



Battery Park City Authority

Report to Manhattan Community Board 1 – Battery Park City Committee

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PULLING TOGETHER: Battery Park City's annual famous tug-of-war lived up to its name at BPC Community Field Day on June 27 at Rockefeller Park. The day also included a *World Wide Playdate* with [Divinity Roxx and Friends](#), field games, activities with local organizations, as well as face-painting, water play, and more!

NEIGHBORHOOD & PROJECT UPDATES:

I. Welcome Back to Wagner Park!



- After a two-year closure, Wagner Park is set to reopen on **Tuesday, July 29**.
- A Reimagined Waterfront Destination – Wagner Park closed in 2023 for a major reconstruction aimed at addressing urgent climate resilience needs driven by the increasing threat of severe storms – such as Superstorm Sandy in 2012 – which cost the lives of 44 New Yorkers and caused millions of dollars in damage to Battery Park City. The [new Wagner Park integrates flood protection and sustainable infrastructure](#) to safeguard Battery Park City and Lower Manhattan and is part of New York City’s [Lower Manhattan Coastal Resiliency Project](#).

II. South Battery Park City Resiliency Project: The Home Stretch

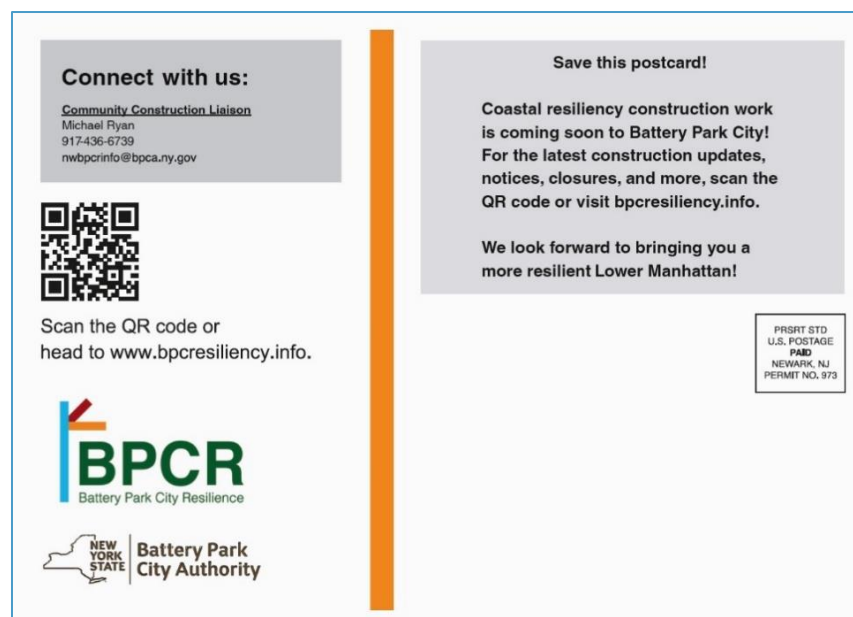
- Substantial completion for Pier A Plaza & The Battery – currently anticipated late 2025.
- [Near Surface Isolation Work](#) – **COMPLETE**. Thank you for your patience, Battery Park City!
- Latest biweekly project construction update here: [July 4-18, 2025](#)
- Latest bimonthly construction update to CB1 (June 2025): [See the presentation here](#)
- Wagner Park Food & Beverage: Update to CB1 in September 2025
- Questions & feedback about SBPCR can be sent to Katie MacDougall, Community Construction Liaison (CCL) – 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](#)

III. North/West Battery Park City Resiliency Project

- BPC Neighborhood Enhancements: See the presentations here:
 - ✓ [BPC Neighborhood Enhancements – INTRODUCTION](#) (May 2025)
 - ✓ [BPC Neighborhood Enhancements – UPDATE](#) (July 2025)



- Please Mr. Postman – Check your mailbox for a postcard announcing launch of our dedicated [Battery Park City Resiliency website](#), which includes the latest construction updates, notices, closures, and more!
- REMINDER: [Flood Barrier System “Mockups”](#)
 - ✓ BPCA installing three wall “mockups” of the project’s Flood Barrier System (FBS) at two neighborhood locations – South End Avenue & Third Place; and on opposing sides of Albany Street & BPC Esplanade.
 - ✓ Structures – ranging from between 6’-8.5’ high and 12’-16’ in length – to mimic the dimensions and appearance of the eventual FBS wall that will, upon completion, protect BPC and other portions of Lower Manhattan from flood events.



