



Battery Park City Authority

Report to Manhattan Community Board 1 – Battery Park City Committee

May 2, 2024

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NEIGHBORHOOD & PROJECT UPDATES:

I. Free Asphalt Green Membership for CCSHS Members During Summer Closure

- Community partners for the win! Our neighbors at the [Battery Park City campus of Asphalt Green](#) are offering all currently-active [Community Center at Stuyvesant High School \(CCSHS\)](#) members a free membership from July 1-September 2, 2024 while the school is closed for major renovations to its HVAC system.
- If you are interested in taking advantage of this free Asphalt Green membership, [please submit your information here by June 1, 2024](#).
- All active CCSHS memberships will also be extended for each day that the facility is closed.
- [Read more here](#).



II. BPCA Summer Program & Events Guide

Battery Park City's [Summer 2024 Program & Event Guide](#) details a broad range of free programming – including film, music, art and culture, nature, dance, a community field day, and more – across the neighborhood from May through August.

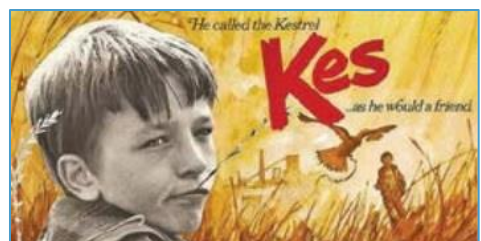
Highlights of BPCA's Summer 2024 Program & Event Guide include—

- [Illumination Light Art Festival – Thursday, May 2-Saturday, May 4, 7:30PM @ Belvedere Plaza.](#)

Immerse yourself in a one-of-a-kind outdoor light festival with [illumination.nyc](#). See Battery Park City in a whole new light, interact with light-based creations, dance to DJs under the stars, and catch a surprise performance or two. The show closes on May the 4th with a Star Wars-themed silent disco with [QuietEvents](#).



- [I Love My Park Day – Saturday, 4, 11AM-2PM @ Rockefeller Park House.](#) Calling all Citizen Scientists! Join volunteers across New York State’s beautiful parks. Download the free [iNaturalist](#) app to learn about the vast diversity of wildlife that call Battery Park City home. Every observation contributes to documenting the biodiversity of the neighborhood.
- [Strings-On-Hudson: Nebulous Quartet – Thursday, May 9, 6:30PM @ Irish Hunger Memorial Plaza.](#) [Nebulous](#) is a traditional string quartet in its instrumentation, but with a sound far from ordinary. They embody the music they play, often creating arrangements and compositions from an improvisational and nebulous perspective.
- [Go Fish! – Saturday, May 11, 10:30AM-1PM @ Belvedere Plaza.](#) Join experienced anglers for catch-and-release fishing and learn about life in the Hudson River. Help observe and identify the fish we catch, enabling us to share valuable data with research groups who monitor the health of our local waters. The day also includes an art project and a nature walk. Plus: Don’t miss a live performance from [Birds of a Feather](#).
 - 10:30AM-1PM: Catch-and-Release Fishing
 - 10:30AM: Art Project
 - 11AM: Family Show
 - 12:15PM: Nature Walk
- [Mishpachah Fest! – A Heritage, Genealogy, and Immigrant Celebration – Sunday, May 12, 10AM-5PM @ Museum of Jewish Heritage.](#) Explore your roots at this Museum-wide festival! Enjoy music performances, lectures on genealogy and the history of immigration to the U.S., workshops on intergenerational storytelling, and family activities.
- [Formative Films: Kes – Thursday, May 16, 7PM @ 6 River Terrace.](#) The formative film series highlights heartfelt and nostalgic coming of age stories. In *Kes* (1969, Ken Loach), a working-class English boy spends his free time caring for and training his pet kestrel. Free popcorn will be served and a discussion will follow the screening.



