



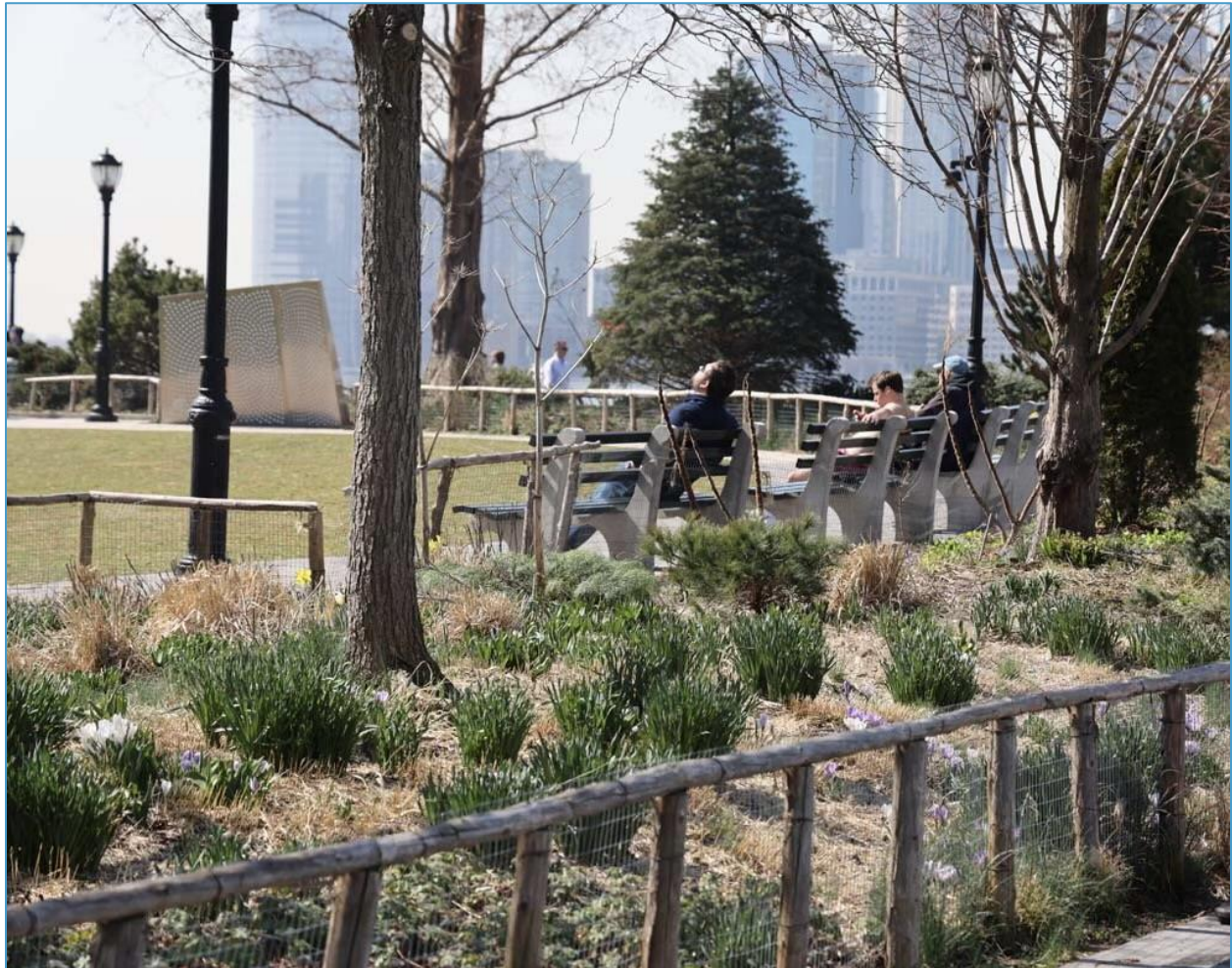
Battery Park City Authority

Report to Manhattan Community Board 1 – Battery Park City Committee

April 4, 2024

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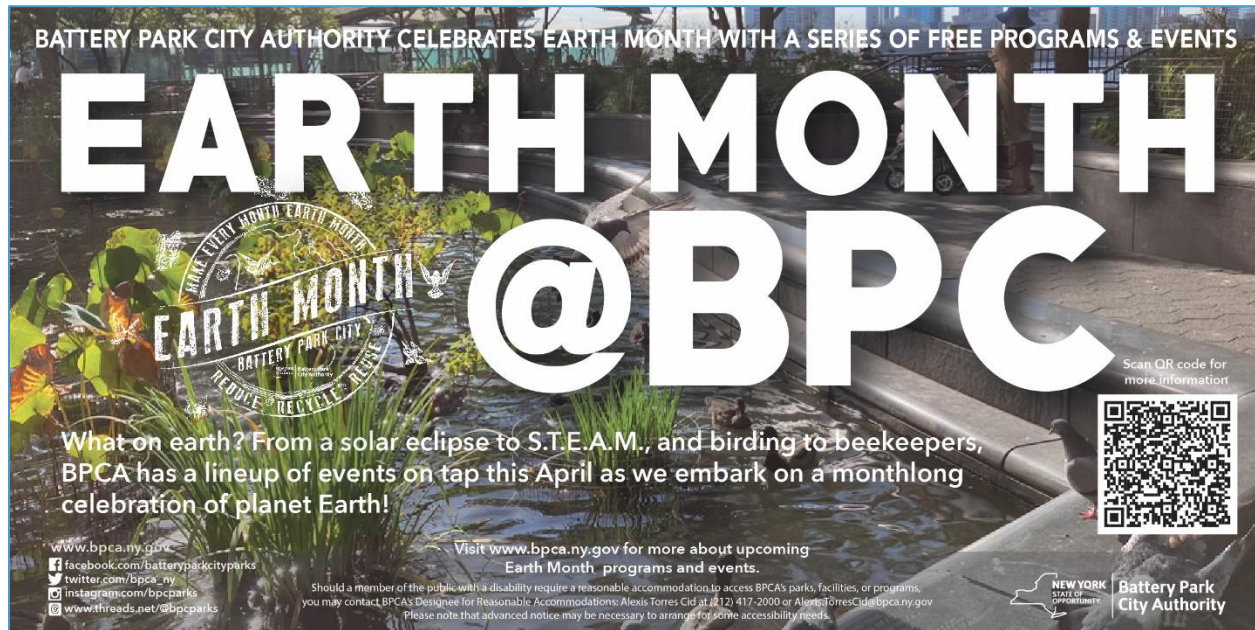
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NEIGHBORHOOD & PROJECT UPDATES:

I. Free Direct E-File Tax Tool

- New York State has partnered with Code for America and the IRS to launch a new, no-cost option to streamline the tax filing process for New York taxpayers.
- Eligible New Yorkers can jointly e-file their state and federal tax returns with state and federal tax authorities for free, without the use of tax preparers, promoting more equitable access to tax refunds and making the tax filing process easier than ever.
- New York's participation in the IRS' Direct File pilot will help give New Yorkers even more options to file their taxes simply and at little or no cost, and it builds on Governor Hochul's commitment to making it easier for New Yorkers to access government services. Learn more: on.ny.gov/directfile



II. Earth Month in Battery Park City!

BPCA has a lineup of events on tap this April as we embark on a monthlong celebration of planet Earth! Join us at the following events to mark Earth Month 2024:

- [Solar Eclipse Viewing Party – Monday, April 8, 2:30PM @ Rockefeller Park](#). Get ready for an “out of this world” experience! Take part in an art project and enjoy a *sun-sational* time with BPCA staff. (**NOTE:** Please use caution when viewing the solar eclipse. Do not look directly at the sun – not even during an eclipse – unless you are wearing the proper eye protection for viewing; a limited number of viewing glasses will be provided.)
- [Earth Month: Meet the Beekeeper – Wednesday April 10, 1:30PM @ Rockefeller Park](#). Join a presentation and talk 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 the neighborhood and throughout the city.



