



Battery Park City Authority

Report to Manhattan Community Board 1 – Battery Park City Committee

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A LOT TO HANDLE IN BPC: A performer with the Bindlestiff Family Cirkus wows the packed crowd at Wagner Park as Battery Park City's free summer programming season kicks off on Saturday, May 2, 2026.

NEIGHBORHOOD & PROJECT UPDATES:

I. North / West Battery Park City Resiliency Project

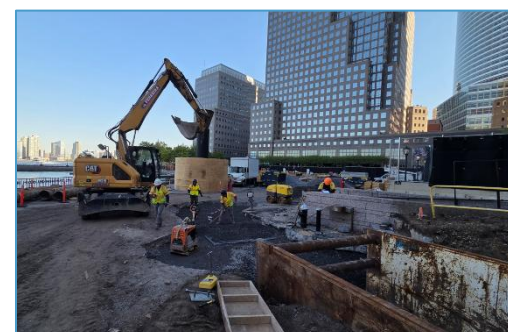
- Site Readiness and Flood Barrier System (FBS) construction underway at:
 - ✓ North Cove Marina – Critical utility relocation
 - ✓ North Cove Marina & South Cove – FBS Construction
 - ✓ Albany Street, Chambers Street, Rector Place & Stuyvesant Plaza – Tide Gate Installation; work commencing on Vesey Street next month
 - ✓ [See the full CB1 BPC Committee presentation here.](#)
- Upcoming Public Sessions
 - ✓ Albany & Rector Street Ends Meeting, Part III (Proposed Design) – May 20 @ 6PM, 200 Rector Community Room.
 - [Part I](#) (Feedback Session, February 11) & [Part II](#) (Design Options, March 25)
 - ✓ Twice Weekly “Drop-In” Sessions:
 - Tuesdays through June 30, 5-6PM @ 200 Rector Place
 - Fridays, April 10-June 26, 12-1PM @ 6 River Terrace
 - * No Program 6/19 (Juneteenth)
- [Sign up](#) for our biweekly construction newsletters. Recent issues include:
 - ✓ [N/WBPCR Newsletter – May 5, 2026](#)
 - ✓ [N/WBPCR Newsletter – April 22, 2026](#)
 - ✓ [N/WBPCR Newsletter – April 8, 2026](#)

II. South Battery Park City Resiliency Project

- Wagner Park/MJH Sitework: 99% Complete
 - ✓ Punch List Work
 - ✓ Administrative Closeout
- Wagner Park Pavilion: 99% Complete
 - ✓ Punch List Work
 - ✓ Administrative Closeout
 - ✓ Restaurant Space Turned Over April 2026
- Pier A/The Battery: 80% Complete
 - ✓ Stone Installation
 - ✓ Soil Installation
 - ✓ Site Grading
 - ✓ Target Completion: Memorial Day 2026 (Phase 1), Labor Day (Phase 2)



Tree protection at North Cove Marina



Utility relocation at the Marina



Excavation of electrical trench for Chamber Street tide gate chamber

III. BPC Ball Fields: Play Ball!



GRAND SLAM: The Battery Park City Authority hosted Downtown Little League and local elected officials on Friday evening, April 17, to mark the start of little league season at the newly-renovated BPC Ball Fields.

- Closed in November 2025 to facilitate [turf replacement and facility upgrades](#), the BPCA Ball Fields reopened the weekend of April 11-12 for little league play. In addition to new turf, facility improvements include a larger playing surface, backstop repairs, new batting cages and outfield fencing, water misters, and more.
- A treasured local amenity, the roughly 80,000 square foot facility is used by some 50,000 area youth annually.
- Downtown Little League noted: *“This season marks a particularly meaningful moment for our league and our community as we proudly welcome players, families, and neighbors onto the newly renovated fields — made possible through the Battery Park City Authority’s extraordinary investment. Your support has created more than just a place to play; it has built a space where community, teamwork, and youth development can thrive.”*

IV. BPCA’s Summer 2026 Program & Event Guide

- BP-C you there! BPCA’s all-free public events this summer – 600 in all! – include beloved neighborhood programming and exciting new events to match the historic Summer of ’26 experience like FIFA World Cup watch parties, the International Parade of Sail commemorating America’s 250th Birthday, and more.
- [Battery Park City Summer 2026 Program & Event Guide](#) here
- [See the full CB1 BPC Committee presentation here.](#)
- Upcoming highlights include:
 - ✓ [Opening Day, BPC Farmers Market – Sunday, May 10, 9AM-2PM @ River Terrace aside IHM.](#) Built by independent farms and food businesses, Down to Earth Markets provides delicious, locally sourced seasonal food which supports a strong regional food system. Celebrate opening day with a performance by Divinity Roxx.
 - **COMMUNITY REMINDER:** River Terrace will be closed to vehicle traffic from Murray Street to North End Avenue from 7AM-4PM on Sundays, May 10-November 22.
 - ✓ [Fun, Femme Fishing – Thursday, May 21, 6PM @ Wagner Park Tide Deck.](#) Join anglers from BPCA and the Lower East Side Ecology Center for a night of Fun, Femme Fishing – an inclusive event where new and experienced anglers can build community and develop new skills. Come cast out with us!
 - ✓ [Red Barat – Thursday, May 28, 6:30PM \(Doors\); 7:30PM \(Show\) @ Wagner Park.](#) A Brooklyn-based global dance explosion, Red Baraat blends Bhangra, funk, jazz, and rock into a wild, joy-filled party led by dhol master Sunny Jain.
 - ✓ [Go Fish! – Saturday, May 30, 10:30AM-1PM @ Wagner Park.](#) Join experienced anglers for catch-and-release fishing and learn about life in the Hudson River. The event will also feature a variety of engaging activities from visiting environmental education and conservation groups.



V. COMMUNITY REMINDER: Dogs on Lawns / in BPC

- 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 dog runs only.
- While summoning is never the goal, our BPC Special Patrol Officers may issue summonses for “Dogs Off Leash” violations.
- READ MORE: [It’s a Dog’s Life in BPC](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING:

I. 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.

II. Upcoming Permitted Walks / Runs / Events

Organization/Event	Type of event	Event Date(s) & Approx. Time	Attendance	Street Closures?	Notes
American Lung Association Northeast	Walkathon / Pass-Thru South BPC	Sat., 5/16, 6AM-2PM	900	N/A	PASS THRU SOUTH BPC. Enter Battery Park City at Battery Place, north on Little West Street, left turn on 2nd Place, South on Battery Place exiting BPC.
Asphalt Green Big Play Day 2026	Block Party	Sat., 5/16, 11AM-3PM	300	YES – Northbound NEA w/DOT Permit	LOCATION: Between 200 & 300 NEA.
PS 297 (Spruce Street School) and PS 234 PTA	Walkathon	Sat., 5/30, 6:30AM-4PM	500-900	N/A	LOCATION: Circling Around Rockefeller Park.

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

TOPIC	2025	2026
Graffiti	1	0
Homeless	63	33
Lost / Found Property	2	4
Park Rules	3	5
Vendor / Solicitor	0	2
Dogs	9	19

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