- [Strings-On-Hudson: Latin Sounds – Thursday, May 23, 6:30PM @ Belvedere Plaza](#). Join us for a special evening featuring Latin Grammy Award-winning cuatro player [Jorge Glem](#). Accompanied by Grammy nominated [Sofia Rei](#) and [César Orozco](#) the trio will blend Latin American traditions and futurism into a graceful, elegant, and ever-evolving sound.
- [Tuesday Talk: iNaturalist & Spotted Lanternflies Community Science in Action – Tuesday, May 28, 1PM @ 6 River Terrace](#). Join researcher Katherine Poulos, who uses crowd-sourced photos submitted to [iNaturalist](#) to explore the relationships between the invasive Spotted Lanternfly and plants in New York City. Learn about her study and venture into the parks to see how you can contribute to this valuable resource.
- [Interludes: Studio 245 – Thursday, May 30, 6:30PM @ Belvedere Plaza](#). In celebration of Asian American and Pacific Island Heritage Month, join a celebration of Asian culture with [Studio 245](#) who will show and teach the latest pop dance moves taking the world by storm!
- [Silent Disco Pride Party – Friday, May 31, 7-10PM @ Teardrop Park](#). On the eve of Pride Month, kick things off with a family-friendly silent disco dance party featuring [Gotham Cheer](#) and DJ's from [QuietEvents](#) as we dance to the hottest beats pumped through light-up headphones. Headphones are free; ID is required.



III. Battery Park City Block Party 2024: Connecting Generations!

- The Battery Park City Block Party, co-founded a year after the September 11 terrorist attacks, ran from 2002-2017. With community leader and longtime BPC resident Rosalie Joseph, BPCA is now reviving this cherished local tradition this fall:
 - ✓ **Saturday, September 14, 2024** (rain date Sunday, September 15).
- We can use your input: Please contact Rosalie to participate in the community planning for this event: bpcbblockparty24@gmail.com.
- Read more: ['Hood Intentions: Volunteers Needed to Organize This Fall's Block Party](#) (*The Broadsheet*)

IV. Wagner Park Pavilion Food & Beverage License RFP

- As part of the South Battery Park City Resiliency Project, BPCA is constructing a new Pavilion that will overlook the lawns and gardens within a fully renovated, revitalized and environmentally-resilient Wagner Park.
- BPCA is now [seeking proposals](#) from experienced food and beverage owners / operators to create a successful food and beverage concept for the restaurant space of the Pavilion, focused in significant part on providing visitors to Wagner Park and its many neighboring Lower Manhattan attractions, along with the neighborhood's 67,000 residents, with an affordable, high-quality experience.
- RFP responses due May 17. Read more: [Battery Park City Authority seeks proposals for new restaurant in redesigned Wagner Park](#) (6sqft)
- Thank you for the partnership & feedback, Manhattan Community Board 1!



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](#) – Night work is currently being performed along Battery Place, 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](#) (April 26-May 10, 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. North/West Battery Park City Resiliency Project

- Upcoming public engagement sessions:
 - ✓ Thursday, June 20 @ Stuyvesant High School: 60% Design Project Update (*more detail to come*)
- ICYMI:
 - ✓ Project updates on Reach 1 (North Moore Street & Route 9A) and Reach 5 (north Cove Marina) @ CB1 on April 16, 2024
 - [Presentation](#) & [video](#) here
 - ✓ 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)