- [Australian New Wave: Long Weekend – Thursday, April 11, 6:30PM @ 6 River Terrace.](#) In celebration of Earth Month, *Long Weekend* (1978, Colin Eggleston) tells the story of a suburban couple who go camping for the weekend at a remote beach, where they discover that nature isn't in an accommodating mood.
- [S.T.E.A.M. Dream – Saturday, April 20, 11AM @ Rockefeller Park Basketball Court.](#) In celebration of Earth Month, kids are invited to pick up S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) at this special Earth Day themed open-air fair featuring engaging activities and a live performance from the [Stem Queen](#).
- [Earth Day: Family Birding – Monday, April 22, 11AM @ Rector Park East.](#) What birds live in your backyard? Join us to learn the basics of bird watching on this fun outing for beginners, hobbyists, and lifelong birders alike. Together, we will explore the parks of Battery Park City, and see what makes this spot a hang-out for resident urban birds and marvelous migrators!
- [Esther Crow Family Band – Wednesday, April 24, 10:30AM @ Rockefeller Park House.](#) In celebration of Earth Month, join us for a performance by social & climate activist the [Esther Crow Family Band](#).
- [Earth Month: Nature Walk – Thursday, April 25, 1PM @ Rockefeller Park House.](#) Join us at the Park House and 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!



III. Also Coming Up in Battery Park City

- [Play Offs: Spring. – Wednesdays in Rockefeller Park.](#) Children ages 6-10 are invited to play in pop-up clinics on select days this spring! Join BPC coaches for skill sessions ending in scrimmages. Open to all experience levels.
 - ✓ APRIL 10: KICKBALL
 - ✓ APRIL 24: SOCCER
 - ✓ APRIL 25: FLAG FOOTBALL

Registration recommended – click [HERE](#) to sign up!

- [Poetry En El Parque! – Saturday, April 13, 3PM @ Hurricane Maria Memorial.](#) Enjoy poets and percussionists inspired by Puerto Rican culture and Julia de Burgos, whose poetry is part of the glass spiral Memorial designed by Segundo Cardona and Antonio Martorell.



POETRY EN EL PARQUE
POETRY IN THE PARK
 Celebrate 50 years of the renowned Nuyorican Poets Café with a performance in partnership with Battery Park City Authority.
SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 3PM
 at the Hurricane Maria Memorial at the corner of Chambers Street and River Terrace.
 In case of rain please come to 6 River Terrace.

Enjoy poetry and live music inspired by Julia de Burgos' poem, *My Cry Into The World / Mi Grito Hacia el Mundo*.
 The free, bilingual, all ages performance will be overlooking Rockefeller Park.