- COMING UP AT MANHATTAN CB1:
 - ✓ BPC Neighborhood Enhancements – UPDATE (September 2025)
 - ✓ Project Pre-Construction Site Walks (Fall 2025)
 - ✓ MPT / Construction Phasing (Fall 2025)
- Additional feedback or questions about the project, email the project team at: nwbpcrinfo@bpca.ny.gov.

IV. Rockefeller Park Swingset Repairs – Underway

- Repairs are currently underway on the Rockefeller Park swingset, located just north of the Gladys R. Pearlman Park House, with work estimated to take two weeks to complete.

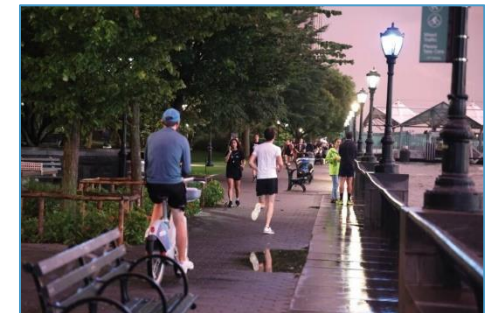
V. BPCA is For the Birds – July 16 @ 6:30PM

- Learn what to do if you encounter an injured bird in BPC. [Virtual session](#) will cover how to assess if an animal needs help, safe handling tips if intervention is necessary, and where to bring injured wildlife for professional rehabilitation.

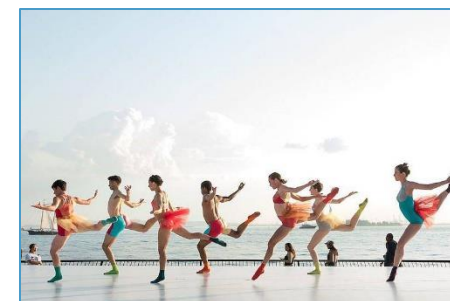
VI. Free Events in Battery Park City All Summer Long!

Battery Park City Authority's [2025 Seasonal Program & Event Guide](#) details free programming – including music, art, nature, walking tours, fitness, and more. Here's what's coming up in July & August:

- [City of Water Day – Saturday, July 12, 11AM @ Rockefeller Park](#). Organized by the **Waterfront Alliance**, City of Water Day is a harbor-wide celebration to get people to, on, and in the water. Join us to celebrate this year's theme – Unity in the Face of Climate Change – learn about environmental stewardship, and take part in an art project.
- [Select Fridays: Summer Nights – 7PM @ Rockefeller Park](#). Enjoy summer evenings in the park with music and poetry. Each Summer Nights program will feature two poets and a musician to explore and highlight the connections between poetry and music. Presented by Poets House in partnership with BPCA.
 - ✓ JULY 18: Peter Gizzi, Ariana Reines, and Felukah
 - ✓ JULY 25: LaTasha N. Nevada Diggs, Tongo Eisen-Martin, and Sofia Wolfson
- [River & Blues – Thursdays, 7PM @ Rockefeller Park](#). The River & Blues Concert Series is a celebrated NYC summer tradition featuring Global and American folk, roots and blues music for over 25 years! This summer, BPCA presents four free concerts sure to delight music fans of all ages.
 - ✓ JULY 10 – [Maggie Rose](#)
 - ✓ JULY 17 – [Amythyst Kiah](#)
 - ✓ JULY 24 – [Afro Latin Jazz Alliance](#)
 - ✓ JULY 31 – [Lady Blackbird](#)



