



Battery Park City Authority

Report to Manhattan Community Board 1 – Battery Park City Committee

June 2024

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Proud Start: Battery Park City [kicked off Pride 2024](#) with a silent disco dance party in Teardrop Park on the night of May 31, featuring Gotham Cheer and DJs from QuietEvents, who led participants in dances to the hottest beats pumped through light-up headphones.

NEIGHBORHOOD & PROJECT UPDATES:**I. North/West Battery Park City Resiliency Project: Design Progress Meeting**

- Join us on the evening of **Thursday, June 20** at Stuyvesant High School for an update as the project continues to progress through design.
- Agenda includes:
 - ✓ 5:00PM: Registration opens; in-person participants can view display boards and a flythrough video in the lobby, as well as speak with the project team.
 - ✓ 6:00PM: Presentation and Q&A, with both in-person and virtual options.
 - ✓ 7:00PM: In-person Topic Tables open. At these tables, you can talk with project team experts and ask questions about several topics community members have asked about at previous meetings, including *Permanent Open Space Improvements, Biodiversity and Landscape, Furniture and Aesthetics, and Interim Open Space Improvements.*
 - ✓ 8:30PM: Meeting concludes
- [More information and register here!](#)
- [Updates](#) on North Moore Street & Route 9A, and North Cove Marina @ CB1 EPC in April (& [video](#))
- [Updates](#) on North Esplanade, Rockefeller Park & Belvedere Plaza @ CB1 EPC in March 2024 (& [video](#))
- [Updates](#) on South Esplanade & South Cove @ CB1 BPC Committee in January 2024 (& [video](#))



II. Marking Progress on Lower Manhattan Coastal Resiliency

- On May 6, BPCA President & CEO Raju Mann attended the groundbreaking of [The Battery Coastal Resilience](#), a critical component of the [Lower Manhattan Coastal Resiliency](#) Strategy.
- To be complete in 2026, The Battery Coastal Resilience is led by NYC Economic Development Corporation, the City's Department of Parks & Recreation, and the Mayor's Office of Climate & Environmental Justice, and will tie into BPCA's adjacent and ongoing [South Battery City Resiliency Project \(SBPCR\)](#).



III. Teardrop Park North Waterplay Surface & Overlook Platform Replacement

- The Teardrop Park water play area is a picturesque and popular destination on hot days for kids of all ages.
- After years of use and enjoyment by the local community, the surface of the water feature and wooden decking of the adjacent overlook platform have worn down. BPCA is [currently replacing the waterproof surface and platform](#), with work scheduled for completion by the end of June.

IV. Artists Selected to Transform Construction Fencing into Public Artworks

- As part of the [City Canvas](#) program, which turns construction sites onto art exhibitions across the five boroughs, approximately 1,100-linear-feet of SBPCR construction fencing along Battery Place in downtown Manhattan will be transformed into two-dimensional public artworks.
- Artists [Davina Hsu](#) and [Michelle Weinberg](#) were selected by Jurors [Natalie Kates](#) and [Sadaf Padder](#) in coordination with leadership at BPCA, [NYC Parks](#), [NYC Economic Development Corporation](#), [The Battery](#), and [ArtBridge](#).
- The artworks, to be installed later this spring, will be located along Battery Place in front of Wagner Park and the northern edge of The Battery.
- [Hear more from Davina Hsu about *Blessing Transmission* here](#)
- [Hear more from Michelle Weinberg about *River Semaphore* here](#)



Davina Hsu, *Blessing Transmission*, 2023 (proposal) at Battery Place
Digital rendering by Davina Hsu



Michelle Weinberg, *River Semaphore*, 2023 (proposal) at Battery Place
Digital rendering by Michelle Weinberg

V. Now Hiring: NYC Crossing Guards

- School crossing guards oversee and control traffic flow around schools in the morning, at lunch time, and at the end of the school day.
- Entrusted with the safety of the city's schoolchildren, candidates for this position are asked to meet certain physical and medical requirements, and complete six days of training at the NYC Police Academy once appointed.
- Ongoing application process with interviews expected to be conducted in July.
- Want to learn more? [Apply to become a school crossing guard here.](#)
- [Hear testimonials from NYC crossing guards](#)

VI. 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. Coming up in June—

- [River To River Festival – Nattie Trogdon + Hollis Bartlett World Premiere: Fallacies – Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9.](#) River To River was created in the aftermath of 9/11 with the intention to heal and celebrate New Yorkers' resiliency through the power of art. Enjoy the delightful, energetic work of duo Nattie Trogdon and Hollis Bartlett as they share their ongoing "Dance in Unconventional Spaces," and join a public movement workshop. For more information, please visit: LMCC.net/R2R.
- [Interludes: Victor V. Gurbo – Thursday, June 13, 6:30PM @ Belvedere Plaza.](#) Roots revivalist [Victor V. Gurbo](#) and his four-piece backing band create original folk ballads infused with an Americana spirit. This award-winning band pays homage to the canon of American song and poetry with a raw, bluesy, foot-stomping sound that's both classic and contemporary.