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE WILDLIFE

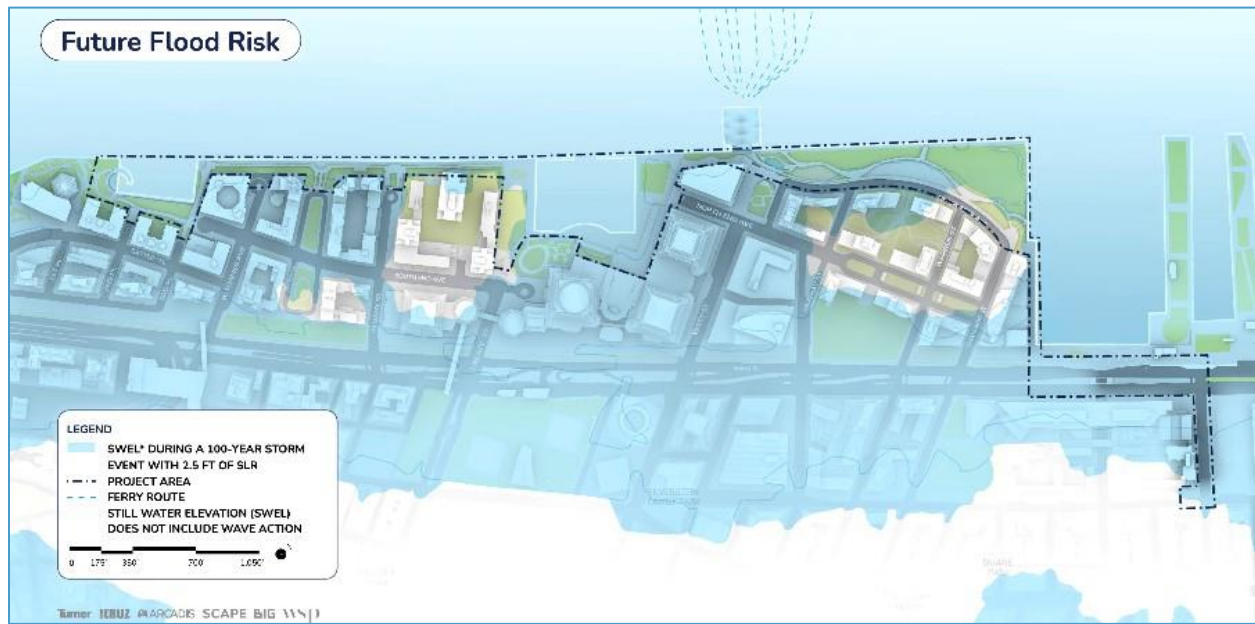
Our green spaces provide the food and habitat these animals need.
 Wildlife in BPC does not benefit from human interaction.

If the animal you encounter appears injured or distressed,
 contact the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) at:
 • (718) 482-4922 Monday - Friday • (877) 457-5680 Saturday - Sunday

www.bpcnyc.gov
 facebook.com/batteryparkcityparks
 twitter.com/bpcnyc
 instagram.com/bpcparks
 www.threads.net/@bpcparks

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
 Battery Park City Authority

To learn more visit:
<https://dec.ny.gov/nature/wildlife-health>
 or Scan QR code.



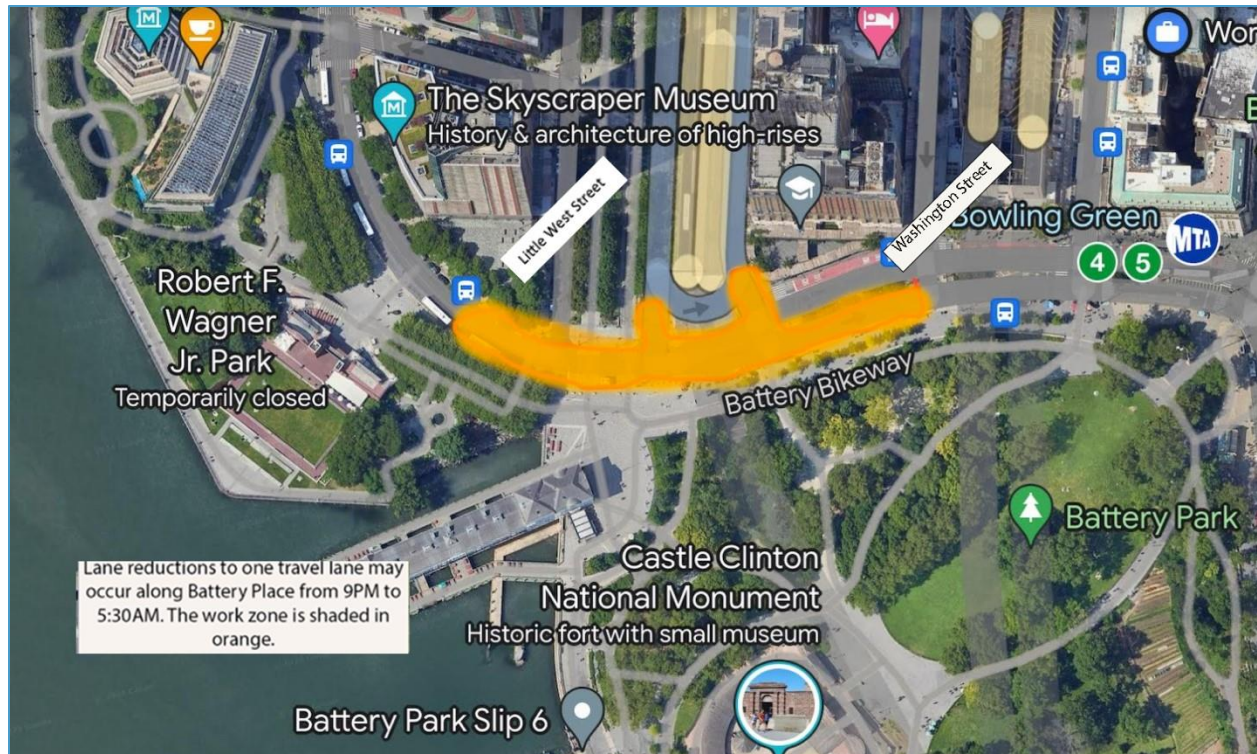
IV. North/West Battery Park City Resiliency Project