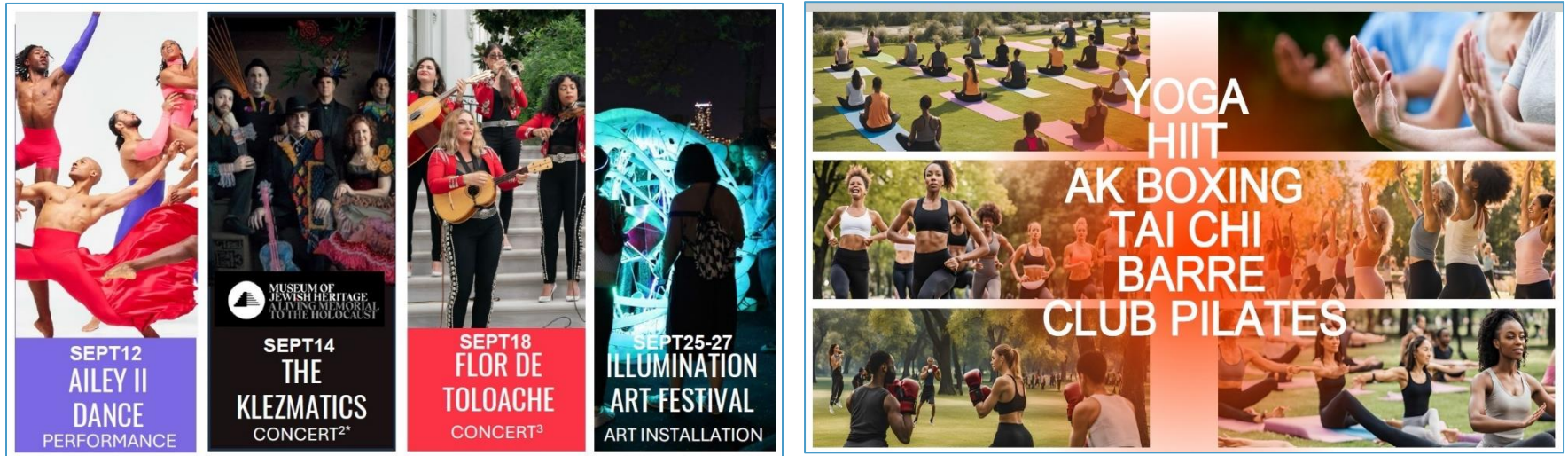
- [Summer Blood Drive – Wednesday, August 6, 12-6PM @ 6 River Terrace](#). Help replenish dwindling supplies in the tri-state area. The whole process takes less than an hour and one donation can save multiple lives! [Sign up here today](#).
- [44th Annual Battery Dance Festival – Tuesday, August 12-Saturday 16, 7PM](#). New York City's longest-running free public dance festival returns to Rockefeller Park this summer. The **Battery Dance Festival** brings together spectacular international and local dance companies, each evening ending with "Everybody Dance Now!"
 - ✓ PLUS: [August 9, 7PM – Dance @ The New Wagner Park](#). Battery Dance Company performs in this celebratory night of dance alongside Marie Poncé, The Limón Dance Company, and tap dancer John Manzari & Band. Rain date 8/10)



VII. ...And speaking of free public events – join us at Wagner Park starting July 29!

- Taylor Mac, Bilal, the Klezmatics, and Flor de Toloache feature among star-studded lineup this summer & fall.
- Events with host of BPCA partners including NY Laughs, The Moth, Alvin Ailey, Battery Dance, the Museum of Jewish Heritage, Skyscraper Museum, Poets House, and more.
- Get the full **Wagner Park Opening Season Program & Event Guide** [here](#).





VIII. Public Art on Video: Learn About Battery Park City's Public Art Collection!

- BPCA manages a world-renowned 20th and 21st century collection of large-scale sculptures and environmental installations integrated with its 92-acre, residential lower Manhattan neighborhood's parks and plazas.
- BPCA's "Public Art on Video" series ([watch the full playlist here](#)) explores public art in Battery Park City's urban landscape and the impact of experiencing art without walls.
 - ✓ New, [physical signage has been installed](#) for pieces in BPC's permanent art collection, offering quick, QR code access to accompanying videos that provide a deeper dive into the neighborhood's treasured public art collection.



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.
- While summonsing is never the goal, our BPC SPOs continue to issue summonses for "Dogs off Leash" violations.
- READ MORE: [It's a Dog's Life in BPC](#)

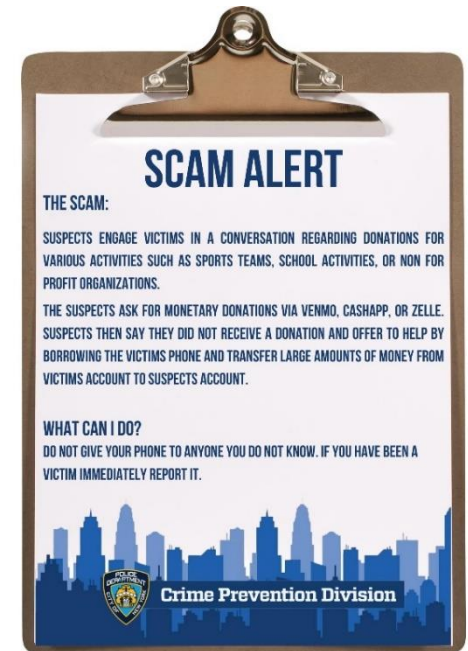
X. COMMUNITY NOTICE: Scam Alert

- If someone you don't know asks you to donate for various activities such as sports teams, school activities, or not for profit organizations, do not 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**

XI. 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.
- BPCA, along with representatives from Manhattan CB1 and community members, participating on 105 Washington Street Community Advisory Board (CAB)
- 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.



