



Battery Park City Authority

Report to Manhattan Community Board 1 – Battery Park City Committee

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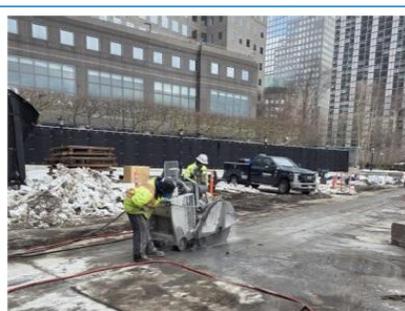
I HEART BPC: All we need is love! Participants made homemade cards for their loved ones at BPCA's annual Valentine Making Workshop on Sunday, February 8 at 6 River Terrace.

NEIGHBORHOOD & PROJECT UPDATES:

I. North / West Battery Park City Resiliency Project

- Virtual community update and feedback session on Wednesday, March 11 to provide project status, coming work, and to take your comments and feedback.
- Let us know you're coming (nwbprcrinfo@bpca.ny.gov) and [click here to join](#) – we hope to see you there!

The graphic features the BPCR logo (Battery Park City Resilience) in a green box on the left. Below it are four blue arrows pointing right. Underneath the arrows, the text reads "Virtual Session March 11 6-7:30PM" in white on a red background. To the right of the logo, the text "BPC COMMUNITY UPDATE & FEEDBACK SESSION" is displayed in black. At the bottom, a blue bar contains the text "RSVP: nwbprcrinfo@bpca.ny.gov".



Reach 5: Concrete Slab Removal



Reach 5: Demolition of Paving



Reach 5: Excavate to Relocate Utilities



Reach 3: Mobilization and Capture Area Chambers St.



Reach 6: Excavation and Utility Relocation



Reach 6: Test Pits at Albany St



Reach 6: Utility Relocation



Reach 6: Pile and Drill Rig Delivery

- Site Readiness Work – underway at Stuyvesant Plaza, Chambers Street, North Cove Marina & environs, and Albany Street; upcoming at Rector Place (starting week of March 9) and Vesey Place.
- Upcoming Albany Street & Rector Place Street End Feedback Sessions:
 - ✓ **Wednesday, March 25, 6PM @ 200 Rector Place Community Room (Design Options)**
 - ✓ **Wednesday, May 20, 6PM @ 200 Rector Place Community Room (Proposed Design)**
 - ✓ Miss our first session and/or have additional feedback? [Take the survey here](#) (through March 16)

- BPC Resiliency “Drop-In” Sessions:
 - ✓ Tuesdays through March 24, 12-1PM @ 6 River Terrace
 - ✓ Fridays through March 27, 10-11AM @ 200 Rector Place
- Sign up for our North/West Battery Park City Resiliency newsletters below.
 - Prior issues include:
 - ✓ [N/WBPCR Newsletter – February 25, 2026](#)
 - ✓ [N/WBPCR Newsletter – February 9, 2026](#)
 - ✓ [N/WBPCR Newsletter – January 26, 2026](#)
 - ✓ [N/WBPCR Newsletter – January 12, 2026](#)
 - ✓ [N/WBPCR Newsletter – December 22, 2025](#)
 - ✓ [N/WBPCR Newsletter – December 8, 2025](#)
 - ✓ [N/WBPCR Newsletter – November 25, 2025](#)

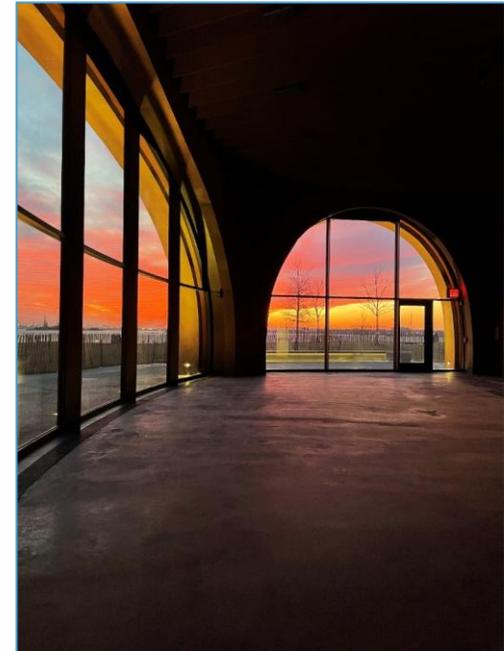


Sign up for construction updates!



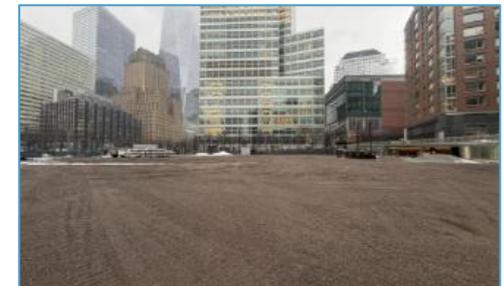
II. South Battery Park City Resiliency Project

- Wagner Park/MJH Sitework: 99% Complete
 - ✓ Punch List Work
 - ✓ Administrative Closeout
- Wagner Park Pavilion: 98% Complete
 - ✓ Punch List Work
 - ✓ Administrative Closeout
 - ✓ Restaurant turn-over: mid-March 2026
- Pier A/The Battery: 75% Complete
 - ✓ Stone Installation
 - ✓ Tidegate chamber installation
 - ✓ Target completion: Memorial Day 2026