- Upcoming public engagement sessions:
 - ✓ **Tuesday, April 16, 6PM:** Project updates on Reach 1 (**North Moore Street & Route 9A**) & Reach 5 (**North Cove Marina**) at CB1 Environmental Protection Committee.
 - Tune in here: <https://live.mcb1.nyc/>
 - ✓ **Monday, June 10 @ Stuyvesant High School: 60% Design Project Update** (*more detail to come*)
- ICYMI:
 - ✓ Project updates on Reach 2 (North Esplanade), Reach 3 (Rockefeller Park), and Reach 4 (Belveder Plaza) @ CB1 EPC on March 18, 2024
 - [Presentation](#) & [video](#) here
 - ✓ Project updates on Reach 6 (South Esplanade) & 7 (South Cove) @ CB1 BPC Committee on January 4, 2024
 - [Presentation](#) & [video](#) here
 - ✓ Post-30% Design Progress Update Community Meeting – November 30, 2023
 - [Presentation](#) (PDF) | [Video](#)
 - [Virtual Topic Table Video](#)
 - [Post-30% Design Flythrough Animation](#)
 - [Transcript](#) (PDF)
- [Community Notice: Geotechnical Sampling Work Around North Cove Marina](#)
- [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](#)
- [SBPCR Travel Advisory](#) – Starting March 24, night work is being performed along Battery Place, which is expected to continue through Summer 2024. As a result, travel lanes along Battery Place, between Little West Steet and Washinton Street, as depicted below, may be reduced to one lane in each direction (non-simultaneously) from 9PM to 5:30AM.



- [Read the latest project construction update here](#) (March 29-April 14, 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](#)