XII. COMMUNITY REMINDER: Lost & Found Contact Information

- Allied Universal Command Center
200 Rector Place | (212) 945-7233 | bpcallied@bpca.ny.gov
- [Battery Park City's Public Safety webpage](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING:**I. Look for it This Month** (see July's full "BPC Parks Happenings" here)

- Right On Cue...
 - ✓ The pool tables in Rockefeller Park are installed and ready for play.
- Little Bug, Big Problem...
 - ✓ Spotted Lanternfly traps will be installed in select trees proven to have large numbers of the invasive bugs based on year's data, helping us monitor and capture spotted lanternflies in their nymph stage before they reach adulthood. If you see spotted lanternflies in the parks, please report it using the [iNaturalist app](#)!
- Soil Mates...
 - ✓ With residential buildings are composting through DSNY, BPCA has relocated its own compost bins to capture food waste in the parks. Based on past waste audits, around 10% of the waste thrown in our landfill cans is food waste.
- Order Ahead...
 - ✓ Plant orders for spring 2026 flowering bulbs will be placed to ensure we have them for the fall planting.
- Wet My Plants...
 - ✓ Watering of hanging baskets and newly-planted trees is occurring thrice weekly to ensure optimal plant health.
- On The Lookout: As always, we appreciate your feedback when you see something in the parks! Please share what you see and experience with info.bpc@bpca.ny.gov.

**II. 2025 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: Wednesday, August 13, 2025		
September 17	October 29	December 10

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

III. 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 on our [EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES](#) page.

IV. NYPD Neighborhood Policing

- [About Neighborhood Policing](#)
- Battery Park City’s Neighborhood Coordination Officers are:

V. National Night Out

- Tuesday, August 5, 6-8PM @ The Seaport on Pier 16
- First Precinct Community Council returns in the fall

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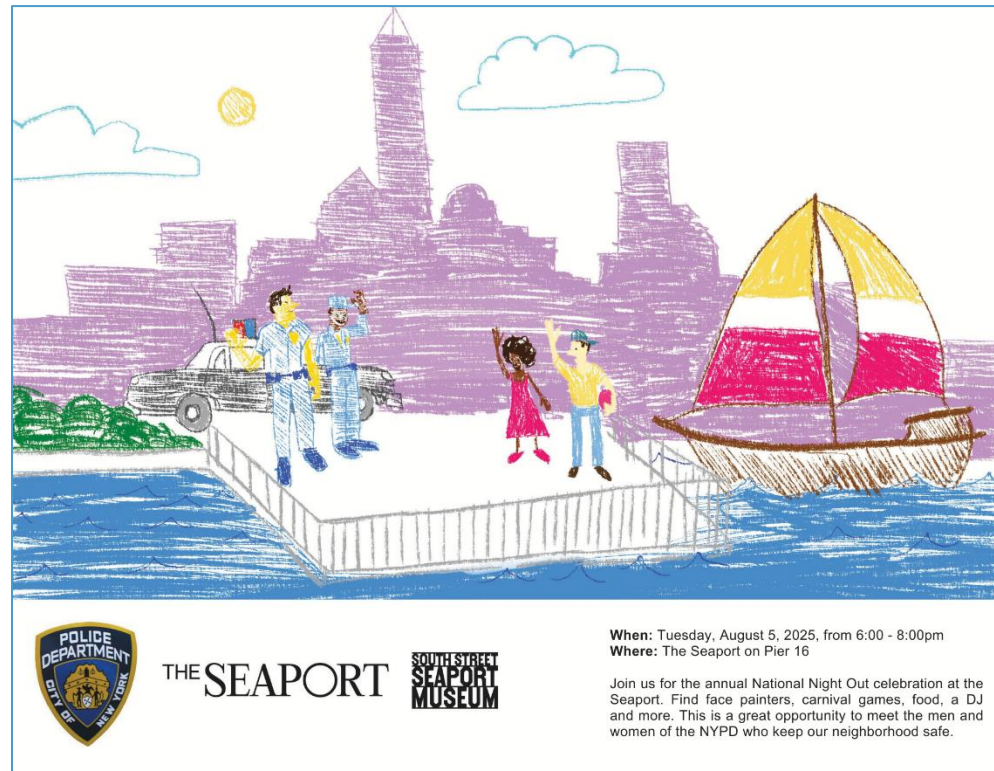
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BPCA – Allied Universal Quality of Life Statistics
June 2024 vs. June 2025

TOPIC	2024	2025
Graffiti	1	1
Homeless	11	24
Lost / Found Property	18	5
Park Rules	17	14
Vendor / Solicitor	12	6
Dogs	2	7

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