III. BPC Ball Fields Turf Replacement

- Site grading underway, to be followed by turf installation
- Weekend work (Saturday & Sunday, 7AM-3PM) to commence March 14-15
- Current schedule indicates early April completion (weather permitting)

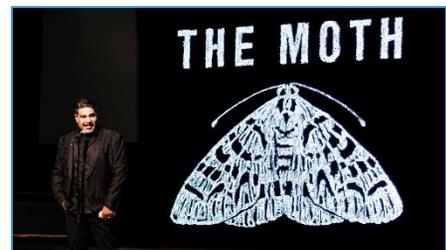


IV. Gateway QRS Extension

- With local elected officials and the Gateway Tenants Association, on February 23 BPCA [announced an agreement](#) with Lefrak and its partners to preserve rent protection for approximately 430 residential units in Gateway Plaza, benefiting hundreds of long-time Battery Park City residents.
- These rent protections, which would have expired in July 2030, are now extended to June 17, 2069 for Gateway residents in continuous occupancy since July 1, 2009 who maintain their primary residence in New York State.
- Rent increases for residents of these units will be limited to 2.5% per year, providing these tenants with predictable housing costs and preventing steep year-over-year rent increases.

V. BPCA Fall 2025-Winter 2026 Program & Event Guide

- BPCA’s winter programming is in full swing! Upcoming highlights include:
 - ✓ [Tillie the Terrible Swede – Saturday, March 7, 10 & 11AM, 6 River Terrace](#). A show for the whole family featuring marionette puppets, live performers, and most importantly — a bicycle! [Tille the Terrible Swede](#) is based on the true story of pioneering sportswoman Matilda Anderson, the play shows us how Tillie became the best woman cyclist in the world!
 - ✓ [The Moth Community Storyslam – Tuesday, March 10, 7PM @ 6 River Terrace](#). The Moth Community StorySLAM is a noncompetitive, open-mic storytelling event in which anyone can put their name in a hat to share a five-minute, personal story on the night’s theme live without notes! Prior to the slam, Moth instructors will host workshops offering guidance, techniques, and practice on the craft of storytelling.
 - ✓ [Immigrant Stories Film Series: A Serious Man – Thursday, March 12, 6:30PM @ 6 River Terrace](#). In *A Serious Man* (Joel and Ethan Coen, 2009, 106 minutes), a mild-mannered Jewish physics professor in 1967 Minnesota named Larry Gopnik seeks guidance from three rabbis as his life collapses under an increasingly absurd and biblical series of misfortunes.



- ✓ [Meet an Urban Naturalist – Friday, March 13, 1PM @ Wagner Park](#). In celebration of Women’s History month, join outdoor educator Marieke Bender for a nature exploration through Wagner Park. Learn to tap into your senses and discover clues about the local wildlife. Marieke’s unique approach shows everyone how to enjoy the great outdoors!
- ✓ [Boxcutter Collective – Friday, March 20, 4PM; and Saturday, March 21, 11AM & 2PM @ 6 River Terrace](#). The Boxcutter Collective is a puppet company made up of Bread & Puppet Theatre alumni who have been making innovative and irreverent political puppet shows at a furious pace since their founding in 2016.
- ✓ [Spring Equinox Bilingual Nature Walk – Saturday, March 21, 10AM @ 200 Rector Place](#). Join [Latino Outdoors](#) and BPCA naturalists on this Spanish-English exploration of Rector Park. Celebrate longer days and warm sunshine as we search for signs of spring in the city. Nos vemos afuera! Registration required. Email registration@bpcanyc.org to sign up.



VI. COMMUNITY REMINDER: Wagner Park Lawn Winter Openings

- The Wagner Park lawn will be opened on fair-weather days* this winter from 8AM-3:30PM.
 - ✓ Public access to the lawn through the northwest corner of the lawn; and on the east side across from the “arch” of the Pavilion.
 - ✓ * Conditions requiring lawn closure are:
 - Wet or soggy ground conditions (rain over .5”)
 - Frost on ground when snow is not covering the lawn – temperature below 32 degrees Fahrenheit
 - Thawing snow, creating a wet or soggy ground – temperature after a snowstorm above 32 degrees Fahrenheit until all snow is melted
- Other BPC lawns remaining open this winter include: Rockefeller Park North Lawn; Teardrop Park North & South Lawns; Lawns adjacent to the Irish Hunger Memorial; West Thames Park Turf Lawn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING:

I. Call for Ideas to Cut Red Tape and Improve Government Delivery

- Governor Hochul has announced [EXPRESS NY](#), a statewide effort to make government work better by tackling outdated and burdensome state regulations, policies, and practices that stand in the way of delivering for New Yorkers.
- As part of EXPRESS NY, the Governor has launched a call for ideas from stakeholders across New York on opportunities to cut red tape and improve government delivery.
- Submit your ideas and recommendations using the [online portal here](#) (deadline April 3, 2026).

II. Join the BPCA Team!

- BPCA is an Equal Opportunity Employer and 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.



**BPCA – Allied Universal Quality of Life Statistics
February 2025 vs. February 2026**

| <u>TOPIC</u> | <u>2025</u> | <u>2026</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Graffiti | 0 | 0 |
| Homeless | 8 | 7 |
| Lost / Found Property | 4 | 0 |
| Park Rules | 1 | 2 |
| Vendor / Solicitor | 0 | 0 |
| Dogs | 4 | 2 |

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