NOW HIRING
 \$18.00 per hour to start
 Health benefits available
 (for crossing guards working 20+ hours per week)
 Work close to home
 Summer work also available



- [Juneteenth Celebration – Saturday, June 15, 205PM 2 Rockefeller Park.](#)
Juneteenth originated in 1865 in Galveston, Texas. Battery Park City's 8th annual Emancipation Day celebration offers fun, history, art and a performance by Juneteenth LP, whose mission is to share music of the African Diaspora through the lens of Black classically-trained musicians.
- [South Cove Song \(overlay\) John P. Hastings – Sunday, June 16, 4PM & 6PM @ South Cove.](#) South Cove Song (overlay) is a site-specific music performance, featuring a brass ensemble, centered on the past(s), present(s), and future(s) of Lower Manhattan. The human interaction with the natural landscape and the built environment is questioned, reframed, and reassembled through sonic interventions in South Cove Park.
- [Swedish Midsummer Festival – Friday, June 21, 5PM @ Rockefeller Park.](#) Enjoy this annual celebration of the summer solstice. Join in lively dance around the Midsummer pole. Make floral wreaths, enjoy a parade, children's games, and Swedish delicacies. Traditional music by [Paul Dahlin](#) and fiddlers from the [American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis](#). Dances led by [Ross Sutter](#), a Scandinavian folklorist.
- [BPC Community Field Day – Thursday, June 27, 10AM-2PM @ Rockefeller Park.](#)
School's out for the summer! Celebrate at Community Field Day in Rockefeller Park. Families are invited to join us for the ultimate obstacle course crush! Pack a picnic lunch and spend the day taking part in classic field day games, activities with local organizations, and our annual tug-of-war. Plus beats by [DJ Suzan Z Anthony](#), lawn games, water play, and so much more!
 - 10AM-12PM: OBSTACLE COURSE
 - 10:30AM-2PM: LAWN GAMES & ACTIVITIES
 - 12-1PM PICNIC IN ROCKEFELLER PARK
 - 1PM: PARK HOUSE DEDICATION
 - 1:30-2PM: FIELD DAY GAMES



- [Formative Films: 400 Blows – Thursday, June 27, 7PM @ 6 River Terrace](#). The formative film series highlights heartfelt and nostalgic coming of age stories. Free popcorn will be served, and a discussion will follow the screening. In 400 Blows (1959, François Truffaut), a young boy, left without attention, delves into a life of petty crime. Free popcorn will be served, and a discussion will follow the screening.
- [River & Blues – July 11, 18, 25, and August 1, 6:30PM @ Rockefeller Park](#). The River & Blues Concert Series is a celebrated NYC summer tradition featuring Global and American folk, roots and blues music for 25 years! This summer, BPCA presents four free concerts sure to delight music fans of all ages. Picturesque Rockefeller Park is the perfect summer show venue with breathtaking views of Hudson River sunsets, picnic-friendly fairgrounds and refreshing waterfront breezes. Rockefeller Park in Battery Park City is the place to be for nature-lovers and music-lovers alike!
 - [July 11 – Los Lobos](#)
 - [July 18 – Hurray for the Riff Raff](#)
 - [July 25 – Leela James](#)
 - [August 1 – Abraham Alexander](#)



VII. 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: bpcblockparty24@gmail.com.
- Read more: [‘Hood Intentions: Volunteers Needed to Organize This Fall’s Block Party](#) (*The Broadsheet*)

VIII. 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 June 24. 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!