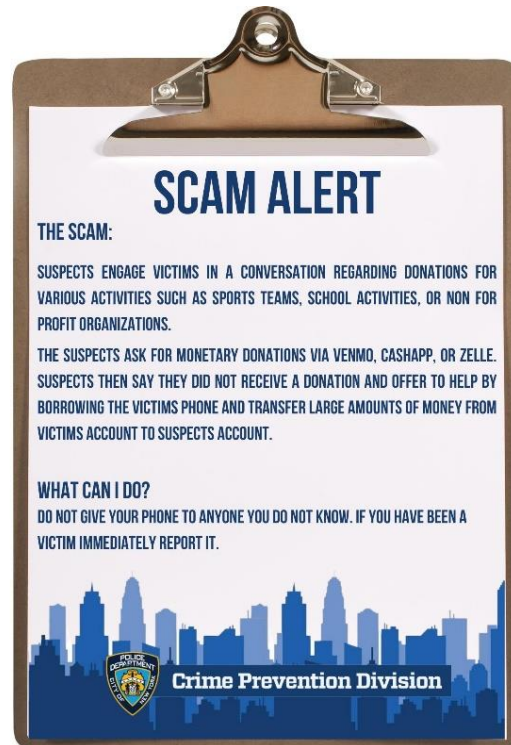
VI. Public Art on Video: Season 2

- Public art is back! [Public Art on Video: Season 2](#) presents a new look at the following public artworks in Battery Park City: *Justice Reflected*, by James Yaya Hough; *Teardrop Park*, by Ann Hamilton and Michael Mercil; *Sunrise, Sunset (Revolution)*, by Autumn Ewalt and Dharmesh Patel; *Rector Gate*, by R.M. Fischer; *Resonating Bodies*, by Tony Cragg; *Ape & Cat (At the Dance)*, by Jim Dine; and *Upper Room*, by Ned Smyth

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 [April](#) & [May](#) 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 April—
- ✓ **Ice Treatments Cometh:** Dry ice applications will be occurring throughout park areas for the purposes of rodent control. This more environmentally-friendly method of pest management minimizes contact with unintended targets, such as birds and squirrels, that can be adversely impacted by traditional rodent control methods.
 - ✓ **Great grates:** Our Parks Operations team will be removing the tree grates in the West Thames Playground to reduce underlying sand buildup and replace it with nutrient-rich compost. The team will also be widening select tree grates to allow the tree trunks to grow freely while providing a level place surface of protection for the tree roots for playground users.
 - ✓ **Planting, Promptly:** Starting the week of April 15 we will be receiving in this year's perennials and shrubs at the (newly upgraded!) [North End Avenue Greenway Workspace](#) for planting in the gardens throughout Battery Park City.
 - ✓ **Compost Abides:** We're also continuing to utilize the [North End Avenue Nursery](#) to compost garden cutback – an important task in preparing for the new spring growth to come. This work allows our team to create a high-quality soil amendment and fertilizer for use across the neighborhood.



- ✓ **Green Acres:** The week of April 15 will also mark the start of lawn openings for the season, as our Parks Operations team begins removing temporary fencing from around our green spaces.
- ✓ **Serve It Up:** As our lawns open for rest, relaxation, and recreation, our popular volleyball court at Esplanade Plaza won't be far behind! Look for a pickup game near you coming by mid-month!
- ✓ **Sign Us Up:** [April 26 is Arbor Day](#)! To mark that date, look for tree tags across our parks highlighting the benefits of the wide variety of species that call Battery Park City home.
- ✓ **Benchmarks:** Look for the team sprucing up our Londino benches with new slats and cleaning of the cement bases along the upper-level of the South Esplanade.
- ✓ **Pristine Pavers:** The team this month will also be replacing hex pavers adjacent to the Brookfield Place / BPC Ferry Terminal's south passenger entrance.
- ✓ **Waterworks:** Look also for our team at work repairing water lines on the east end of the [Robert R. Douglass Bridge](#) this month.
- ✓ **Drop It Like It's Hot:** 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. And be on the lookout for a new compost drop off location coming soon along the Esplanade by North Cove Marina! Email compost@bpca.ny.gov for more info.
- ✓ **Come to the Table:** BPCA has pioneered the use of dog waste to create compost, now collecting up to 15 pounds of it per day to create to be applied back to our gardens and green spaces in a safe and environmentally-responsible way. Stop by any of Battery Park City's three dog runs, as well as locations along the south Esplanade, from April 23-25, 10:30AM-12PM and 2:30-3:30PM, to learn about this innovative way of creating a nutrient-rich compost.
- ✓ **See It To Believe It!** Although all the gardens within BPC are special, here are some "Must see" spots for an awe-inspiring moment this month!
 - Southern end of the Eastern Border – check out the view from atop the Robert R. Douglass Bridge
 - Rockefeller Park north – near the Ulysses statue at the northeast corner
 - South Cove – take in the spring blooming shrubs and perennials