- [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

VII. 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

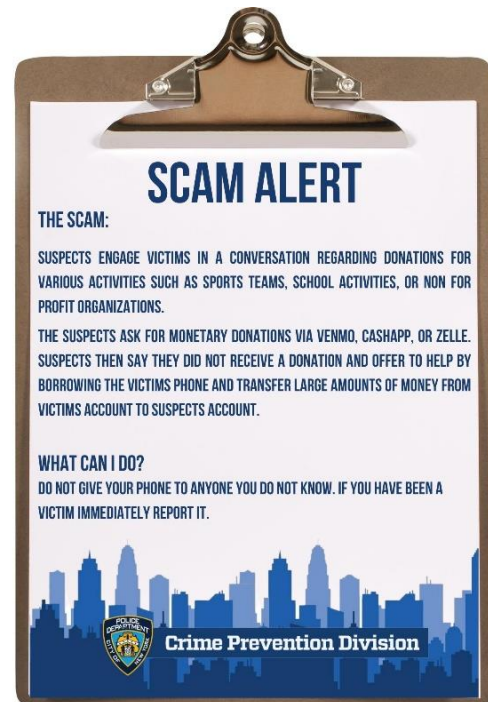
VIII. COMMUNITY NOTICE: Scam Alert

- 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

- Be safe and stay alert, Battery Park City!



IX. 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.
- Unleashed pets are permitted in BPC's three dog runs only.
- READ MORE: [It's a Dog's Life in BPC](#)





X. 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.

XI. BPC Ball Fields REMINDER: Spring & Summer Hours

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

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & STATUS UPDATES

I. Solar Eclipse Viewing Party – April 8

- What an out-of-this-world experience! Hundreds came out to Rockefeller Park to soak in the rays and catch a glimpse of the solar eclipse on Monday, April 10.
- Read more: [‘Extraterrestrial Energy.’ The Eclipse-Watching Party in Battery Park City.](#) (Tribeca Trib)



II. Earth Month: Meet the Beekeeper – April 10

- Thanks to all who joined us for presentation and talk led by Alvéole beekeepers at the Battery Park City hive in Rockefeller Park. Urban beekeeping helps benefit sustainability efforts in the neighborhood and throughout the city. You can learn more about the BPC hive, which houses more than 50,000 honeybees, [here](#).



III. S.T.E.A.M. Dream – April 20

- Kids and families picked up a lot of 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](#).



IV. Play Offs: Spring – select dates

- Children ages 6-10 and of all experience levels were invited to play in a series of pop-up clinics on select days this April, where they joined BPC coaches for skill sessions ending in scrimmages. Here, young playoffers enjoy soccer on Rockefeller Park’s main lawn on Wednesday, April 24.



V. Arbor Day – April 26

- Have you seen the Arbor Day tree tags in Battery Park City? Read about the valuable ecosystem services that our trees provide in BPC’s urban environment. Although it’s hard to put a price on the beauty that trees provide, we can quantify how trees sequester carbon, curb stormwater runoff, and clean the air we breathe!

**VI. Lost & Found Contact Information**

- Allied Universal Command Center
200 Rector Place | (212) 945-7233 |
bpcallied@bpca.ny.gov

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING:**I. 2024 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 22, 2024	
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 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

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P.O. Eugene Uske

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III. Upcoming Permitted Walks / Runs / Events

Organization	Event Type	Event Date(s) & Approx. Time	Attendance	Street Closures?	Notes
Brookfield Place	Portside	May 1-October 27, 2024	Open to public	N/A	Waterfront seating and design destination, with happy hour, bites, and epic sunsets.
Netflix Productions	Film shoot	Thurs., May 9-Fri., May 10	120	N/A	North Cove Marina & Belvedere Plaza
American Heart Association Wall Street Run & Heart Walk	Walkathon / Passthrough	Thurs., May 16, 5-8PM	9,000	TBD by NYPD	Battery Place to Esplanade Plaza, ending @ Lower Plaza
American Lung Association	Walkathon / Passthrough	Sat., May 18, 7AM-1PM	600	N/A	Passthrough via south BPC: Battery Place-Little West St.-2 nd Place-Batt. Place
NYPD Run Club	Walkathon / Passthrough	Sun. May 19, 7:30AM-1PM	900	N/A	Prayer @ NYC Police Memorial; exit BPC @ West & Liberty Sts.

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

TOPIC	2023	2024
Graffiti	8	3
Homeless	10	22
Lost / Found Property	4	8
Park Rules	10	9
Vendor / Solicitor	0	0
Dogs	8	17