IX. South Battery Park City Resiliency Project

- Project construction underway; to be completed Spring 2025
- Bi-monthly construction update – Katie MacDougall, SBPCR Community Construction Liaison (July 2024)
- [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 Street 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

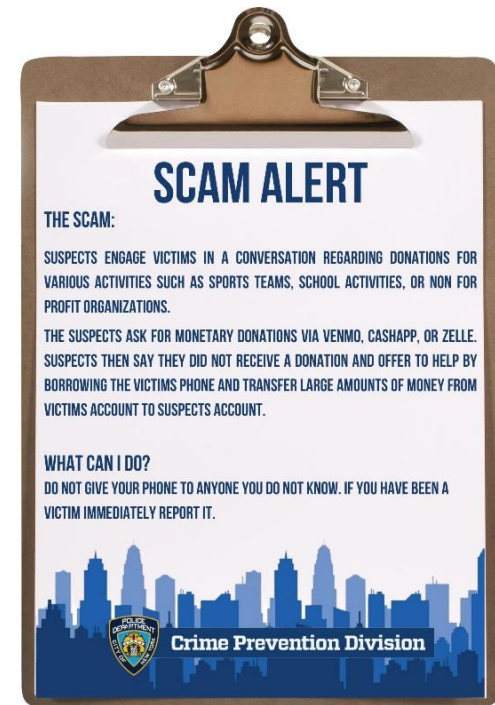
- [More about SBPCR here](#)

X. 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've 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!



XI. 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.
- While summoning is never the goal, over the past month our BPC Ambassador team has issued 5 summonses in Rockefeller Park for "Dogs off Leash" violations.
- READ MORE: [It's a Dog's Life in BPC](#)

XII. COMMUNITY REMINDER: Keep it Wild!

- Battery Park City is home to world-class public spaces that foster social cohesion, advance wellness and promote connectivity to nature, and we invite all parks visitors to responsibly observe wildlife across our 36 acres of parks and public spaces.
- BPC's green spaces provide all the food and habitat these animals need, and they do not benefit from human interaction.
- If you encounter a wild animal in Battery Park City, please:
 - observe it from a distance (both for your safety and the animal's); and
 - do not feed it.
- 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)

**XIII. 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.

XIV. BPC Ball Fields REMINDER: Spring & Summer Hours

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

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & STATUS UPDATES**I. Chef Talk: Bubby's & GrownNYC Greenmarket – June 4**

- Some hungry BPCers joined us for a special evening with Chef/Owner Ron Silver & Executive Chef Liz Clarke from Bubby's in Tribeca! Co-presented with GrownNYC, this demo featured tips and tricks on how to best incorporate locally sourced goods found in our neighboring Greenmarket.

II. Silent Disco Pride Party – May 31

- Battery Park City is an inclusive place for all! We kicked off Pride 2024 with a silent disco dance party in Teardrop Park on the evening of May 31, featuring Gotham Cheer and DJs from QuietEvents who led participants in dances to the hottest beats pumped through light-up headphones.
- Read more: [Battery Park City Celebrates Pride 2024](#)

III. Strings-On-Hudson: Latin Sounds – May 23

- What a backdrop! Latin Grammy Award-winning cuatro player Jorge Glem, accompanied by Grammy-nominated Sofia Rei and César Orozco, blended Latin American traditions and futurism into a graceful, elegant, and ever-evolving sound on Belvedere Plaza.

IV. Go Fish! – May 11

- A live performance by [Birds of a Feather](#) had our young anglers rocking in and around Belvedere Plaza on Saturday, May 11! They learned about catch-and-release fishing and life in the Hudson River, as well as helping to identify the fish to enable us to share valuable data with research groups who monitor the health of our local waters.



V. Illumination Light Art Festival – May 2-4

- Spread across two Lower Manhattan locations over three nights, locations include a light festival with dancers and music at Belvedere Plaza in Battery Park City featured a stage with a DJ and performances including a Star Wars-themed silent disco by QuietEvents on May the 4th!

**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, June 26, 2024	
August 14	September 18
October 30	December 11

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

II. Join the BPCA Team!

- The Battery Park City Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer, which values a diverse and dedicated work force. All interested and qualified candidates are encouraged to apply using the “Apply Here” link in the postings listed on our [EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES](#) page.

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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P.O. Serge Jean

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"Sector C" – BPC above West Thames Street

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P.O. Eugene Uske

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IV. Upcoming Permitted Walks / Runs / Events

Organization	Event Type	Event Date(s) & Approx. Time	Attendance	Street Closures?	Notes
Brookfield Place	Portside	Thru October 27, 2024	Open to public	N/A	Waterfront seating and design destination, with happy hour, bites, and epic sunsets.
Answer the Call	NYPD/FDNY Block Party	Thurs., Jun 27, 11AM-6PM	400+	N/A	Free community event @ Waterfront Plaza feat. carnival games for all ages, children's rides, live music, giveaways, and fun, interactive demonstrations by the NYPD and FDNY!

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

TOPIC	2023	2024
Graffiti	4	0
Homeless	13	22
Lost / Found Property	4	9
Park Rules	11	10
Vendor / Solicitor	0	2
Dogs	8	15

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