1,000 dogs just gathered to meet and greet New Yorkers. Their poop was collected for composting

They came, they played, they pooped.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & STATUS UPDATES**I. Ireland, NY Laughs, and Naturalists (Oh My)!**

- Thanks to all who joined us at our great series of events in March, highlighted by *Keepsakes: Ireland* (March 9), *Meet an Urban Naturalist* (March 12), and *NY Laughs* (March 21).

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, May 2, 2024	
May 22	June 26
August 14	September 18
October 30	December 11

- [Presentation: Security in Battery Park City](#)
- Watch BPCA Board meeting webcasts [here](#)
- More information on our [Board Meetings & Materials](#) page

II. NYPD First Precinct Community Council

- Next Meeting: Thursday, April 25, 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
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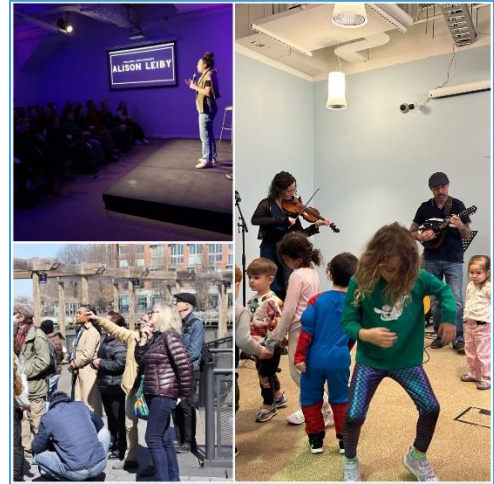
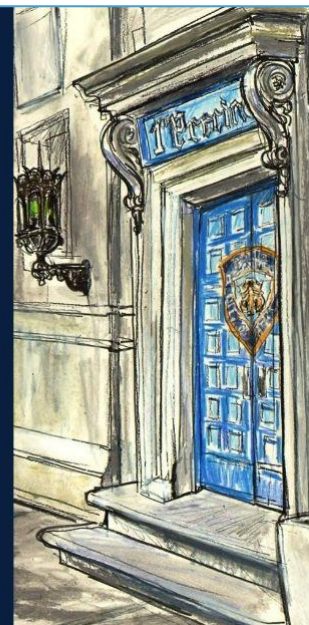


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Meet
Commanding Officer
Captain Joel Rosenthal
Community Council President
Sarah El-Bataouny

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

(212) 334-6462: O

(929) 213-2783: M

Frank.Jilling@nypd.org

P.O. Serge Jean

(212) 334-6462: O

(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

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(917) 238-2330: M

Eugene.Uske@nypd.org

**IV. 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	N/A	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; EP to North Esplanade and back
MSG New York	Special Event: Playoff Palooza	Sat., April 20, 7AM-5PM	1,500	N/A	The New York Knicks & New York Rangers on the Lower Plaza kicking off the playoff season! Free event includes alumni engagement, giveaways, DJ & more
Tklokus	Kings Day	Sat., April 27, 7AM-4PM	500+	N/A	Celebrating 25 yrs., of Kings Day: Fundraiser/Festival for kids & families of the Netherlands
Sarcoma Foundation America	Walkathon	Sat., April 27, 7AM-1PM	300	N/S	Setup @ Rockefeller Park
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
March 2023 vs. March 2024

TOPIC	2023	2024
Graffiti	6	4
Homeless	3	7
Lost / Found Property	3	4
Park Rules	6	3
Vendor / Solicitor	0	0
Dogs	4	7

