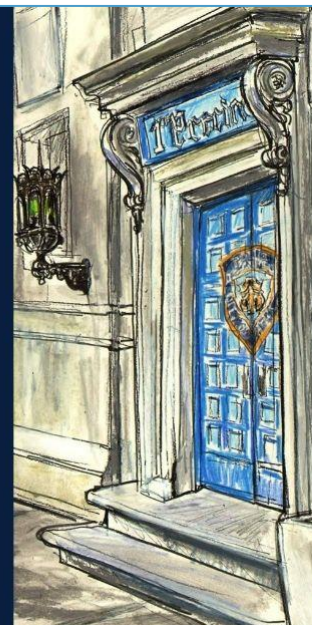


Information
Crime Statistics
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Neighborhood Events



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

Frank.Jilling@nypd.org

P.O. Serge Jean

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(929) 522-8409: M

Serge.Jean@nypd.org

"Sector C" – BPC above West Thames Street

P.O. Thomas Nethaway

(212) 334-6462: O

(929) 213-6313: M

Thomas.Nethaway@nypd.org

P.O. Eugene Uske

(212) 334-6462: O

(917) 238-2330: M

Eugene.Uske@nypd.org



IV. Congestion Pricing Public Review Process

- Public invited to provide comments online, by email, mail, phone, and fax through March 11, 2024:

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

- More information about the Central Business District Tolling Program [available here](#)

V. Upcoming Permitted Walks / Runs / Events

Organization	Event Type	Event Date(s) & Approx. Time	Attendance	Street Closures?	Notes
Energy Observer (energy-observer.org)	Vessel in North Cove Marina	April 10-April 22	Programming & scheduling TBD	N/A	Fully self-sufficient vessel capable of drawing its energy (solar, wind, and water power) from nature while also preserving it.
Arizona State University	Walkathon	Sat., April 13, 7AM-1PM	300	N/A	Setup @ Esplanade Plaza
Sarcoma Foundation America	Walkathon	Sat., April 27, 7AM-1PM	300	N/A	Setup @ Esplanade Plaza
9/11 Memorial 5K Run/Walk	Walkathon	Sun., April 28	5,000	Intermittent Battery Place closures from Third Place to West Street	No change to route from last year. Participants depart from Brookfield Place.

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

TOPIC	2023	2024
Graffiti	2	4
Homeless	5	6
Lost / Found Property	2	4
Park Rules	3	5
Vendor / Solicitor	0	0
Dogs	1	4

